

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

BACCALAUREATE This year's graduates (kindergarten, elementary, middle, high school, bachelor, masters or doctoral degree) will be honored during the 11 am service on Sunday, June 4th. Please send to the office by Wednesday, May 31st the names, schools and level/degree of any member of your household who will be graduating this year.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND has been named by Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson as the 2017 Annual Conference Special Offering. MEF is a general church apportioned fund of which 25 percent is retained by our conference. But 100 percent of the giving to the Annual Conference Special Offering will go to United Methodist seminary and course of study students in the North Georgia Conference. You can place your donation in the regular offering **CLEARLY MARKED MEF** any Sunday between now and June 11th. One person from each local church will present a check from their church during the Service of Remembrance on Wednesday, June 14, at 2 p.m. Please give generously to the Annual Conference Special Offering.

FESTIVAL OF CREATIVE WORSHIP You are invited to join the congregation of Grace United Methodist Church (458 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30308) for *Boundless Spirit: A Pentecost Festival of Story and Song*, Saturday, June 3rd, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The ecumenical event will feature artistic and musical leadership from congregations throughout the Atlanta area and highlight the Spirit's movement in the Church, in the world, and in our hearts. A brief reception will follow. For questions about this event, please contact Calissa Dauterman, Minister for Spiritual Formation and Growth at Grace UMC (cdauterman@graceonponce.org or 404-876-0073 or visit <http://graceonponce.org/worship/pentecost-hymn-festival>).

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS COMING SOON! Save these Dates for Reconciling Ministries Worship and Lunch!

Tuesday, 13 June at 7:30 is our worship service at the UGA Chapel. Will Green of New England is our guest preacher. Sermon: Afraid to Laugh.

Wednesday, 14 June at 12:00 is our **Reconciling Ministries** lunch at the **Classic Center**.

Please note the change of venue! Will Green will be our guest speaker. There will be a charge for lunch this year, \$20 per person, and our numbers must be confirmed by Wednesday, June 7th @ 5 pm. Wednesday Talk: Organizing, Power & Imaging Our Movement.

Please reserve your seat(s) for the luncheon by visiting the link below and submitting payment to NGRUM via St. Mark's giving site. goo.gl/PMUEWw

If you prefer to pay in person, please contact us by replying to this message.

About Rev. Will Green:

Rev. Will Green (pronouns: he/him/his) is a gay United Methodist pastor from Massachusetts who has been in parish ministry for 15 years. He is a member of the core team of Love Prevails and in the past has served on the board of directors of the Reconciling Ministries Network. He has been to the last 4 General Conferences. Will is also involved with Black & Pink, an open family of LGBTQ prisoners and "free world" allies who support each other and work toward the abolition of the prison industrial complex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Calling all Heroes! Register now as spots are limited.

Registration closes on May 20th. St. Paul Vacation Bible School this year will be held June 5-9th from 9am to 12pm. The theme for 2017 is Hero Central! During Hero Central, we will take kids on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. **VBS Hero Central** uses epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids (and leaders) discover their strength in God! Children ages 3 years (who are potty trained) through 5th grade are welcome to attend. The cost for the week is \$25 for one child, and \$40 for a family of 2 or more. Aftercare is available for a cost of \$15 per child per day, but must be reserved in advance.

Please visit www.stpaulrec.com and register today. Share with friends, neighbors and extended! St. Paul welcomes all children to our loving summer bible school.

Also, mark your calendar to help decorate the church for VBS on **Saturday, June 6th at 9am**. Many hands make light the work!!

SPONSOR A CHILD FOR SUMMER CAMP The Andrew P. Stewart Center (Clayton Davis, Director) will welcome over 60 children to this year's Summer Camp in the Pittsburgh community of southwest Atlanta. Campers will experience a curriculum designed to build character, develop faith and spur intellectual growth. Campers only pay \$10 for the entire summer camp, so we need your help to provide a high quality experience for each child. Please consider how you might support the children of Pittsburgh.

Sponsor a Child:

Cost per child per week = \$149.50

Cost per child for Summer Camp = \$1043.00

Sponsor a Meal:

Please consider signing up to provide meals for a day or week of Summer Camp.

Healthy snacks for 60 children and/or lunch for 60 children

We are excited to hold this year's camp at Ariel Bowen United Methodist Church. Ariel Bowen is very active in the Pittsburgh community and offers a wealth of resources to enhance summer camp. Ariel Bowen is located at 384 Arthur St, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

Give online: stewartcenter.org. Mail a check: P.O. Box 17772 Atlanta GA 30316

Thank you for your support.

COME HOME TO ST PAUL! Many thanks to the members who have volunteered to help out with preparations for Homecoming: Set-up/ Decorations- Bill Erickson, Dinner - Angela Russell, History and Storycorps - Rachel Quarterone, Children's choir - Laura Magistro Wells, Coffee and Welcome - Nancy Erwin, Music - Kevin Hill, worship - Tally Wells, PR and communications - Rebecca Wallace. This is only a partial list. Please let Leslie (kansasheart@gmail.com) and Candace (nanista@aol.com) know how you would like to help! Spread the word, look for some old photos and share ideas. Most of all, prayer for our committee, our pastor and our congregation, as we prepare to celebrate 110 years of St. Paul!