

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Sharon Yaple (David & Kristin Watts' aunt; hospitalized as a result of stroke)
- Chris Rapko and family (grandmother's death yesterday)
- Janice Wayte
- \*Jan Gore (assisted living)
- Maggie Sweeney (pituitary tumor)

### **WORSHIP FIRST WILL NOT MEET DURING DECEMBER.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE** services will be celebrated at 5 pm (Family friendly candlelight) and 11 pm (Candlelight Communion).

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** until January 2<sup>nd</sup>. In case of a pastoral emergency (e.g. hospitalization or death) please call 229-234-0153 and leave a message. Your call will be returned promptly.

**CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS** If you have receipts for items you purchased for the Candlelight Tour of Homes, please send them to the office with a completed reimbursement request form. Forms are available in the office, or you can ask Ginny for an email version. The forms are Word documents which can be returned by email, but you must include copies of the receipts. You can select to be reimbursed for your expenses or be given credit on your yearly giving statement. We need your receipts and expense forms no later than January 15, 2019.

**WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP** will meet Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Annie Jackson's home (316 Ormond St.). Supper will be provided.

**GOOD NEIGHBOR WEDNESDAY** is January 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7 pm in Huiet Hall. Supper will be provided, and there will be activities for all ages.

**CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PROJECT UPDATE** Once again this year we had an overwhelming response for the four children we supported. Between gift items that were brought in and those purchased with cash contributions, we completely filled each child's wish list and had \$750.00 left over which was used to purchase Target gift cards for the Children's Home staff to distribute as needed. Organizing everything to deliver to the Children's Home office seemed like a modern day loaves and fishes experience. As always the staff was most appreciative. Thank you St. Paul for your tremendous support of this worthy ministry.

**END OF YEAR DONATIONS** Please note that checks dated December, 2018 received through the end of January will be posted to your 2018 giving record.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP MINISTRIES** During Sunday Worship, we rely on several volunteer Ministries who perform duties during and around the service. Those are:

- Liturgist
- Children's Sermon
- Acolytes
- Ushers
- Altar Guild
- Coffee, Cookies and Conversation

Offering Counters

The schedule for 2019 for all of these ministries is under construction. Please prayerfully consider whether you could commit to serving St. Paul in one of these ministries during the coming year. **We are especially in need of Children's Sermon volunteers and offering counters**, but all ministries will welcome newcomers. Training will be provided where needed. Please let the office know by January 8th if you can help.

**END OF YEAR GIVING** Currently our operating account for the year is in the red, meaning that we have spent more than we have brought in. The Finance Committee is working to get us out of the red and into the black. Please consider making a contribution to St. Paul before the end of the year that will help us "do in the deficit." Contributions in most instances are still tax deductible. And thank you for your financial support of St. Paul's missions and ministries all year long!!

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE** to turn in your estimate of giving card for 2019. Cards are at the front of the Sanctuary or on line.

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