

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

JANUARY EPISTLE DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 28TH.

OUR APPORTIONMENTS CAMPAIGN receipts now total \$8,526.19. 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 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED December 24th, December 30th and December 31st, in observance of Christmas and New Years Day.

MANY THANKS for your generous contributions to the GAC Christmas baskets, which have more than met our needs for Christmas. Bless You!

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. Nursery will be available.

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.

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 gear, blankets, and of course cash is always accepted. Donations can be left in the church office.

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 Background Check. Email to Basketball@StPaulGrantPark.org to inquire about this part time position.