ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2017

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Janica Francis and Hilda Simmons (mother and aunt of Sh'Kur Francis, both recovering from surgery and anticipating further treatment for reproductive cancers)
- Robin South (recovering at home)

<u>A SPECIAL OFFERING</u> in support of the North Georgia Housing and Homeless Council will be received this Sunday. Please be generous.

"THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG" is a special Sunday School class designed to use song, conversation, group and individual experience to enable participants to explore their own stories through a spiritual lens to discover where God has been in their lives and where God is going. The class will run four Sundays from March 19th through April 9th at 9am in the adult Sunday School room. All adults are welcome. Sh'Kur Francis will facilitate.

<u>CALLING ALL VBS HEROES</u>! St. Paul will hold Vacation Bible School: Hero Central this summer from **June 5th to 9th from 9am to noon**. At VBS Hero Central, we will help children discover their strength in God through Bible stories, missions, crafts, games, science activities, music and a lot of fun. Save the date for your children to attend and help us spread the word in the community!

We need you to help us in the planning! Can you serve as our Media/PR leader, Volunteer Coordinator, Recreation Leader, Storytelling Leader, Science Leader or Craft Leader? All it takes is a willing heart and a few hours a month. Please email Henrietta Mitchell at hmitchell25@yahoo.com or Laura Wells at hmwells2009@gmail.com or speak to them after worship.

FULTON COUNTY CASA IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to provide representation in juvenile court for child victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect. The program recruits, screens, trains, and supervises adult community members who volunteer their time to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), with the full legal authority set forth by the State of Georgia. CASAs provide advocacy to child victims to ensure that they remain at the forefront of the court proceedings and find a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible. Find out more at www.fultoncountycasa.org or call 404-613-4777.

HOMECOMING, October 29, 2017 with guest preacher, Rev. Susannah Davis. Please consider helping out in various ways to make this a wonderful event for current and former members of St. Paul family. Ways to get involved: sign up to help out or lead a committee, bring food, clean and tidy the church and the yards, publicize, invite and write your St. Paul friends who now live near and far! It's a great time to celebrate St. Paul's family. Contact Candace McCollough (candacemccollough@gmail.com, 404-234-8514) or Leslie Truman (kansasheart@gmail.com 404-713-2691) to sign up, make suggestions and to help out. The initial planning meeting will be March 5 after worship in the fellowship hall.

LENT is upon us. Our Ash Wednesday service will be celebrated at 7 pm March 1st and will include Holy Communion and the distribution of ashes.

<u>CONFIRMATION CLASS</u> for youth in grades 6 through 12 will be offered if there is sufficient interest. If you have a son or daughter in this age group who would like to be confirmed, please contact Pastor Ellen (<u>ellen@stpaulgrantpark.org</u>) or Treah Caldwell (<u>catladyfemme@gmail.com</u>).

REGISTER THE GAC ON YOUR KROGERPLUS CARD You can register the St. Paul Golden Age Center on you KrogerPlus Card and the GAC will receive donations from the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Go to <u>krogercommunityrewards.com</u> to create an account and register your card. The GAC's new NPO number 41641.

30TH ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER in support of the St. Paul Golden Age Center will be February 28^{th} , 5:00-7:30 pm in Huiet Hall. Tickets are \$8/adults, $$5/K-5^{th}$ grade, children pre-K and younger/free. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, bacon, syrup, fruit toppings, milk and juice. Beads, balloons and fun!

<u>PEACHTREE ROAD UMC GREAT DAY OF SERVICE</u> is March 25th. St. Paul volunteers are needed to work with Peachtree Road volunteers on a variety of cleaning, maintenance and repair tasks around the church. All skill levels needed. Marcus Merritt has the jobs list. Please contact him (<u>marcusmerrit@comcast.net</u>) to let him know you would like to help. And please plan to wear your green St. Paul t-shirt or another green shirt on the day.

THE PHOENIX FLIES, Atlanta Preservation Center's annual tour of historic city buildings, is March 4-26, 2017. St. Paul will be open for tours Sunday, March 26th from 1-3pm. One volunteer has stepped forward to be docent on this day, but we'd like to have two people. If you can be on deck to talk with visitors about our church, please let the office know.