



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out
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Second Sunday After the Epiphany Human Relations Day

January 18, 2026, 11:00 AM Service
WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

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

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

**(please stand in body or spirit)*

GATHERING WORDS:

Liturgist – Rick Pulling

One: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

Many: A light to all the nations!

One: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

Many: A light to all the nations!

One: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

Many: A light to all the nations!

One: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

Many: A light to all the nations!

One: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

Many: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world.

*OPENING HYMN:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Red Hymnal 140

***OPENING PRAYER (all praying): Guide our feet, Lord. Show us the light of grace when we would judge others too harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we would speak icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness tries to take over the day. Use us, Gracious God, as instruments of your mercy and compassion. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. Amen.**

WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS:

Step By Step

Green Hymnal 3004

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. O God you are my God and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways; and step by step you'll lead me and I will follow you all of my days.
Ellie Leuliette shares a blessing with our children!

FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 49:1-7* (CEB)

Listen to me, coastlands;

pay attention, peoples far away.

The LORD called me before my birth,

called my name when I was in my mother's womb.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

and hid me in the shadow of God's own hand.

He made me a sharpened arrow,

and concealed me in God's quiver,
³ saying to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I show my glory."
⁴ But I said, "I have wearied myself in vain.
 I have used up my strength for nothing."
 Nevertheless, the LORD will grant me justice;
 my reward is with my God.
⁵ And now the LORD has decided—
 the one who formed me from the womb as his servant—
 to restore Jacob to God,
 so that Israel might return to him.
 Moreover, I'm honored in the LORD's eyes;
 my God has become my strength.
⁶ He said: It is not enough, since you are my servant,
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to bring back the survivors of Israel.
 Hence, I will also appoint you as light to the nations
 so that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
⁷ The LORD, redeemer of Israel and its holy one,
 says to one despised,
 rejected by nations,
 to the slave of rulers:
 Kings will see and stand up;
 commanders will bow down
 on account of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the holy one of Israel,
 who has chosen you.

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

The Summons vv. 1,2,5

Black Hymnal 2130

*GOSPEL LESSON: *John 1:29-42* (CEB)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one about whom I said, 'He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.' ³¹ Even I didn't recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel." ³² John testified, "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. ³³ Even I didn't recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and testified that this one is God's Son."

³⁵ The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?"

They said, "Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?"

³⁹ He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated *Christ*). ⁴² He led him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated *Peter*).

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

THE MESSAGE:

“Come and See”

Pastor Linda Ray

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of Grace and God of Glory, you bless us with water and the Spirit, that we might know the fullness of life. As we strive to be a light to the nations, may others be brought to the dawn of your glory. Bless the gifts we bring before you now, that they might reach the very ends of the earth and help those struggling to find the light. Amen

THE OFFERTORY: Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **General Missions Fund**.

CHORAL ANTHEM:

Be The Change by Mark Kaplan and Colin Brit

Chancel Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY:

Red Hymnal 95

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Pastor Linda Ray

Officiant Server- Rick Pulling

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 a right and joyous thing to lift our hearts and hands to you, God of Light and Love, in thanksgiving for the gift of your grace. We know we are not alone because you have chosen to reveal your presence in our world. As we consider the lilies of the field, we are amazed by your intricate creativity. As we discover our interconnectedness with all living things we are filled with awe and wonder at the beauty of your dance of life. Before we knew the unsearchable riches of your child Jesus, we walked in shadows and cloud. But now as you reveal radiance to the world, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place and join their unending hymn:

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

Reader 2: You are holy and the full epiphany of your glory is Jesus Christ. In Jesus You were seen in the life of a child. In Jesus You were seen in the life of a youth you stayed behind in the temple and worried his earthly parents. In Jesus You offered to us countless treasures; radiant with life and grace.

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: Presence of God, open our eyes that we might recognize your presence with us in the lives of everyone we meet, in all the places we visit, in all the words shared, in every action taken, may we see your epiphany and

worship you, Jesus, may we adore you, most Holy Spirit, may we appreciate you, Creator God, Holy Trinity, now and forever.

ALL: AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

Reader 2: Now in celebration of God's epiphany in Jesus Christ, may we join in prayer saying together:

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 receive the bread and cup.)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

WE GO IN THE SPIRIT!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

SENDING HYMN:

O Zion Haste

Red Hymnal 573

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Rick Pulling

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

Communion Officiant/Server: Rick Pulling

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

Altar flowers today are donated by Ellie Leuliette in honor of Dick Leuliette and in remembrance of what would have been their 25th wedding anniversary on January 20th.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S:

Sunday 1/18 Worship Services 8:30AM with Livestreaming and ASL and 11AM, Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:45AM, Choir Practice 9:45AM, Community Worship Service, Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, 3:30 PM Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Middletown

Monday 1/19

Tuesday 1/20 Adult Bible Study 5:30PM, Leadership Comm. Mtg. 6:30PM

Wednesday 1/21 St. Paul's Book Club Mtg. 10AM, TOPS 5 PM, Handbell Choir 6 PM

Thursday 1/22 Prayer and Praise Team 10 AM, SPRC Comm. Mtg. 6:30PM, MCC Rehearsal, 7 PM

Friday 1/23

Saturday 1/24 Lay Leaders Meeting, 10 AM, AA Mtg 7PM

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES TO DATE: Per Alice Mullins/Treasurer 70 pledges - \$215,552

Packets and extra cards are still available in Fellowship Hall. 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 in the black box on the wall at the top of the steps to the church office marked 'TREASURER/FINANCIAL'.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MONTHLY & YTD BUDGET TOTALS/MELISSA BROOKS CHAIR:

December Income	\$ 28,959
December Expense	<u>(\$36,036)</u>
	(\$7,077)
2025 YTD Income	\$ 324,282
2025 YTD Expense	<u>(\$318,980)</u>
	\$ 5,302

We ended 2025 in the black! Thank you to everyone for your continued support of SPUMC.

