

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE 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. 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. We are still collecting cash and gift cards to complete their wish list. Bill McKinnon is coordinating this project again this year so if you have any questions, please see him.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR SERVICES ON DECEMBER 25TH, CHRISTMAS

DAY. There will be two services on Christmas Eve—Family Christmas Eve at 5 pm and Candlelight Communion at 11 pm.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 26-30.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS are needed for both services on Christmas Eve (5 pm and 11 pm), specifically Liturgists, Ushers and Acolytes. If your family will be worshipping with us Christmas Eve and would be willing to fill a slot, please let the office know.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS Have you thought you might like to participate in worship by reading the scripture lesson? Would you like to greet people as they arrive and help seat them? Like to tell children's stories? Would you bring refreshments to be shared after the service? On any Sunday, there are a number of volunteer positions you could fill:

Liturgist

Usher

Acolyte

Children's Homilist

Loving Childcare

Altar Guild

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation

Offering Counter

If you would like to join one or more of these ministries in the new year, please let the office know as soon as possible. If you have been serving in any of these ministries, but would like to make a change or take a rest, please let the office know that as soon as possible. Training will be provided where needed. The new schedule should go out before the end of the year.

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.

HELP ST. PAUL YOUTH SEND HEALTH KITS TO UMCOR! The youth group received an overwhelming number of supplies for kits. Thank you for your generosity. Cash donations to pay for toothpaste (which UMCOR purchases in bulk) and shipping costs from UMCOR to recipients are still needed. Any excess received over that needed will be donated to the UMCOR fund for Louisiana Flood Relief.

LOVING CHILDCARE Volunteers are needed to help with Loving Childcare on Sunday mornings during 11 am Morning Worship. One volunteer each week will assist new Sunday Shepherd Martika Harris with this children's church program, which will last from after the Children's Sermon through the end of worship. This program is for children ages 3 through 2nd grade. All volunteers are gratefully welcome. Parents of children in this age range who intend to take advantage of the program are expected to volunteer. Please let the office know if you are able to help. A schedule for volunteers will be circulated weekly with the other Sunday volunteer assignments.