



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026, 8:30 AM Service with ASL and 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

GREETING

**(indicates to please stand in body or spirit)*

GATHERING WORDS:

Liturgist – Brian McNelis

One: Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

Many: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

One: We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

Many: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

One: We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.

Many: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

One: Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

Many: We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice.

*PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

Across the Lands

Green Hymnal 3032

OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): **Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, journey beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. Restore our souls, Gentle Savior, and lead us in the paths of righteousness, that we may walk in the ways of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. 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!

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: *Acts 2:42-47* CEB

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. ⁴³A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were united and shared everything. ⁴⁵They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them.

⁴⁶Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. ⁴⁷They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

*GOSPEL LESSON: *John 10:1-10* CEB

1 I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. 2 The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. 5 They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice." 6 Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying.

7 So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. 8 All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Red Hymnal 452

THE MESSAGE: "Whose Voice?" Pastor Linda Ray

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

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY REMINDERS

Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **4/26/26 Camp Pecometh.**

MUSICAL REFLECTION: *Wade In The Water* Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): **God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships – with you and with others. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous with the poor and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice. We feel the stains of our sins, God; have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Wash the sinfulness out of us and help us to live more faithfully as your servants. We seek your unfailing Lordship and ask for your guiding hand on our lives. You are the immortal, invisible One; to you be honor and glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: Pastor Linda Ray
Communion Server – Brian McNelis

Reader 2 (singing) :The Lord be with you. *Communion Setting 2257-a*

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 you our thanks and praise, O God! You created the world by speaking life into being.

You placed within us and within each plant and animal of your creation amazing abilities to form and nurture new life, so that your creation might be renewed, reborn, season by season. You covenanted with your people and gave them Law that showed the way of Life, a path of peace, justice, mercy, reverence, love.

You provided wise men and women as judges for your people to show them the path to Life. You called forth prophets who dared to speak the truth of Life to worldly powers that did not always want to hear the truth. You

sent Jesus, your Son to walk in the way of Life, that we might follow. He suffered and died because of his refusal to participate in the death-dealing violence of the world. He rose again in victory because the powers of death cannot overcome the Divine power of Life. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise you and 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: Reader 2: Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

(Lifting the bread) Jesus sat with his friends at the table, sharing a meal. Jesus took the bread, lifted it to you, and blessed it. Jesus broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying: “This bread is my life, a gift for you and for many. Eat this bread and remember me.”

Reader 1: (Lifting the cup) When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “Drink from this cup. This cup represents my love, a sign of the new covenant. It brings forgiveness from sin as it quenches your thirst. Drink from this cup and remember me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ’s offering for us, 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: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon your gifts of bread and cup. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who seek to follow in his life-giving way., that we may further your reign of peace and justice in every place. As we share this holy meal, we invite your life to fill us; we invite your Spirit to lead us more faithfully to be the body of Christ in the world. All glory and honor 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: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Red Hymnal 402

(The congregation will come forward to receive the bread and the cup.)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

CLOSING MUSIC: *Victory in Jesus* Red Hymnal 370

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Brian McNelis

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

Communion Officiant/Server: Brian McNelis

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday 04/26 8:30AM Contemporary Service with ASL & Livestreaming, 11AM Traditional with Livestreaming, Adult Bible Study and Children's Sunday School 9:45 AM, Choir Practice 9:45AM

Monday 04/27

Tuesday 04/28 Confirmation Classes 5PM

Wednesday 04/29 TOPS Mtg 4:30 PM

Thursday 04/30 10AM Prayer and Praise Group, MCC Choir Practice 7PM

Friday 05/01

Saturday 05/02 Lay Leaders Mtg. 10AM, AA Mtg 7PM

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: will begin on Tuesday, April 14 at 5 p.m. Please let Pastor Linda know what dates and times would work best for you so that a class can form. Confirmation Class is for any person 12 years old and older who has not made a profession of faith and is interested in/curious about church membership. Looking forward to your input.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: March 2026 Monthly & YTD Budget Totals/Melissa Brooks/Chair:

Income	\$ 34,704
Expenses	\$(23,439)
Net Gain	\$ 11,264

2026 YTD:

Income	\$ 95,895
Expenses	\$(83,395)
Net Gain	\$ 12,500

March Yellow Hat:

