

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Gracie Gazaway (97 year old former member, under hospice care at home in Eatonton)
- *Wanda Messina (cancer)
- *Jan Gore (assisted living)
- Maggie Sweeney (pituitary tumor; still dealing with aftermath of apartment fire)

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY At the beginning of August you may have seen the news that raids were conducted by ICE officials in Morton, Mississippi that resulted in the arrest of nearly 680 possibly undocumented workers. These raids left the children of these workers alone and afraid. Since then nearly half of the workers have been released from custody, but are currently unable to work as they await their deportation hearings. This has left many families, especially children, in the lurch for basic supplies such as food and clothes. In an effort to fill this void, an organization called *We Care* that is affiliated with Morton United Methodist Church is stepping up. *We Care Mission* was established in 1995 by four area churches to serve people in the community needing food and clothing assistance. With the help of Morton UMC *We Care Mission* is now reaching out to those affected by the ICE raids. Scripture tells us to "Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers" (Romans 12:13). Therefore we at St. Paul UMC have decided to work with our siblings in Christ at *We Care Mission*. From September 8th through October 6th St. Paul UMC will be taking up donations to send to Morton UMC in Mississippi to help care for these families. We will be collecting monetary donations as well as gently used or new toy donations for the children of these families. Monetary donation checks can be made out to St. Paul UMC with "We Care" in the memo line and toys can be dropped off in the donation bin located in the fellowship hall. For more information contact Robin South at rsouthxsouth@mindspring.com.

PASTOR CASSIE'S COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS next week will be from 10am-noon on Thursday, September 19th at the GrantPark Coffeehouse.

SHORT TERM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS *Animate Faith* has already started, but adults and youth are welcome to join at any time. Classes will continue meeting at 10 am on Sunday mornings in the Prince of Peace Room. September 15, 22, and October 6, 20 and 27. We will imaginatively explore central topics of Christianity.

YOUTH GROUP CHOW DOWN The next Youth Group Chow Down will take place on Sunday September 22nd from 6-8pm. Join us for food, fellowship and fun!

SPECIAL OFFERING Wellroot Family Services (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home) Amazing Grace Offering will be received Sunday, September 15th. This special offering, which is taken once a year across the North Georgia Conference, provides a significant portion of The Children's Home operating income. **100% of this offering goes directly to helping children and families!** Please be generous.

ALSO, as we move into fall, please be mindful of our upcoming UM Children's Home Christmas project and include it in your holiday budgeting. Details about this project and the family for whom St. Paul will provide Christmas gifts will be shared as soon as available.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK Mark your Calendars! September 29th, Join us as we gather in Grant Park to worship together in our community! Bring a lawn chair and a picnic lunch for a wonderful morning of worship and fellowship!

GET READY FOR CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES DECEMBER 14TH AND 15TH

St. Paul's biggest annual fundraiser, the Candlelight Tour of Homes is one of our most wonderful events! It's also a fantastic community-building opportunity as part of the proceeds go to the Grant Park Cooperative Preschool and the Grant Park Parent Network. The 2019 planning committee is busy at work securing homes and sponsorships, along with managing other important details. The committee is made up entirely of St. Paul members and is currently seeking two positions to fill: **Co-Chair** and **Volunteer Coordinator**. The Co-Chair will work with the Chair to help facilitate all tasks leading up to the tour. The Volunteer Coordinator will manage the Signup Genius and direct all 135 volunteers to their shifts the weekend of the tour (which can all be done from home.) Please prayerfully consider taking on one of these very important roles. Also, please mark your calendar for the evenings of Dec. 14 and 15 for a two-hour shift during the tour; St. Paul needs to provide 30 volunteers that weekend in addition to those on the planning committee. If you have any questions, please contact the 2019 Chairperson, Don Wallace at donwallace1968@gmail.com or 404-451-4650.

PRIME TIME with Marie Mower an exercise class for 55+ continues to meet in our gym Wednesdays 9-10am till further notice. It's free and you are welcome to join.

ST PAUL T-SHIRTS! are available in women's, men's, and kid's sizes for \$15 adults and \$12 kids. Credit/debit, check, and cash accepted. On sale immediately after 11am Service and at the church office during the week.