



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out
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First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025, 8:30 AM Service, Traditional
WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

GATHERING MUSIC AND PHOTOS: Duane Dillard/Music Ministry, Mark Holden – Photographer/Curator

GREETING

GATHERING WORDS:

Liturgist – Ann Newswanger

One: On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

Many: God, rescue us in the wilderness!

One: Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

Many: God, rescue us within the wilderness!

One: Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

Many: God, rescue us through the wilderness!

One: Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

Many: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

Bless His Holy Name

Black Hymnal 2015

*OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): **God, you are our refuge. You are the shore in sight, you are hands that reach out, you are the ground on which to rest. God, you are our strength. You are the life we long for, you are the refusal to give up, you are the keys of home we carry with us. God, you are our help in times of trouble. We call on you from the wildness and the deep, We call on you to meet us in this place! Amen.**

WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS: *How Great Is Our God* (Chorus Only 2x) Green Hymnal 3003

Courtney Martin shares a blessing with our children!

PASS THE PEACE: (safely share words and signs of blessing)

I Love You With The Love Of The Lord

Words and Music by Jim Golbert. CCLI Song #10130

I love you with the love of the Lord, yes, I love you with the love of the Lord. I can see in you the glory of my King, and I love you with the love of the Lord.

FIRST LESSON: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11* (CEB)

Once you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and are settled there, ² take some of the early produce of the fertile ground that you have harvested from the land the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket. Then go to the location the Lord your God selects for his name to reside. ³ Go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him: "I am declaring right now before the Lord my ^[a] God that I have indeed arrived in the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us."

⁴ The priest will then take the basket from you and place it before the Lord your God's altar. ⁵ Then you should solemnly state before the Lord your God:

“My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. ⁶ The Egyptians treated us terribly, oppressing us and forcing hard labor on us. ⁷ So we cried out for help to the Lord, our ancestors’ God. The Lord heard our call. God saw our misery, our trouble, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land—a land full of milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I am bringing the early produce of the fertile ground that you, Lord, have given me.”

Set the produce before the Lord your God, bowing down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then celebrate all the good things the Lord your God has done for you and your family—each one of you along with the Levites and the immigrants who are among you.

*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 4:1-13* (CEB)

Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. ² There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. ³ The devil said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus replied, “It’s written, *People won’t live only by bread.*”

⁵ Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ The devil said, “I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these kingdoms. It’s been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. ⁷ Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “It’s written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*”

⁹ The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, throw yourself down from here; ¹⁰ for it’s written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you* ¹¹ and *they will take you up in their hands so that you won’t hit your foot on a stone.*”

¹² Jesus answered, “It’s been said, *Don’t test the Lord your God.*” ¹³ After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from him until the next opportunity.

One: May this story inspire us all. **ALL: To walk in the way that leads to life.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Red Hymnal 269

THE MESSAGE: “Savior, Servant, Friend: Healer” Pastor Linda Ray

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*You may speak aloud your joys and concerns.*)

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY REMINDERS: Today’s **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports the **Mosaic Of Delaware** organization. Mary Ingram will give a presentation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): **We confess that when we read about your temptations, we excuse ourselves. After all, we reason, we are not you. Of course, you passed the test, we say. You’re God, right? But we mere mortals have no expectation that we can withstand evil like you. You faced temptations and walked away, resisting. Forgive us when we have not resisted; when we have yielded to temptation. Forgive us for loving power and prestige more than God. Help us to choose a life rooted in God’s word and grace. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: Pastor Linda Ray
Officiant Server – Patti Harmer

Reader 2 (singing): The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Reader 2: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Reader 2: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Setting 2257-a

Reader 1: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain heard your still small voice. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Communion Setting 2257-b

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Reader 2: Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

(Lifting the bread) Before Jesus was betrayed, he gathered with his friends for a meal. Taking the bread, Jesus gave thanks to you and broke it. He gave it to his friends, saying, “Take and eat. I am with you now and forever. Let this meal feed you. Remember me as you eat.”

Reader 1: (Lifting the cup) When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his followers, saying, “This is the cup of the new covenant, given for the forgiveness of sins. It is a gift for you and for all people. It is my love offered for you. Drink of this and remember me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Communion Setting 2257-c

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Reader 2: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the living presence of Jesus Christ, that we might carry that presence into the world. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Communion Setting 2257-d

ALL: Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Reader 2: Let us join our hearts and voices in the prayer that God continues to teach us:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory Forever. AMEN.

