

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Peter and Melissa Appleyard (father and stepmom of Katie Varner)
- Stefani Persons and family (father is under hospice care in Mobile)
- Dale Mote and family (Joan Stephens's aunt; hospice care)

ADVENT WREATH KITS are available from a bin in Huiet Hall for those who would like to make one but were unable to come to the Advent festival.

CANDLELIGHTERS still needed for the 4th Sunday of Advent 11 am service on December 24th and for the Christmas Eve service at 5 pm. If you or your family or your ministry group would like to fill one of these slots, please let the office know.

ADVENT STUDY Join us for a study of Adam Hamilton's book, Faithful - Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph. We will consider what life may have been like for Joseph and why God chose him to be the earthly father of Jesus. This class will meet December 3, 10, and 17 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. It will be led by Clara Welch.

BAKE SALE NEEDS YOUR BAKED GOODS! Deliver your prize winning sweets to Chester Commons, Saturday, Dec. 9th, Noon – 2pm. The bake sale will coincide with the Artists' Market during the Candlelight Tour of Homes again this year. Proceeds go directly to St. Paul, so please provide individually wrapped baked goodies to be sold Dec. 9th and 10th. Coffee will be provided by Octane Coffee this year, so bring your best cookies, bars, brownies, cake slices, etc.!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be talking about the season of Advent during the month of December. Special activities will center around the meaning of the Advent Wreath.

CHRISTMAS EVE there will be a regular 11 am Worship Service Sunday morning for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and a 5 pm Christmas Eve Service. There will be no 11 pm service on Christmas Eve.

THE CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES IS FAST APPROACHING and we can't do it without YOU! If you have not already volunteered, we are still in need of house sitters on both nights, Dec. 9th & 10th, especially the second shift on Saturday night. Signup is easy and every volunteer receives a free tour ticket as a thank-you for working even just one two-hour shift! It's simple to sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e44a5ac2da5fd0-2017>. Please do it today and help make St. Paul's biggest fundraiser of the year a big success! Lots of extras have been added to the tour this year. Please see candlelighttourofhomes.com for details of each event.

THE ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS PLAY will be performed on Sunday, December 17th during 11 am Worship. There will be a dress rehearsal during the Candlelight Tour of Homes on Saturday, December 9th at 5 pm. All the speaking parts are covered! Thanks to everyone for signing up and responding to the survey for practice times. **The first practice is Sunday morning, December 3rd during Sunday School at 9:45. Please note the earlier start time!** If your child won't be in Sunday School, please let me know and I will send you their speaking parts, if any. You can still sign up for a part or to help with the link below. Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors to participate in the play. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4AABAD28A5FD0-stpaul

CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PROJECT Here are the children and their Christmas Wish Lists the Children's Home has matched with St. Paul:

Daisha, 10 years old (F)
Favorite Colors: Pink, Purple, Blue
Size: Clothes 10; Shoes 4
Favorite Hobbies/Themes: Horseback Riding, Reading, Swimming, Dancing
Christmas Wish List: The Baby-Sitters Club Graphix #1-4 Box Set: Full-Color Edition Paperback , Justice: Girl's Clothing Gift card, Better Homes and Gardens New Junior Cookbook, Google Play Gift Card

Kynslee, 5 years old (F)
Favorite Colors: Pink, Purple
Size: Clothes 5/6, Shoes 10
Favorite Hobbies/Themes: Disney, Ballet, Tap, Books
Christmas Wish List: Double-Sided Dry Erase 9 x 12 Inches Lap Board, (Ruled and Plain) with Dry Erase Markers, Amazon Fire HD8 - 8" Tablet, Google Play Gift Card, Disney Princess Dress up Trunk Set - Rapunzel and Belle

Kingston, 8 years old (M)
Favorite Colors: Red, Grey, Blue
Size: Clothes 8, Shoes 4
Favorite Hobbies/Themes: Fantastic Four, The Avengers, Tablet Games, Soccer, Baseball
Christmas Wish List: Soccer ball, Soccer shoes size 4, SZJX Stunt Car 4WD RC Cars Remote Control Racing Vehicle Double Sided Tumbling with LED Headlights , Google Play Gift Card

Keylee, 6 years old (F)
Favorite Colors: Pink, Red, Orange
Size: Clothes 7 or 8, Shoes 1
Favorite Hobbies/Themes: Drawing, Reading, Tablet Games
Christmas Wish List: Elite Sportz Hookey Ring Toss Game, Melissa & Doug Deluxe Standing Easel and Melissa & Doug Easel Accessory Set Bundle, Amazon Fire HD8 - 8" Tablet, Google Play Gift Card

Gifts must be delivered to the Children's Home by Tuesday, December 12th. Items should be new, in the original packaging and unwrapped. Please also label the gifts with the name of the child and include the designation FC Family #36.

In each of the past several years we have raised more than \$1000 in cash, checks, and gifts for families receiving services from the Home. Thank you for your support of this project in years past. May we be equally successful this year. If you have any questions, please contact Bill McKinnon (billindecatur@gmail.com) or the church office.