



St. Paul's UMC of Odessa
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out
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22nd Sunday After Pentecost
Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday
November 9, 2025, 8:30AM Contemporary Service
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 – Joy Littell

One: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

Many: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.

One: Yet God is with us.

Many: All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.

One: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

Many: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

Great Is the Lord

Black Hymnal 2022

***OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we barely remember all that has gone before. Our memories of former glory are filtered through so many experiences, through joy and through pain. Our today is blurred by our anxieties and our fears, and we cannot always see what you are doing in our midst. Your prophet asks us to take courage and know that you are with us, that your spirit abides among us. Remind us that you abide not in buildings but in the people who call on your name. Help us trust in the splendor that will come as we continue to build up the body and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen**

WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS:

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder vs.1

Red Hymnal 418

*We are climbing Jacob's ladder. We are climbing Jacob's ladder. We are climbing Jacob's ladder.
Soldiers of the cross.*

Ellie Leuliette shares a blessing with our children!

PASS THE PEACE: (safely share words and signs of blessing)

I Love You With The Love Of The Lord

Words and Music by Jim Golbert. CCLI Song #10130

I love you with the love of the Lord, yes, I love you with the love of the Lord. I can see in you the glory of my King, and I love you with the love of the Lord.

FIRST LESSON: Haggai 1:15b-2:9 (CEB)

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai saying:

Speak now to Zerubbabel Son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Johozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people and say: Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest, take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this

house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 20:27-38* (CEB)

²⁷ Some Sadducees, who deny that there's a resurrection, came to Jesus and asked, ²⁸ "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that *if a man's brother dies leaving a widow but no children, the brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.*" ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first man married a woman and then died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third brother married her. Eventually all seven married her, and they all died without leaving any children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ In the resurrection, whose wife will she be? All seven were married to her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "People who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy to participate in that age, that is, in the age of the resurrection from the dead, won't marry nor will they be given in marriage. ³⁶ They can no longer die, because they are like angels and are God's children since they share in the resurrection. ³⁷ Even Moses demonstrated that the dead are raised—in the passage about the burning bush, when he speaks of the Lord as *the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.*" ³⁸ He isn't the God of the dead but of the living. To him they are all alive."

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *God Is Good All the Time*

Green Hymnal 3026

THE MESSAGE: "God Of The Living"

Pastor Linda Ray

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*You may speak aloud your joys and concerns.*)

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY REMINDERS

THE OFFERTORY: Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **11/09/25 Colette W Bleistine-Paying it Forward Foundation (Nance Bleistine).**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): **Holy God, the vibrations of our worry shake us to the core. We want answers now, not tomorrow. Our minds demand proof that all will be well. We refuse to wait with peace and patience for certainty. We accuse you of mishaps, even when your hand has only loved us. As the earth's roads crack below us, your sacred foundation sturdies us. May your strength strengthen us in times of trouble and distress, that we may move forward with hope. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Pastor Linda Ray

Communion Server – Joy Littell

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.

Communion Setting 2257-d

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: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Black Hymnal 2129

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Joy Littell

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

Communion Officiant/Server: Joy Littell

Musicians: Duane Dillard – Minister of Music

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S:

Sunday 11/09 8:30AM Contemporary Worship Service and 11AM Traditional Worship Service, ASL & Livestreaming, Adult Bible Study 9:45AM, Children's Sunday School 9:45AM
Monday 11/10 Bible Study 10AM
Tuesday 11/11 Veteran's Day, ODB, Health Ministries Mtg. 2PM
Wednesday 11/12 Deep Roots Food Drop-Off by 4:15PM, TOPS Mtg 5:45PM, Choir & Bells Rehearsals, 6PM & 7PM
Thursday 11/13 10AM Prayer and Praise Group, ZOAR Mtg. 6PM
Friday 11/14 Compassionate Card Group Luncheon 12-2PM
Saturday 11/15 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.

FALL CLEAN UP DATE: The St. Paul's UMC Fall clean up for indoor and outdoor tasks has been scheduled to begin **Saturday, November 8th through Friday/Saturday November 14th/15th**. Tasks can be done Saturdays until 6:30PM as AA meets at 7PM. As usual we will have index cards with tasks stated, as you complete your selected task/s, please sign the card and put it in the basket available. Your time in volunteering and helping is very much appreciated!

GRIEF SHARE: Will begin again at 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 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 1st 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 or Nadine Johnson at 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.

