

On the Mark

September 20, 2009
The Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, September 20, 2009

8:30 Cell *fellowship room*
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship time
10:30 2nd Service & Sunday
School
12:15 Prophetic Teams

Monday, September 21, 2009

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

9:30 Art Group
10:00 Holy Eucharist &
Healing Service *nave*
12:00 Agape Lunch
1:00 Cell
6:00 Band Rehearsal
7:00 Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

9:30 MOPS

Thursday, September 24, 2009

9:30 Community Bible Study
7:00 Christian Formation
SAVR

Friday, September 25, 2009

10:00 HK Cell

Saturday, September 26, 2009

7:30 Men's Community Bible
Study
3:00 Ordination of Roberta
Schneider to the
Diaconate

Sunday, September 27, 2009

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service & Sunday
School
12:15 Prophetic Teams
12:15 Parish Picnic
1:30 VBS De-Briefing

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 54 (p. 557)
Hebrews 5:1-14 (p. 1163)
Mark 9:30-37 (p. 979)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:10-29 (p. 141)
Hebrews 6:1-20 (p. 1164)
Mark 9:38-48 (p. 979)

NOTE: Classrooms for
Infants through five-year-
olds are on the lower level.
These children may be
dropped off before
Service, and collected at
the peace. Older kids
should remain with their
parents through opening
worship before leaving for
class.

You Can Do It

Have you noticed how many things there are that hinder our freedom these days? That is not the Lord at work in us but the one who "prowls around" wanting us to see victimization and defeat as a lifestyle as opposed to freedom and victory. It is time our lives expressed that freedom and victory and we need to tell the forces of evil where to "get off"! Amen?

Galatians 5 begins "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free!" In other words, if we are not experiencing freedom then we are not experiencing the joy and fullness of life that Christ wants us to have. Have you ever noticed that a place which is joyful and growing is a place where every part of the body is functioning well and doing its part without complaint or concern? You find that when you are free in Christ there are never any problems; just challenges in search of solutions.

When we are led by the Spirit of God, we are not looking for permission to take care of the things that are in front of us. We consider the challenges that we face a joy because God has counted us worthy of finding the solutions and furthering his purpose by putting legs and hands and hearts to the freedom we have in Him. Chapter 5 of Galatians closes with the fact that we are no longer bound by the law but can supersede the law by showing fruit in our lives: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness and Self-control.

You now have permission to Rock the World with your Freedom in Christ. No challenge will be too large for you to face with Christ at your side!

Go and Be Fruitful!

Blessings

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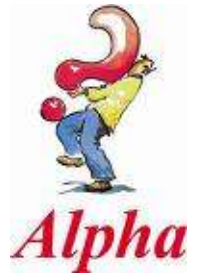
The Rev. Daniel C. Morgan
Associate Rector

Newcomers and guests at St. Paul's are invited to come to the Prayer Room after the service for a personal word of encouragement from the Lord our God. Our prophetic prayer team is ready to listen to God and ask Him to speak to you.

Beginning October 5th Alpha returns to St. Paul's. Each Monday evening from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m., there will be dinner, an outstanding taped teaching by Nicky Gumbel, and small group discussions on the hard questions of life!

Who is Alpha designed for? Curious non-believers. New Christians vacuuming up "the basics" Long-time Christians who want to brush the rust off their faith. Those who want to learn how to put into words what they believe. Anyone who would like to spend an evening with other people!

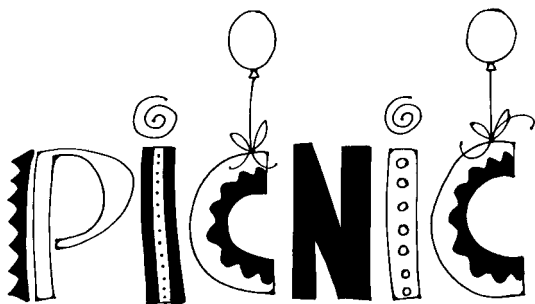
Do you know anyone who fits one of those categories? Invite them to Alpha. Sign-up cards and invitations are available in the narthex. Or call 203 655-8773 or e-mail info@stpaulsdarien.org



St. Paul's Darien Financial Summary	9/6/09	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Better(Worse) Than Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$8,035	\$462,310	\$508,750	(\$56,440)
Disbursements	\$17,498	\$480,780	\$508,750	17,970
Weekly Goal		\$13,750	Deficit	(\$38,470)

You are cordially invited to
Roberta Schneider's
Ordination to the Diaconate
this Saturday
September 26, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

At
First United Methodist Church
59 East Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, Connecticut
A small reception will follow.



Sunday, September 27, 2009

Start Fall with Food, Fellowship, and Fun! Immediately after the 10:30 service, please join us! As usual, we will supply paper goods, hamburgers & hotdogs, something to drink. YOU provide a side dish, salad or dessert – or whatever makes it feel like a picnic to you!

WE NEED YOU! We need your presence first and foremost, but we also need some help with set-up, with grilling, and, especially, with cleanup! If you can volunteer please see Pamela Corker or call the parish office at 203 655-8773.



Almost 700 volunteers have signed up to help pack 225,000 scientifically formulated meals for distribution in refugee camps and other areas of need. This first East Coast FMSC packing event will take place at Middlesex Middle School the weekend of **October 3 and 4.**

If you want to be a part of this community wide event, you can register by visiting www.mysignup.com/fmsc_darien_community. There will be a final prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 29 at the First Congregational Church. Come pray!

A 5-week course on **Inner Healing**

and a prayerful "step by step" journey to a more intimate relationship with God with The Rev. **Gail Paige Bowman** will run from October 17 through November 14, immediately after the 10:30 service each week for an hour and 15 minutes. Bring a bag lunch!

Bondage Breakers!



Beginning the first week in October, we will be studying "Bondage Breakers", an acclaimed book by Neil Anderson designed to help us learn how to live into our freedom in Christ.

This six week course will take place in existing small groups and in new ones which will be offered in various locations on every day of the week except Monday. Check the narthex for opportunities to sign up!

MEN!

The next Men's Ingathering (which is when all of the St. Paul's men gather for fellowship in Christ and a talk – this time by Fr. Christopher) will be held on Saturday morning October 3, at 7:30 a.m.



Looking Ahead

September 26 – Roberta Schneider's Ordination

September 27 – Parish Picnic!

October 3 - Men's Ingathering
FMSC Packing Event

October 4 – FMSC Packing Event
Prophetic Teams Meeting
Blessing of the Animals
First Sunday

October 5 - *Alpha* begins

October 17 - "Inner Healing" begins



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