COMMUNION SONG:

Here Is Bread

Black Hymnal 2266

(The congregation will come forward to partake of the bread and cup.)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

CLOSING MUSIC:

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Black Hymnal 2129

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Ann Newswanger

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell & John Cate & Carlotta Cline, Garrett Ray

Communion Officiant: Patti Harmer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S:

Sunday 03/09 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS! Worship Services 8:30AM Traditional and 11AM, ASL & Livestreaming, Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:45AM
Monday 03/10 Adult Bible Series 9AM, Membership Team 10:30 AM, Nurture Team, 1 PM, Confirmation Class 5 PM, Finance Committee Mtg. 6:30PM
Tuesday 03/11 ODB, Cub Scouts 6PM
Wednesday 03/12 TOPS Mtg 5:45PM, Handbells Rehearsal 6PM, Choir Rehearsal 7PM.
Thursday 03/13 10AM Prayer and Praise Group, MOT Ministerial Alliance Soup & Study, 12 Noon @St. Paul's, Zoar Committee Mtg. 6PM
Friday 03/14 N/A
Saturday 03/15 AA Mtg 7PM

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Will begin **March 10th**, 5PM at St. Paul's and will be held every Monday at that same time through May. Contact Pastor Linda for more information.

THURSDAYS IN LENT-SOUP & STUDY: Beginning **March 13th**, there will be luncheons at noon every Thursday during Lent at St. Paul's led by the MOT Ministerial Alliance.

BOY SCOUT ROOM CLEAN-UP: March 22nd, 8-Noon. For those expressing concern, please help to box-up and remove items. The Boy Scouts are no longer meeting at St. Paul's and the leader of many years, is providing 24 hour care to a family member. **He needs and we appreciate your help to clean up the room!!**

ST. PAUL'S SPRING CLEAN-UP: Beginning **March 29th through April 4th**, we will be having the church building and grounds clean-up. There is a wedding here on Saturday, April 5th so all cleaning needs to be accomplished by Friday, April 4th. The 'things to do' cards will be available by the 29th and you can come in anytime to clean inside or outside.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: If you are interested in honoring a loved one with flowers at the altar on a particular Sunday, please use the **Flowers sign-up chart** and **form with instructions on the Narthex bulletin board.**

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Our designated florist is Elena's in Middletown, 302-285-0800, please call them early in the week to set up your flower delivery for Saturday to St. Paul's. There will be NO delivery charge.

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER: Your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your Traditional IRA, 401K or other eligible retirement accounts, can be donated directly to your church through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) and you won't pay income tax on the donated amount! Information sheets are available in Fellowship Hall.

NOAH UPDATE: Thank you for responding so promptly with payment for the show tickets. At this point, we still have 3 tickets left for anyone that may be interested. We have a reservation for lunch at Hershey Farm (next to Sight & Sound) at 12:30 pm. This will be a family style meal, with a cost of \$28.25 per person. If you are interested in joining us for lunch, we will begin collecting payment in early April.

UPDATE ON JOY EVENT: "Noah" at Sight and Sound on Thursday, May 1st at 3:00. We will begin collecting money from those who have reserved tickets, starting **Sunday, February 9th**. The cost per ticket is \$84.55, and checks are payable to Karen Ellis. Details regarding lunch prior to the show, as well as signing up to carpool will be forthcoming at a future date. Any questions may be directed to Nadine Johnson or Karen Ellis. Karen Ellis at iluvbrmuda@gmail.com and Nadine Johnson at Nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com.

A JOY EVENT IN APRIL: G P & L will be presenting the musical, "Children of Eden" at the Everett Theater. We plan to gather the JOY group to attend on **Sunday, April 6th** at 2:00. The admission is \$16.00, and tickets can be purchased from Charlotte Miller. We will gather together for dinner afterwards, with the location TBA soon.

Please contact Karen Ellis at iluvbrmuda@gmail.com or Nadine Johnson at nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com. If you have any questions.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Mark your calendars for the return of the Women's Retreat - **Beach Bible Belonging**. It will be held at St. Paul's on May 17, 2025 from 10AM to 3PM. There will be Devotions, Music, Crafts, and Meditation. Come join us with time to enjoy each other and FUN. There will be a suggested donation of \$10 to cover expenses. Please RSVP by April 20th to Sue Holden susieq2951@aol.com.

FINANCE NEWS FROM MELISSA BROOKS/CHAIR: February 2025

Income \$ 59,996 Expenses \$ 48,237

BIRTHDAYS: March 9 – Keith Martin; March 10 – Laura Widger; March 12 – Alicia Collins, Heather Sutton; March 13 – Ann Baker, Mila Balance, Deann Widener; March 14 – Meghan Sydnor; March 15 – Rosalie Lukens, Jennifer Mastin

ANNIVERSARIES: March 10 – Dennis & Helen Downes

PRAYER REQUEST BOX is available in the Narthex along with the prayer request cards. Just complete the form, fold, and drop in the box on the corner shelf located at the second set of doors into Fellowship Hall. You can also email Bonnie Valeski in the Church Office with your request at bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org.

