

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

YOUTH LOCK-IN 20 youth and chaperones are meeting at St. Paul for a lock-in from 7 pm Saturday, May 14th to noon Sunday, May 15th. Donations of snacks and breakfast items will be appreciated. Breakfast items that don't have to be cooked will probably be best: pop tarts, bagels, cream cheese, milk, orange juice, doughnuts, etc. Snacks can be anything: popcorn, chips and salsa, goldfish, grapes, cookies, potato chips, drinks, etc. Please leave donations of these items in the kitchen (refrigerated if appropriate). Please mark all items YOUTH so there will be no confusion. Thanks for your generosity!

RAISE THE ROOF! SPECIAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERING 2016 On any given night, there are hundreds of families with children living in extended stay hotels that dot the north Georgia landscape. There are thousands more who are one paycheck, health crisis or car repair bill away from homelessness. In Georgia, we have the second highest rate of homeless veterans in the U.S., and we are in the top 10 for overall poverty rates in the nation. About 1 million of our kids are considered food-insecure. Today, the church has a bold and unique opportunity to step into the stories of their neighbors in need—those struggling with poverty, homelessness, hunger and a lack of education—and help them write a new chapter in their lives. With the help of the **NGUMC Annual Conference special offering**, Action Ministries can **Raise the Roof** over the heads of families in need, providing them with the foundational pillars of hunger relief, housing and educational opportunities. At Annual Conference this year, it is our hope that we can raise \$250,000, which can be leveraged to lead 100 families out of poverty by providing safe, stable housing and wraparound services to ensure they have the skills they need to maintain their independence. To contribute, place a check the Sunday offering between now and June 5. Make your check to St. Paul with “**AC Offering**” in the memo line. Pastor Ellen and Candace McCollough will then present a check from St. Paul during the Service of Remembrance worship on Wednesday, June 8. Please be generous.

2016 ST. PAUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SURF SHACK! “Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love,” June 6th-10th, 8:30am—12 noon. Cost: \$30 per child/\$55 per family. Enjoy a \$5.00 discount per family if you volunteer or sponsor supplies for a day. Volunteer at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JMxmU6R3FAeBsiwRXF19zUKBBC4rDU_xFLavk7IsKfU/viewform?c=0&w=1

Register at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ej9_nn3s_mVD1Raa39ynj6xYR56eUr8Zl7vvlrFtFkl/viewform?c=0&w=1

or get to registration and volunteer pages from stpaulgrantpark.org.

CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN is still accepting pledges. Please send yours in if you have not already done so. Commitment cards are available in the pews and from the ushers' tables.

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CAMP SPARC! REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Click on the big red **REGISTER NOW** button at www.stpaulrec.com.

Camp Schedule:

Camp Hours 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Free Extended Care from 8:00 AM-9:00 AM & 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Age Groups:

Camp SPARC! is for children who are age 6-12. Youngest children must turn 6 by June 1, 2016. Oldest children must not exceed age 12 as of June 1, 2016.

Themes:

There will be one sports and one arts theme assigned to each week of the 2016 summer. The themes are as follows:

Week One (June 6) – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (Mornings only); Flag Football & Hand-crafts (basketweaving, ceramics, sketching) (afternoons)

Week Two (June 13) -- Kickball/Frisbee & Music

Week Three (June 20) -- Field Games & Visual Arts (Photography, Videography, Comics)

Week Four (June 27) -- Tennis and Creative Writing

Week Five (No CAMP, July 4th holiday)

Week Six (July 11) -- Basketball & Cooking

Week Seven (July 18) -- Soccer & Performing Arts

Week Eight (July 25) -- Softball & Painting

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Leo Ramos (Estelli's brother; advanced lymphoma)
- the family of Wayne Evans (Janice Wayte's husband, who died early this morning)