

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- \*Rachel Wayte (chemotherapy)
  - \*Jan Gore (assisted living)
  - Maggie Sweeney (under treatment at home)
- family of Peter Appleyard (Katie Varner's father, who passed away this week)

**TODAY IS PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY** . A special offering will be received now through June 3rd in support of ministries like refugee resettlement and other justice ministries in our conference and around the world. Clearly marked donations can be placed in the offering or mailed to the office.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE** is June 12-14 in Athens, GA.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL OFFERING** Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson has named the Ministerial Education Fund as the 2018 Annual Conference Special Offering. The Ministerial Education Fund has helped thousands of men and women become pastoral leaders in The United Methodist Church. The MEF 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. A St. Paul delegate will present a check during the Service of Remembrance or the Service of Ordination at Annual Conference June 13<sup>th</sup>. Clearly marked donations can be placed in the Sunday offering now through June 10<sup>th</sup>, or mailed to the office.

**GRANT PARK CONSERVANCY WORK DAY** Help build a bridge of care by joining hands with the Grant Park Conservancy during their monthly work day on Saturday, June 23rd from 8am - noon. Invite your neighbors to join in. Let Jeremy Varner (404-468-8478 or [jeremyv@gmail.com](mailto:jeremyv@gmail.com)) know you will be participating.

**BACCALAUREATE** We will recognize this year's graduates during the 11 am service on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**PLEDGE CARDS** Please complete yours and drop it in the Sunday offering or mail it to the office as soon as possible.

**VBS NEEDS BUCKETS, PADDLES AND RAFTS, OH MY!** 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](tel:404-310-3179).

**UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE** While Pastor Ellen will be on call pastorally until June 20<sup>th</sup>, this will be her last Sunday to preach. June 24<sup>th</sup> will be Pastor Cassie's first Sunday to preach. Guest preachers for the next several weeks will be:

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

**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 29<sup>th</sup> at Merry Mac's. Donations to offset the cost of the luncheon and parting gifts for the seniors will be welcome.

**CAMP SPARC! 2018 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** at [stpaulrec.com](http://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 30<sup>th</sup>) is \$30 per week. St. Paul members use discount code [stpaul2018](http://stpaul2018).