

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, 2009

FAITHFUL NEIGHBORS: STUDYING THE RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND BEYOND

a summer Sunday school class begins June 7 and goes through August 16. Led by Mark Crenshaw and Pastor Susan, the class will be made up of in-class learning and discussion, visits from leaders of local religious organizations, and site visits to other churches, a synagogue, a mosque, and more! All individuals and classes are welcome to join this special summer class! We will meet in Huiet Hall beginning Sunday, June 7, at 10 am.

WHAT IS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND WHY SHOULD I CARE? Have you ever found yourself asking this question? Come for a light supper and conversation on Wednesday, May 27th at 6 PM to discuss the what, when, where, WHY, and WHO Cares of the North Georgia Annual Conference. This will be an opportunity for you to meet St. Paul's delegates to this important meeting and to discuss with them the issues that affect us as United Methodists and members of St. Paul. Let the office know you're coming so we'll know how much food to have on hand.

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE is seeking a person to coordinate coffee, cookies, and conversation on the months of June, September, and December. We are looking for someone who can make sure coffee is made, lemonade is made, and cookies are available. They can be set out in Chester Commons before the 10:55 service. Set up and clean up are very easy. You can do this yourself or schedule others to take on a Sunday during the months you are coordinating. Please email

becky.boyette@turner.com or call her at 404-931-8004, if you can help.

THE ST. PAUL GOLDEN AGE CENTER needs a simple audit in order to qualify for various federal, state and local grants. If you are a CPA able and willing to perform this service, please contact the St. Paul church office.

GENEROUS DONOR CHALLENGES GEORGIANS TO GIVE BIG TO CCPI The Central Conference Pension Initiative recently received a gift of \$500,000 from a generous donor in Georgia, with the potential for an additional gift later this year if the churches in Georgia respond with significant participation. The donor has challenged the North and South Georgia Conferences to match the gift with a minimum goal of \$500,000. All church gifts and pledges received after May 7, 2009 will be counted toward the challenge. The total potential for this effort could be \$1,500,000 or more. North Georgia United Methodists have a chance to contribute to CCPI through the Mission Offering for Annual Conference. This is the offering to which Pastor Susan is encouraging each family to contribute a one time gift of \$10/family member. For more information about the Mission Offering visit www.ngumc.org/ac2009. Read the story of recipient Minerva Kekeh at <http://www.ccpi-umc.org/stories/mkekeh.asp> or find out more about CCPI at www.ccpi-umc.org. To make your family's gift to the initiative, please make your check payable to St. Paul and carefully mark it CCPI.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL still needs talented and willing volunteers to help support our double session of VBS June 1st through the 12th. We can use your help for a day or for a week, or for any time that you can give us. Please contact Laura Wells or Doug Hollis to volunteer: lauraandtalley@mindspring.com or seedoug@hotmail.com.

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- Registration for Camp E.D.G.E. June 1st through June 5th is closed. Volunteer training will be held **Wednesday, May 13th from 7:30 to 8:30pm** to familiarize volunteers with the Camp E.D.G.E. theme and the teaching plan, as well as to assign specific volunteer duties. There will be a general training from 7:30 to 8:00pm and then group training for specific areas. Please let Laura Wells know if you will be unable to attend this session. An additional session may be scheduled depending on need. If you are volunteering, don't forget to get your children signed up. You can email jessgaines@gmail.com or register online at www.cokesburyvbs.com/stpaulgrantpark/ce/.
- There will be a **VBS Decorating Party** Saturday May 30th, 9 am till noon. We need your hands to make light of all the work necessary to get ready for the week. Please mark your calendar.
- **We need to borrow** camping supplies and equipment (tents, sleeping bags, lanterns, etc.) to use as props for the VBS theme. If you have items to lend, please clearly mark them with your name before leaving them in the fellowship hall.
- **Our Evening VBS program**, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" is still taking registrations for Sunday evening, June 7, 2009 through Thursday evening, June 12, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul UMC. It is designed for family, teen, and adult participation. "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" opens on Saturday, June 6, 2009 with a family picnic in Grant Park. Beginning Sunday evening, June 7, come visit with "Mr. Rogers and his friends" to explore a different neighborhood topic each night. There will be opportunities to have a great buffet supper, and participate in music, skits, games, arts and crafts, learning and discussion groups about our neighborhood and our commitments, and lots of just plain fun! Some activities are unified and some are for children, teens, and adults separately, but all are designed as an experience that you can share together. If you are a child 3 and over, a teenager or a teenager at heart, a single adult, or an adult couple, St. Paul has a place for you at Evening VBS! (lanterns, etc.) to use for the Camp Edge set, please clearly mark your name on it and bring it to Huiet Hall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Bill Wawerna (Mike's dad, multiple melanoma)
- Jeff (friend of Leslie Truman wrongfully imprisoned)
- Juanita Morgan (sister of Vanessa Jackson's co-worker, needs a heart transplant)
- Vanessa Jackson's family (stress of dealing with aging mother)
- Seymour family (driving to Connecticut for family baptism Memorial Day weekend)
- Kristina Kirkeby's dad (laid off, looking for work)
- Percy Hardy (Jimmy's brother, recently hospitalized)
- Patsy Green (extended family member of Melissa Mason, early stage pancreatic cancer, preparing for chemotherapy)
- Grant Park community as summer comes when crime rates traditionally rise
- McMichael family (Sybil Davidson's friends, lost their 18 month old son who ran in front of his father's truck in their driveway)
- Gene McGinnis and family (member of Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, seriously injured in auto accident)