

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:**

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

**The church office will be closed December 25th through January 1st.**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- family of Khalid Ramoo, our custodian, whose mother passed away last week.
- Chris Miller (Ron Rezendes's friend; throat cancer diagnosis)
- \* 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)

### **ST PAUL YOUTH**

- Youth will have a potluck Christmas party 5-7PM this evening. Remember we will be doing a white elephant gift exchange. Each youth should bring a present (nothing fancy—something small and/or funny).
- Starting in January youth group will meet every Sunday from 5-7 PM. We will be testing this out to see how it works for the needs of our youth and congregation for at least the first few months of the year.

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

**WELLROOT/CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PROJECT** On December 9th 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.

**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.  
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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.

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