

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- \* Tom Sweeny (hospitalized with infection; some improvement)
- \*Pastor Cassie, Chris and precious new daughter Jordan Elizabeth
- \*Wanda Messina (cancer)
- \*Jan Gore (assisted living)
- Maggie Sweeney (pituitary tumor)

**THE FIRST PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will take place following the 11am service this Sunday, Nov 24th We will set out the basic Advent decorations for the first day of advent which is the following Sunday. On Sat. Dec 7th from 9am to noon we'll complete the Christmas/Advent Decoration and greening of the sanctuary along with other tasks to prepare for the CTOH. Poinsettias will be set out Friday December 13th in order to have them as fresh as possible for the Tour. Contact Jeremy Varner with any questions 404-468-8478 or [jeremyv@gmail.com](mailto:jeremyv@gmail.com).

**ADULT ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY** *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience* will begin on December 1 at 10:00 am in the Prince of Peace Classroom. We should not be satisfied with being almost Christian but rather strive towards being altogether a Christian. Rev. Lisa Gwock will lead this four-week study that will explore how we can make the commitment to follow Christ wholeheartedly, connecting our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace.

**THE CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES** has 34 volunteer shifts filled by St. Paul Members. Thank you for your generous contribution of time towards this major fundraiser's success. It remains for you to get your own tickets which you can buy here: [https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?appver3=Fi1giPL8kwX\\_Oe1AO50jRguL\\_jqvtowFbj6pzX10iS7HO3iVYxvvhHjRfLOeq662EvVVAEjqawDomKT1pboucbsLdODENGGvQM3NzSRzIM=](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Fi1giPL8kwX_Oe1AO50jRguL_jqvtowFbj6pzX10iS7HO3iVYxvvhHjRfLOeq662EvVVAEjqawDomKT1pboucbsLdODENGGvQM3NzSRzIM=) .

And for more information about the tour please visit [www.candlelighttourofhomes.com](http://www.candlelighttourofhomes.com) .

**STAFF CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING** The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to give you the opportunity to contribute to a Staff Christmas Love offering. This offering would provide an opportunity to show our St. Paul UMC staff how much we appreciate all that they do. Please contribute through the regular collection methods and clearly indicate "Staff LO." The total received will be equitably divided among Pastor Cassie, Ginny Pavey, Kevin Hill, Larry Stokes, Lisa Gwock, Natalie Dunn, Naida Lopez, Annie Deaderick, Zxelema Howard, Kiwani Howard, Taghreed Azeez & Khalid Ramoo, and Gracie Ellis. Thank you.

**WELLROOT (UM CHILDREN'S HOME) CHRISTMAS PROJECT** This year we are sponsoring four children under five from the same family. The children's wish lists are below. Bill McKinnon will deliver the gifts to the Wellroot office on Monday December 9. You may leave gifts in the church office or bring them to church on Sunday. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may send it in to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please clearly mark your check for the Children's Home/ Wellroot Christmas Project. This has been a great Christmas season project for our congregation in past years and we expect it to be again this year. Thank you for your support of this worthy program.

**CHRISTMAS WISH LISTS:**

<u>Chanelle, age 6 mos</u>	<u>Carrington, age 2</u>	<u>Caleb, age 3</u>	<u>Chloe, age 5</u>
Favorite Color: Pink	Favorite color: pink	favorite color: red	favorite color: pink
Clothing 6 months	clothing 2T, shoes 5	clothing 4T, shoes 8	clothing 5T, shoes 12
Wants baby toys/items	Likes Baby Shark	Likes Mickey Mouse	Likes JoJo Siwa (singer)
	Wants baby shark puppets	Wants rider car	Wants Jo Jo items & LOL dolls

**ST PAUL CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEED YOUR HELP**

- Volunteers are needed to provide a meal (take out or home cooked) for youth group, generally 5 to 7 pm on the first and third Sundays of the each month.  
Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45ADA72BA0F85-youth> .
- Volunteers are also needed to help chaperone Youth Group the first and third Sundays of each month.
- Volunteers are needed to help with Children's Church every Sunday.  
Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d45ada72ba0f85-childrens>

If you have other questions, email [annie@stpaulgrantpark.org](mailto:annie@stpaulgrantpark.org) or see Annie Deaderick after church on Sunday. Volunteers need not be parents of children or youth.

**2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

We are still collecting Estimate of Giving Cards for 2020. If you have already submitted one, thank you for your generosity and commitment to provide financial support for the programs and mission of St. Paul in 2020. If you have not, it is not too late. You may drop one in the offering plate, drop one by the church office, or send it electronically to the church office. Having a realistic estimate of our giving for next year will allow the Church Council to plan and budget for the needs of the church according to the estimate of income that we can expect to receive.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY** practices each Sunday during Sunday School (10am). Dress rehearsal is Saturday afternoon, December 14th during the Candlelight Tour of Homes. Main performance is Sunday, Dec. 22 at 11 am. All ages (including youth) are welcome. Please contact Anna Davis ([annajdavis22@yahoo.com](mailto:annajdavis22@yahoo.com)) if your child is interested in participating and will be in town for the performance.

**In case of a Pastoral Emergency such as a hospitalization or a death, please call 229-234-0153 and leave a message.**