

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- John Watts (David & Kristin Watt's uncle; sepsis as complication of surgery after Christmas; slight improvement)
- Beverly Burrows (Leslie Truman's family member; 98 year old in hospice)
- \*Wanda Messina (cancer diagnosis)
- Julia Azeez (mother of Khalid Ramoo, St. Paul custodian)
- Janice Wayte
- \*Jan Gore (assisted living)
- Maggie Sweeney (pituitary tumor)

**WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP** will meet Monday, February 4th, 6:30 pm at Liz Hill's home (997 Callister Ct). Supper will be provided.

**2018 FINANCIAL UPDATE** St. Paul ended 2018 with a \$4,429.80 surplus in our operating account!! This is a significant achievement given that we ended 2017 with a substantial deficit and we were looking at a deficit for 2018 until December when we more than tripled our average monthly giving through the first 11 months of the year. In 2018 contributions from the congregation increased by nearly \$20,000 over giving in 2017!! Thank you everyone for your continued financial support for the missions and ministries of St. Paul in 2018.

**SPECIAL OFFERING THIS MONTH** The North Georgia Housing and Homeless Council provides capital and operational grants to organizations throughout the North Georgia Conference who are serving our brothers and sisters in need. St. Paul will receive the Housing and Homeless Offering on February 24. By contributing to the Homeless Offering, you are directly supporting ministries and agencies serving those experiencing homelessness and poverty in communities across our state. These organizations might include housing programs, food pantries and other feeding programs, Habitat for Humanity houses, and many other programs in communities large and small. 100% of the Homeless Offering goes to ministries serving persons experiencing poverty. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important work.

**CALLIGRAPHER WANTED** A church member wants to hire a calligrapher to address invitations. Please let the office know if you're interested.

**THE CALLED GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** will take place in St. Louis, Missouri from February 23-26th. The Council of Bishops have called for all United Methodists to be in prayer for the gathering. In addition, the North Georgia Conference has given us the opportunity to write a letter to our delegation telling the story of St. Paul and our hopes and concerns for the Conference. If you are interested in helping St. Paul to craft this letter, please let Pastor Cassie know.

**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).

**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 this Saturday or one coming up soon, please contact the office for details.

**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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