



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

May 3, 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 – Cathy Blanco

One: Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers: **Many: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

One: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us: **Many: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

One: In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us: **Many: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

One: In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us: **Many: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

One: Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life. **Many: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God!**

*PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

Victory In Jesus

Red Hymnal 370

OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): **Ever-gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with the milk of your truth, you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen.**

WORDS FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS:

Oh How I Love Jesus

Red Hymnal 170

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me.

Sue Menei 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 7:55-60 CEB*

But Stephen, enabled by the Holy Spirit, stared into heaven and saw God's majesty and Jesus standing at God's right side. ⁵⁶ He exclaimed, "Look! I can see heaven on display and the Human One^[a] standing at God's right side!" ⁵⁷ At this, they shrieked and covered their ears. Together, they charged at him, ⁵⁸ threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses placed their coats in the care of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ As they battered him with stones, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, accept my life!" ⁶⁰ Falling to his knees, he shouted, "Lord, don't hold this sin against them!" Then he died.

*GOSPEL LESSON: *John 14:1-14 CEB*

“Don’t be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. ² My Father’s house has room to spare. If that weren’t the case, would I have told you that I’m going to prepare a place for you? ³ When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. ⁴ You know the way to the place I’m going.”

⁵ Thomas asked, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus replied, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don’t speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

Be Still My Soul

Red Hymnal 534

THE MESSAGE:

“About Those Stones”

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 **5/03/26 Breakthrough T1D (Type 1 Diabetes) (Barbara Lynn Manlove).**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): **Merciful God, we claim that you sent Jesus to us to take away the sin of the world and to say that we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that one is as hurtful as another. Help us not to dwell on vocabulary. Help us not to focus on what sin means but to acknowledge that we do things that hurt other people, and the creation, and ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, then, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Pastor Linda Ray

Communion Server – Cathy Blanco

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: *Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine* Black Hymnal 2266

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

CLOSING MUSIC: *When We All Get to Heaven* Black Hymnal 701

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Cathy Blanco

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

Communion Officiant/Server: Cathy Blanco

Duane Dillard, Minister of Music

Flowers on the altar today are donated by Dave Corby in loving memory of his wife, Jan Corby, on her birthday May 5th.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday 05/03 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, Pak-A-Sak Sunday, UMM Blue Rocks Game 1PM

Monday 05/04 Adult Bible Study 10AM, Witness Team Mtg 1:30PM, Trustees Mtg 6:30PM

Tuesday 05/05 On Par With God Golf Outing 9AM, Health Ministry Comm. Mtg. 2:30PM, Confirmation Classes 5PM, Adult Bible Study 6:30PM, MCC Choir Rehearsal 7PM

Wednesday 05/06 TOPS Mtg 4:30 PM, Handbell Rehearsal 6PM

Thursday 05/07 10AM Prayer and Praise Group, MCC Choir Practice 7PM

Friday 05/08

Saturday 05/09 AA Mtg 7PM

THANK YOU BOB BROOKS!! Bob is the husband to Melissa Brooks, and he very graciously refinished and repaired one of our wood tables in Fellowship Hall. Your hard work and generosity is very much appreciated Bob and the table looks beautiful!

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:

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| Income | \$ 34,704 |
| Expenses | <u>\$(23,439)</u> |
| Net Gain | \$ 11,264 |

2026 YTD:

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| Income | \$ 95,895 |
| Expenses | <u>\$(83,395)</u> |
| Net Gain | \$ 12,500 |

March Yellow Hat:

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| 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: May 3 – Alexandra Stroup, Christine Spencer; May 4 – Chris Blanco, Cedrick Reeves; May 5 – Adreinne Dillard; May 6 – Nicholas Geer; May 8 – Don Mueller, Josh Pompeo

ANNIVERSARYS: May 3 – Bill & Margie Apps; May 5 – John & Joy Littell, David & Wendy Wallace

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 continuing health struggles, Hap Bonham on his recovery, Kenzel Messick on her recovery, Ellie Leuliette, Angela Christian, Estelle Peters, Jeanne Buckworth, Aaron Maloney.

YELLOW HAT COLLECTIONS FOR MAY

5/03/26 Breakthrough T1D (Type 1 Diabetes) (Barbara Lynn Manlove)

5/10/26 Nat’l Police Memorial Day Kennedy 1962 (Rick Pulling)

5/17/26 Urban Promise (Annual Conference) - Latch Key Kids, Wilmington, DE

5/24/26 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Delaware (Carolyn Stanley)

5/31/26 Habitat For Humanity (Dawn Buckworth)

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 walkthrough 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

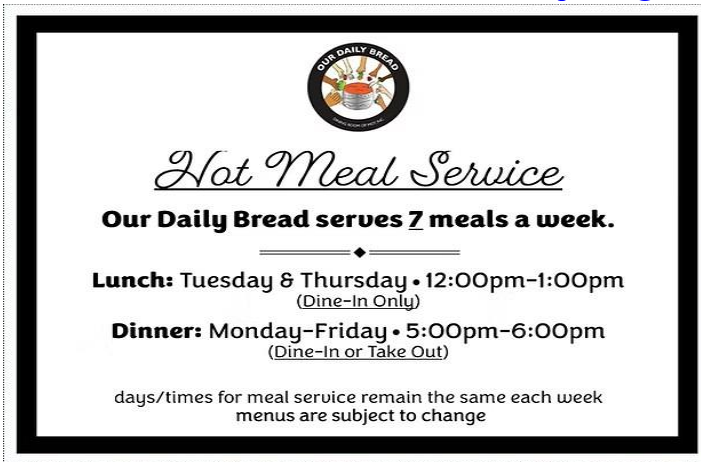
Deep Roots

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.



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.