

# On the Mark

September 27, 2009  
The Seventeenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

## Get Set....GO!

### Sunday, September 27, 2009

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

### Monday, September 28, 2009

### Tuesday, September 29, 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 30

9:30 MOPS Study

### Thursday, October 1, 2009

9:30 Community Bible Study

### Friday, October 2, 2009

7:30 NCS Cell  
10:00 HK Cell  
7:00 p Yoot

### Saturday, October 3, 2009

7:30 Men's Ingathering  
*Parish hall*  
7:30 Men's Community Bible  
Study

Feed My Starving Children  
Packing Event – Middlesex Schl

### Sunday, October 4, 2009

8:30 Cell  
8:45 1st Service  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 2nd Service & Sunday  
School

Feed My Starving Children  
Packing Event – Middlesex Schl  
12:15 MiC lunch  
12:15 Prophetic Teams Mtg  
5:00 Blessing of the Animals  
6:00 First Sunday

### THIS 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)

### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24 (p. 2)  
Hebrews 7:23-28 (p. 1165)  
Mark 10:2-9 (p. 979)

## YOOT!

The season is starting! Yoot  
Groop meets this Friday night  
at 7:00 p.m. Middle School  
and High School age folk:  
please be sure that Father  
Dan has you "on the list"!

## Crown Him, Crown Her

It is hard for Americans to see a crown the way first  
century people did. We haven't had a king since 1776, and  
our experience of absolute power makes us think of villains  
like Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin.

Today, if you saw a crown it would perhaps be in a  
museum or a beauty pageant or margarine commercial (if you  
go back that far!) In history, crowns have conveyed the status  
of the monarch as he or she wore it.

In the Book of Revelation, Jesus is described in  
chapter 19 as having on his head *many* crowns. He is the  
King of kings and Lord of lords – all powerful and altogether  
good. Earlier in this exciting book Jesus offers reassurance  
to the Christians in Smyrna. In Revelation 2:10, he tells his  
followers not to be afraid, they will be tested and they are to  
be faithful.

Think of what you are going through right now. Let the  
promise of Jesus take away your fear. Much better things are  
coming. The Lord says, "*Be faithful, even to the point of  
death and I will give you the crown of life.*"

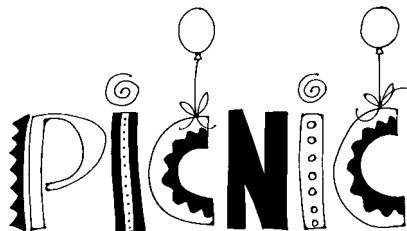
Jesus has a crown for you that will never fade or  
perish. You have standing and status in the household of  
God as an heir of the King. The Lord loves you and He will  
help you to be faithful, and He will reward you in the end.

Crown him, crown her.

### Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton  
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.*



Please stay and join us, after  
the 10:30 service today, for a  
final picnic to close out the  
season!

Didn't bring a dish to share?  
Don't worry! No one ever left  
St. Paul's hungry!

Today we welcome **The Rt. Rev. William Murdoch**,  
Bishop of the Diocese of New England, Anglican Church in North  
America to our services. We also welcome today  
**The Rev. Roberta Schneider** who yesterday was ordained  
Deacon in the Anglican Church in North America by Bishop  
Murdoch.

## MEN!

Please join us on Saturday morning October 3 at 7:30 a.m. for  
breakfast, fellowship in Christ, and an encouraging talk by Fr.  
Christopher! There is no charge for this – but the benefits are  
enormous.

St. Paul's Darien Financial Summary	9/20/09	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Better(Worse) Than Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,429	<b>\$457,839</b>	\$522,500	<b>(\$64,661)</b>
Disbursements	\$10,958	<b>\$501,739</b>	\$522,500	<b>20,761</b>
<b>Weekly Goal</b>		<b>\$13,750</b>	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$43,900)</b>



The FMSC packing event takes place next weekend, October 3 and 4 at Middlesex Middle School! There are still a few spots left for volunteers (you can sign up by visiting the Darien Times website). Join your neighbors at First Congregational Church at 7:30 on Tuesday, September 29 to help bathe this enterprise in prayer!

**Next Sunday, October 4 is a VERY busy day here.**

The **Prophetic Teams** will be meeting at 12:15 in the Parish Hall, and, at the same time, **MiC** (the Missions Commission) invites those interested to join them for a brief meeting and a report from the Mission field brought by **Flip Amon**.

At 5:00 p.m. we will offer **The Blessing of the Animals**. Bring your dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, snakes, gerbils, etc. (leashed or caged!) to receive a blessing. If your critter is not fond of traveling, or being around other animals, you might prefer to bring a picture instead of a leash or carrier.

Then, at 6:00 we will offer

**First Sunday**  
Worship, Healing Prayer, Holy Communion  
and, this month,  
a message from our missionary  
**FLIP AMON**

**The C Project**  
(building Healthy Spirit through the YMCA's  
Christian Heritage)  
Presents

**A Benefit Worship Concert**  
Saturday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. at  
New Beginnings Community Church  
65 Tokeneke Road, Darien.

**Dennis & Sharon Collins & friends**

*With intercessory prayer time for our military  
personnel & their families.*

[See Clarice Flagg for details]

**Alpha** starts next MONDAY, October 5. Bring a friend for dinner, fellowship, great teaching, and discussion of the BIG questions in life.



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 soon, 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!



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To Know Christ and  
To Make Him Known