

## Get Set....GO!

### 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 with Flip Amon

### Monday, October 5, 2009

- 6:15 Alpha begins!

### Tuesday, October 6, 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 7

- 9:30 MOPS

### Thursday, October 8, 2009

- 9:30 Community Bible Study

### Friday, October 9, 2009

- 10:00 HK Cell
- 1:00 Reg Jones Memorial – Noroton Presbyterian
- 6:00 Film Screening at St. John's Stamford

### Saturday, October 10, 2009

- 7:30 Men's Community Bible Study

### Sunday, October 11, 2009

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

### THIS 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)

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

- Amos 5:6-15 (p. 889)
- Hebrews 8:1-13 (p. 1165)
- Mark 10:17-31 (p. 980)

Our great thanks to everyone who helped with Roberta Schneider's ordination; the Men's Ingathering; and our glorious indoor picnic last week!

## New is Better

One of the key themes of the Epistle to the Hebrews is that Jesus is different than what came before, even that which was good. Our lesson today in Hebrews 7 describes Jesus' priesthood as better than that of Aaron. In fullness, truth and perfection, Jesus as the Divine Son is a priest after the order of Melchizedek, superseding all others.

It is worthwhile to consider the way of contrasting Jesus with what came before Him in our lives. Of course, we often do this exercise with evil thoughts, words, and behaviours which leads to repentance and faith. I urge you to consider reflecting even on the *good* in your life apart from Christ and then to see Him replacing it.

An example would be to think about the goodness of our families of origin and then to contrast with them our new life in Christ as member of His Body the Church. In Mark 10:29-30, Jesus says, *"I tell you the truth, no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the Gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – and with them persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life."*

Lord Jesus, You are Best and your ways are best for us. Indeed with You the New is Better! Thank you, Lord!

### Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton  
Rector

We will celebrate the life of  
**Reg Jones**  
who was an integral part of St. Paul's from the 1960's until his return to the Lord on Thursday, September 24  
at a Memorial Service  
Friday, October 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.  
at Noroton Presbyterian Church

This is a week of new beginnings! In the narthex you will find information about two "classes" which are just starting and are designed to help you explore *what* you believe, *why* you believe it, and *how* you are (or are not!) living into your beliefs.

Beginning tomorrow, October 5, for eight weeks, **Alpha**, will look at the Big Questions of life in a relaxed atmosphere of food (free dinner!), fun, fellowship, great teaching by Nicky Gumbel, and small group discussion. We begin at 6:15 and are done by 8:45. The perfect place to bring a friend!!



Beginning Tuesday at various times on various days in various places, we are looking at the hurts, habits, and hangups which hinder our growth in the Lord. Neil Anderson's book, **Bondage Breakers** is the focus of a six week small group study. Please sign up for one today! Books, including study guide are available for \$15.. If you are absolutely unable to join a group, please consider buying the books and studying on your own!



St. Paul's Darien Financial Summary	9/27/09	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Better(Worse) Than Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,622	<b>\$463,461</b>	\$536,250	<b>(\$72,789)</b>
Disbursements	\$18,801	<b>\$520,540</b>	\$536,250	<b>15,710</b>
	<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$13,750</b>	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$57,079)</b>

Today, we welcome back

### Flip Amon

Flip and his wife Connie, and their two kids, Jessica and Caleb, have served on the mission field with Campus Crusade for Christ for many years, and are instrumental in the distribution of **The Jesus Film** in a children's version. This terrific tool for the spread of the Gospel has been translated into many languages and shown throughout the world. You can learn more about Flip's work between services, or with MiC (the Missions Commission) in the Fellowship Room after the 10:30 service.

AND/OR at

### First Sunday

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

Reminder: The **Prophetic Teams** will meet at 12:15 in the Parish Hall.

### "The Lord God Made Them All"

At 5:00 p.m. today 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.

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 11 through November 14, immediately after the 10:30 service each week for an hour and 15 minutes. Bring a bag lunch!

### 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]

**Christian Heritage School** in Trumbull is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m. Prospective parents of students K-12 are invited to attend. Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Martha Olson, Director of Admissions at 203 261-6230 extension 555.

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 .

### Sunday School OPEN HOUSE

for both parents and teachers will be held on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, right after the 10:30 service. A light lunch will be provided and there will be childcare during the meeting.

Basic orientation and expectations will be discussed during this time. All parents and teachers of Sunday School children are strongly encouraged to participate. Please see **Debbie de la Rivera** with any questions.

### "Rising and Falling"

Deborah Leighton's short film about Lazarus (which a number of St. Paulians appear in, or helped with) is complete! There will be a screening at St. John's Episcopal Church in Stamford on **Friday, October 9** at 6:00 p.m. We are all welcome!

Look around. Can you name everyone in your row? In the row in front of you? Behind you? They may not know your name either. Wearing your name tag would be a great help! (Don't have a name tag? Call 655-8773 and let us know; we'll do one for you!)

*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.*



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To Know Christ and  
To Make Him Known