

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

THE ANNUAL UNITED METHODIST PEACE WITH JUSTICE OFFERING will be received Sunday, May 22nd. Your contribution to this offering will give witness to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world. The United Methodist Peace with Justice Sunday offering makes a difference through ministries in the United States and around the world. Please be generous.

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.

RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION ON GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016:

Go to <https://umc.org> for information.

There is a free online course available about General Conference 2016, from United Methodist Communications. Go to <https://umctraining.org/> . You will have to register as a user, and then you will be sent an email link to the class.

There is a free phone app to follow General Conference. For android, go to the Google Play Store and enter UMC General Conference 2016. An iOS app is available at the App Store, or itunes. Or go to this link: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/general-conference-2016-mobile-app>

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Leo Ramos (Estelli's brother; advanced lymphoma)

2016 ST. PAUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SURF SHACK!

"Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love"

DATE: June 6th – June 10th

TIME: 8:30AM – 12:00PM

COST: \$30.00 per child/\$55.00 per family*

WHERE: Location: 501 Grant St SE, Atlanta, GA 30312

(404) 688-7501 * stpaulgrantpark.org

*Enjoy a \$5.00 discount per family if you volunteer or sponsor supplies for a day.

To volunteer, click on: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JMxmU6R3FAeBsiwRXF19zUKBBC4rDU_xFLavk7IsKfU/viewform?c=0&w=1

To register, click on: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ej9_nn3s_mVD1Raa39ynj6xYR56eUr8ZI7vvlrFtFkl/viewform?c=0&w=1

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

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 & Handcrafts (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