



**ST. PAUL'S**  
United Methodist Church of Odessa  
*Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out*

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day Sunday & Festival of the Christian Home Sunday**  
May 11, 2025, 11 AM ASL & Livestreaming

**WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES**

Mark Holden & June Stemmler, Photographer & Curator, Gail Garner, ASL Interpreter

**GREETING**

**GATHERING WORDS:**

Liturgist – Dave Corby

One: We come together to praise God who is the source of our life and our love.

**Many: We lift our voices in praise for God, who loves us always.**

One: We come to celebrate and support families who practice love in their homes and communities.

**Many: We lift our voices in thanks for the love we feel in our families.**

One: We come praying for families who feel no love for themselves or others.

**Many: We lift our voices in sorrow for those who hurt because of the actions of others.**

One: Let us worship, trusting in God's love and mercy.

**Many: Praise be to God!**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

*How Can We Name A Love*

Red Hymnal 111

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** (all praying): **Holy One of the morning, we come together to remember who we are and whose we are. Open our hearts to the nudging of your Spirit that moves among us, empowering us to listen, to nurture, and to care for all creation. Give us eyes to see when you break into our lives through all you have made and wash us once again in your life-giving waters. Help us to hear your good news of faith, hope, and love ringing out from your kingdom. Shape us into faithful, hopeful people; fill us with your love that passes all understanding. We pray this together in the name of Jesus. Amen**

**WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS:**

*Oh How I Love Jesus (chorus only)*

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!

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 9:36-43 CEB

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. <sup>37</sup> About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, "Please come right away!" <sup>39</sup> Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.

<sup>40</sup> Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God’s holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. <sup>42</sup> The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

*Fill My Cup Lord*

Red Hymnal 641

\*GOSPEL LESSON: *John 10:22-30* CEB

The time came for the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple, walking in the covered porch named for Solomon. <sup>24</sup> The Jewish opposition circled around him and asked, “How long will you test our patience? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, but you don’t believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you don’t believe because you don’t belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.”

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

THE MESSAGE:

“Springs Of Living Water”

Pastor Linda Ray

### WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Generous God, we dedicate these gifts and offerings into your service. May our generosity flow abundantly into a world in need of your transforming love and grace.

THE OFFERTORY: Today’s **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports the **5/11/25 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Del (Carolyn Stanley)**.

MUSICAL REFLECTION:

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*. arr. Robert W. Thygerson

Chancel Choir

\*THE DOXOLOGY:

Red Hymnal 95

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): **O Creating God who loved us into being, we your children praise you. When we fall, you lift us up, when we fail you, you restore us, when we are wounded you nurse us, when we grieve you weep with us, when we celebrate you laugh with us. But sometimes we don’t reach out to you, we are embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to you at any and all times of our lives we pray. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Pastor Linda Ray  
Officiant Server – Dave Corby

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:

*Grace Alone*

Black Hymnal 2162

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Liturgist: Dave Corby

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

Communion Officiant/Server: Dave Corby

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

**Altar flowers today are donated by Carolyn Stanley in memory of her mother Angie Pierron.**

**Happy Mother's Day to All!!!**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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<b>Sunday 05/11</b> Worship Services 8:30AM and 11AM ASL & Livestreaming, Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:45AM
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<b>Monday 05/12</b> Adult Bible Study 9AM, Finance Comm. Mtg. 6:30PM
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<b>Tuesday 05/13</b> ODB, Cub Scouts 6PM, Leadership Comm. Mtg. 6:30PM
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<b>Wednesday 05/14</b> TOPS meeting 5:45PM, Handbells Rehearsal 6PM, Choir Rehearsal 7PM
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<b>Thursday 05/15</b> 10AM Prayer and Praise Group
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<b>Friday 05/16</b>
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<b>Saturday 05/17</b> St. Paul's Women's Retreat 10AM to 3PM, AA Mtg 7PM
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**SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE:** The regular Summer Services' reduced schedule will return on June 1 with just the one 9AM service; this will continue through August 31. Our normal two service schedule will return on September 7, the first Sunday in September.

**STAYING ON PAR WITH GOD GOLF OUTINGS SCHEDULE:** All outings are at Odessa National GC, Tee Times are at 9AM, dates are May 6 and 27, June 17 and 24, July 8 and 22, August 5 and 26, September 2 and 16 and October 7 and 21. Lunch follows at Odessa National at 11:30AM. Everyone is welcome to come out! Contact Don Mueller at [dmueller90@gmail.com](mailto:dmueller90@gmail.com), or Steve Johnson at [SJohn82602@aol.com](mailto:SJohn82602@aol.com) for further information.

**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](mailto:RBERRY@YMCAD.EORG), 302-616-9622, ext. 1200.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> to Sue Holden [susieq2951@aol.com](mailto:susieq2951@aol.com).

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

**GRADUATE SUNDAY:** Good morning, if you have a soon-to-be graduate from Jr. High, 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 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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. **Please send the information and photos to me electronically no later than May 25<sup>th</sup>!** Thanks, Bonnie/Church Office, [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org).

**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 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.**

**FINANCE NEWS FROM MELISSA BROOKS/CHAIR:** Year To Date  
Income YTD: \$106,257 Expenses YTD: \$72,729

**BIRTHDAYS:** May 11 – Rea Merkel; May 12 – Jonathan Packard; May 13 – Matthew Pulling, Trevor Shoun; May 15 – Nora Reeves; May 16 – Cindy Koski; May 17 – Dicky Wheeler

**ANNIVERSARIES:** N/A

**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](mailto: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; the passing of Karen Kolf – sister to Alice Mullins.

### **Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for May 2025**

**5/04/25 Junior Diabetes Research Foundation (Barbara Lynn Manlove)**

**5/11/25 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Del (Carolyn Stanley)**

**5/18/25 Urban Promise (annual conference) - Latch Key Kids, Wilmington, DE**

**5/25/25 Friends of Zoar (Steve Johnson)**

**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*



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## **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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 begins again in May.**

### **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.

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### **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](http://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

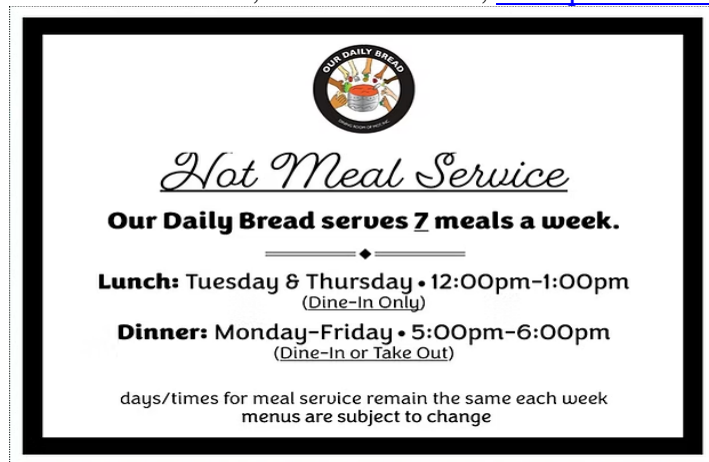
### **Deep Roots**

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](mailto:iluvbrmuda@gmail.com) and Nadine Johnson at [nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com](mailto: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.ourdailybreadmot.com/volunteer>. Contact Sue Holden, Missions Co-Chair, at 802-324-6167, [susieq2951@aol.com](mailto:susieq2951@aol.com).



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.