

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017

NEEDED FOR VBS We need YOU to help decorate the church to prepare for the upcoming Vacation Bible School. **Please mark your calendars to come decorate the church on Saturday, June 3rd from 9am to noon.** We will transform the space into Hero Central for the week of June 5th to 9th when 45 neighborhood children will enjoy growing closer to God at St. Paul. Please also consider making a donation from the enclosed list of supplies needed for VBS. Bring your items to the church and put in the containers marked for VBS.

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.

THE SUNDAY SHEPHERD needs volunteers for the next few months to take children ages 4 years old to 2nd grade up to the 3rd floor Sunday School room after children's time during the 11AM service. There will be 2 Adults at all times and programming provided to help educate and entertain the children. Please use the link below to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4caba62ea2fd0-sunday>.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND has been named by Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson as the 2017 Annual Conference Special Offering. The Ministerial Education Fund has helped thousands of men and women become pastoral leaders in The United Methodist Church. Chances are our contextual education interns or our pastors were recipients of MEF. It is nurtured and funded by United Methodists to provide scholarships to seminary and undergraduate students, course-of-study for local pastors, and license to preach school. 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 a 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 the **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

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!