

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

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 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.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: **What It Means to Be a United Methodist Church.** 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) 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 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS during August will be served as part of the August VBS session. **Menu for August 12: Chicken breast over pasta with bacon and summer vegetables, Caesar salad with cherry tomatoes, mushrooms, parmesan cheese and croutons, garlic bread, Italian bread pudding.** 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.

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CALLING ALL CHILDREN! We want you to join one of our fabulous Children's Choirs: The Little Angels Preschool Choir (ages 2-5) or The Little Saints Elementary School Choir (K-5th). This year both choirs will rehearse at the same time from 6-6:30pm to make it easier for families to participate. Patres Hillis will lead the Little Angels and Laura Wells will lead the Little Saints. You don't want your child to miss out on all the fun. Rehearsals start after Labor Day on Wednesday, September 9th. Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7pm and various adult classes and the adult choir will meet after dinner. If you haven't tried out Wednesday nights at St. Paul, come enjoy the fellowship and fun. We hope to see you there. If you have questions, contact Laura Wells.

A MISSION ROAD TRIP Wednesday, September 2nd – Monday, September 7th (Labor Day) You can join Jonathan Kidwell in New Orleans working at the direction of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana Office of Disaster Response (the organization for whom Jonathan worked previously).

Some basic information:

Workday -- 8 until 3 (or so), Thursday--Saturday.

Expected jobs -- Hanging drywall, finishing drywall, installing flooring, painting, finish carpentry (trim, doors, cabinets).

Skills needed – None. If you don't know which end of the hammer to use, someone will teach you.

Cost -- \$10/night per person for housing + food and transportation. Accommodations have bath/shower facilities and a kitchen stocked with necessary utensils.

Travel -- Seven hours drive from Atlanta. Jonathan and Jen will leave around noon on Wednesday by car. Current airfare is around \$240 roundtrip per person.

Fun – Lots. Jonathan knows the best ice cream place in town, not to mention some great restaurants.

Contact jonathan@toolbank.org to let him know you would be interested in coming. As of last weekend, the only volunteers scheduled for the 2nd-7th are Jen and Jonathan. The Diocese wants a "final" count on Monday, August 24th. Please forward this email to anyone not on our distribution list who might be interested.

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.

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. Questions about the trip? – contact Susan Allen-Grady at susan@stpaulgrantpark.org. For more information on the seminar program, go to 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. Visit the conference website for more information and a brochure.