

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016**

**WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES**, which is December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. There are a variety of tasks available, including house-sitting, helping set up the Artists' Market, and a variety of other tasks. As a thank you, volunteers get a FREE Candlelight Tour ticket (a \$20 value) and a star in their heavenly crown. A Signup Genius website has been set up to ensure that we fill all the scheduled volunteer slots. It's easy to add your name! Just go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e44a5ac2da5fd0-2016>. Thank you to those who signed up this week! There is still room for each of you!

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE SPECIAL FREE CANDLELIGHT TOUR EVENTS HAPPENING AT ST. PAUL NEXT WEEKEND!** On Saturday (Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>), the Winter Wonderland magically appears from 4-6PM for kids of all ages and their families, and at 5PM our St. Paul children will be performing a dress rehearsal of their Christmas Pageant in the sanctuary, so if you're going on the tour that evening, come early! On Sunday evening (Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>) at 5PM, the St. Paul choir and the Paulines will be performing their Candlelight Concert of Christmas music. And of course, the fabulous Artists' Market and Bake Sale will be in Chester Commons both evenings. Bring your friends and neighbors! All tour information, including tour stops and artists, is at [www.CandlelightTourofHomes.com](http://www.CandlelightTourofHomes.com).

**RAISE THE ROOF** is the theme of this year's special offering for Action Ministries, which provides hunger relief, housing and education for families and veterans caught in poverty. This offering will be received Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 at St. Paul. Please be generous.

**ST. JOHN THE WONDERWORKER ORTHODOX CHURCH** is in need of:

- new and used blankets, shoes, socks, and jackets to distribute to area homeless people as the weather becomes colder. Please remember them as you sort through your winter items in the coming weeks. Please bring your donations to the church office.
- turkeys, hams (may be left in one of the refrigerators in the kitchen but must be clearly marked) and new toys for their Christmas basket program.
- cash donations (always) for the Christmas program and ongoing Loaves and Fishes ministry which feeds the homeless.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING** The end of the year is approaching, and it will be time to redo Sunday volunteer schedules. If you or any of your family members are interested in serving as Acolytes during Morning Worship on Sundays, training could be provided before the end of 2016. Please let the office know if you are interested.

**UM CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PROJECT** This year St Paul is once again helping a family that receives services from the United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur have a special Christmas. This year we have been asked to help a single mother with five children. The family previously lived in one of the cottages on campus, but recently moved to their own place. The mother has sent us a wish list for herself and her children which is below. We will be collecting gifts and gift cards through Sunday December 18. You can contribute in three ways--you can buy gifts from the wish list, you can buy gift cards in any amount and the cards will be used to complete the wish list or will be given directly to the mother, and/or you can send in a check made payable to St Paul with a notation that it is for the Children's Home Christmas Project. Bill McKinnon is coordinating this project again this year so if you have any questions please contact [billindecatur@gmail.com](mailto:billindecatur@gmail.com) .

### Wish List

#### **Charlotte (Parent)**

Anything Pink  
Tablet  
Pots and pans  
Tupperware  
Utensils/ spoons

#### **Damian age 16 (M)**

Gift cards- Footlocker, DTLR, Visa  
Small laptop

#### **Mekhi age 12 (M)**

Favorite color- Red  
Like Panthers Football team  
Tablet

#### **Malik age 9 (M)**

Favorite color- blue  
Action figure/ wrestling

#### **Taleeia age 7 (F)**

Anything Frozen themed  
Shoes size 2  
Sheet and comforter set

#### **TJ age 3 (M)**

Ninja Turtles and Batman  
themed  
Educational toys/ computer  
Kids boom box

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Gracen Penelope Gibbs (update: premature baby girl, born 6 weeks ago weighing 1 lb. 4 oz., now weighs 2 lbs. 2 oz.)