

On the Mark

November 1, 2009
The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, November 1, 2009

All Saints Day

- 8:30 Cell
- 8:45 1st Service
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 2nd Service & Sunday School
- 12:15 "Inner Healing" class
- 12:15 Prophetic Teams
- 6:30 First Sunday
Guest: Jan Nel

Monday, November 2, 2009

- 6:15 Alpha

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

- 9:30 Art Group.
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service *nave*
- 12:00 Agape Lunch
- 12:30 Leadership Luncheon
- 1:00 Cell
- 6:00 Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 MiC (Missions)
- 7:00 H & I SAVR
- 7:00 School of the Spirit – Jan Nel

Wednesday, November 4

- 9:30 MOPS
- 6:30 Bondage Breakers Grp
- 7:00 School of the Spirit – Jan Nel

Thursday, November 5, 2009

- 9:30 Community Bible Study
- 7:00 School of the Spirit – Jan Nel

Friday, November 6, 2009

- 7:30 NCS Cell
- 10:00 HK Cell
- 7:00 Christian 12 Step
- 7:00 Bondage Breakers Grp (20's & 30's)

Saturday, November 7, 2009

- 7:30 Men's Community Bible Study

Sunday, November 1, 2009

- 8:30 Cell
- 8:45 1st Service
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 2nd Service & Sunday School
- 12:15 "Inner Healing" class
- 12:15 Prophetic Teams

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 149 (p. 614)
Hebrews 11:1-19, 39-40
(p. 1168)
Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 936)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (p. 178)
Hebrews 12:1-17 (p. 1170)
Mark 12:28-34 (p. 983)

Stand and Go

I commend you, members of St. Paul's, for your strong stand and your commitment to go forward in following the Lord, going only in the direction He leads you to go.

No one can question the commitments this parish has made over the years. You have absolute loyalty to God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, in the power of the Holy Spirit. You are living out your mission "to know Christ and to make Him known". Your belief in the Bible as God's infallible Word is the expression of your desire to obey the Lord whom you love. Your fellowship in the Gospel creates a loving parish where joy in worship leads to healing and mission to the world. You go forward as the Lord directs your lay and clergy leaders.

Yet there are places where your stand for Christ will not allow you to go. You will not tolerate teaching which goes against the Lord and His Word. There is much in The Episcopal Church with which you disagree.

I have been asked about the recent overtures by the Vatican to incorporate disgruntled Anglicans into the Roman Catholic Church. Some people have received this invitation by Pope Benedict XVI to be good news. The Pope's offer shows just how deep the crisis in Anglicanism is. Yet I believe the views of St. Paul's will clash with such teaching as papal infallibility, the sacrifice of the Mass, the authority of the tradition of the church, the ministry of the clergy and laity, and the current views about the Virgin Mary. There are probably additional disagreements with Rome. I don't see us going there.

Where **are** we going? We are keeping our feet under us as we stand for God's Word. We are keeping our eyes on Christ as He leads us. We are clasping one another's hands as we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit. God shows us the way one step at a time. You are moving forward, St. Paul's, and I commend you!

Love in Christ,

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.

Holy Spirit Saturday

Open to All

The Alpha course on Monday nights has been going well, with 25-30 in regular attendance. As part of the course, we will gather on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to learn about, discuss, and experience the Holy Spirit.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Fourteen people from the Alpha class have signed up, but this day is open to all – whether you've participated in Alpha or not. Lunch will be provided; there is no cost. To help with our planning, please sign up by calling the church office (203 655-8773) if you haven't already signed up at Alpha.

St. Paul's Darien Financial Summary	10/25/09	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Better(Worse) Than Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$8,924	\$491,589	\$591,250	(\$99,651)
Disbursements	\$13,065	\$572,000	\$591,250	\$19,250
Weekly Goal		\$13,750	Deficit	(\$80,401)

First Sunday

6:30 p.m.

Worship, Healing Prayer, Holy Communion

November 1, 2009

Special speaker: **Jan Nel**

Ministry in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Newcomers, Late-comers, New Members!

Membership has its privileges!

Have you ever wondered about whether you ARE a member of St. Paul's Church? What it would take to become one? What we stand for? Well, don't miss this opportunity. Join us for a light lunch, lots of information, and some healthy discussion about membership at St. Paul's – and how to become one! Join us Sunday, November 15 after the 10:30 service – 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Blessings, Fr. Dan

Lay Eucharistic Ministry

"Lay Eucharistic Ministry" (LEM) Training is being offered on Sunday, November 22, after the 10:30 service. Deacon Novella Lawrence will pass along her considerable training and experience in taking communion, prayers, and the fellowship of the church to the sick and homebound or hospitalized. If you've had this training before, it's worth a review; if new, please just come to the Fellowship Room across from the kitchen. If you have questions, please see Deacon Roberta.

Bringing Home the Prodigals

Are you – or someone you know – carrying a prodigal child (or sibling or friend or parent) in your heart? On Saturday, November 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Wellspring Church is hosting a day-long interactive experience of worship, teaching, discussion and prayer for the return of the prodigals we carry in our hearts.

If you are interested, please go to www.wellspring.net, click on "Bringing Home the Prodigals" and register. Two of the speakers, by the way, are Christopher and Janet Leighton.

Thanksgiving

This year our joint Thanksgiving Day service will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on the Post Road in Darien at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 26. We are told that Fr. Christopher has invited a very special guest preacher: William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth Colony.



*To Know Christ and
To make Him Know*

Save the Date!

Saturday, December 12, 2009

On Saturday, December 12, 2009, we will have a special guest at St. Paul's. His name is Don Mohler. I met Don at a conference this past summer at Wellspring Church. Don is a pastor who helps people follow Jesus into the world to share their faith. His approach is faithful, dynamic and highly effective. [Don has a website www.neckministries.com where you can learn more about him].

Don will lead us Saturday morning in teaching, then lead us in "hitting the streets" and then help us process what we've learned in the afternoon. On Sunday, December 13, Don Mohler will be preaching at both morning services. Following the second service you are invited to go caroling on the streets of Darien.

Circle of Love

On Saturday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m., the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care of Southwestern Connecticut, invites those who are struggling with grief and loss as the holidays approach, to join them at First United Methodist Church in Darien for a service of comfort, and remembrance.

Family Fun Night

Everyone is invited to the Norwalk YMCA's Family Fun Night November 20, from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Family Swim, Fitness, Gym, Crafts, Games, Karaoke, Scavenger Hunt and much more! Members free; non-members \$2 – AND you get a free two-week pass! Pizza, salad and a drink for \$2 also!

And ask about our continuing programs...

Alpha – Mondays at 6:15 p.m.

Bondage Breakers – almost every day of the week! Call 655-8773 for a group that fits your schedule!

Inner Healing – Sundays after the 10:30 service



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