

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * Tom Sweeny
- * David, Kristen, big brother Jude and new baby Rory Watts (CONGRATULATIONS!)
- 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)

LAST WEEK FOR POINSETTIAS

Honor your loved ones and help beautify the Sanctuary for the Christmas and the Candlelight Tour of Homes by purchasing a plant from the Altar Guild sale. Submit your dedications on the form you will find in Sunday's bulletin or on plain paper, and place them in the offering (clearly marked Poinsettias) or send them to the church office with your payment of \$15 per plant. **Dedications must be received by December 11th to be listed in a special bulletin insert the weekend of December 15th** and may be taken home after Christmas Eve Service. You may also send your dedications by phone or email to the church office and forward your check separately.

DEADLINE FOR CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PROJECT is this weekend. This year we are sponsoring four children under five from the same family. Bill McKinnon will deliver the gifts and gift cards to the Wellroot office tomorrow, December 9, so monetary donations today are very welcome and you may place clearly marked donations in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity

BLUE CHRISTMAS: FINDING LIGHT IN THE MIDST OF THE DARKNESS is a community service especially for those carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration. This year it will be at Ormewood Church, 1071 Delaware Ave., SE, December 11th at 7pm.

Gracie Ellis, our contextual education intern, is in charge of St. Paul's participation and she needs the help of one more individual or family the evening of the service specifically to light the 2nd or 4th candle during the Advent wreath liturgy. If you plan to attend the service, or you hadn't planned to attend but are willing to help, please contact Gracie (mary.grace.ellis@emory.edu) as soon as possible.

WILL YOU BAKE SOMETHING FOR THE BAKE SALE? During the Candlelight Tour of Homes, St. Paul hosts the popular bake sale at the Artists' Market. 100% of all proceeds benefit St. Paul UMC! Please bring something savory or sweet and easy to eat!

Friday, December 13th 6-8pm

Sat. Dec 14th 10am -2pm

Deliver 12-2pm to St. Paul Chester Commons (side area in our Sanctuary)

(e-mail stpaulartistsmarket@gmail.com with any questions)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP MINISTRIES During Sunday Worship, we rely on several volunteer Ministries who perform duties during and around the service. Those are:

- Liturgist
- Children's Sermon
- Children's Church
- Acolytes
- Ushers
- Coffee, Cookies and Conversation
- Offering Counters

The schedule for 2020 for all of these ministries is under construction. Where there are sufficient numbers, volunteers are scheduled in an ongoing rotation and the schedule is circulated for the whole year so that you have plenty of time to arrange substitutes if you are unavailable on a day you are scheduled. Please prayerfully consider whether you could commit to serving St. Paul in one of these ministries during the coming year. **We are especially in need of Children's Sermon and Children's Church volunteers and offering counters**, but all ministries will welcome newcomers. Training will be provided where needed. Please let the office know by January 8th if you can help.

YOUTH GROUP

- December 15th Youth Group has been rescheduled in deference to the Candlelight Tour of Homes.
- On December 22nd, Youth Group will have a Christmas Potluck party from 5-7pm. There will be winter treats and a cookie decorating contest. Judges are needed. Contact: annie@stpaulgrantpark.org

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.

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.

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