

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009

**2009 PALOOZA BONANZA EXTRAVAGANZA** (Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm) will showcase the talent of the St. Paul youth, and will include performance as well as visual arts. The youth really want to share with St. Paul and the community their talents. Donations will be accepted as the youth attempt to raise money to help support their Spiritual Life retreat on Palm Sunday weekend (April 3rd - 5th). **THERE WILL BE A REHEARSAL AT 12:30 PM TODAY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.**

**NEXT SUNDAY OUR WORSHIP WILL BE "UNPLUGGED."** This means that we will not use the sound system, electric lights, the organ, etc., and there will not be a printed bulletin. The Worship Committee is bringing you this worship experience to highlight the resources we have and use at church, and how our stewardship makes worship possible and accessible to all.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** is a church-wide special offering to benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Gifts to this offering help UMCOR respond in disaster, fight hunger, alleviate poverty, provide relief supplies around the world and offer hospitality to immigrants and refugees. This year's offering will be collected on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be generous.

**GREAT DAY OF SERVICE** Peachtree Road UMC will be sending a crew of volunteers to St. Paul on March 28<sup>th</sup> to perform a number of cleaning and maintenance tasks for us as a part of their Great Day of Service. We need at least 15 volunteers from St. Paul to complement their work force and ensure we complete everything we hope to get done. Please contact Marcus Merritt ([marcusmerritt@comcast.net](mailto:marcusmerritt@comcast.net)) or Don Wallace ([don.wallace@cbsoutdoor.com](mailto:don.wallace@cbsoutdoor.com)) for more information. Sign up sheet is outside the Sanctuary door in the Sydney St. stairwell.

**NEW DATE FOR ST. PAUL ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!** will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2009, 11:00am-1:00pm (because Easter falls during spring break). Mark your calendars now-- more details to come. Volunteers are needed in other capacities as well-- please contact Doug Hollis ([doug@stpaulgrantpark.org](mailto:doug@stpaulgrantpark.org)) if you can help.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING** If you are interested in serving as an acolyte in worship, please plan to attend a brief training session on Sunday, March 22, immediately following the 10:55 service in the Sanctuary. Acolytes are generally in first grade and up and serve with a parent or other adult. All are welcome!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is just around the corner and we need you! Mark Your Calendars! There will be a daytime VBS for children ages 2 years to 5th grade from 9am to 12pm, Monday, June 1st through Friday, June 5th and an evening session for **all ages** the following week from Sunday, June 7th - Thursday, June 12th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Also mark your calendar for a church wide picnic and VBS celebration for everyone on Saturday, June 6th-- other details to come. We need all of your help to make these events a success. More information will be coming but mark your calendars now and let us know if you can help out. Contact Doug Hollis at [seedoug@hotmail.com](mailto:seedoug@hotmail.com) for more information.

**LENTEN CRAFT ACTIVITIES** Join our St. Paul family from 6:30 to 6:45 on Wednesday nights for Lenten crafts and activities for all ages! Bring your children or simply your own childlike spirit as we explore the themes of Lent hands-on. Activities will begin Wednesday, March 4 and will continue through Wednesday, April 8.

**MEAL MAKER COORDINATOR NEEDED** The Meal Makers ministry prepares meals for new mothers, the sick, the bereaved, or anyone needing temporary assistance getting meals on the table. One of our coordinators is forced to give up her position because of work issues. If you can serve the church by filling her spot this year, please contact the church office.