

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

CTOH 2017 St. Paul's biggest annual fundraiser is here! THE 37TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES is December 9th and 10th, and volunteers are needed to house-sit, to help set up the Artists' Market, and for a variety of other tasks. As a thank you, volunteers get a FREE Candlelight Tour ticket (a \$20 value), and parent volunteers can reserve a coveted slot for your child to see Santa at the Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 9th. Volunteer signup is open NOW at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e44a5ac2da5fd0-2017>. Santa slots are limited and fill up fast, so don't wait to volunteer if you want to snag a spot for your child! Thank you, St. Paul, for helping make this the best tour ever!

Help promote the tour by being social! Follow us for exciting updates and share to spread the magic: **Facebook:** @GrantParkCandlelightTour /

Instagram: grantparkcandlelighttour / **Twitter:** @GPTourofHomes.

ADVENT FESTIVAL AND SPAGHETTI SUPPER Wednesday, November 29th at 6 pm, the church will share a meal and make Advent wreaths. Please R.s.v.p. to the office by Thursday, November 23rd.

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION BY GIVING ON ACTION MINISTRIES SUNDAY, DEC. 3.

In Georgia, we have the third highest overall poverty rate in the nation. We rank sixth for food insecurity, and we have the 10th highest homeless rate for children. The homeless, hungry and vulnerable are literally our neighbors. It's not enough to wish them well and send them on their way. We can put our faith into action and positively impact the lives of our neighbors in need by giving to Action Ministries in a special offering on Dec. 3. To learn more about this life-impacting organization, visit www.actionministries.net.

YOUTH GROUP is thankful for donations of couches and has enough of those now but could still use chairs, side tables and/or a coffee table for the renovated (in process) youth room. Please contact Treah Caldwell (catladyfemme@gmail.com) about your donation.

UPDATED YOUTH SCHEDULE for activities through the end of 2017:

- November 19th, chowdown, 6-8pm (note the earlier time, moved due to Thanksgiving)
- December 9th, volunteer for Candlelight Tour of Homes, 6-8pm
- December 10th, Christmas Party at Treah's house, 2-4pm

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THE ST. PAUL GOLDEN AGE CENTER received \$30 this quarter as the result of a few folks who registered the GAC on their KrogerPlus Cards. You can do the same 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.

REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM AND PRAY! Our Baptismal bowl is stationed under the Garden of Gethsemane window in the back corner of the nave. Please take a moment to go by, dip your fingers in, remember your Baptism and pray for peace in our world. In the water of the font are stones. Please feel free to take a stone home, keep it in your pocket or purse, and each time you see or feel it, let it be a reminder to you to pause, remember your Baptism and pray.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT IN THE WORKS St. Paul Boy Scout Troop 150 Eagle Scout Candidate Spencer Scott is currently raising funds to complete his project "Six Flags Over St. Paul" so that the project will be in place by Homecoming. If you would like to support Spencer's project, you can purchase a **Sport or Auto First Aid Kit for \$15.00** and we will hand deliver it your home, or you can make a separate monetary donation. Please visit the site <https://squareup.com/store/troop-150-eagle-projects> if you would like to purchase a kit online or make an online contribution, or email SpencerScott150@gmail.com to purchase directly from Spencer & view product samples. Spencer and Troop 150 greatly appreciate your support!

CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PROJECT: This year we are once again supporting the United Methodist Children's Home during the Christmas season. Even though the UMCH's Decatur campus has been sold, the organization is still functioning--providing support for foster families. We will be sponsoring a family with 2 or more children and should be getting a wish list soon. As soon as we get more information, we will pass it along to you. In each of the past several years we have raised more than \$1000 in cash, checks, and gifts for a family that receives services from the Home. Thank you for your support of this project in years past. Hopefully we will be equally successful this year. If you have any questions, please contact Bill McKinnon or the church office.