

# On the Mark

October 18th, 2009  
The Twentieth Sunday after  
Pentecost

## Get Set....GO!

### Sunday, October 18, 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

### Monday, October 19, 2009

- 6:15 Alpha

### Tuesday, October 20, 2009

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

### Wednesday, October 21

- 9:30 MOPS
- 6:00 Billy Graham Telephone Ministry

### Thursday, October 22, 2009

- 9:30 Community Bible Study

### Friday, October 23, 2009

- 7:30 NCS Cell
  - 10:00 HK Cell
  - 7:00 Christian 12 Step
- Diocesan Convention begins in Hartford*

### Saturday, October 24, 2009

- Diocesan Convention - Hartford*
- 7:30 Men's Community Bible Study
  - 7:00p Yoot Group

### Sunday, October 25, 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
- 12:15 Sunday School Open House

#### **THIS WEEK'S LESSONS** *The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 53:1-12 (p. 716)  
Hebrews 9:11-15, 23-28  
(p. 1166)  
Mark 10:35-45 (p. 980)

#### **NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS** *The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 59:1-4, 9-19 (p. 722)  
Hebrews 10:19-39 (p. 1168)  
Mark 10:46-52 (p. 981)

## NEW

It would be hard to count how many times the word "new" has been used to sell you a product or service. Advertisers know there is something in our human make-up that is attracted to what is new.

Likewise, the human heart yearns for a new approach to God. Our humanity is beaten down by the law and attempts by religions and philosophies that "help us" to try harder.

Newness is what being a Christian is all about. Jesus came to inaugurate a new kingdom for the people of God which could be entered through a new covenant or new testament with Him. Jesus himself said "Behold, I make all things new!" [Rev. 21:5], which is not difficult to believe if you accept that He is risen from the dead. Those who believe in Christ are told in II Corinthians 5:17, "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

The book of Hebrews has been our study together this Autumn. This book is all about the new and better approach to God through Jesus Christ. In fact, the words "new", "better", and "superior" are used of Jesus Christ over and over. Today we hear read in Hebrews 9:15, "For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance – now that He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant."

Thank God for newness and the new life we receive in His Son Jesus!

### **Christopher**

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton  
Rector

## Inner Healing

Today could mark a first step on a "step-by-step" journey to a more intimate relationship with God. "Inner Healing" a five week class led by The Rev. **Gail Paige Bowman**, begins today in the fellowship room (across from the kitchen) immediately after the 10:30 service each week for an hour and 15 minutes. Next week you might want to bring a bag lunch!

*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.*

## College Care Packages

Until November 1, we will be collecting goodies and notes to send to the members of our St. Paul's family who are in college. See the sign-up and list of suggestions in the narthex. Thank you for helping us show love and encouragement to a great group of students! (If you would like to contribute cash for postage, please see Fr. Dan or Meg Newton. Thanks!)

St. Paul's Darien Financial Summary	10/4/09	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Better(Worse) Than Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,551	<b>\$477,410</b>	\$563,750	<b>(\$86,340)</b>
Disbursements	\$16,784	<b>\$554,418</b>	\$563,750	<b>\$9,332</b>
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$13,750</b>		<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$77,068)</b>

## Sunday School Open House

Next Sunday, October 25, we will have an open house for parents and teachers, in the Parish Hall, immediately after the 10:30 service. A light lunch will be provided, and there will be child care during the meeting. Basic orientation and expectations will be discussed. All parents and teachers of Sunday School age children are strongly encouraged to participate. If you have questions, please see **Debbie de la Rivera**.

**Looking for a "different" vacation? Curious about the influence of Celtic Christianity on our church today?** Connoisseurs Tours and Trinity School for Ministry are presenting "The World of St. Patrick" hosted by Dr. Les Fairfield, January 9 through 17, 2010. This 9 day tour takes in holy places in the lives of Patrick, Brigid, Brendan and many more, with an outstanding guide and teacher, - and allows plenty of free time to explore the beauty of the "Emerald Isle". More information is available in the narthex.

