



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out
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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 21, 2025, 11:00AM Service Traditional Service
WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

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

PRELUDE AND GREETING

GATHERING WORDS:

Liturgist – Carole Harmon

One: When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...

Many: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

One: When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path for us...

Many: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

One: When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

Many: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

One: Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

Many: Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.

*OPENING HYMN:

Lord Of All Hopefulness

Black Hymnal 2197

***OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): Loving and Gracious God—Holy one of Israel— tender one to all who call upon you with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with your presence this day. Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways, inspire those who seek your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted, comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak. Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS:

Peace for the Children

Green Hymnal 3125

Peace for the children, peace, peace. Peace for the children, we pray. Following the path of One of peace, we work for healing, we work for peace, peace for the children today.

Brian McNelis shares a blessing with our children!

FIRST LESSON: *Jeremiah 8:8-9:1* (CEB)

How can you say, "We are wise;
we possess the LORD's Instruction,"
when the lying pen of the scribes has surely distorted it?

⁹ The wise will be shamed and shocked
when they are caught.

Look, they have rejected the LORD's word;
what kind of wisdom is that?

¹⁰ Therefore, I will give their wives to others
and their fields to their captors.

From the least to the greatest,
all are eager to profit.

From prophet to priest,

all trade in falsehood.

¹¹ They treat the wound of my people
as if it were nothing:

“All is well, all is well,” they insist,
when in fact nothing is well.

¹² They should be ashamed
of their detestable practices,
but they have no shame;
they don’t even blush!

Therefore, they will fall among the fallen
and stumble when disaster arrives,
declares the LORD.

¹³ I will put an end to them,^[a]
declares the LORD;
there are no grapes on the vine,
no figs on the tree,
only withered leaves.

They have squandered what I have given them!

¹⁴ Why are we sitting here?
Come, let’s go to the fortified towns
and meet our doom there.

The LORD our God has doomed us
by giving us poisoned water to drink,
because we have sinned against the LORD!

¹⁵ We longed for relief,
but received none;
for a time of healing,
but found only terror.

¹⁶ The snorting of their horses can be heard as far as Dan;
the neighing of their stallions makes the whole land tremble.

They come to devour the land and everything in it,
towns and people alike.

¹⁷ See, I’m sending serpents against you,
vipers that you can’t charm,
and they will bite you,
declares the LORD.

¹⁸ No healing,
only grief;
my heart is broken.

¹⁹ Listen to the weeping of my people
all across the land:

“Isn’t the LORD in Zion?
Is her king no longer there?”

Why then did they anger me with their images,
with pointless foreign gods?

²⁰ “The harvest is past,
the summer has ended,
yet we aren’t saved.”

²¹ Because my people are crushed,
I am crushed; darkness and despair overwhelm me.

²² Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
Why then have my people
not been restored to health?
9 If only my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
I would weep day and night
for the wounds of my people.

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

Make Me A Servant

Black Hymnal 2176

GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 16:1-13* (CEB)

Jesus also said to the disciples, “A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. ² He called the manager in and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.’

³ “The household manager said to himself, What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I’m not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. ⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses.

⁵ “One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He said, ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.’ The manager said to him, ‘Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.’ ⁷ Then the manager said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ He said, ‘One thousand bushels of wheat.’ He said, ‘Take your contract and write eight hundred.’

⁸ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it’s gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. ¹¹ If you haven’t been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² If you haven’t been faithful with someone else’s property, who will give you your own? ¹³ No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

THE MESSAGE:

“God Is Good-All The Time”

Pastor Linda Ray

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY PRAYER: You call us to be wise with our riches, O God, that your realm may be blessed for the benefit of all. May we be found faithful in a little, that you may entrust us to be faithful in much. We offer you these gifts in gratitude for your love. May they bring your healing and light to those who need the balm in Gilead. Amen

THE OFFERTORY: Today’s **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **9/21/25 Alzheimer Research (Linda Sydnor)**.

CHORAL ANTHEM:

Sing A New Song
By M. Praetorius/arr. Schweizer

Chancel Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY:

Red Hymnal 95

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): **God, do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors. Forgive us, merciful God, for our history of violence. Let your compassion come speedily**

to meet us, for we are brought low. With haste come to us, for we are bent beneath the weight of war-making. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name. Rescue us, O Wind of the Spirit, from the sea of despair. Deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake. Jesus, have mercy on our nation, for the sake of God's reign. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Pastor Linda Ray
Communion Server – Kris Elliott

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 thanks to you Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. By your Will and through your Word you created the universe, gave it purpose and life, and called it good. Into this creation you placed us, and called us to tend and to keep it; but we quickly turned from your Will and, like the sheep we were called to shepherd, we went astray. But you have not left us lost in the wilderness; you sent your Law and the Prophets to proclaim your Will, and in the fullness of time you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, as a Suffering Servant, to deliver us back into the safety of your family. And so with your people on earth and the great company of heaven we praise you as we 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: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. As the Suffering Servant, Jesus took upon himself the penalty which we merit, bore within himself our sins, our sicknesses, our infirmities, and through his suffering and death bridged the gap of sin which we have cast between ourselves and each other, between ourselves and you. In his death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus our savior, friend and Lord, has brought an end to sickness and death to sin and separation. By his presence we know the grace and peace of God and are empowered to share these mercies with the whole world.

