



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out
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Resurrection of Our Lord

April 20, 2025, 10:00AM Service

WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

Mark Holden & June Stemmler, Photographer & Curator

PRELUDE AND GREETING

MUSICAL REFLECTION: *Fanfare and Flourish* by Derek K. Hakes Handbell Choir & Jin Kyung Seo

GATHERING WORDS: Liturgist – Carole Harmon

One: Beloved, Christ is risen!
Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
One: Our Savior is risen!
Many: Our Savior is risen indeed! Alleluia!
One: Steadfast Love is risen!
Many: Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Alleluia!
One: This is the day that God has made.
Many: Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Red Hymnal 302
Handbell Choir Accompaniment

*OPENING PRAYER (all praying): **God of life and love, we are eager to hear the good news of new life. Enter our lives and cast our fears aside. Lead us on a journey from grief and despair to hope and joy. Thank you for life and hope, your gifts at Easter. When death and evil seemed to rule the day, you brought forth life abundant. Now, when we are afraid and discouraged, remind us that love is stronger than death. Like spring flowers, your loving beauty is everywhere, encouraging and renewing our spirits. We are eager to rejoice in the glory of this day. Give us Easter spirits and open hearts. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME: *Oh How I Love Jesus* Red Hymnal 170
Oh, how I love Jesus. Oh, how I love Jesus. Oh, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me.
Susan Menei shares a blessing with our children!

FIRST LESSON: *Acts 10:34-43* (CEB)

³⁴ Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. ³⁵ Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! ³⁷ You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. ³⁸ You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, ⁴¹ not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Low In The Grave* Red Hymnal 322

*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 24:1-12* (CEB)

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. ⁵The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words. ⁹When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. ¹²But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

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

THE MESSAGE:

"Practice Resurrection"

Pastor Linda Ray

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of life and love, we are grateful for your promise of resurrection and new life. Your love is stronger than the powers of evil and injustice. With joy, we bring our gifts to you this day. Use our gifts and our lives to proclaim Christ's triumph over death. Amen

THE OFFERTORY: Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **4/20/25 Cystic Fibrosis (Charlotte Miller)**.

CHORAL ANTHEM

With A Voice of Singing by Martin Shaw

Chancel Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY:

Red Hymnal 95

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Christ, we come to the empty tomb, we see our own death, we see our own tomb, we see our own emptiness. And we remember how we have treated other people- members of our family, friends, and neighbors. Lord, we come to your tomb, we see a hungry world before us, the pain of starving children, the guilt of war on our hands, and we know that collectively we share in those injustices. Lord, we come to the empty tomb, we search within ourselves, and we cannot escape what we are, people caught up in the pain of our own wrongdoing, for some, a deep sense of loneliness and a frustration of what we would be but are not. Lord, when we come to the empty tomb, we lay before you our pain, our emptiness and look to you for hope. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Pastor Linda Ray
Officiant Server- Jonathan Ray

Reader 1: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Reader 1: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Reader 1: 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 you our thanks and praise, O God! You created the world by speaking life into being. You placed within us and within each plant and animal of your creation amazing abilities to form and nurture new life, so that your creation might be renewed, reborn, season by season. You covenanted with your people and gave them Law that showed the way of Life, a path of peace, justice, mercy, reverence, love. You provided wise men and women as judges for your people to show them the path to Life. You called forth prophets who dared to speak the truth of Life to worldly powers that did not always want to hear the truth. You sent Jesus, your Son to walk in the way of Life, that we might follow. He suffered and died because of his refusal to participate in the death-dealing violence of the world. He rose

again in victory because the powers of death cannot overcome the Divine power of Life. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise you and join their unending hymn:

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

Reader 2: You are holy, O God of Life and holy is Jesus Christ, your Son, the resurrected One. You sent your only begotten, in whom your fullness dwells, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. Revealing your love, radiating your life, Jesus taught those who listened to him, healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him. Jesus enacted peace in the midst of violence, love in the face of hate. Jesus offered Divine Life to all people. We thank you, God, for the incredible gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Through his resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people.

