



St. Paul's UMC of Odessa  
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out  
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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

November 16, 2025, 8:30AM Contemporary Service, ASL & Livestreaming  
WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

### WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

GATHERING MUSIC AND PHOTOS: Mark Holden - Photographer & Curator, Gail Garner – ASL Interpreter  
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

GATHERING WORDS:

Liturgist – Ellie Leuliette

One: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

**Many: Thus says our God, the Holy One.**

One: Be glad and rejoice in this new creation.

**Many: Celebrate all that is coming to you.**

One: For your weeping shall be met with rejoicing.

**Many: And your suffering will be overtaken with new life.**

One: You will build homes and live in them;

**Many: plant gardens and eat from them.**

One: Whenever you call, I will answer.

**Many: When you cry out, I will come.**

One: Heaven and earth will be filled with my peace.

**Many: Everything will become a new creation.**

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

*I'll Fly Away*

Black Hymnal 2282

**\*OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): Loving and merciful God, we give you thanks. You bring us strength when we feel weak; courage, when we cannot stand. You fill our hearts with your glory and bless our being with your grace. One day in New Jerusalem, we shall all walk in peace. There shall be joy, unspeakable joy. No longer shall there be weeping or wailing; nor shall we bury our daughters and sons prematurely. In New Jerusalem. We will not labor in vain. You protect our lives. In your care, not one hair on our heads shall perish, nor the smallest flutter of peace vanish in our souls. Amen**

WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS:

*We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder* vs.1

Red Hymnal 418

Brian McNelis shares a blessing with our children!

FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 65:17-25* (CEB)

<sup>17</sup> Look! I'm creating a new heaven and a new earth:  
past events won't be remembered;  
they won't come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> Be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I'm creating,  
because I'm creating Jerusalem as a joy  
and her people as a source of gladness.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad about my people.  
No one will ever hear the sound of weeping or crying in it again.

<sup>20</sup> No more will babies live only a few days,  
or the old fail to live out their days.

The one who dies at a hundred will be like a young person,

and the one falling short of a hundred will seem cursed.  
<sup>21</sup> They will build houses and live in them;  
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
<sup>22</sup> They won't build for others to live in,  
nor plant for others to eat.  
Like the days of a tree will be the days of my people;  
my chosen will make full use of their handiwork.  
<sup>23</sup> They won't labor in vain,  
nor bear children to a world of horrors,  
because they will be people blessed by the Lord,  
they along with their descendants.  
<sup>24</sup> Before they call, I will answer;  
while they are still speaking, I will hear.  
<sup>25</sup> Wolf and lamb will graze together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,  
but the snake—its food will be dust.  
They won't hurt or destroy at any place on my holy mountain,  
says the Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 21:5-19* (CEB)

<sup>5</sup> Some people were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and ornaments dedicated to God. Jesus said, <sup>6</sup>“As for the things you are admiring, the time is coming when not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished.”  
<sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? What sign will show that these things are about to happen?”  
<sup>8</sup> Jesus said, “Watch out that you aren't deceived. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I'm the one!’ and ‘It's time!’ Don't follow them. <sup>9</sup> When you hear of wars and rebellions, don't be alarmed. These things must happen first, but the end won't happen immediately.”  
<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes and wide-scale food shortages and epidemics. There will also be terrifying sights and great signs in the sky. <sup>12</sup> But before all this occurs, they will take you into custody and harass you because of your faith. They will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will provide you with an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> Make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance. <sup>15</sup> I'll give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to counter or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed by your parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends. They will execute some of you. <sup>17</sup> Everyone will hate you because of my name. <sup>18</sup> Still, not a hair on your heads will be lost. <sup>19</sup> By holding fast, you will gain your lives.

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

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| HYMN OF PREPARATION:                                                         | <i>My Hope Is Built</i> | Red Hymnal 368   |
| THE MESSAGE:                                                                 | “The Peaceable Kingdom” | Pastor Linda Ray |
| BAPTISMAL COVENANT II                                                        | Isaac Ford Schrum       | Red Hymnal 39    |
|                                                                              | Levi Joseph Schrum      |                  |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ( <i>You may speak aloud your joys and concerns.</i> ) |                         |                  |

**WE GIVE THANKS**

OFFERTORY REMINDERS

THE OFFERTORY: Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **11/16/25 Adopt-A-Family (Brenda Shaffer & Youth)** .

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying):** O God, we are more like the vision in Luke than the vision of Isaiah. We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression and injustice and persecution but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest. We have become pessimistic people. Help us believe—really believe—in Isaiah’s vision of the peaceable kingdom, in your promise of a new heaven and new earth. Let your cry be our cry: “They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.” Amen.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

Pastor Linda Ray  
Communion Server – Ellie Leuliette  
*Communion Setting 2257-a*

**Reader 2 (singing) :**The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also, with you.**

**Reader 2:** Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Reader 2:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Reader 1:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. 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 Jesu Chris, 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:

*Communion Setting 2257-b*

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

**Reader 2** Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. 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:

*Communion Setting 2257-c*

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Reader 2:** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and 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. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

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

**Our Father, 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.**

COMMUNION SONG: *Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine* Black Hymnal 2266  
(*The congregation will come forward to partake of the bread and cup.*)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

CLOSING MUSIC: *Soon and Very Soon* Red Hymnal 706

***SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY***

Liturgist: Ellie Leuliette

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

Communion Officiant/Server: Ellie Leuliette

Musicians: Duane Dillard – Minister of Music

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

**Sunday 11/16 8:30AM Contemporary Worship Service with ASL & Livestreaming, and 11AM Traditional Worship Service, Adult Bible Study 9:45AM, Children's Sunday School 9:45AM, Choir Practice 9:45AM**

