



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out
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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 13, 2025, 8:30 AM Service ASL & Livestreaming

WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE
WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

GATHERING MUSIC AND PHOTOS: Duane Dillard/Music, Mark Holden/Photographer/Curator, Gail Garner/ASL Interpreter

PROCESSION: *Procession Jubilee* by Anna Laura Page Handbell Choir

GATHERING WORDS: Liturgist – Courtney Martin

One: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

Many: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

One: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

Many: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

One: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

Many: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

One: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

Many: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

*PRAISE AND WORSHIP: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Red Hymnal 278

*OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): **God of righteousness, draw near to us in this coming week. We yearn to keep singing our hosannas, but fear that we too may lose our convictions in the face of an angry mob. We long to see ourselves as your champions, but fear that we too might deny you or betray you with a kiss. On this day of joy and remembrance, sing in our hearts once more, that we too may dance with the children, for to such belong the kingdom of heaven. Amen**

WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS: *Oh How I Love Jesus* (Chorus Only 2x) Red Hymnal 170

Oh, how I love Jesus. Oh, how I love Jesus. Oh, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me.

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: *Luke 19:28-40* (CEB)

²⁸ After Jesus said this, he continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. ³⁰ He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" ³² Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “Its master needs it.” ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. ³⁶ As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

³⁷ As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. ³⁸ They said, “Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!”

⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout.”

*GOSPEL LESSON: A Reader’s Theater based on the Passion Gospel According to *Luke 22:14-23:56* (CEB)
Nolan Schrum, Melissa Brooks, Joy Littell, Ann Newswanger & the Handbell Choir

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Red Hymnal 140

THE MESSAGE: “Proving Scripture Wrong” 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 **4/13/25 Love Thy Neighbor.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): **Merciful God, with the psalmist, we declare, “Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them!” But we forget that only by your grace can we be righteous. With the crowds, we proclaim, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” But we neglect to follow you when you show us the ways to make peace on earth as it is in heaven. With the Pharisees, we notice our siblings doing their best to follow you and command, “Order them to stop!” But we refuse to listen to your command to love our neighbors as you love us. Forgive us, merciful God, and free us to follow Jesus down the road into Jerusalem, confronting the death-dealing powers of this world with the truth of your peace and steadfast love. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: Pastor Linda Ray
Officiant Server – Courtney Martin

Reader 2 (singing): The Lord be with you. *Communion Setting 2257-a*

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.

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. In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you. 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, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. 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.

(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: *Change My Heart, O God* Black Hymnal 2152

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

CLOSING MUSIC: *He Is Exalted* Black Hymnal 2070

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Courtney Martin

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

Communion Officiant: Courtney Martin

Duane Dillard, Music Ministry

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S:

Sunday 04/13 Worship Services 8:30AM Traditional and 11AM ASL & Livestreaming, Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:45AM

Monday 04/14

Tuesday 04/15	On Par With God 9AM, ODB, Scouts 6PM
Wednesday 04/16	Seder Meal/Gail Garner 5PM, Handbells Rehearsal 6PM, Choir Rehearsal 7PM
Thursday 04/17	10AM Prayer and Praise Group, Bethesda UMC Holy Thursday Service 7PM
Friday 04/18	Immanuel Church Good Friday Service @Noon, St. Paul's UMC will be open 1-4PM, Tree of Life "Walk the Stations of the Cross" to St. Paul's Church 6:30PM
Saturday 04/19	Easter Egg Hunt 10AM, AA Mtg 7PM

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: I regret I will not be able to facilitate the Bible Study in April due to personal situation. I will miss meeting with you gentlemen. Hope to resume in October. Hap

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

A SEDER MEAL: will be held on **Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16th from 5-6PM** in St. Paul's UMC Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to take part in this light meal, and presentation by Gail Garner. The Seder meal is a symbolic Jewish ritual meal celebrated during Passover, commemorating the Israelites' exodus from slavery in ancient Egypt, and involves a specific order of events and foods, including the Seder plate with symbolic items. A Seder is a teaching event, a period of remembrance, and a celebration of God's intervention on behalf of His chosen people. You will have an opportunity to see the symbols and learn their importance, hear about some of the annual traditions and sample the different items on the Seder plate.

Sign-up sheet for soup to be shared is available in Fellowship Hall.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: MOT Ministerial Alliance will hold the April 17th Service at Bethesda UMC at 7PM.

GOOD FRIDAY: MOT Ministerial Alliance will hold the April 18th Good Friday Service at Immanuel UMC, Townsend, at 12 Noon, St. Paul's UMC will be open from 1-4PM, and Tree of Life will 'Walk the Stations' to St. Paul's UMC at 6:30PM.

SATURDAY: St. Paul's Easter Egg Hunt at 10AM on the grounds behind the Church.

EASTER SUNDAY: Sunrise Service at Jeanne Buckworth's at 7AM, the one in-church service will be at 10AM at St. Paul's. *No Fellowship after this service.*

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: are forming. Please let Pastor Linda know what dates and times would work best for you so that a class can form. Confirmation Class is for any person 12 years old and older who has not made a profession of faith and is interested in/curious about church membership. Looking forward to your input.