Next UMM Breakfast is February 28, 2026.

FINANCE NEWS FROM MELISSA BROOKS/CHAIR:

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

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:**

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

BIRTHDAYS: November 11 – Bob Beavers; November 12 – Nancy Weldin; November 13 – Ryan Ellis; November 14 – Sam Rodgers; November 15 – Stephen Blanco, John Gill

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, 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.

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 –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 - Monday's 10AM

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.

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.



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.

“Climb the Ladder”

TIME AND TALENT SURVEY

I feel God calling me to serve in these areas:

Please make each category of interest where you are willing to volunteer your time and talents at

St. Paul's this year. A separate survey should be used for each individual in your household including children and youth.

Administration

- ☐ Leadership Team Co-Chair
- ☐ Leadership Team Member
- ☐ Auditor
- ☐ Bookkeeper/Treasurer
- ☐ Computer Support
- ☐ Finance Team Chair
- ☐ Finance Team Member
- ☐ Counter
- ☐ Lay Leader
- ☐ Nominations Team
- ☐ Lay Servant
- ☐ Membership Team
- ☐ SPRC (Staff-Parish) Chair
- ☐ SPRC (Staff-Parish) Member
- ☐ Stewardship Team
- ☐ Trustees Chair
- ☐ Trustees Member
- ☐ Maintenance Team
- ☐ Yardwork

PROGRAM

- ☐ Nurture Team, Co-chair
- ☐ Prayer Ministry participant
- ☐ Compassionate Card Ministry
- ☐ JOY (Just Older Youth)
- ☐ Fellowship Time Coordinator
- ☐ Green Church Team
- ☐ Weekly Bible Studies
- ☐ Men's Bible Study, (Oct. & Apr) Leader
- ☐ Men's Bible Study (Oct. & Apr.) Participants
- ☐ Congregational Care
- ☐ Deaf Ministries
- ☐ ASL Interpreter
- ☐ Photographer
- ☐ Reconciling Ministry Team
- ☐ Health Ministries Team
- ☐ Safe Church Team

- ☐ United Methodist Men Member
- ☐ Mid-week Bible Study, Leader
- ☐ Mid-week Bible Study, Member
- ☐ United Women in Faith Member
- ☐ United Methodist Youth Member
- ☐ Outreach Team, Co-chair
- ☐ Neighborhood House
- ☐ Deep Roots
- ☐ Our Daily Bread
- ☐ Youth Mission Trip
- ☐ Friendship House
- ☐ Wawa Food Distribution
- ☐ Yellow Hat Offerings
- ☐ Scouts
- ☐ Witness Team Co-chair
- ☐ Worship and Arts Team
- ☐ Acolyte
- ☐ Altar Guild
- ☐ Greeter
- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Liturgist Lay Reader
- ☐ Children's Time Team Member
- ☐ Communion Assistant
- ☐ Drama
- ☐ Praise Team Member
- ☐ Choir Member
- ☐ Handbell Choir Member
- ☐ Instrumentalist—Which instrument:
- ☐ Tech Support-Prepare Power Point Slides for worship service
- ☐ Tech Support – Livestream worship service
- ☐ Tech Support – Run Slides during worship service
- ☐ Tech Support – Audio/Soundboard Controller
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Adult Bible Study Leader
- ☐ Adult Bible Study Participant
- ☐ Children's Sunday School Teacher
- ☐ Children's Sunday School Participant

Name:

Phone:

Email:

PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD TO THE PASTOR



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

“Climb the Ladder”

I/we will make a financial *pledge* of \$_____ to
the 2026 **General Budget** (Jan. 1-Dec. 31).

I/we will contribute this pledge to the **General Budget**:

\$_____ weekly (52 contributions), or

\$_____ semi-monthly (24 contributions), or

\$_____ monthly (12 contributions),

\$_____ as follows: _____

Annual giving estimates can be adjusted at any time.

*They may be placed in the offering plates in worship,
mailed to the church office, or through online
bank or credit card payments – see stpaulsodessa.org*

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**PLEASE RETURN ALL FINANCIAL PLEDGE
CARDS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TO
ALICE MULLINS, TREASURER, ONLY**



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“Climb the Ladder”

My/our commitment to Witness is to share our
faith story _____ times each month.

My/our commitment to prayer for our Church

And others needs is _____ times each month.

My/our commitment to presence this year is to
attend worship services _____ times each month.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE RETURN PRAYER CARDS TO THE PASTOR