

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

A SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY in support of Murphy-Harpst Children's Center. Murphy-Harpst serves severely abused and neglected children, providing therapeutic and residential programs, specialized foster care and transitional living programs. Please be generous.

THE ENTRY CODE FOR THE SYDNEY ST. DOOR has been changed. The old one no longer works. St. Paul members can contact the office for the new code.

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 11AM service. There will be 2 Adults at all times and programming provided to help educate and entertain the children. One volunteer per week will be needed to assist with this program. Please use the link below to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4caba62ea2fd0-sunday>.

OUR NEW SUNDAY SHEPHERD is Clara Welch, a deacon in full connection in the N. Ga Conference and a friend and colleague of Pastor Ellen. Clara's primary work as a Deacon is in writing literature and curriculum for the United Methodist Publishing House and she has a great deal of training and experience in Christian Education, Children's ministry and church music. This past Sunday Clara met and interviewed with the Church Council, and the council offered her the position of Sunday Shepherd, which she accepted. Hallelujah! This is an answer to our prayers. Clara and her husband Brian live in the Lilburn area and have a daughter Rebeccah who is in graduate veterinary studies in Texas. Clara will be with us Sunday, July 30th, and then her work will begin officially with us August 13th. Please make her welcome to St. Paul! Should you want to drop her a line, her email is clara.welch@ngumc.net.

YOUTH GROUP

- will go to **SIX FLAGS WHITEWATER on Sunday July 30th!** Group discount for 15 people or more. Lunch after church and then head to the park for summer fun before school starts! Let Treah (catladyfemme@gmail.com) know if you are going.
- 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.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES 2017 is December 9-10. The tour needs a director and an organizing committee. If you feel led to serve, please contact Pastor Ellen (ellen@stpaulgrantpark.org) as soon as possible.

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.

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!

2nd ANNUAL INMAN PARK UMC MERRY ARTISTS MARKET will be held from 10am to 2 pm Saturday November 4th, 2017. The market will feature local artists with an assortment of crafts, jewelry, ceramics, and edible treats that will be perfect for Christmas gifts. There will be a kid zone so kids can stay busy creating fun Christmas crafts while the parents can relax and shop at the market. **It's not too early for you to sign up if you are interested in showcasing your craftsmanship.** Fill out an application at www.merryartistsmarket.com.

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