

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

YOUTH GROUP is accepting donations of furniture for the renovated (in process) youth room. Of particular interest are couches. Please contact Treah Caldwell (catladyfemme@gmail.com) to verify that your donations are suitable.

THE LOVE OF GIVING is the organization founded by Katherine Miller who cooks two meals a month in our kitchen for the homeless. In addition to food, Love of Giving provides personal care items and clothing to families in need, hosts a large community picnic each summer and a Christmas toy drive and giveaway each winter. This year, they are adding a back to school drive and supply giveaway. The school supplies collected will be given to refugee and other impoverished students at an identified metro Atlanta elementary school. The goal is to supply 1,200 children in need. Please consider making a donation of school supplies suitable for students in grades pre-K to 5. Supplies themselves can be brought to the church office, or a cash donation can be made (clearly marked **LOVE OF GIVING**) through the Sunday offering, or through PayPal using the email address Miller.Katherine@yahoo.com. Donations are being accepted now through July 31st. The Love of Giving is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY is next week, June 11th. The Peace with Justice special offering allows the United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through programs in the United States and around the world. Fifty percent of the funds collected support the peace with justice programs of the General Board of Church and Society, while fifty percent remain in our conference and are offered to the North Georgia Conference local churches to use for their justice projects right here at home. Please be generous.

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.

THE SUNDAY SHEPHERD needs volunteers will take children ages 4 years old to 2nd grade up to the 3rd floor Sunday School room after children's time during the 11 AM 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>.

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.
- **Wednesday, 14 June at 12:00** is our **Reconciling Ministries** lunch at the **Classic Center**. There will be a charge for lunch this year, \$20 per person, and our numbers must be confirmed by Wednesday, June 7th @ 5 pm. Please reserve your seat(s) for the luncheon by visiting goo.gl/PMUEWw and submitting payment to NGRUM via St. Mark's UMC giving site.

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: \$149.50/week or \$1043.00 for the summer. Sponsor a Meal: Sign up to provide meals or healthy snacks for 60 children a day or a week. 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!