

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009

COOKIES, COFFEE, AND CONVERSATION will be served in Chester Commons by the St. Paul Hospitality Committee immediately following the 11:00 service Sundays beginning today. No agenda, just a relaxed time to gather and catch up with old friends and welcome new ones. Please plan to join in each Sunday except first Sunday when the covered dish lunch is served after the service. Thanks to Julie Clarkson, Bill Erickson, and Louis Lindic for coordinating this wonderful time together.

THE ANNUAL GAC FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will be served Tuesday, February 24th, from 5:30-7:00 pm in Huiet Hall. There's be balloons, tattoos, crown and beads, along with pancakes and a variety of toppings, bacon, sausage and orange juice. Plates are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 5 – 9. Children under 5 and seniors over 80 eat free! Volunteers are needed to help serve and to help clean-up. Tax deductible donations of cooked bacon and sausage are welcome. To volunteer, call Becky Wellman at 404 408-6804 or email beckywellman@gmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED to the sacrament of holy baptism for Joy Allen Grady on Sunday, February 15th at Cannon Chapel on the campus of Emory University at 2 pm. Come in enough time to park in the Peavine lot or deck and make your way on foot to the chapel at the heart of campus on the quadrangle. Dave and Susan want their church families to be present, so they have chosen to have Joy's baptism at a time and place to which they could invite the people of St. Paul and Avondale Pattillo UMCs to participate. The Revs. Hoyt Allen (Susan's dad) and Jim Cantrell will preside. They sincerely hope that both congregations will be present with other friends and relatives to help Joy begin to understand the loving families into which she has been born and who will nurture her as she grows in body, faith, and spirit. Directions to come.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP? It's time for the annual training for anyone who wants to serve in 2009 as liturgist, Children's Time giver, usher or sound technology assistant and we could use a few new people! We will hold training after worship on Sunday February 15th. We will keep the training to a half hour. If you would like to serve and cannot attend on the 15th, please let me know so that we can arrange an alternate time for your training. If you have any other questions please contact Laura Magistro Wells at lauramagistrowells@alumni.duke.edu or at (404)627-6756.

GOD GOES HOLLYWOOD: RELIGION AND MEDIA is a new ten-week course that will be facilitated by St. Paul member and Contextual Ed student Jenny Stevens. Beginning in the first week of February the class will begin to explore religious themes as they appear in popular culture by watching movies and t.v. shows and discussing them in a thoughtful, Christian context. Media includes such favorites as Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, The Simpsons, The West Wing, and WALL-E. The class will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm. Please contact Jenny at jennifer.stevens@emory.edu to sign up or for more information.

CONFERENCE-WIDE HOMELESS OFFERING: "THESE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS" The 2009 NGC Homeless Offering is scheduled for Sunday, February 22. St. Paul, a good neighbor, will be receiving donations on that date. Please be generous.

HANDBELL DIRECTOR NEEDED St. Paul is looking for a musically inclined volunteer to lead the Adult and Children's Handbell groups for this Spring and next Fall Seasons. If anyone is interested, please contact Sherri Scott at sherriscott1@bellsouth.net. The Children's group has had a lot of interest from potential players and the current group is very focused and learns very fast! What a fabulous time to take this group to a new level of participation in the services!