



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

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## **9th Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 10, 2025, 9:00AM Service, ASL and Livestreaming**

**WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE**

**WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES**

Duane Dillard/Music, Mark Holden/Photographer/Curator, June Stemmler/Ushers, Gail Garner/ASL Interpreter

**GATHERING WORDS:**

Liturgist – Nadine Johnson

One: Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God's salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.

**Many: By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.**

One: By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God's love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.

**Many: By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.**

One: By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God's desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.

**Many: By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.**

One: By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.

**Many: By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God's already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now.**

**OPENING HYMN:** (all singing)

*Faith of Our Fathers*

Red Hymnal 710

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** (all praying) **Loving God, thank you for being present in our lives and in this time of worship. Your care and compassion call to us. Your mercy and grace reach out to us. Speak love to our hearts and wisdom to our minds, that we might grow in your knowledge of love and that our lives might bear the fruit of your knowledge and grace. Amen**

**WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS:**

*Awesome God* (Chorus)

Black Hymnal 2040

*Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God!*

Courtney Martin shares a blessing with our children!

**LIFE SHARING:** *(follow directions offered by the pastor)*

**FIRST LESSON:** *Isaiah 1:1, 10-20* (CEB)

The vision about Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw in the days of Judah's kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the LORD's word, you leaders of Sodom.

Listen to our God's teaching,  
people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> What should I think about all your sacrifices?  
says the LORD.

I'm fed up with entirely burned offerings of rams  
and the fat of well-fed beasts.

I don't want the blood of bulls, lambs, and goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from you,  
this trampling of my temple's courts?

<sup>13</sup> Stop bringing worthless offerings.  
Your incense repulses me.

New moon, sabbath, and the calling of an assembly—  
I can't stand wickedness with celebration!

<sup>14</sup> I hate your new moons and your festivals.  
They've become a burden that I'm tired of bearing.

<sup>15</sup> When you extend your hands,  
I'll hide my eyes from you.  
Even when you pray for a long time,  
I won't listen.

Your hands are stained with blood.

<sup>16</sup> Wash! Be clean!

Remove your ugly deeds from my sight.  
Put an end to such evil;

<sup>17</sup> learn to do good.

Seek justice:

help the oppressed;<sup>[a]</sup>  
defend the orphan;  
plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup> Come now, and let's settle this,  
says the LORD.

Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they will be white as snow.

If they are red as crimson,  
they will become like wool.

<sup>19</sup> If you agree and obey,  
you will eat the best food of the land.

<sup>20</sup> But if you refuse and rebel,  
you will be devoured by the sword.

The LORD has said this.

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Red Hymnal 127

\*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 12:32-40* (CEB)

<sup>32</sup> "Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don't wear out—a treasure in heaven that never runs out. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too.

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for service and keep your lamps lit. <sup>36</sup> Be like people waiting for their master to come home from a wedding celebration, who can immediately open the door for him when he arrives and knocks on the door. <sup>37</sup> Happy are those servants whom the master finds waiting up when he arrives. I assure you that, when he arrives, he will dress himself to serve, seat them at the table as honored guests, and wait on them. <sup>38</sup> Happy are those whom he finds alert, even if he comes at midnight or just before dawn. <sup>39</sup> But know this, if the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he wouldn't have allowed his home to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Human One is coming at a time when you don't expect him."

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

THE MESSAGE:

"There Once Was...."

Pastor Linda Ray

**WE GIVE THANKS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of grace and God of glory, transform these gifts into vessels of your love and mercy. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may our offering bring treasure from above. May these gifts bring justice and righteousness to your children everywhere. Amen

OFFERTORY: Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **Grateful Acres – Ally Kennedy**.

MUSICAL REFLECTION: *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing* by the New Seekers Choir Ensemble

\*THE DOXOLOGY: Red Hymnal 95

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus Christ, God of our mothers and fathers, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that we are too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: Pastor Linda Ray  
Officiant Server – Nadine Johnson

Reader 2: Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.

Reader 1: Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit created all things and called them good. In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Through Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power forever. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

Reader 2: (Lifting the bread) On the night before meeting with death, 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.

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 until we feast at your table forever.

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.**

PRAYERS AFTER RECEIVING:

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

SENDING HYMN: *I Sing A Song Of The Saints Of God* Red Hymnal 712

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Nadine Johnson

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

Communion Officiant/Server: Nadine Johnson

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

Greeters: Laura Widger, Brook Ellis

Minister of Music: Duane Dillard

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

**Flowers today are donated by Kris & Phil Elliott in honor and memory of what would have been Kris' parents' 73rd anniversary and her father's 93rd birthday.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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**GREAT DAY OF METHODIST SINGING:** Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> service. With this being the last summer 9AM service, St. Paul's will be celebrating with a 'favorite hymns' countdown!

