

On the Mark

November 15, 2009
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after
Pentecost

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, November 15, 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 Newcomers Luncheon

Monday, November 16, 2009

- 6:15 Alpha

Tuesday, November 17, 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 H & I SAVR *chapel*

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19, 2009

- 9:30 Community Bible Study

Friday, November 20, 2009

- 10:00 SP Art Cell
- 7:00 Christian 12 Step

Saturday, November 21, 2009

- 7:30 Men's Community Bible Study
- 7:00 Yoot Group

Sunday, November 22, 2009

- 8:30 Cell
- 8:45 1st Service
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 2nd Service & Sunday School
- 12:15 Prophetic Teams
- 12:15 Lay Eucharistic Ministry training

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

- I Kings 17:8-16 (p. 345)
- Hebrews 13:1-21 (p. 1171)
- Mark 12:38-44 (p. 983)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS The Last Sunday after Pentecost

- (Christ the King)
- Daniel 7:9-14 (p. 864)
- Revelation 1:1-8 (p. 1191)
- John 18:33-37 (p. 1050)

Got Questions?

New to St. Paul's? Wonder what we are all about? Want to find out more about us? Stay after the 10:30 service today for a Newcomers Lunch. We'll try to fill you in on who we are and why we act the way we do!

Situation Normal...

Situation Normal for the Christian is to be all **filled** up. The normal life is a Spirit-filled life of the believer. Our rule and our trends, our standard and our typical experience, is fullness, abundance, and outpouring. The usual and natural happenings, the common and general occurrences are saturated with Holy Spirit presence and power. Right?

Well, actually, the often repeated saying is "situation normal: all **fouled** up!" We operate frequently out of weakness and paucity, emptiness and dryness. Or it may even be worse: we function out of the flesh – our fallen sinful nature. Right?

What can we do; who will we be? Jesus described the reality of the believer with his promise in Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses."*

We need fresh in-filling; let's receive the Holy Spirit anew. We will walk in grace and move in power. Our situation will be normal: filled up!

Your brother,

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.

Just Do It!

Saturday December 12 and Sunday December 13, will be a wonderful Spirit-filled experience with Dan Mohler, who will lead us. You can mark your calendars and plan to attend from 9 to 2 on Saturday, at 6:30 Saturday evening for worship, and at either the 8:45 or 10:30 Sunday service (the latter followed by caroling in Darien!) Dan's webpage is www.neckmiistries.com. His mission is to connect the Body of Christ with the Head of Christ – the full gospel of salvation, healing, deliverance, and blessing.

Lay Eucharistic Ministry (LEM) Training

"Lay Eucharistic Ministry" (LEM) Training is being offered on Sunday, November 22, following the second service. Deacon Novella will pass along her considerable training and experience in taking communion, prayers and the fellowship of the church to the sick and homebound, the hospitalized.

If you have had this training before, it's worth a review. If this is new to you, please come to the Fellowship Room across from the kitchen. This is likely to be a two-hour session, so bring a bag lunch! If you have questions, please see Deacon Roberta.

Christmas Eve Pageant/Liturgy

It's time to plan for Christmas Eve. At the 5:30 p.m. service we will again do a pageant/Liturgy as we did last year. **YOU ARE NEEDED!** There are spots for adults and children of all ages: readers, angels, shepherds, sheep – and helpers behind the scenes. There are no speaking parts other than the readings. There will be ONE rehearsal from 9:30 to noon on Saturday, December 19. Please contact Debbie de la Rivera if you or your child(ren) are interested in participating.

St. Paul's Darien Financial Summary	11/8//09	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Better(Worse) Than Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$10,113	\$509,972	\$618,750	(\$108,778)
Disbursements	\$8,327	\$582,177	\$618,750	\$36,573
Weekly Goal	\$13,750	Deficit	(\$72,205)	



Missions Minute

Mark Browne

Relational Bridges International

"Last summer we helped deploy a camp team from Ohio to work in

Camp Uni Straitel. They ministered to 450 Russian kids for two weeks and the Lord blessed it greatly. We are planning a trip for 2010 and invite any at St. Paul's who want to join us again in Camp Durzhnih! Your support has enabled us to do what we are doing. You have been faithful partners in the Gospel. We are blessed that you are there!" - Mark

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!

Provisions for PIVOT

Each year at about this time, we like to help re-stock the pantry at Pivot Ministries. From now until November 22, there will be a collection box in the Narthex for non-perishable items: canned goods, cereal, paper goods, cleaning supplies: all the things that a house full of men who with God's help are turning their lives could use on a day-to-day basis!

If you want to help but don't want to schlep canned goods in – or aren't sure exactly what to get – you might consider getting a gift card from one of the local grocery chains (Stop n Shop, Shoprite, Shaw's) so that they can purchase meat or fresh produce.

Bringing Home the Prodigals

Are you 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.

Bridgeport Rescue Mission Reports Turkey Shortage!

Over 800 families have signed up to receive a Thanksgiving Pantry Box from the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. That's over 100 boxes a day from November 18 through 25. Could you donate a **FROZEN** 12-15 pound turkey? Can't get to Bridgeport? You can donate on-line by visiting their website at www.BridgeportRescueMission.org.

Family Fun Night at the Y

All are invited to the Norwalk YMCA's Family Fun Night, Friday, November 20 from 6-8:30 pm – Family Swim, Fitness, Gym, Crafts, Games, Karaoke, Scavenger Hunt and much more! Non-member price of \$2 includes a free 2 week pass to the Y! Dinner of pizza, salad and a drink available for \$2/person!

Christmas Dinner Donations

Preparations are underway for our sixth annual Christmas Day Dinner – and we need your help! We're planning to feed about 130 Pivot, homeless shelter and St. Paul's folks (you're invited!) and the entire meal is funded through food and cash donations. Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex for specific ways to contribute.

"Freely You Have Received, Freely Give!"

Does it feel as if we are always asking for something? Money, time, talent... The needs are varied and many but our God blesses and multiplies what we offer! Here are still *more* needs coming soon:

Doves: In just two weeks it will be Advent and our Giving Tree with doves from Person-to-Person will be ready for action.

Community Dinner, December 17. For some time now, St. Luke's, our mother church and our host this Thanksgiving, has held a community dinner each Thursday evening (Drew and Kathleen Gilliam can tell you about it – they regularly attend). On December 17 we are going to house the dinner! They will do the shopping and cooking, but we need a liaison to help them – and hopefully a group of parishioners who would like to come and meet their neighbors! [Think of it as dress rehearsal for Christmas dinner!!]

And finally,

What are You Doing New Year's Eve?

If you want to be spending it at St. Paul's as we have the last two years, we need someone to step forward and organize it!



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**To Know Christ and
To make Him Known**