December Yellow Hat:

12/7	World Vision	\$ 319.00
12/14	Neighborhood House	\$ 265.72
12/21	Youth Ministries	\$ 675.93
12/28	Charity Waters	\$ 255.72

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Updated-new Procedure of Disbursement Vouchers as of January 2026

To submit a Disbursement Voucher for reimbursement, please follow these general steps:

Obtain a Disbursement Voucher Form: This form is available from the church office and must be completed with the necessary information. **Forms are in the wall bin before the Church Office door.**

Attached Required Documents: Include original receipts, invoices, and any other supporting documentation.

No Signature for Approval Needed: The Treasurer will approve and reach out to the requester if there are any questions.

Submit the Form: Make sure all documents are placed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Treasurer, Alice Mullins. **Place envelope in black locked box marked Treasurer, located on the landing, leading up to the Church Office.**

Receiving Payment: Once processed, the Treasurer will remit the payment to the requester.

Please Note: Disbursement Vouchers must be submitted within 2 weeks from the incurred expense. After 2 weeks, reimbursement will need to be approved by the Finance Committee.

Peace & Blessings, Alice Mullins, Treasurer/Financial, St. Paul's UMC, Odessa

ATTENTION BOOKIES OF ST. PAUL'S!! After the chat meeting of women and discussing with the Nurture Committee, we've decided to start a **Book Club**. **We will meet every other month starting January 21, 2026 @10AM.** Our first meeting will include author FAYE GREEN who is a past member of our church. Her latest book is called THE FINEST COTTON. This 2025 fiction novel is about a grandmother named Lucille Cotton and her opinionated talking cat, which causes her grandchildren to react to her travels and escapades.

Faye will be joining us in January to discuss her book and how she started writing. I am taking orders for the book and picking them up from Faye the last week in November. The books are \$15 and I will have them at church the weekend after Thanksgiving. This should give everyone plenty of time to read it before we meet with her. As Please feel free to ask friends to join us. Contact Nadine Johnson at Nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com or call 973-600-7976 if you would like to order a book.

MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT: Sunday, January 25, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's The Concert is titled "Walking In The Light" and will feature songs of Hope, Joy, and Justice. Go to mccmusic.org for ticket information.

UMM DATES TO REMEMBER: Next UMM Breakfast is February 28, 2026. Please contact Mark Holden, at 802-279-8100 or mark@maholden.com, for more information to help.

JOY GROUP SAVE THE DATE!

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!!

BIRTHDAYS: January 18 – Kurt Foreman; January 19 – Mary Ingram; January 20 – Carl Ravilious; January 22 – Caroline Kearns

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: 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 Brantlund 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, 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, 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 Dave Corby, the family of Linda Sydnor as they deal with health issues, Shirley Walker on the recent passing of her son, Patricia Bower on the death of her brother and her health issues, Sharan Duren on her health issues, Alyssa Chapas, recently diagnosed with breast cancer, who is the daughter to long-time friend of Don Mueller, Alice Mullins' brother recently diagnosed with Parkinson's.

Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for January 2026

1/4/26 Friends of Zoar (Steve Johnson)

1/11/26 Our Daily Bread (Sue Holden)

1/18/26 General Missions Fund

1/25/26 Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge (Cathy Blanco, Melanie Blanco)

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 PM. Beginning in December 2025
- St. Paul's Prayer and Praise Group Ministry – Thursdays 10AM @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 – 1st Monday 6:30 PM
- SPRC Meeting – 4th Thursday 6:30 PM
- Leadership Meeting – 3rd Tuesday 6:30PM
- Friends of Zoar Meeting – 2nd Thursday 6PM
- Pak-A-Sak Sunday – First Sunday of the Month
- St. Paul's @ODB – Second Tuesday of the Month
- St. Paul's Deep Roots Food Collection – Second Wednesday of the Month

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

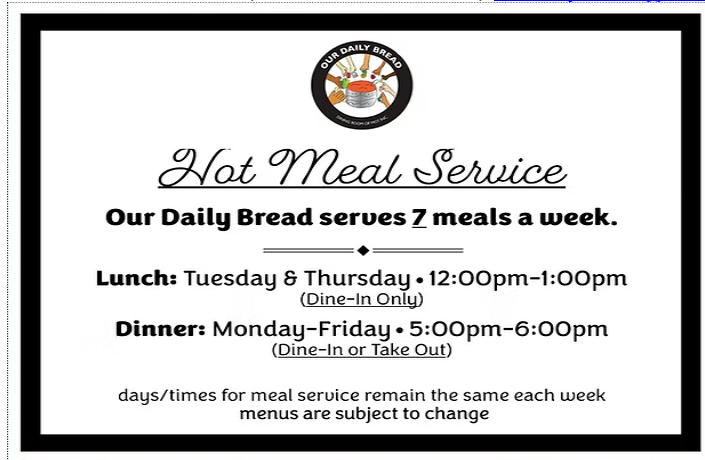
Nadine Johnson & Karen Ellis continue to work with the “Deep Roots” mission. This group works with families who are disconnected through homelessness and provides transitional shelter and other services to families in need. They need your help as they continue to contact members of the church to help 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.