Society of St. Andrews	\$225.97
Red Bird Mission Trip	\$312.97
Harvest Outreach (HOPP)	\$263.22
Card Ministry	\$396.62
Neighborhood House	\$402.69
TOTAL	\$1,601.47

FLAGS FOR HEROES FOR MEMORIAL DAY 2026: Do you know someone that you would like to honor as a hero by sponsoring an American flag? Flags will be proudly displayed at Middletown High School, along Route 299, the week before and the week after Memorial Day and Veterans' Day 2026. Heroes (past or present) could be a military member, first responder, teacher, parent or any other individual or organization that you

admire. The project is being hosted by the Southern New Castle County Rotary Club, in partnership with the Middletown High School Army Junior ROTC. The cost is \$50 for each hero. Please see Charlotte Miller for an order form.

HOPE BIKE TOUR COOKIE DRIVE: On **May 9th** Law Enforcement United Road to Hope Bike Tour will be rolling into Rehoboth after the first leg of their journey from Atlantic City to Washington DC. These are police officers and retired police officers from the Northeast. There will be Delaware riders in the mix. They will be spending the night at the Fairfield Inn. I have arranged an evening cookout for about 175 folks. I would ask that St. Paul's bake cookies as we did last year for the riders. It was a HUGE hit and folks are still talking about it. **Please let me know what you are baking and how many and I'll keep a list going.** Store bought are fine if you don't feel like baking. Some of you just made cash donations; that works too ! Please have your cookies at St. Paul's **NO LATER THAN May 7th at 5 PM** so I can gather them up.

My thanks, Rick Pulling

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: meets next on **Wednesday, May 20th at 10:00AM.** The book is Theo of Golden by Allen Levi.

JOY GROUP SAVE THE DATE! Our trip to see the "Joshua" show is getting closer, so here is the latest update: **On Thursday, May 21st,** we will head to the Hershey Farm Restaurant for lunch that will be served at 12:00. "Joshua" will begin at 3:00, but we will need to arrive at the theater by 2:15. Payment for the show & lunch is due by Thursday, April 30. **THERE ARE NO MORE TICKETS AVAILABLE. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO PURCHASED!** If you have any questions, please reach out to Nadine Johnson at nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com or Karen Ellis at iluvbrmuda@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS: April 26 – Kaleigh Kennedy; April 29 – Reed Ashley; April 30 – Paul Loder; May 2 – Morgan Rowley, Alice Atkinson Smith

ANNIVERSARYS: April 26 – Gary & Marilyn Jones; April 27 – Ann & Rob Baker; May 1 - Mike & Cindra Holland

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 to sign up for the date you want, that is on the Narthex bulletin board. COMPLETE THE CARD, in the envelope next to the chart and put it in the collections basket, or put in the church mail bin outside the office door. You can email Bonnie at any time 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, 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, 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, Dave Sydnor, Elayne Guy, for Dave Corby, the family of Linda Sydnor as they deal with health issues, Patricia Bower on 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, Allen Ingram as he continues to heal, Marcia Wheeler, Joe Stemmler and others struggling with health issues and recovery, Ms. Sarah Mullen as she recovers at home, Alice Mullins' niece, Kimberly Kolf, Rick Gerenger, Christopher Moyer for his health and safe deployment, Hap Bonham on his recovery, Kenzel Messick on her recovery, Ellie Leuliette, Angela Christian, Estelle Peters, Jeanne Buckworth, Aaron Malony.

YELLOW HAT COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

4/05/26 Youth Group of St Pauls Charlotte Miller and Janet Miller

4/12/26 Love Thy Neighbor

4/19/26 Cystic Fibrosis (Charlotte Miller)

4/26/26 Camp Pecometh

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 4:30 PM.
- 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 – Quarterly Mtgs, 4th Thursday 6:30 PM – April, July, September
- 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, ends in May 2026.

Children's Sunday School will resume 9/14/2025, 9:45AM, ends in May 2026.

Adult Bible Study - Monday's 10AM and Tuesday's 6:30PM, (except April and October).

Men's Adult Bible Study - April & October, Date & Time TBA

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Compassionate Card Ministry

The Compassionate Card Ministry is made up of 20 dedicated members of our congregation who create handmade 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 iluvbrmuda@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.

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.