

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008

WE REJOICE TO WELCOME YOU to this service of worship at St. Paul United Methodist Church. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today, and we hope you will return often. We pray God's blessing upon you this morning. There are large-print materials and audio listening devices available for your use. Please stop by the Accessibility Table at the side entrance or speak to one of the ushers or greeters. If this community can assist you in any way, please let us know. If you have questions about becoming a member of this church, please speak with our Pastor or our Deacon after the service. **Welcome.**

Email – Want to know what's happening at St. Paul? We generally send out emails once or twice weekly, and we circulate the *Epistle*, our church newsletter, once a month. If you'd like to be on our email list, contact the church office at office@stpaulgrantpark.org or 404-688-7501.

Activities. Members, visitors, friends, all are invited to participate in the various ministries at St. Paul. If you need more information please call the church office 404-688-7501.

Every Sunday:

- 8:30am. **Worship First** (casual, contemporary service)
- 9:30 **Fellowship Breakfast** (Huiet Hall, this week sponsored by the Back Yard Bible Class)
- 10am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 10:55am **Morning Worship** (traditional service)
- 5pm **Disciple I** (Bible Study) [shelly.hart@emory.edu or 678-362-5893 (cell) or 404-727-4431 (work)]

Every Wednesday:

- 5:30-6pm **Children's Handbell Group (does not meet 2nd Wednesday)** [Sherri.Scott@ihg.com] and **Little Angels Preschool Choir** [(404) 627-6756 or lauraandtalley@mindspring.com]
- 6-6:45pm **Fellowship Supper** [\$6/adults, \$3/children 4-10, under 4 free. Reservations before Tuesday morning to stpaulgrantpark@earthlink.net or 404-688-7501. Menu for December 3rd: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Chocolate Cake, Spaghetti with marinara sauce (vegetarian).
- 6:30-8pm **Disciples of the Trinity Youth Group** [seedoug@hotmail.com]
- 6:45-7:15pm **Little Saints Elementary School Choir** [lauraandtalley@mindspring.com or (404) 627-6756]
- 6:45-7:30pm **Adult/Youth Handbell Group** [Sherri.Scott@ihg.com] and **Worship First Praise Team** Contemporary Choir
- 6:45-7:45pm **Book Discussion Group** [susan@stpaulgrantpark.org]
- 7 pm **Companions in Christ: The Way** (spiritual formation study) [tdavis280@aol.com]

TODAY IS UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY A special offering will be received in support of scholarships and loans for students who are attending United Methodist and other accredited colleges and universities. Please give generously. You can make a difference for a student.

SACRED SPACE In need of a peaceful moment? A time to express your spirituality in community? A special space to be with God? Beginning in January, join us weekly to worship, pray, and rest in God's presence. If you are interested in attending this weekly gathering, please indicate which of the following times and days is best for you by emailing paige.swaim@gmail.com or matthewsph@gmail.com by December 14:

Sundays at 6:00pm

Mondays at 6:00pm

Mondays at 7:00pm

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Wednesdays at 6:45pm

POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY are now for sale at \$10 per plant. Dedications may be submitted on plain paper and may be mailed or emailed to the office or placed in the offering. Deadline for orders and payments is Monday, December 1st. Plants are in 6-1/2" pots with foil hats, and will be delivered to the church in time for the Tour by the wholesaler. Dedications will be published in a special booklet on Sunday, December 14th and plants may be taken home by the purchaser after the late service on Christmas Eve.

THE CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES REQUIRES MANY VOLUNTEERS to work as house sitters and Artist Market greeters for two shifts (5:45-8:00 pm and 7:45-10:00 pm) on both days of the Tour (Saturday, December 13th, and Sunday, December 14th) If you are interested in house sitting, working at the Artist's Market, or helping in any other way you can imagine, please e-mail Sybil Davidson sybilfletch@hotmail.com. Tell her the day and time you are available, and what you'd like to do. You will be contacted in early December about your assignment.

ST. JOHN THE WONDERWORKER GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH is soliciting donations of food, new clothing, toys and blankets for its annual Christmas program. Traditionally, St. Paul has partnered with St. John to provide toys and necessities for families in our community who would otherwise do without. Please be as generous as you can to this project as well.

F.E.A.S.T. GROUPS (*Friends Eating And Sharing Together*) are reforming for the new year. Groups of six participants (single, couple, or family) will form and meet together once a month for the purpose of getting to know each other! Only food and fellowship are on the menu. Sign up on one of the clip boards around the building, in the church office or by sending an email to stpaulgrantpark@earthlink.net.

A COORDINATOR OF SOUND TECHNOLOGY IS NEEDED to oversee the volunteers who monitor the sound board during worship on Sunday, and to produce copies of the recordings to make them available through the church website. If you have expertise in this area, or would like to develop some, and could serve St. Paul in this way, please contact Kevin Hill (kevinhowardhill@yahoo.com) or Laura Wells (lauraandtalley@mindspring.com).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! St. Paul is having a church-wide planning meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2009 from 9AM – 1 PM. All church members are welcome, and we especially want all of our church leadership and committee members for 2009 attend. This will be an exciting time of looking forward for our church family. Our District Superintendent Jim Cantrell will be with us as well as Phil Schroeder who will be providing training for our church leadership.