Lifting the bread) On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Reader 1: (Lifting the cup) When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of 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: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Holy 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, 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:

For the Healing of the Nations

Red Hymnal 428

Liturgist: Carole Harmon

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

Communion Officiant/Server: Kris Elliott

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S:

Sunday 09/21 8:30AM Contemporary Worship Service, ASL & Livestreaming and 11AM Traditional Worship Service, Sunday Adult Bible Study 9:45AM, Children's Sunday School 9:45AM

Monday 09/22 First Day of Autumn, Nurture Team Mtg 1PM

Tuesday 09/23 On Par With God Golf Outing 9AM

Wednesday 09/24 TOPS Mtg 5:45PM, Choir & Bells Rehearsals, 6PM & 7PM

Thursday 09/25 10AM Prayer and Praise Group, SPRC Committee Mtg. 6:30PM

Friday 09/26

Saturday 09/27 AA Mtg 7PM

THE HEALTH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE: invites you to a Mental Health Presentation on **Sunday, September 28, 2025, 3:00PM** in Fellowship Hall. Guest Speaker: Jenn Ford, Manager of Community Education, Mental Health in Delaware, Statistics and Resources will be the focus and there will be an informal Questions & Answers period after the presentation. This event aims to raise awareness about mental health issues, provide valuable resources, and foster open discussions in our community for mental health awareness.

Everyone is welcome and we encourage you to bring your questions and thoughts.

UMM BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM Saturday, October 4th, Please join us for fellowship, food and laughter, the only requirement is that you come ready to eat! If you are able to join us, please contact Mark Holden at 802-279-8100 mark@maholden.com. Please let me know if you are interested in helping to set up and clean up.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: From Hap Bonham: **starting Monday, October 6,** we will meet every Monday at 9:00 AM for the month of October for a Bible study. Come and be fed.

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 23rd and October 7 and 21. Lunch follows at Odessa National at 11:30AM. Everyone is welcome to come out! Contact Don Mueller at dlnueller90@gmail.com, or Steve Johnson at SJohn82602@aol.com for further information.

FINANCE NEWS FROM MELISSA BROOKS/CHAIR:

August Income	\$21,065
August Expense	\$(24,222)

2025 YTD Income	\$211,273
2025 YTD Expense	\$(201,456)

August Yellow Hat Collections
(Sunday collections only)

Back to School	\$674
Bags/Neighborhood House	
Grateful Acres	\$226
The Nest	\$288
Deep Roots Homeless Shelter	\$235
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BIRTHDAYS: September 22 – Bryan Reed; September 23 – Kenzel Messick, Gradaigh O’Hop, Lloyd Sheats; September 26 – Ray Mullins; September 27 – Parker Hickey, Sierre Kearns

ANNIVERSARIES: September 21 – Jessica & Al Schrum; September 22 – Jerry & Cathy Blanco; September 25 – Bob & Sandy Urstadt

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.

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 (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.

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, Henry Spencer, Blain Shoun, 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, Alice Mullins' sister Sue Austin who has been ill, Jeanne Buckworth, 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, Giancarlo and family - the great-grandson baby of Carole & John Harmon who needs prayers with his continuing critical health struggles, Dave Sydnor, for Frances who is battling pneumonia and COPD, Bruce Vanmeter – cousin to Beth O'Grady, on his recovery after heart transplant surgery, Faye Taylor and family on the passing of her nephew, Matthew Smith, Dave Corby, Don Mueller, Melissa Brooks, Lynda Lambert, Elayne Guy, Henry & Christine Spencer after his car accident.

Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for September 2025

9/07/25 Paws for Life (Bev Fawcett)

9/14/25 UMCOR for US Disaster Rsp. Relief

9/21/25 Alzheimer Research (Linda Sydnor)

9/28/25 Deaf Awareness Sunday (Gail Garner)

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 – Wednesdays 6PM
- St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal –Wednesdays 7PM
- 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
- Friends of Zoar Meeting – 2nd Tuesday 6PM

Sunday Adult Bible Study will resume 9/14/2025, 9:45AM

Children’s Sunday School will resume 9/14/2025, 9:45AM

Adult Bible Study will resume Monday, 9/15/2025, 9AM

Men’s Bible Study will resume for the month of October on Monday, October 6, 2025 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 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 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 the second Wednesday of every 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 iluvbr-muda@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.ourdailybreadmot.com/volunteer>. Contact Sue Holden, Missions Co-Chair, at 802-324-6167, susieq2951@aol.com.


Hot Meal Service
Our Daily Bread serves 7 meals a week.
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Lunch: Tuesday & Thursday • 12:00pm–1:00pm
(Dine-In Only)
Dinner: Monday–Friday • 5:00pm–6:00pm
(Dine-In or Take Out)

days/times for meal service remain the same each week
menus are subject to change

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.