**Monday 11/17 Bible Study 10AM**

**Tuesday 11/18 Leadership Comm. Mtg. 6:30PM**

**Wednesday 11/19 TOPS Mtg 5:45PM, Bells Rehearsals 6PM**

**Thursday 11/20 10AM Prayer and Praise Group**

**Friday 11/21**

**Saturday 11/22 AA Mtg 7PM**

**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE CONTINUES:** packets are available and labeled with your names. Extra cards and packets will be in Fellowship Hall also. Please **return your financial pledge card in a sealed envelope, addressed to Alice Mullins, Treasurer** and put it in the collection basket or put them in the locked black box on the wall at the side, back door, or put them in the black box on the wall at the top of the steps to the church office marked 'TREASURER/FINANCIAL' or you can give them directly to Alice Mullins (only Alice). This is so we maintain your privacy and the safety of your financial information.

The Time and Talent and the Prayer and Worship cards can be put in the collection plate or given to Pastor Linda.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** At Tree of Life Church, Odessa, Monday, **November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.**

**OLD UNION CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Sunday, December 7, 2025 @3PM.**

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

**JOY GROUP SAVE THE DATES!**

God's Power & Light @The Everett Theatre -A Christmas Story: The Musical - This show is based on the 1983 film where Ralphie wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. The show captures the spirit of the holidays, family life and childhood dreams through catchy tunes and heartfelt scenes.

We will be going on **November 23rd at 2:00PM** with dinner to follow. If you are interested in the show or dinner please contact Nadine Johnson at [Nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:Nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com) or call 973-600-7976.

You may get your tickets from Charlotte Miller. Nadine Johnson will need to know about dinner so she can make reservations.

We have booked yet another JOY event at Sight & Sound in Lancaster!! We will be going to see "JOSHUA" on **Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.** At this point, 50 seats have been reserved. There is no payment due until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, but if you are contemplating attending the show, and if you might consider purchasing ticket(s) as a Christmas gift, please let us know so we can put your name on the list. Contact Karen Ellis at [iluvbrmuda@gmail.com](mailto:iluvbrmuda@gmail.com) or Nadine Johnson at [nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up for what promises to be another amazing show!!

**UMM DATES TO REMEMBER:** Family Outing **Saturday January 17, 2026 2:00PM** at the University of Delaware Basketball game. Please contact Mark Holden, at 802-279-8100 or [mark@maholden.com](mailto:mark@maholden.com).

**Next UMM Breakfast is February 28, 2026.**

**FINANCE NEWS FROM MELISSA BROOKS/CHAIR:**

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| October Income  | \$23,800   |
| October Expense | \$(25,902) |

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| 2025 YTD Income  | \$271,851   |
| 2025 YTD Expense | \$(257,733) |

**Yellow Hat Total Collection for Month of October** (cash, checks and online giving) **\$ 1,420.58:**

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| World Communion Sunday | \$ 312.02 |
| Friendship House       | \$ 288.74 |
| Autism Walk            | \$ 314.10 |
| Our Daily Bread        | \$ 505.72 |

**BIRTHDAYS:** November 16 – Rob Baker; November 18 – Alexa Rodriguez; November 19 – John Harmer, Al Schrum; November 20 – Susan Haberstroh; November 22 – Jorge Rodriguez

**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, Blain Shoun, Skip Bason, 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, 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, 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, Bruce Vanmeter – cousin to Beth O'Grady, on his recovery after heart transplant surgery, Dave Corby, Elayne Guy, all those Church members families and friends currently fighting illnesses, Jordan Ingram, son of Allen & Mary Ingram, as he suffers through breakthrough seizures and medication adjustments, for Sue Menei on the passing of a family member. Taylor and Tommy Foote recovering from a car accident, for the father of Melissa Brooks having heart surgery and her brother for traveling mercies in getting to Delaware, and for Dave Corby that his surgery goes well.

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

**11/02/25 Congo Partnership**

**11/09/25 Colette W Bleistine-Paying it Forward Foundation by Nance Bleistine**

**11/16/25 Adopt-A-Family (Brenda Shaffer & Youth)**

**11/23/25 United Methodist Student Day**

**11/30/25 Mosaic of Delaware Group Home (Mary Ingram)**

**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 –Sundays 9:45AM
- 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, 9:45AM

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

**Adult Bible Study** - Monday's 10AM

### **Flowers for Worship**

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**Flowers sign-up chart and form with instructions on the Narthex bulletin board.**

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**Compassionate Card Ministry**



The Compassionate Card Ministry is made up of 20 dedicated members of our congregation who create hand-made cards and encouraging messages to those in our directory, within our congregation, those on our prayer lists and others who are brought to our attention. Our purpose is to spread kindness and love to others through uplifting and personalized sentiments on hand-made cards. If you are not in our directory and would like to be added to our list, or if you know someone who would benefit from the blessing of a card, please contact Ellie Leuliette at 484-432-4673.

### **Prayer and Praise Group Ministry**

Carole Harmon hosts a prayer circle, currently Thursday mornings at 10 AM - in person. Please contact Carole if you are interested in joining the group or have a special prayer request. You can also find prayer request cards and box on the corner shelf in the Narthex.

### **VANCO: Manage Your Giving Online**

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at [www.stpaulsodessa.org](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 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](mailto:iluvbr-muda@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).



*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.

