## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

ST. PAUL GOLDEN AGE CENTER will have a Christmas luncheon 11 am at Merry Mac's Tea Room on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Cash donations to offset the cost of the luncheon for GAC members and Kroger gift cards for Christmas baskets will be gratefully received. Send gifts to the church office. Anyone is welcome to come along (Dutch, of course). Many thanks!

<u>DECEMBER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE</u> Come hang out with us!! Youth group is open to 6th grade and up...and adults, you are more than welcome to attend! We play games, go on outings, dive into the Bible, and more. It's a great time to be had by all! **Email**Ashley (<u>waite.ashley@gmail.com</u>) for more info and/or to receive youth emails!

- Sun Dec 7th: Games in the gym 2 to 3:30pm
- Sun Dec 14th: Christmas Party **2 to 3:30pm.** Bring a \$5 (or under!) wrapped gift (the funnier the better!) and a dessert to share to the Christmas party. Please RSVP to Ashley so we know who to expect!

<u>UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY</u> special offering will be received this morning in support of United Methodist scholarship and student loan funds. Please be generous.

CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PROJECT This year St. Paul is again providing Christmas gifts for clients served by the United Methodist Children's Home. Last year we raised more than \$1100 which was used to buy gift cards for high school and college students. This year the Home has a particular need for items for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The staff's wish list includes Baby and Toddler Clothing, Children's Clothing (up to children's size 16), Jeans (up to children's size 16), Cloth and Board Books for Infants and Toddlers, Baby and Toddler Toys, Gender-neutral Toys (arts & crafts, Legos, educational, pretend play, musical instruments, etc.), Diapers, Diaper Bags, Pull-ups (sizes, 3, 4, 5 & 6), Wipes, Baby Supplies (crib sheets, baby gates, teething rings, safety items, diaper bags, pacifiers, etc.), Dolls (most residents are African-American or Hispanic), and the following books: Hootah's Baby by Joanne Green, One for the Murphy's by Linda Mullaly Hunt, Maybe Days by Jennifer Wilgocki and Marcia Kahn Wright, A Terrible Thing Happened by Margaret M. Holmes and Sasha J. Mudlaff, Kids Need to Be Safe by Julie Nelson, Families Change by Julie Nelson, and Murphy's Three Homes by Jan Levinson Gilman and Kathy O'Mally. If you want to contribute a gift or gifts, the items need to be new and unwrapped. You may bring them to church on Sunday November 30 or Sunday December 7 or you can drop them by the church office before December 7. Monetary gifts are also being accepted. Please make your check payable to St. Paul UMC and note that the check is for the Children's Home Christmas Project. This project has been a great success the past several years and we know it will be again this year. Thank you for your support.

34TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS Nine wonderful homes and two very special stops at the L P Grant Mansion and St. John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church are on this year's tour Saturday, December 13th and Sunday, December 14th. Many volunteers are necessary to make this annual event a success. Greatest numbers of helpers are needed 5:45-8 PM and 7:45-10 PM on Saturday and Sunday nights to sit in houses. Some help is needed setting up the artists' market on Friday evening (6-8 PM) and Saturday (12-2 PM). Help will also be needed for breakdown and cleanup on the following Monday from 9-11 AM. Volunteers will each receive a free tour ticket this year. Click on this link to sign up: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4ba5a72ea57-tour">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4ba5a72ea57-tour</a>. Pre-purchase tickets and get other information at <a href="http://www.candlelightTourofHomes.org">www.CandlelightTourofHomes.org</a>. Contact: Kolbi Cumbo-Lynn (kcumbolynn@gmail.com).

CHRISTMAS CONCERT A 70-voice combined choir of the Lynn Swanson and William Baker Festival Singers present two Candlelight and Carols Concerts: Saturday, December 6, at 7 pm at St. Benedict's Episcopal Church and Sunday, December 7 at 3 pm at Grace UMC on Ponce de Leon. Tickets are \$20 adults/\$15 students at the door or \$15 ea in advance. Contact Leslie or Candace at nanista@aol.com, 404 627-1921 for tickets or more information.

**ST. PAUL ON TAP** The final SPOT meeting of the year is Monday, December 8th! Everyone is welcome 7pm at Vickery's (933 Garrett St., SE).

**ST. PAUL T-SHIRTS FOR SALE** \$10, sizes adult S-M-L-XL. Contact the office.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anita Obie (our neighbor Wes Cotner's sister, ovarian cancer recurrence)

Bob Smith and other family of Marian Smith (our neighbor who passed away last week)

<u>CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?</u> We would like to hear from you if there are any people in your lives struggling with faith, finances, health or relationships for whom St. Paul can pray.



## **Poinsettias**

Honor your loved ones and help beautify the Sanctuary for the Christmas and the Candlelight Tour of Homes. Submit your dedications on this form or on plain paper, and place them in the offering (clearly marked Poinsettias) or send them to the church office with your payment of \$10 per plant by December 10th. Dedications will be listed in a special bulletin insert the weekend of December 14th. You may also send your dedications by phone or email to the

church office and forward your check separately.

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