

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

OUR APPORTIONMENTS CAMPAIGN receipts now total \$8,166. No contribution is too small to be significant. If you have not yet contributed to this effort, please consider a gift before the end of the year.

THE ST. PAUL GOLDEN AGE CENTER members are all on low fixed incomes. We have twelve members between the ages of 67 and 84 and there are two members who are over 96 years of age! We are asking the St. Paul UMC family to support our Golden Age Center members by donating items to include in 14 holiday baskets. Some of their needs and wants are:

- Dollar Tree Gift Cards (\$15.00)
- Kroger Gift Cards (\$15.00)
- Warm gloves and scarves
- Coffee, tea, hot cocoa or other warm beverage mixes
- ★ Cash donations to purchase special items that the seniors love and need

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE OF HOPE For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year. It is a time for remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but that are now changed or gone. This is the time of year with the longest nights, so around this time we offer a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. Join us on Monday, December 21st at 7 pm. The evening is open to all. Please come.

A SPECIAL FRIENDS AND FAMILY DISCOUNT is available for St. Paul members at the Holiday Inn Capital Conference Center through December 30th. Contact Bill Ericson at bill.ericson@hiselectatlanta.com for more information.

SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24TH are A Family Candlelight and Communion Service at 6:30pm in the sanctuary and A Candlelight and Communion Service at 11:00 pm in Chester Commons.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR ST. PAUL FAMILY! Plan to attend Wednesday Night Supper on Wednesday, December 16th at 6 pm, even if you don't usually attend on other Wednesdays. Plan to stay for the Christmas Play at 6:45 pm in our Sanctuary. **PLEASE DO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER ON DECEMBER 16TH.**

F.E.A.S.T. GROUPS (*Friends Eating And Sharing Together*) are reforming for the new year. Groups of six participants (single, couple, or family) will form and meet together once a month during January through June for the purpose of getting to know each other! Only food and fellowship are on the menu. Watch for sign-up information.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS HELP OUR COMMUNITY Our neighbor Fr. Jacob Myers at St. John the Wonderworker serves two meals a day to all comers throughout the year, and expands the church's program to provide **food, toys and other necessities to families with children at Christmas.** St. Paul has been an active partner of this program in years past. Needed are NEW toys (especially for older children and adolescents), hams, turkeys, canned meat products, outdoor wear, blankets, and of course cash is always accepted. Donations can be left in the church office.

BASKETBALL PROGRAM SITE MANAGER NEEDED St. Paul UMC is looking for a **Basketball Program Site Manager** to work 8 Saturdays in January and February. The Manager will be required to be at the church and with the doors unlocked at 8:30am each Saturday morning, at 7:30am on Photo Day and remain until 6:00pm to lock and secure the building. This person will be responsible for court set-up before the games, goals in place, balls ready, score keepers table set-up, and chairs for spectators. They will be responsible for the church throughout the day, including gym restrooms kept neat and orderly. At the end of the day they will be responsible for storing goals, balls, chairs, clean-up and sweeping the gym, and making sure all doors are locked and secure. During the day the site manager will act as greeter and liaison between parents, coach's, referees & teams at St. Paul. The Manager will work closely with the referees to ensure games start on time, remain on schedule throughout the day, and all games are conducted in a professional and peaceful manner conducive to the programs mission for children. St. Paul Information sheets will be provided but knowledge of programs and welcoming personality will be expected. The Manager will maintain a communication log in the gym for comments, incidents and concerns during games and practices and constant communication with the program director is expected. Site Manager will be required to attend the Coach's Safety Class and Pass a Criminal Back Ground Check. To inquire about this part time position, please send an email to **Basketball@StPaulGrantPark.org** for information.

BASKETBALL PROGRAM REFEREES NEEDED St. Paul UMC is looking for **Basketball Program Referees** to officiate games for all age groups. (1 referee per game, 1 game per hour) The Referees will be required to be at the church 10 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled game and they will work closely with the Site Manager to ensure games start on time, remain on schedule throughout the day, and all games are conducted in a professional and peaceful manner conducive to the programs mission for children. The referees will be required to be knowledgeable of all league rules and ensure all games are played in a safe and good-spirited manner. Referees will also be responsible for gathering the teams before the game to determine which team, coach, or volunteer will lead the prayer before the games. Referees will be required to attend the Coach's Safety Class and Pass a Criminal Back Ground Check. To inquire about this part time position, please send an email to **Basketball@StPaulGrantPark.org** for information.



Poinsettias decorating our sanctuary have been donated

In honor of the 2009 Administrative Council by Brenda C. Brown

In honor of Pa Pa Bailey by Deedee Abbott and Tim Smith

In honor of Sam, Auntie Rose and our Sierra Leone family by Teresa Davis

In honor of Shirley Cockrum, by Terry, Kim, Robin, Gigi, Gary and Dana

In memory of Alfred & Pearl Davis, Tracy & Stella Scofield, and Malcolm Davis by Teresa Davis

In honor of my sisters, the "Disciple Women" - you keep my faith alive by Teresa Davis

In honor of Candace and Elise, with lots of love today and always! by Teresa Davis

In honor of Cheryl Gutierrez, my loving mother by Teresa Davis

In honor of Joan Mayer with love from the Mayer Todds and Mayer Seymours

In memory of John and Willie Gene Merritt by Marcus, Karen and Carrie Merritt, Katie and Park Scofield



And,

In memory of Susan H. Methvin

by the Palmers - James, Mandy and Leo

In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Praytor

by Laura and Carl Rappold

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Putnam

by Laura and Carl Rappold

In honor of Se'Varias, Se'Vonyae and
Se'ven Raines

by Vanessa Jackson

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Carl William
Rappold

by Laura and Carl Rappold

In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith

by Marcus, Karen and Carrie Merritt, Katie
and Park Scofield

In honor of the Choir and Musicians at St.
Paul

by Bill Ericson and Tom Sweeny

In honor of the Pastor and Staff at St. Paul

by Bill Ericson and Tom Sweeny

In memory of Lisa's cousin Tracy Tharp,

by Marshall and Lisa Roberson

In memory of Annie Ruth & James A
Vaughn, my grandparents,

by Lisa Roberson

