

**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 again this morning 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 (by December 15th).
- cash donations (always) for the Christmas program and ongoing Loaves and Fishes ministry which feeds the homeless.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016**

**THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP FIRST** on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR SERVICES ON DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, CHRISTMAS DAY.** There will be two services on Christmas Eve—Family Christmas Eve at 5 pm and Candlelight Communion at 11 pm.

**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

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#### **aleeia 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