

On the Mark

October 25th, 2009
The Twenty-first Sunday after
Pentecost

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, October 25, 2009

- 8:30 Cell
- 8:45 1st Service
- 9:00 Discernment Comm.
Room 5
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 2nd Service & Sunday
School
- 12:15 "Inner Healing" class
- 12:15 Prophetic Teams
- 12:15 Sunday School Open
House

Monday, October 26, 2009

- 6:15 Alpha

Tuesday, October 27, 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 28

- 9:30 MOPS Study

Thursday, October 29, 2009

- 9:30 Community Bible Study

Friday, October 30, 2009

- 7:30 NCS Cell
- 10:00 HK Cell
- 7:00 Christian 12 Step
- 7:00 Fifth Friday

Saturday, October 31, 2009

- 7:30 Men's Community Bible
Study

Daylight Saving Time ENDS

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 with
Jan Nel

THIS 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)

NEXT 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)



Daylight Saving
Time ends at 2:00
am Sunday
November 1, 2009.

Set your clocks **BACK** at
bedtime **Saturday!**

Lofty Endeavors

It was frightening news to hear about a young boy adrift in a balloon. I prayed for him, didn't you? Of course, we now know that his launch was a hoax, but I can't help wondering if little Falcon will always bear the name "Balloon Boy".

Hebrews has taken us on a lofty journey, even into the eternal Tabernacle, the Holy of Holies, where Jesus opened a way for us into the presence of the living God. But now in Chapter 10, the author gets very practical and tells us how to avoid drift.

Hold fast without wavering the hope we confess *and* our acknowledgement of it...the Creed we confess every Sunday.

Give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up to love and helpful deeds and noble activities [The Amplified Bible on Hebrews 10:24]. Hmm. What do noble activities look like?

Retain the habit of assembling together as believers, for worship, and for encouraging *and* warning one another...and all the more faithfully as you see the Day approaching.

Confident in Christ,

Roberta

The Rev. Roberta Schneider

Deacon

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.

Sunday School Open House

If you have children (infants through High School!), if you teach Sunday School, or if you are interested in teaching Sunday School, please stay after the 10:30 service today for a Sunday School Open House. There will be a light lunch – and child care during the meeting. We will provide a basic orientation to Sunday School and discuss expectations by and for everyone: parents, teachers, and kids!

College Care Packages

One more week! We will package the goodies and notes we have been collecting to send to the members of our St. Paul's family who are in college **next Sunday**, November 1. There's a sign-up sheet 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 toward postage, please see Fr. Dan or Meg Newton. Thanks!)

Fifth Friday

This Friday, October 30, join us from 7 – 9 pm for worship and prayer! Sponsored by the Connecticut House of Prayer, and patterned after Jonathan Edwards' meetings that helped usher in the First Great Awakening, Fifth Friday prayer meetings are held throughout Connecticut to blanket the state in prayer!

St. Paul's Darien Financial Summary	10/4/09	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Better(Worse) Than Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,625	\$482,675	\$577,500	(\$94,025)
Disbursements	\$4,517	\$558,935	\$577,500	\$18,565
Weekly Goal		\$13,750	Deficit	(\$76,260)

First Sunday

6:30 p.m.

Worship, Healing Prayer, Holy Communion

November 1, 2009

Special speaker: **Jan Nel**

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.

10:00 Fellowship Time

Won't you please sign up to serve one another by brewing the coffee, offering fruit or snacks, cutting and setting out the breads and sweets, cleaning up and putting away the blessings? If you check the bulletin board in the Parish Hall you will find a list of Sundays remaining for the year. Thanks for volunteering to assist in His community life at St. Paul's. – Pamela Corker

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.

Operation Christmas Child

MOPS is again participating in Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse program to provide gift boxes to children in refugee camps throughout the world. If you want to help with this wonderful outreach, pick up a copy of the instructions in the narthex, and follow them! If you have questions, you can call the Parish Office, or talk to Lisa Hadlow or any of the MOPS moms...but you will need to work fast! The deadline is early in November. [By the way, using plastic shoeboxes instead of cardboard ones, offers the child another gift: a way to carry water or food!]



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?

Inner Healing

If you are interested in a "step-by-step" journey to a more intimate relationship with God, Gail Paige Bowman's course on **Inner Healing** meets each Sunday after the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Room (across from the kitchen). Next week you might want to bring a bag lunch! All are welcome.

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 7 - 9 p.m. at Lisa & Paul Hadlow's, 4 Leeds Lane, **Darien** (last week was a typo)

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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