(Lifting the bread) Jesus sat with his friends at the table, sharing a meal. Jesus took the bread, lifted it to you, and blessed it. Jesus broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying: "This bread is my life, a gift for you and for many. Eat this bread and remember me."

Reader 1: (Lifting the cup) When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, "Drink from this cup. This cup represents my love, a sign of the new covenant. It brings forgiveness from sin as it quenches your thirst. Drink from this cup 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:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Reader 2: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon your gifts of bread and cup. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who seek to follow in his life-giving way., that we may further your reign of peace and justice in every place. As we share this holy meal, we invite your life to fill us; we invite your Spirit to lead us more faithfully to be the body of Christ in the world. All glory and honor is yours, Holy God, now and forever.

ALL: AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

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

Our Father, who 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.

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

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

WE GO IN THE SPIRIT

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

SENDING HYMN: *Easter People Raise Your Voices*

Red Hymnal 304

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Carole Harmon

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

Communion Officiant/Server: Jonathan Ray

Ushers: John & Patti Harmer, June Stemmler, John Harmon, Denis Shaffer, Laura Widger, Brett & Ryan Vitsorek

Greeters: Brook Ellis, Laura Widger

Director of Music – Dr. Kathleen Shannon & Organist/Accompanist: Jin Kyung Seo

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday 04/20 Sunrise Service 7AM at Jeanne Buckworth's home at 2 Main St. Odessa, 10AM Traditional with Live-Streaming in Church

Monday 04/21

Tuesday 04/22 ODB, Cub Scouts 6PM

Wednesday 04/23 TOPS Mtg 5:45 PM, Handbell Choir 6 PM. Chancel Choir 7 PM

Thursday 04/24 10AM Prayer and Praise Group

Friday 04/25

Saturday 04/26 AA Mtg 7PM

LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITED ROAD TO HOPE BICYCLE RIDE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. :

Law Enforcement United – New Jersey Chapter is a 15-year law enforcement bicycle ride from Atlantic City, NJ to Washington, DC. They are raising money for several great causes, Road to Hope Bicycle Ride, Project Active Armor, Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), The Officer Down Memorial Page (O.D.M.P.), and Spirit of Blue Foundation.

On May 9, 2025, the Fairfield Inn, 19113 Coastal Hwy, Rehoboth, will host the 150 riders and support staff for a picnic dinner starting at about 5:30 p.m. Food and beverages are being donated for the picnic, and we just need cookies for dessert.

Because I am one of the organizers for this picnic, I am asking my friends for help with cookie donations. Homemade and store bought and gluten free are all great, just no nuts please. Please label those cookies that are gluten free. I will collect any cookies on May 7th at St. Paul's UMC at 12 noon. If you are willing to contribute cookies for the cause, please contact me. Thank you ! Rick Pulling, 302-632-8438, rpulling191@aol.com

GRADUATE SUNDAY: Good morning, if you have a soon-to-be graduate from HS, college, tech school, near or far in your family, and would like to feature them in our Graduation Sunday booklet, please let me know. We will celebrate all grads, present or not, on **June 8th**, at that Sunday's services. A photo and short bio will be printed in the booklet with the bulletin and sent out via email that week also. Just send those electronically to me and I will put it all together. Thanks, Bonnie/Church Office, bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org.

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.ORG, 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 tickets, 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 theatre, 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/COMMITTEE 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 20 – Isaac Schrum; April 21 – Logan Packard; April 22 – Suzie Cate, Caitlin Jones, Jessica Munar, Ron Sutton; April 23 – John Cate, Ann Raymond; April 24 – Ike Guessford; April 25 – Jerry Blanco, Doris Uhde; April 26 – Kayleigh Kennedy

ANNIVERSARIES: April 22 - June & Steve Anderson; April 26 – Gary & Marilyn Jones

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 when 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, 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. 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, 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, Steve Russell for medical diagnosis and treatment.

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
United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out

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

- Boy Scouts –Mondays 7-8:30 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 6:30 PM
- Reconciling Ministries – TBD

Adult Sunday Bible Study 9:45AM

Children's Sunday School 9:45AM.

Adult Bible Series Mondays 9AM

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, 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.