

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Rachel Wayte (chemotherapy)
- *Jan Gore (assisted living)
- Maggie Sweeney (at home receiving hormone therapy to shrink tumor)
- Peter and Melissa Appleyard (Katie Varner's stepmother and father; under hospice care at home as a result of his battle with cancer)

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE While Pastor Ellen will be on call pastorally until June 20th, this will be her last Sunday to preach. Guest preachers for the next several weeks will be:

May 27th - a Lay Speaker
June 3rd - Talley Wells
June 10th – Ashleigh Spatz
June 17th – Rev. Jack McCollough

June 24th will be Pastor Cassie's first Sunday to preach.

VBS UPDATE Only a few spots left for our **Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School!** Don't miss the chance to enroll your 3- to 10-year-old in our summer program focusing on a fun approach to strengthening your child's relationship with God! Register at stpaulrec.com by May 25, when registration will close. We do have a cap of 50 students, so register today!

Also, to help turn our church into a fun site for a Rolling River Rampage, please dig into your storage closets and garage and loan the following:

- Artificial Christmas trees (undecorated)
- Camping chairs
- Exercise balls
- Large buckets (or shallow laundry baskets)
- Paddles
- Life jackets

River rafts (not beach or pool)

Please label the items and place them in Chester Commons any time between now and **June 2, when, from 9am-12noon** we also invite all church members to come help us decorate! All help is welcome to make this a special and memorable time for the children in our St. Paul community. Questions? Call Rebecca Wallace at 404-310-3179. Thank you in advance!

FAREWELL RECEPTION Celebrate Pastor Ellen's retirement at a Farewell Reception in her honor **Sunday, May 20th** at Six Feet Under following the 11 am service. Cost is \$10/person for light hors d'oeuvres, payable at the door. Cash bar and regular lunch menu will of course be available to anyone who wishes to indulge. A head count would be helpful. If you will attend, please reply to this email with the number of your family members who will be present.

RETIREMENT GIFT We will be receiving a Love Offering to present Pastor Ellen upon her retirement. Clearly marked donations can be made on line, placed in the Sunday offering, or mailed to the Church office. **CLEARLY MARKED, PLEASE. ESPECIALLY ON LINE DONATIONS.**

GOLDEN AGE CENTER CLOSING With regret, the St. Paul Golden Age Center will close as of Thursday, May 31st, after 22 years in operation. Due to recent budget cuts, Fulton County is no longer able to support our program. A farewell luncheon for our seniors is planned for May 29th at Merry Mac's. Donations to offset the cost of the luncheon and parting gifts for the seniors will be welcome.

BACCALAUREATE We will recognize this year's graduates during the 11 am service on Sunday, June 3rd. If you have family members graduating at any level, please send information about their accomplishment to the office: their names, the names of the schools from which they are graduating, the schools they will attend next year, or other plans for next year if they will not continue their education.

THE LOVE OF GIVING and Katherine Miller (the ministry which cooks meals for the homeless in our kitchen twice a month) will hold their 5th annual fund raising banquet on Saturday, May 19th from 6 to 10 pm in the Prince Hall Grand Lodge (7340 Old National Hwy, Riverdale, GA 30296). Tickets are \$45/person. If you are interested in attending, please contact the office for tickets, and of course cash donations are very welcome. The Love of Giving is a 501(c)3 corporation and donations are tax deductible.

CAMP SPARC! 2018 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN at stpaulrec.com. Camp SPARC! is for children ages 6-12 as of June 1, 2018. A sports theme and an art theme are assigned each week from the week of June 8 – the week of July 9. Week one (June 8 – 12) programming includes St. Paul Vacation Bible School. There will be no camp the week of July 2-6. Camp hours are 9am to 5 pm. Regular cost is \$250 per week and extended care is available from 8-9 am and 5-6 pm for an additional fee. Early registration discount (by March 30th) is \$30 per week. St. Paul members use discount code stpaul2018.