

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 12th**

**METHODISM 101**, a summer Sunday school class, began meeting last Sunday and will run for 8 weeks (excluding July 3rd and the August outdoor worship date) during regular Sunday school time. Led by Pastor Susan, the class will explore what it means to be United Methodists, and is open to newcomers and old members alike.

**BABYSITTER FOR HIRE**. Experienced. Contact Telia Garner at 678-790-7629.

**YOUTH GROUP** will continue to meet during the summer, but not at St. Paul. Contact LauraBeth Jones ([laurabeth.jones@gmail.com](mailto:laurabeth.jones@gmail.com)) or Alvin Lingenfelter ([alingenfelter@lagrange.edu](mailto:alingenfelter@lagrange.edu)) if you have any questions. Details will be included in weekly announcements for the following week's activity. The schedule as it stands now is as follows:

**June 15—Braves Game.** Meet at St. Paul at 6 pm to walk to Turner Field. Bring money. Tickets will cost \$10-\$20.

June 22 - Gardening at Oak Leaf Mennonite Farm @ 9am.

June 29 - Swim party at Grant Park Pool @ 2pm.

July 6 - Movie night at Starlight Six Drive-In @ 8:30pm.

July 13 - TBA.

July 20 - Field games in Grant Park @ 7pm.

July 27 - Fun with clay at Cabbagetown Clay and Glass Works @ 7pm.

August 3 - Lock in/out! Time TBA.

**EVENINGS AT ST. PAUL**, a bi-monthly program series aimed at bringing us all together with our neighbors outside of church, will begin July 16<sup>th</sup> with "Heaven on Wheels," a skate night in our gym from 5 – 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 and includes skate rental. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. **Evenings at St. Paul** will feature a different program every other month. If you can't make Heaven on Wheels in July, look for future programs to include a dance night, family games night and a traditional fall festival. Though all Evenings at St. Paul will be family-friendly, you don't need kids to participate!

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** is planned for July 3rd and for an August Sunday to be announced. On those Sundays, there will be only one service at 10 am, and there will be not Sunday school. Tentatively, we will meet one Sunday in Ormonde-Grant Park and one Sunday in Grant Park. Tune in for final details.

## **UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Saturday, June 18, 2011

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Lithonia First United Methodist Church**

3099 Stone Mountain Street

Lithonia, Georgia 30058

Every church in the ADOX District needs to have at least one UMVIM trained leader. This is not just for training international trip leaders, but will train folks to equip, enable, and encourage church members to get outside the church walls to serve as Christ's hands, feet, ears, smiles, and love. *This training is required to use UMVIM's insurance to cover domestic and international trips.* Cost: \$25 per person to cover the training materials. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. **To register or for more information contact: Kathy Cook, ADOX District UMVIM Representative ([kcook@snellvilleumc.org](mailto:kcook@snellvilleumc.org)) or (770) 979-6452.**

## 2011 Peace With Justice Sunday is June 19th.

*“We cannot keep quiet if there is something wrong.” — Dr. Leonard Kabwita*



In a world where 250,000 children are forced to be fighters or sex slaves, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is the largest persistent violator, according to the United Nations Security Council. Because of the war, young boys are forced to enlist in the rebel army. Sexual assault of women and young girls has become the norm.

Compounding the problem is “conflict mineral,” the selling of copper, tungsten, tin and other minerals to support war efforts. Unfortunately, minerals sold to global supply chains and corporations may be used as components for electronics that are part of our everyday lives: mobile phones, MP3 players and computers.

United Methodists are trying to do something about it.

Armed with a grant from the **Peace with Justice Sunday offering**, the *Jerusalem Justice and Peace Ministry (JJPM)* is assisting communities in the DRC. While physical and emotional healing is vital, the ministry also challenges unjust systems.

“We cannot keep quiet if there is something wrong,” said JJPM executive Dr. Leonard Kabwita. JJPM workshops educate and empower Congolese people about justice issues in their communities and seek local solutions to close the gap between rich and poor.

When you give to **Peace with Justice Sunday**, you support ministries in the DRC, the United States and worldwide to remove unjust systems and equip the victimized to live more fulfilled lives.

To read additional stories of lives changed by **Peace with Justice Sunday** ,

### Your Generous Gifts support:

- Peace with Justice ministries in your local annual conference
- Peace with Justice ministries in the U.S and Globally. These funds are distributed by the General Board of Church and Society.



Scales for weighing the minerals from the mines

## Peace with Justice Sunday Q/A about Conflict Minerals

### What You Need to Know about Conflict Minerals

The deadliest war since World War II is raging in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. More than five million people have died since the conflict began in 1998. The gold, titanium, tantalum and tin that are in our computers, mobile phones and other electronic devices feed this war.

### What are conflict minerals?

Conflict minerals make up the metals that are mined in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and are used to fuel an ongoing war there. Gold, titanium, tantalum and tin are the primary materials that come from rebel-controlled mines in Eastern DRC. They are carried out of the ground on the backs of the Congolese people and straight out of the country to form essential components in our everyday electronics.

### What are the results of the conflict?

Soldiers from different neighboring countries compete for control (and profits) of these mines in Eastern DRC. They maintain control of the people who live in the communities surrounding the mines through repeated rape and violence. According to a 2010 OXFAM report, some 5,000 women in South Kivu were reported raped in 2009, alone. An unknown number of rapes occurred that were never reported, and many women do not see help because of social stigma.

### How can I help?

There are many practical ways that you can take action to help the victims of this violence and to reduce the use of conflict minerals in electronics.

- **Give to Peace with Justice Sunday**, which supports projects like the Jerusalem Justice and Peace Ministry (JJPM) in DRC. JJPM works in mining communities where poverty, rape and violence are rife. JJPM particularly focuses on women and girls who are more vulnerable to violence and assault. Their workshops help educate and empower people about the issues of justice in their communities and seek local solutions to help close the gap between rich and poor.
- **Let your legislators know** that you care about conflict minerals. In July 2010, Congress passed important legislation as part of the Wall Street Reform Bill that requires companies whose products use these minerals to verify that they do not come from DRC or nearby countries. This is an important step in the right direction. Continued support for this kind of legislation is essential.
- **Let electronics companies know** that you care about what goes into their products. You can send a letter to the largest companies at <http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org>
- **Tell others** about conflict minerals, their affect on the people of Congo and what they can do to help end the violence.