Please be sure to let Bonnie know you want to remove your request. Thank you

PRAYERS FOR: David & Dorothy Dudgeon, Carolyn Akin, Jonathan Brooks, John Guy, Levi Schrum and family, Marilyn Hendershot, Dennis Downes, Jeffrey & Cheryl Martin, Nancy- sister of Alice Rizzo, Ethan Porter, George, Dylan Green, Kevin Quiveors – Al Calbazana's brother-in-law, and Brenda Shaffer's nephew, Scott, Mindie, and Bo Pleasanton, Norman Parks, David Sheats, Amanda Branlund who is going through cancer treatment, Terry Sweeney, Michael Whitehead who is doing better but still grateful for prayers, Angela Christian's mother, Kathy Golden, Sue Austin, Georgiana Fennemore, Phil Elliott, Phil's parents, Faye Taylor's nephew Matthew Smith, Bob, Ken, Wells, nephew of Steve Johnson - Matthew, Henry Spencer, Blain Shoun, Justin Marusa – cousin to Cindra Holland, having surgery for lung cancer in January, Skip Bason, Kenzel Messick's brother Lem – on his recovery to go well, family of a teaching colleague of Pastor Patti's, Ellie Leuliette & Dick Leuliette, Karen Kolf – sister to Alice Mullins. Jay and Laura, Rebecca Roberts - sister-in-law to Gail Garner going through chemotherapy and other therapies for leukemia, Joe Stemmler, Karen Ellis' friend John who had surgery on 1/7 and still in a coma, and also Karen's friend Julie who had a stroke recently, Nora Reeves who was in a car accident, Marilyn Dernberger – cousin to Kenzel Messick who had a stroke and surgery and Kenzel's

niece – Heather Dill who is having cancer surgery, Helen George is asking prayers for Karen Shetzler who is fighting flu, Jay & Laura Wedel and family as they battle Laura’s cancer.

Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for March 2025

3/02/25 Society of St. Andrews (Pastor Linda)

3/09/25 Mosaic Of Delaware (Mary Ingram)

3/16/25 Harvest Outreach People Project Food Delivery Wilmington (Boxes of Food/Pastor Linda)

3/23/25 Compassionate Card Ministry of St Pauls

3/30/25 Neighborhood House

Please make sure ALL checks are made payable to St. Paul’s UMC, including checks for the Yellow Hat missions, writing the organization’s name on the memo line.

All donations are collected, recorded, entered in the system, and deposited into the Church’s operating account on a weekly basis. Also, on a weekly basis, a check is mailed to the specified yellow hat organization for the total amount collected.

It is very important that donations be placed in the offering plate, yellow hat or mailed to St. Paul’s UMC. You are also welcome to drop off donations in the black box on the wall just inside the side door to the Church, making sure it is secured in an envelope with your name on the front. This is to guarantee acknowledgement of your donations when the yearly contribution statement is sent for tax purposes.

Thank you all for your continued support for St. Paul’s as we are growing in our faith through generosity. Alice Mullins, Treasurer



St. Paul’s Mission Statement

Reaching Up to praise God in vibrant worship

God calls us to live out our discipleship grounded in Christ’s awakening us to the glory and majesty of God in all creation, and we respond together by worshiping God with our gratitude and praise. Standing or lifting our hands high are both ancient postures of worship, and so our dance of discipleship involves reaching up with our hearts, souls, and bodies, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Psalms 100:4-5 (NRSV)

Reaching In to deepen our spiritual walk with Christ

Christ accepts us as we are, and then calls us to follow him and learn from him, growing in our spiritual walk-through practices the church calls spiritual disciplines: prayer, fasting, meditation, studying God’s Word, individually and with others. As we grow in the knowledge of God, we discover more about the extraordinary plans God has for our lives.

“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

John 8:31-32 (NRSV)

Reaching Out with acts of love and compassion

Here’s where it all comes together! Assured of God’s eternal love, strengthened by the grace and knowledge of Christ, we are ready for the Holy Spirit to kindle a fire in our lives, gifting us for the labor of love God has prepared for us to accomplish. Having fallen in love with God, we love and serve our neighbors.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”
Matthew 25:40 (NRSV)

MISSIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

WEEKLY GATHERINGS – CHURCH BUILDING

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday -Thursday, 9 AM-2 PM

- Cub Scouts –Tuesdays 6-8 PM
- TOPS Meeting – Wednesdays 5:45 PM.
- St. Paul’s Prayer and Praise Group Ministry – Thursdays 10 AM @Carole Harmon’s Home
- St. Paul’s Handbell Rehearsal – Wednesdays 6 PM
- St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal – Wednesdays 7 PM
- AA Meeting – Saturdays 7 PM

MONTHLY GATHERINGS

- Finance Meeting – 2nd Monday 6:30 PM
- Trustees Meeting – 1st Monday 6:30 PM
- SPRC Meeting – 4th Thursday 6:30 PM
- Leadership Meeting – 3rd Tuesday 6:30PM
- Reconciling Ministries – TBD

Adult Bible Study is held Sundays at 9:45AM.