There will be a multi-church **Men's Retreat** at Dolce in Norwalk October 23-24. You can e-mail Greg Healy at [gregg-healey@nhcap.com](mailto:gregg-healey@nhcap.com) for information. "The Church of Fairfield County" (that would be all of us!) is planning this retreat around a theme of **Overcoming** (overcoming adversity, overcoming the enemy, overcoming obstacles...) Worship will be led by Dan Fox.

The **Billy Graham Telephone Ministry** will be at St. Paul's on Wednesday October 21 to answer call-ins. If you have always wanted to share Christ with someone - this is a great way to start! It's on the phone, not face-to-face; the person on the other end *really* wants to know Him; and the answers are right in front of you! Plus it is all bathed in prayer! If you are not quite ready to help yet, please do remember to pray for this outreach to the world.

Sunday, October 25, 1stt Congregational Church of Darien will host a **free family concert** at 5:30 p.m. Featuring the hip and contemporary folk music of **Lisa Furman** and **Doug Allen** the concert honors local 6<sup>th</sup> grader **Parker Ward** and the **Blythedale Children's Hospital** where Parker spent four months after being stricken with Acute Axonal Neuropathy the rarest form of Guillain-Barre Syndrome. For more information check out [www.uccdarien.org](http://www.uccdarien.org).



**Alpha**

### Who is Jesus?

#### And what difference does it make?

Do you have friends who ask you questions like that? Do YOU ever ask questions like that? Alpha is a "safe" place to ask just that sort of question! Each Monday evening at 6:15 we gather for a delicious dinner, followed by great teaching by Nicky Gumbel (on video tape) and small group discussion. There is still space...why not join us and bring a friend?

To Know Christ and  
To Make Him Known

## Jan Nel Returns

in November. Here's the schedule:

**School of the Spirit** - Nov. 3, 4, & 5 at 7:00pm at St. Paul's. This is a continuation of last Spring's course and is designed to train lay leaders in the gifting, work, and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**School of the Prophetic** - Nov. 10, 11, & 12 at 7:00 p.m. at The Huntington Chapel in Shelton. Continuation of last Spring's course, this is designed to help those whose leadership has identified their prophetic gifting to move more comfortably in that gifting.

**Ladies Bible Study** - Oct. 30, Nov. 6 & 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Sharon Bottomley, 30 Lost District Road, New Canaan

### Worship Services

November 1 at 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - The Huntington Chapel, Shelton

November 1 at 6:30 p.m. - **First Sunday** St. Paul's Darien

November 8 at 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 a.m. Harvest Time Church, Greenwich

### YES. Bondage Breaker

Groups are still open! If you would like to join a group to discuss Neil



Anderson's book - which we are reading as a Parish, do it! Copies of the book and study guide are available in the narthex (the cost is \$15 but don't let that stand in your way), then - whether you love the book or hate it - join a group. and *talk* about it! Groups meet every day except Monday (which is Alpha!)

Sundays, 8:30 a.m. - Fellowship Room at St. Paul's  
Led by John Donovan

Tuesdays, 1 -3 p.m. - at St. Paul's. led by Roberta Schneider

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the home of Clarice Flagg, 40 Hills Lane, Westport

OR 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Fellowship Room at St. Paul's

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the home of Diane Bell & Phyllis Schlemmer, 64 Gillies Lane, Norwalk

OR 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the home of Lisa & Tony Schell, 111 May Street, Fairfield CT

Fridays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Jeff & Meg Newton's, 246 Sylvan Knoll, Stamford CT

OR 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Lisa & Paul Hadlow's, 4 Leeds Lane, Stamford

OR 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Fellowship Room at St. Paul's (20's and 30's group)

OR 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Joann & Bob Cerretani's Home, 7 Summer Street, New Canaan



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