

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

TODAY IS FREE SAMPLE SUNDAY Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:55 am service this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY IS FIRST SUNDAY:

- Our First Sunday collection of canned goods and non-perishable items for the Georgia Avenue Food cooperative will be received next Sunday at both services during the offering. Please be generous.
- Our First Sunday covered dish fellowship lunch will be served following the 10:55 am service in Huiet Hall next Sunday. Please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share and plan to stay to enjoy the fellowship and the meal. Visitors and guests will be very welcome.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER will be catered by Home Grown this week. Menu: Taco Bar (beef or veggie) including lettuce, tomato, cheddar, sour cream, salsa, and flour tortillas, chocolate and peanut butter crisp treats. **THERE WILL BE VERY LITTLE EXTRA FOR WALK-INS, SO IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY AND PLEASE SPECIFY THE VEGETARIAN OPTION.**

THE ANNUAL GAC FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER IS MARCH 8TH. Pancakes, warm syrup and fruit toppings, bacon and sausage (regular and veggie) will be served from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in Huiet Hall. Meal tickets for adults are \$6, for children 8 & under the cost is \$3, and children under 5 or folks over 80 eat free! This event is sponsored by Carla and Scott Smith and Crossroads Hospice. All proceeds will benefit the St. Paul Golden Age Center directly and donations are tax-exempt! If you have any questions or would like to help, call Becky Wellman at 404 688-7501.

THANK YOU to all those who contributed to “Change for Church”. Through that effort, we raised over \$360 for those going on the El Salvador trip.

LITURGISTS TRAINING for all Liturgists, new and old, will be offered Sunday, March 20th following 10:55 am Morning Worship. If you are presently in the Liturgist rotation or would like to serve St. Paul in this capacity, please plan to attend.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO COOK meals for Wednesday night suppers during the rest of the year. Calendars are on the stairwell bulletin board outside the entrance to the Sanctuary. You can sign up once or as many times as you want to. Unclaimed weeks will be catered by Home Grown.

ALSO, WE NEED YOU! ...to help clean up after Wed night suppers. We are putting together a rotation of teams to share the responsibility so that you will only be called once every 5-6 weeks. Please let Pastor Susan know if you can help.

HOTELS 'R' US From February 26th through March 24th, there will be college students from various Alternative Spring Break groups staying on our third floor while doing mission work in the city. These groups are from the University of Michigan, Dominican University, Boston University, and finally a group from Summit UMC, who are Methodist students at Ohio State University across the street from the church. If you live in the neighborhood and would like to represent St. Paul to these students by being the person who meets them and gets them settled upon arrival, please call the church office. We will have you exchange cell phone numbers with the group leaders, and we will have them call you when they think they are an hour away from us, and again when they get off the interstate. That way you will have the hour to get back from wherever you are, and then will know when it's time to go the church to meet our guests. Instructions about what visitors need to know will be provided. Groups are arriving Sat. Feb. 26th, Sat. March 5th, Sun. March 13th, and Sat. March 19th.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES by March 6th for the Lent/Lord's Prayer Rotation on Sundays, March 13 - April 3. If you can lend or donate any of these items, please drop them in the office labeled "Children's Sunday School."

- 24 12x36 strips of white fabric for prayer shawls
- 2-3 sets of fabric markers
- 5 packages of post-it notes
- 2, 12-count Non-Stick Muffin tins (PLEASE put your name on them so we can return them!)
- muffin cups
- cooking spray
- 4 cans refrigerator biscuits (NOT GRANDS)
- 1 large bag sugar
- 1 bottle ground cinnamon
- 2 sticks of butter
- 2 pieces of large white poster board
- magazines to make collage

LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES SPRING COURSES The 2011 Lay Speaking Spring Sessions will be held on Saturdays for three weeks (March 12, 19, 26) from 9:00AM 12:30 PM at Stone Mountain First United Methodist Church, 5312 West Mountain Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 (770-469-9767) and will include a Basic and two advanced classes:

BASIC Course - requires a letter of recommendation by the pastor. This course is the foundation for all the other texts in the Learning and Leading series for lay speakers. In this course, you are encouraged to recognize and employ personal spiritual gifts for the church in order to use them as God fully intended. Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices and being part of a group that holds members accountable in discipleship. It offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader and outlines a number of ministries in which you as lay speakers may assume roles.

Stewardship This course will help the participant develop a holistic understanding of stewardship.

Spiritual Gifts This course focuses on acquiring a better understanding of the church and its ministry needs; learning what it means to be a minister; doing the work of Christ in the church and in the world; and being more fully equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.

Note: Lay speakers are required to take one advanced course every three years in order to retain their certification. However, it is good to take courses more frequently to add to your skills and expand your contacts in the household of faith. Please register and mail registration fee by March 1 by Registering online <http://www.smfumc.org> and send your registration fee to Stone Mountain First United Methodist Church, 5312 West Mountain Street, Stone Mountain, GA Attn: Lay Speaking Ministry. Please make all checks payable to ADOX District in the amount of \$40.00 for each participant.