

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Chris Miller (Ron Rezendes's friend; throat cancer diagnosis)
- * 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)

ST. PAUL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY will be performed next Sunday, December 22nd, during the 11 am service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

- 5pm (in the Sanctuary): family friendly Christmas Eve service
- 11pm (in the Sanctuary): Candlelight Christmas Eve communion service

WELLROOT/CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PROJECT On Monday Bill McKinnon delivered clothes, toys, books, and gift cards totalling more than \$1200.00 in value to the Wellroot office in Tucker for the four children we sponsored this year. The Christmas coordinator at Wellroot was most appreciative of St. Paul's generosity and asked that her appreciation and that of Wellroot Family Services be communicated to the St. Paul community. On behalf of Wellroot and St. Paul, thank you to everyone who supported these children this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the children and their foster family as well. You have made Christmas very special for these children who find themselves in the foster care system at such an early age.

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.

YOUTH GROUP will not meet tonight, but 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

ADULT ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience* welcomes you a final time at 10:00 am in the Prince of Peace Classroom, December 22. Rev. Lisa Gwock is leading this short study that explores how we can make the commitment to follow Christ wholeheartedly, connecting our Wesleyan heritage with traditional Advent themes.

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 will be scheduled in an ongoing rotation, and the schedule will be circulated for the whole year so that you will 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. **If you served in one of these ministries in 2019 and you wish to continue to serve, do nothing. If you want to discontinue service or if you want to change ministries in 2020, please let the office know by January 8th.**

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.**