

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

### **THIS SUNDAY IS FIRST SUNDAY.**

- We will be collecting canned goods for the Georgia Avenue Community Ministry Food Co-op. Please be aware that the co-op has indicated their preference for canned items (for storage reasons) AND dog food is also welcome (apparently it's useful and requested).
- First Sunday lunch will **NOT** be served today (in spite of the announcement last week) or on Sunday, September 6 (Labor Day weekend). **Instead we will have lunch together on Sunday, August 30.** Please bring a covered dish to share on that day instead.

**THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** is looking for people to help Bill, Louis, and Patrice with Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation after the 11:00 services church each Sunday. Please contact Becky Boyette at [becky.boyette@turner.com](mailto:becky.boyette@turner.com) or call her at 404-931-8004 if you can help. This is an easy way to help welcome our visitors and enjoy some time with each other. You only need to volunteer a few times to make a BIG difference.

**ST. PAUL GAC** holding its first annual **Community Cook-off and entertainment showcase** Saturday October 17th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sydney Street (in the St. Paul courtyard and on the street). The GAC is looking for good cooks willing to enter their favorite dishes and musicians, actors, comedians or anyone interested in donating time and talent to the event. A mini set of 2-3 songs or 15 minutes is acceptable. All ages and levels of talent are welcome. Anyone interested in participating as a contestant or entertainer can contact us on our Facebook page: Golden Age Center- St. Paul UMC in Grant Park ATL, GA or email [vanessajackson21@comcast.net](mailto:vanessajackson21@comcast.net).

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES: What It Means to Be a United Methodist Church.** Aug 2: Prayers; Aug 9: Presence; Aug 16: Gifts; Aug 23: Service; Aug 30: Witness

**AUGUST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?** VBS session is open to all ages, August Wednesdays and Sept 2nd, and explores how we can be good neighbors by keeping our United Methodist membership vows. Contact Mark Crenshaw

([mark.crenshaw@bobbydodd.org](mailto:mark.crenshaw@bobbydodd.org)) or the church office to register. Schedule is as follows:

6:00-6:30 pm Gathering and introduction to scripture (same as previous Sunday's reading)

6:30-7:00 pm Dinner and table conversation (supervised children's table with directed conversation, meals \$6/adult, \$3/children 4-10)

7:00-7:30 pm Small group discussion for adults and youth; scripture related activities for kids.

Weekly Topics:

August 5: Prayer – Luke 11:1-13, Our prayers as individuals and in community and the difference they make.

August 12: Presence – Luke 10:38-42, Spending time in Jesus' presence; the church as an important presence to us; our presence to our neighbors.

August 19: Gifts – Matthew 26:6-13, Our money and our talents and how we share them.

August 26: Service – Luke 10:25-37, In leadership to the church and in mission beyond its walls; serving beyond our comfort zones.

September 2: Witness – John 21:15-17, Living out our faith.

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS** during August will be served as part of the August VBS session. Regular Wednesday night suppers will begin Wednesday, September 9th. The church is accepting proposals from cooks willing to prepare Wednesday night suppers on a break even basis (for the church) beginning in the fall. Using last year's average attendance of 20 adult and 10 children per week would mean the cost of food, preparation and clean-up could not exceed \$125.00 per week. In the event that attendance and receipts increased, the amount of profit to the cook could increase proportionately. If you are interested in preparing meals on this basis, please contact the church office.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BEYOND**, North Georgia's Annual Christian Education event, will be August 15 at Peachtree City UMC. "Our Journey of Hope" is the 24th Sunday School and Beyond, equipping laity and pastors to provide quality Christian Education in the local church. For more information and registration, visit [www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org).

**NORTH GEORGIA YOUNG ADULTS** can participate in an interactive UM seminar in New York City August 10-13. Receive training on how to work at home on issues of social justice, including global health initiatives and human trafficking. Participation is on a first come, first served basis and costs \$350 per person plus meals (\$40/day) and metro card (\$25). To register contact Margaret Freeman at [mfreeman@ngumc.org](mailto:mfreeman@ngumc.org). Questions about the trip? – contact Susan Allen-Grady at [susan@stpaulgrantpark.org](mailto:susan@stpaulgrantpark.org). For more information on the seminar program, go to [www.umc-gbcs.org/site](http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site).

**BEYOND PILLS AND PROCEDURES: SPIRITUALITY AND HEALING RETREAT** will be presented at the Center for Spiritual Renewal at Simpsonwood August 21-23. Who should attend?

- Those interested in current research on spirituality and health
- Those with a recent diagnosis of a serious illness
- Those with chronic illness or symptoms unresponsive to usual treatments
- Clergy
- Physicians
- Pastoral Counselors
- Parish Nurses

Visit the conference website for more information and a brochure.

**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.