St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out
Pastor Linda Ray, 406 Main Street, Odessa, DE 302-378-2420
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May 17, 2026, 8:30 AM Service with ASL and Livestreaming

ASCENSION SUNDAY

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, in this season of Eastertide, we remember the blessings God gives us—the blessings of resurrection, salvation, and new life in Christ.
Many: We come to praise God for the blessings of Easter!
One: We recall the blessings of creation—of clean air and water, of food and shelter, of beauty and awe. **Many: We come to praise God for the blessings of creation!**
One: We share in the blessings of community—of family and friends, of church and home, of help that is given and received.
Many: We come to praise God for the blessings of community!
One: Easter people, we gather today to remember Christ's Ascension, when Jesus was taken up into heaven while blessing his disciples, marking not the end but the next chapter of God's salvific work among us.
Many: We come to bless God with our praise as God continues to bless us with all that we need to live as God's resurrection people. Thanks be to God!

*PRAISE AND WORSHIP: *He Is Exalted* Black Hymnal 2070

OPENING PRAYER: (all praying): **God Most High, as Christ ascended into the heavens, may our hearts ascend to you. Open our eyes to the power of your Spirit and open our lives to the fullness of your power, that we may be clothed with power from on high. Teach us anew to wait for your Holy Spirit, that we may be clothed with power on high. In the name of the one who ascended to heaven, show us the way to live here on earth, we pray. 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.

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 1:1-11* CEB

1 Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, **2** right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. **3** After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God's kingdom. **4** While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father

had promised. He said, “This is what you heard from me: [5] John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

[6] As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, “Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?”

[7] Jesus replied, “It isn’t for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. [8] Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

[9] After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10] While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. [11] They said, “Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven.”

*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 24: 44-53* CEB

[44] Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” [45] Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. [46] He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, [47] and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48] You are witnesses of these things. [49] Look, I’m sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power.”

[50] He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. [51] As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. [52] They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. [53] And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Shout to the Lord* Black Hymnal 2074

THE MESSAGE: “Living the Sequel” 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 **5/17/26 Urban Promise (Annual Conference) - Latch Key Kids, Wilmington, DE.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all praying): **We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you 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: *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: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* Black Hymnal 2151

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY
Liturgist: Brian McNelis
Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell & John Cate & Carlotta Cline, Garrett Ray
Communion Officiant/Server: Brian McNelis
Duane Dillard, Minister of Music

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday 05/17 8:30AM Contemporary Service with ASL & Livestreaming, 11AM Traditional Livestreaming, Adult Bible Study and Children's Sunday School 9:45 AM, Choir Practice 9:45AM, MCC Choral Concert 6PM
Monday 05/18 Adult Bible Study 10AM
Tuesday 05/19 Staying On Par With God Golf Outing @Odessa Natl Course 9AM, Confirmation Classes 5PM, Adult Bible Study 6:30PM, Leadership Committee Mtg. 6:30PM
Wednesday 05/20 Women's Book Club Mtg. 10AM, Compassionate Card Ministries Mtg. 1-3PM, TOPS Mtg 4:30 PM
Thursday 05/21 10AM Prayer and Praise Group, JOY Group Event 'Joshua' at Sight & Sound 3PM
Friday 05/22
Saturday 05/23 AA Mtg 7PM

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE: The regular Summer Services reduced schedule **will return on June 7 with just the one 9AM service; this will continue through Labor Day Weekend/ Monday September 7.** Our normal two service schedule will return on September 13, the second Sunday in September.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: will begin on Tuesday, April 14 at 5 p.m. 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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: June 7, 2026, All confirmands, families and friends are invited to the reception following the 9AM Service.

GRADUATE SUNDAY: June 14, 2026, All graduates, families and friends are invited to the reception to follow 9AM Service.

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

April Income $ 23,773

April Expenses $ (26,978)

April Net Loss $ (3,205)

2026 YTD:

Income $ 119,669

Expenses $ (110,453)

Net Gain $ 9,216

YELLOW HAT:

Youth Ministries	$ 739.12
Love They Neighbor	$ 363.97
Cystic Fibrosis	$ 382.97
Camp Pecometh	$ 350.19
Total	**$ 1,836.25**

BIRTHDAYS: May 17 – Dicky Wheeler; May 18 – Bob Connell, Lynda Lambert; May 19 – Eva Scott, Jin Kyung Seo, Andrew Widger; May 20 – Karen Beavers, David Sydnor; May 21 – Sharan Duren

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, 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 Stemmle 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, Ann Newswanger, Aaron Maloney, for Henry Spencer and his upcoming eye surgery.

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
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Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out

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 – ends May 2026, will resume in the Fall
- 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 last class May 2026 at 9:45AM, will resume Fall 2026

Children's Sunday School at 9:45AM ends in May 2026, will resume Fall 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.

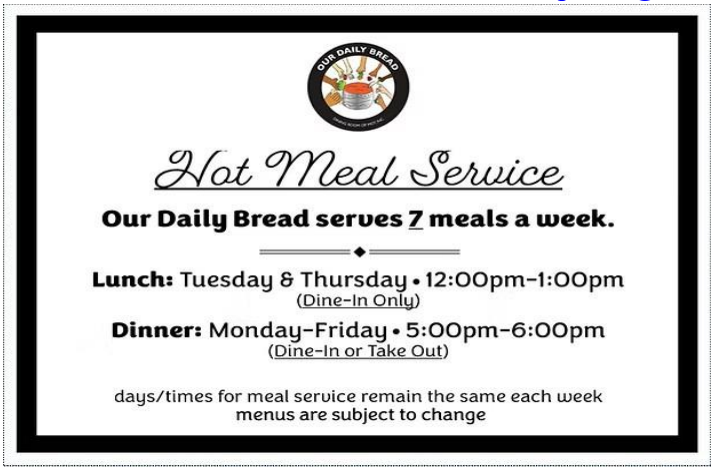
3) Click on the Link to Online Giving thru VANCO button, then

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.