Children’s Sunday School is held Sundays at 9:45AM.

Bible Study for all will again be held on Mondays, at 9AM. The Gospel of Luke is the focus beginning in January.

Flowers for Worship

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Compassionate Card Ministry

The Compassionate Card Ministry is made up of 20 dedicated members of our congregation who create hand-made cards and encouraging messages to those in our directory, within our congregation, those on our prayer lists and others who are brought to our attention. Our purpose is to spread kindness and love to others through uplifting and personalized sentiments on hand-made cards. If you are not in our directory and would like to be added to our list, or if you know someone who would benefit from the blessing of a card, please contact Ellie Leuliette.

Prayer and Praise Group Ministry

Carole Harmon hosts a prayer circle, currently Thursday mornings at 10 AM - in person. Please contact Carole if you are interested in joining the group or have a special prayer request. You can also find prayer request cards and box on the corner shelf in the Narthex.

VANCO: Manage Your Giving Online

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.stpaulsodessa.org and click on the VANCO Online Giving button to the left of the screen.
- 3) Click on the Link to Online Giving thru VANCO button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS.

Love Thy Neighbor Fund

Our "Love Thy Neighbor Fund" was created to help those in need in the MOT community. This fund may support a time in someone's life when he/she may need a little kindness and generosity to help endure and survive a challenging situation. If you can donate, please make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC and then write in the memo area it is for "Love Thy Neighbor Fund." Please note, this fund is SEPARATE from the Yellow Hat. Thank you, Love Thy Neighbor Committee

Deep Roots

Nadine Johnson & Karen Ellis continue to work with the "Deep Roots" mission. This group works with families who are disconnected through homelessness and provides transitional shelter and other services to families in need. They need your help as they continue to contact members of the church to help with making meals once a month feeding approximately 50+ individuals. Here's hoping you will be able to help us with this very important and necessary mission. Thanks so much! Contact Karen Ellis at iluvbrmuda@gmail.com and Nadine Johnson at nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com

Our Daily Bread Food Donations

214 N Broad St, Middletown, DE 19709

Volunteers Needed – day and evening hours and different areas of need, filling bags, handing out meals, etc. Volunteer Opportunities can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4FAEA82CA3F5CF8-volunteer>. Contact Sue Holden, Missions Co-Chair, at 802-324-6167, susieq2951@aol.com, with any questions. Also, find information and volunteer sign-up forms on the website,

<https://www.ourdailybreadmot.com>. **On-line Training Coming Soon!**

ODB is most thankful to all who donate either monetarily or in kind. Your generosity helps ODB feed those in our community who are facing food insecurity. Listed below are the items needed to stuff our side bags and other items that are needed on a regular basis. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesday from 9:15 to 11:30AM

- Individual bottles of water
- Individual bags of salty snacks
- Individual packets of sweet snacks
- Individual fruit cups and/or applesauce
- Fresh fruit (apples, bananas, oranges)
- Boxes of breakfast cereal
- Boxes of mashed potatoes
- White bread
- Baked beans (large cans)
- Gallon size zip-loc bags
- Lg black garbage bags
- Cans of soup

Thank you for any and all kindness!

Neighborhood House

Neighborhood House really appreciates St. Paul's ongoing support in so many ways. At this point, we are low on some items in the food pantry. These items are especially needed right now in our food pantry, though all donations are gladly accepted with the inventory being low now.

Currently we are really low on personal hygiene products as well as some food items:

1. **Bottled water**
2. **Toilet paper, Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo & conditioner**
3. **Peanut butter & jelly (medium size)**
4. **Pasta sauce**
5. **Tuna/Tuna Helper**
6. **Hamburger Helper**

These non-perishables are needed to keep our pantry stocked:

Chef Boyardee, beef stew, Spam ,pancake mix/syrup, snacks - cookies, crackers etc.

ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED FOR ADULT SIZED DISPOSABLE DIAPERS AS WELL AS FOR BABIES/CHILDREN IN SIZES 4, 5, AND 6, AND WIPES. WE HAVE NUMEROUS MOMS WITH BABIES AND TODDLERS WHO TAKE THEIR MONEY FOR FOOD AND BILLS TO BUY THEM.

Donations can be left inside the Church. We look forward to another great year working together to feed the hungry. Thanks to all, Marilyn Hendershot, Family Services Specialist, Neighborhood House, Inc.