5TH SUNDAY'S MONTHS: In **March and November**, there will be a potluck fellowship after the 11AM service. *There will still be the regular 8:30AM service.* In **June and August**, there will be the one summer 9AM service, with a potluck fellowship to follow.

MIDDLETOWN YMCA GOLF OUTING 'SWING FOR A CAUSE': at Back Creek Golf Club, 101 Back Creek Dr., Middletown DE **Monday, May 12, 2025 8AM.** This year's golf event will benefit the Middletown Family YMCA and ensure that no one is turned away for the inability to pay! Your donation ensures that everyone has access to the life-changing programs at the YMCA. Donors support a wide range of programs including but not limited to: Summer Camp for low-income children, at-risk teen programming, drowning prevention, before and after school enrichment, chronic disease prevention and so much more. Prizes, contests and a special Mother's Day reception will be held! Contact Rick Pulling with questions, or Rich Berry at RBERRY@YMCAD.EORG, 302-616-9622, ext. 1200.

UMM FUNDRAISER: Blue Rocks Game, **Sunday May 18th at 1:05.** Tickets are \$30.00, see Mark Holden for tickets. Mark@maholden.com or 802-279-8100. **End date to get your tickets is May 11th.**

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.**

You can also still call Bonnie or email the church office at bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org so we make sure the information is added in the bulletin and reserved for you. You can have a florist create a bouquet or you can create your own , (or a plant) and then bring it to the church on Saturday or before the 8:30 am service on Sunday morning.

Our designated florist is Elana'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.

JOY EVENT UPDATE: "Noah" at Sight and Sound on Thursday, May 1st at 3:00. We have sold all 50 tix, and if anyone is still interested, we will put their name on a waiting list. The cost per ticket is \$84.55, and checks are payable to Karen Ellis.

Attention all "Noah" attendees: We plan to eat lunch at the Hershey Farm Restaurant before the 3:00 (May 1st) show at Sight & Sound. Our reservation is set for **12:00- 2:00**, and the meal will be served family style, in the Gardenview 2 banquet room. The charge for the lunch is \$28.25, and payment is due as soon as possible. Please make checks payable to Karen Ellis. If you do not plan to join us for lunch, we will meet you at the theater probably between 2:15 & 2:30.

In addition, we will be carpooling to Lancaster, so if you are willing to drive others, please let us know. We will leave St. Pauls' at 10:00AM. On the other hand, if you need a ride, we will need to know that as well so we can pair up drivers and passengers. Please contact Karen Ellis or Nadine Johnson with this information and/or if you have any questions. Karen Ellis at iluvbrmuda@gmail.com and Nadine Johnson at Nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com.

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. *Snacks and beverages will be provided, but please bring your own lunch.* 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: Year To Date

Income YTD: \$106,257 Expenses YTD: \$72,729

THANK YOU TO THE ST. PAUL'S COUNTERS: Sandy Urstadt, Carolyn Stanley, Helen George, Faye Taylor, Nancy Weldin, Chris Chappelle, Linda Botsford

On behalf of the Finance Committee, we would personally like to thank you all for effortlessly volunteering on Sundays to count the funds received for our Church. We are incredibly grateful to all who give so freely of their time and talents. Your willingness and passion to serve inspire us all. Your commitment to volunteering is a testament to your faith and dedication to our church community. And a huge thank you to Sandy Urstadt, who coordinates the monthly schedule for the Counters, which results in a smooth transition from week to week. Thank you all for your valuable contributions. Sincerely, the Finance Committee

BIRTHDAYS: April 13 – John Halloran, Pam Whitmer; April 15 – Estelle Peters; April 16 – Barbara Bonham, Carole Harmon, Josh Reitzes, Jessica Schrum, Adaline Tokash; April 17 – Brandon Wallace; April 18 – Rick Lambert, Edward Louis, Stu Merkel

ANNIVERSARIES: April 13 – Maryann & Randy Kearns

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 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, Jay & Laura Wedel and family as they battle Laura's cancer, Hap Bonham as he recovers from recent surgery, Jeff & Cheryl Buckworth on the passing of her mother. Kathleen Golden, Cindra Holland's mother, who is currently hospitalized and seriously ill. The great-grandson baby of Carole & John Harmon who needs continued prayers, Carl & Patti Ravilious on the passing of Carl's stepmother, Kris Elliott's mother-in-law on her recent fall, for Jessica Schrum and family, as her father, John Carmichael, begins his cancer treatment journey and her mom, Sandra, his caretaker.

Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for April 2025

4/06/25 Youth Group of St Paul's - Charlotte Miller and Janet Miller

4/13/25 Love Thy Neighbor

4/20/25 Cystic Fibrosis (Charlotte Miller)

4/27/25 Camp Pecometh

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 at 484-432-4673.

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.