

On the Mark

November 8, 2009
The Twenty-Third Sunday after
Pentecost

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, November 8, 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
- 6:30 Worship with Bob Fitts

Monday, November 9, 2009

- 6:15 Alpha

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

- 9:30 Mops Steering Comm..
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service *nave*
- 11:30 Art Group
- 12:00 Agape Lunch
- 12:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Cell
- 6:00 Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 MiC (Missions)
- 7:00 H & I SAVR *chapel*
- 7:00 Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, November 11

- 9:30 MOPS Study
- 6:30 Bondage Breakers Grp

Thursday, November 12, 2009

- 9:30 Community Bible Study

Friday, November 13, 2009

- 7:30 NCS Cell
- 7:00 Bondage Breakers (Hadlow)
- 7:00 Christian 12 Step
- 7:00 Bondage Breakers Grp (20's & 30's)
- 7:00 Yoot Group

Saturday, November 14, 2009

- 7:30 Men's Community Bible Study
- 9:00 Holy Spirit Day *nave*
- 9:00 Parish Workday

Sunday, November 15, 2009

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

A Month of Thanksgiving; A Life of Thanks-living

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High."
Psalm 50:14

November is a great month! It is still autumn, weather can be quite nice, and you can see into the woods again! It is also a time for rich, spiritual growth. I have made the month of November a month for giving thanks as a purposeful activity. For example, it is good to say "thank you" to those who serve you at work or in stores and restaurants, even to family members. Have you ever thanked someone so much they became embarrassed – they may tell you how infrequently it actually happens!

I suggest that you recall someone who has made an impact upon your spiritual life. Give thanks to God for that person. It may be a parent, a teacher, a pastor, or a friend. If possible, make a point of calling that person or writing to say "thank you".

If we took a month, we would not run out of things to be thankful for! If we took this month of November to be purposefully thankful our thanksgiving would become thanks-living!

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.

Bob Fitts

We've sung his music for years (*He Will Come and Save You; Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty*) now this talented singer, songwriter, and worship leader will be here at St. Paul's tonight, November 8, at 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us for an evening of praise and worship – and bring a friend!

Holy Spirit Saturday

Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? Next Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. join us to learn about, discuss, and experience the Holy Spirit.

Half of the current Alpha group 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, but, to help with planning, please sign up in advance by calling the church office (203 655-8773).

Work Out!

Why pay to go to the gym? Come work out with us on Saturday, November 14 as we get St. Paul's building ready for winter. Please come by any time from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. We will have fun together, get the church looking good, and burn some calories. – Jeff Newton

THIS 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)

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)

St. Paul's Darien Financial Summary	11/1//09	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Better(Worse) Than Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$8,259	\$499,858	\$605,000	(\$105,142)
Disbursements	\$1,850	\$573,850	\$605,000	\$31,150
Weekly Goal	\$13,750	Deficit	(\$73,992)	

Thanks to everyone who contributed toward college care packages! We packed the boxes last Sunday and sent them off to 14 St. Paul's college students, 4 children of our missionaries, 3 extended family members away at college, and one seminary student – and every box was overflowing with goodies and love from all of you!

Newcomers, Late-comers, New Members!

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!

Operation Christmas Child

If you have been considering filling a shoebox with goodies for a child who would otherwise have no gift at Christmas, now is the time! MOPS has packed their boxes for this wonderful annual drive by Samaritan's Purse, but you can still "tag along". Brochures are in the narthex!! Decide if you are giving to a boy or a girl, and of what age, then pack items – school supplies, small toys, toiletries – in a shoebox (or better yet, a plastic box of equivalent size!) and bring it to St. Paul's **by next Sunday, November 15.**

Arise, Cry Out!

A Worldwide Day of Extraordinary Prayer For Children & Schools

November 14, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

At St. Paul Lutheran, Westport.

Moms in Touch International invites mothers (really ALL women) to come together in a time of prayer for the generations. Read Lamentations 2:19; register at www.MomsinTouch.org or, if you questions, contact Holly Tilton (hollytilton@optonline.net).

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.

Thanks for helping!

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 Dan Mohler. I met Dan at a conference this past summer at Wellspring Church. Dan is a pastor who helps people follow Jesus into the world to share their faith. His approach is faithful, dynamic and highly effective. [Dan has a website www.neckministries.com where you can learn more about him]. Dan 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, Dan Mohler will be preaching at both morning services. Following the second service you are invited to go caroling on the streets of Darien.

Chris Coogan & the Good News Gospel Choir

Sunday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Fairfield

Tickets: call 203 543-1230

Suggested donation: \$20 adult; \$15 senior or child



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