

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * Tom Sweeny
- Estelle Hardy (Eddie's 92 year old grandmother; recovering from hip surgery following a fall)
- *Wanda Messina (cancer)
- *Jan Gore (assisted living)
- Maggie Sweeney (pituitary tumor)

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.

ADULT ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience* will begin this morning, and continues December 8, 15 and 22 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 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.

ST. PAUL WOMEN will meet at 6:30 pm Monday, December 2nd at the home of Ashleigh Spatz (362 Glenwood Ave., SE). All women are welcome.

WE WILL COMPLETE OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATING on Sat. Dec 7th from 9am to noon and complete 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.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: FINDING LIGHT IN THE MIDST OF THE DARKNESS is for you if the holidays find you less joyous than you would like to be. Join us at Ormewood Church (1071 Delaware Ave., SE) for a special service Wednesday, December 11th at 7 pm.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY Please contact Anna Davis (annajdavis22@yahoo.com) if your child is interested in participating in the annual Christmas play and will be in town for the performance. All ages (including youth) are welcome. Please note:

- There will be practice (play/music) each Sunday during Sunday school (10 am) until performance dates.
- Dress rehearsal - Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14th, during Candlelight Tour of Homes
- Performance, Sunday, Dec. 22 at 11 am

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. You can purchase your own ticket at www.candlelightourofhomes.com or use the link in the weekly email.

CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PROJECT For the past several years St. Paul has supported children at Christmas through gift and monetary donations. 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 be sure to indicate clearly on the check or envelope that the monetary gift is 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:

Chanelle, age 6 mos.; favorite color pink; clothing size 6 mos; wants baby toys/items.

Carrington, age 2; favorite color pink; clothing size 2T, shoe size 5; likes Baby Shark; wants Baby Shark puppets

Caleb, age 3; favorite color red; clothing size 4T, shoe size 8; likes Mickey Mouse; wants rider car.

Chloe, age 5; favorite color pink; clothing size 5T, shoe size 12; likes JoJo Siwa (singer); wants JoJo items and 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 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.

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