List your 3 favorite hymns you'd like to hear and sing at the August 31<sup>st</sup> 9AM Service Hymn Sing

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tear off and put in the collection plate.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S:**

**Sunday 08/10 9AM ASL & Livestreaming, NH Backpacks Will Be Assembled After Services**

**Monday 08/11 Backpacks To Neighborhood House**

**Tuesday 08/12 ODB**

**Wednesday 08/13 Deep Roots Food Pick-up 4:15PM, TOPS Mtg 5:45PM, Adult Bible Study 7PM**

**Thursday 08/14 10AM Prayer and Praise Group, Friends of Zoar Group Mtg 6PM**

**Friday 08/15**

**Saturday 08/16 AA Mtg 7PM**

### **A MESSAGE FROM ELLIE LEULIETTE:**

Dear St Paul's Family,

Over the past several months, you have surrounded our family with beautiful thoughts and prayers which have sustained us through a difficult journey. As we move forward without Dick, we know that his life provided a positive direction for ours. We want to thank you for everything you have given, not just now, but over the years. Ellie and the Burdett-Leuliette Family

**GREAT DAY OF METHODIST SINGING:** Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> service. With this being the last summer 9AM service, St. Paul's will be celebrating with a 'favorite hymns' countdown! Through August, your bulletins will have a tear-off section where you are invited to list your three favorite hymns you would like to hear and sing on that last Sunday in August. You can then put your completed form in the collection basket. *If you attend online you can join the 'chat' section of the livestreaming and put your favorites there or email the Church Office at [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org).*



## Neighborhood House Backpack Drive

Elementary School Supply List	Middle/High School Supply List
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear Buds</li> <li>• Box #2 Pencils</li> <li>• Pencil Pouch (3-hole)</li> <li>• Pink Erasers</li> <li>• Yellow Highlighter</li> <li>• Post-It Notes</li> <li>• Glue Sticks (washable)</li> <li>• Box Crayola Crayons (24 count)</li> <li>• Box Colored Pencils (12 count)</li> <li>• Multi-colored Two Pocket Folders</li> <li>• Spiral Bound Wide-Ruled Notebooks</li> <li>• Wide-Ruled Marble Composition Books</li> <li>• Packs of Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper</li> <li>• 1" 3-Ring Binders (preferably clear pocket front)</li> <li>• Packs of Dividers (5-tab)</li> <li>• Kleenex (packets)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear Buds</li> <li>• Box #2 Pencils</li> <li>• Hand Pencil Sharpener</li> <li>• Pack Blue Pens</li> <li>• Red Pencils</li> <li>• Highlighters</li> <li>• Post-It Notes</li> <li>• Pencil Pouch (3-ring)</li> <li>• Pink Eraser</li> <li>• Glue Sticks</li> <li>• Expo Dry Erase Marker</li> <li>• Box Colored Pencils (12 count)</li> <li>• Multi-colored Pocket Folders</li> <li>• Composition Books</li> <li>• 1½" 3-Ring Binders</li> <li>• Packs of Dividers</li> <li>• Packs of Notebook Paper</li> <li>• Kleenex (packets)</li> </ul>

**Courtney Martin has taken the lead on organizing this Mission. She has announced that August 05 is the supplies due date to donate and the packing date of the backpacks is August 10. St. Paul's will be filling and donating 50 backpacks total – 25 Elementary and 25 MS/HS.**

We have received notice from Neighborhood House that this drive will happen again now through August. St. Paul's will be donating book bags and supplies as in other years. Printed lists will be available in Fellowship Hall and posted on our bulletin boards. Any questions, contact Courtney Martin, Dawn Buckworth or Sue Holden. Thank you!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Will be held in **August**, on **Wednesdays**, beginning on the 6<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM, "Understanding the Old Testament" will be studied.

**SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE:** The regular Summer Services' reduced schedule will return on June 1 with just one 9AM service; this will continue through August 31. Our normal two service schedule will return on September 7, the first Sunday in September.

**GRIEF SHARE:** Will begin again at soon at St. Paul's UMC, **Sundays** from 3-5 PM.

**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 [dlnmueller90@gmail.com](mailto:dlnmueller90@gmail.com), or Steve Johnson at [SJohn82602@aol.com](mailto:SJohn82602@aol.com) for further information.

