

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- John Watts (David & Kristin Watt's uncle; sepsis as complication of surgery after Christmas; poor prognosis)
- Julia Azeez (mother of Khalid Ramoo, St. Paul custodian)
- Janice Wayte
- \*Jan Gore (assisted living)
- Maggie Sweeney (pituitary tumor)

**LOOKY LOO NEEDED** We need someone to briefly visit a food distribution ministry which operates near the church on Saturdays. If you would be available to do this on behalf of St. Paul between 12 noon and 2 pm on a Saturday coming up soon, please contact the office for details.

**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.

**NEWS! NEWS!** If you have an addition or suggestion for the next Epistle, please submit it to Candace McCollough by January 15th, to be published February 5th! News from the Administrative Council, Historical Notes, Updates from Recreation, Report from the Candlelight Tour of Homes, Capital Campaign, youth and children and all standing topics are welcome! [candacemccollough@gmail.com](mailto:candacemccollough@gmail.com)

**GRANT PARK SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** St. Paul UMC will be joining the Grant Park Conservancy's (GPC) MLK Work Day on Jan. 21 from 9am to noon. Dr. King Day is a day on and not a day off. Let's spend the day working with each other and our neighbors to help our Park. GPC would like all volunteers to register which can be done on their website. <https://volunteer.handsonatlanta.org/opportunity/a0C1H00001DpW6GUAV>

**CHURCH COUNCIL JANUARY PLANNING RETREAT** will be conducted Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. We will be visioning and planning for the new year. Council members are expected to attend; everyone else is welcome. Mark your calendar

**BLESSING BAGS** St. Paul UMC strives to be a good neighbor in so many ways! Though, if we look around us, we will notice that many of our neighbors are unstably housed! Too often we see folks and know they are in need, but we aren't sure what to do. Therefore during the month of January we will be collecting supplies to put into "blessing bags" in order to help our neighbors in need. Below you will find a list of items needed. Please consider signing up to donate these much needed items! Later this month, on January 27th, the St. Paul UMC Youth Group will assemble the items collected. Items can be placed in boxes in the Fellowship Hall.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444aca82daafe3-blessing>

**ADOX DISTRICT 3D JOURNEY TRAINING** will be at Mountain Park United Methodist Church, Feb. 9, 2019, 10am – 2pm. *During the February training, we will continue the Journey* started in September. We first gathered to Discern our church's core values; now we will take that knowledge and move forward to Develop the first two steps on the Healthy Church System Cycle: INVITE, CONNECT, INSPIRE, SERVE, IMPACT. If you are interested in going, let Pastor Cassie know (cassie@stpaulgrantpark.org).

**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.

**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!!

**SUPPORT ST. PAUL WHILE SHOPPING AT KROGER** St. Paul is a part of the Community Rewards program at Kroger. You can support St. Paul by registering your KrogerPlus cards. To benefit St. Paul every time you shop, visit <http://www.kroger.com> , log into your Kroger account and click Enroll. You can search for St. Paul United Methodist Church either by name or by our Non-Profit Organization number BL488. We will receive a quarterly check from the program based on the amount of your purchases.

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