### FINANCE NEWS FROM MELISSA BROOKS/CHAIR:

<b>June Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,631.00</b>
<b>June Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (24,004.00)</b>
<b>2025 YTD Income</b>	<b>\$ 151,337.00</b>
<b>2025 YTD Expenses</b>	<b>\$(145,262.00)</b>

<b>Yellow Hat Collections</b> (Sunday collection only, does not include Vanco contributions)	
<b>Habitat for Humanity</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>
<b>Peace with Justice</b>	<b>\$ 249.00</b>
<b>Youth Mission Trip</b>	<b>\$ 362.00</b>
<b>Deaf Outreach</b>	<b>\$ 421.00</b>
<b>Brian Coley Resilience Center</b>	<b>\$ 169.12</b>
	<b>\$ 1,481.12</b>

**BIRTHDAYS:** August 11 – Ally Kennedy, Jason Strickland; August 12 – Justin Fitzwater; August 13 – Abby Gottlieb, Declan Hubbard, Jeffrey Martin; August 14 – Kerry Strickland, Jason Wallace; August 15 – Jackie Connell, Cole Tokash

**ANNIVERSARIES:** August 11 – John & Carole Harmon; August 14 – Bill & Burtie Hutchison

**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 **complete the card with instructions on the Narthex bulletin board.** You can email Bonnie at anytime to see if slots are taken on the chart, [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org).

You can also still call Bonnie or email the church office at [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto: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 (9am in summer) 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.**

**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 Dudgeon, Carolyn Akin, Jonathan Brooks, John Guy, Levi Schrum and family, Nancy- sister of Alice Rizzo, Ethan Porter, George, Dylan Green, Kevin Quiveors – Al Calbazana's brother-in-law, 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, Georgiana Fennemore, Faye Taylor's nephew Matthew Smith, Henry Spencer, Blain Shoun, Justin Marusa – cousin to Cindra Holland, having surgery for lung cancer in January, Skip Bason, Kathleen Golden, Cindra Holland's mother, who is currently hospitalized and seriously ill, for Jessica Schrum and family, as her father, John Carmichael, begins his cancer treatment journey and her mom, Sandra, his caretaker, Chris Foote, Christine Spencer and her father, Danny Skeans, Dave Koski, Deena Greenwood, Leah Elliott & Phil Elliott in their health struggles, Lloyd Sheats, Alice Mullins' sister Sue Austin who has been ill, Jeanne Buckworth, Ellie Leuliette on the passing of her husband, Dick Leuliette, Courtney Martin, for Marley - the 10 year old niece of Linda Botsford who is recovering from a serious hospitalization, Lauren – granddaughter to a friend of Sue Haberstroh recovering from surgery after a bad car accident, the great-grandson baby of Carole & John Harmon who needs continued prayers after his recent surgery, Dave Sydnor.

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

**8/03/25 Back to School Book Bags for Neighborhood House**

**8/10/25 Grateful Acres – Ally Kennedy**

8/17/25 The Nest – Ryan & Katelynn Scott's Community Home Space

8/24/25 Deep Roots Homeless Shelter (Karen Ellis & Nadine 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*



## 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

- 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 – Regularly Scheduled Practice will resume in the Fall.
- St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal – Regularly Scheduled Practice will resume in the Fall.
- 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 6:30PM
- Friends of Zoar Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6PM

**Sunday Adult Bible Study** will resume 9/14/2025.

**Children's Sunday School** will resume 9/14/2025.

**Adult Bible Study** will resume Monday, 9/15/2025.

## **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.

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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

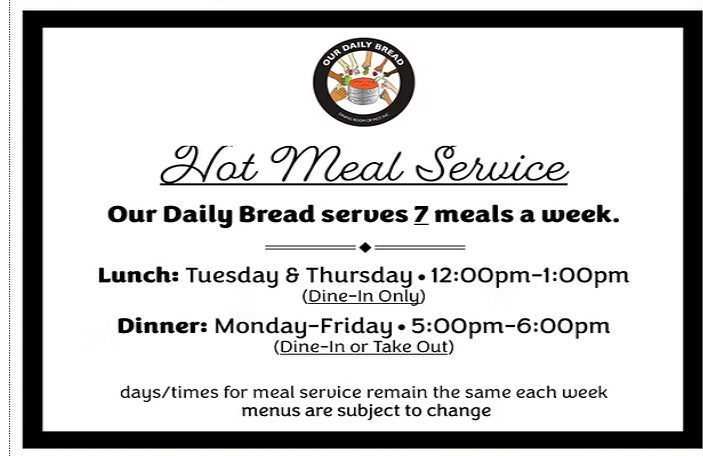
## Deep Roots

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 our pantry is bare and needs these items:**

- **pasta/pasta sauce**
- **canned items like Chef Boyardee, beef stew, Spam, chicken, tuna**
- **canned fruit**
- **peanut butter and jelly**
- **any boxed items like mac'n cheese, stuffing, mashed potatoes**

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

Chef Boyardee, beef stew, Spam ,pancake mix/syrup, snacks - cookies, crackers etc. Toiletries are stocked for now.

**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.