

On the Mark

January 10, 2010
The First Sunday after the
Epiphany; The Baptism of Our
Lord

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, January 10, 2009

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service & Sunday
School
12:15 Prophetic Teams
12:15 "To Know Christ" class

Monday, January 11, 2010

6:15 *Alpha* begins

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

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

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

9:00 MOPS

Thursday, January 14, 2010

9:00 Community Bible Study

Friday, January 15, 2010

7:30 NCS Cell
10:00 SP Art Cell
7:00 Christian 12 Step

Saturday, January 16, 2010

7:30 Men's Community Bible

Sunday, January 17, 2010

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
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THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

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Ruth 1:1-18 (257)

Acts 10:34-38 (p. 1067)

Luke 3:15-22 (p. 994)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

*The Second Sunday after the
Epiphany*

Ruth 1:19-2:4 (p. 257)

I Corinthians 12:1-11 (p. 1113)

John 2:1-11 (p. 1028)

February 16, 2010

St Paul's Shrove Tuesday
potluck and talent show!
Get ready for a fabulous,
fatty meal and a frolicking,
funny show. Got an act?
Sign up with Meg Newton
(megetha@gmail.com) or
203 353-1848 to be added to
the program!

What's in Your Tank?

I was just thinking about the correlation between Power and Propulsion. Power is stationary unless it has a mechanism to transmit that power into motion. Without movement, it is simply wasted energy.

We see examples of this in static government or religious organizations that are impotent to move or create or grow because they have failed to transmit power into propulsion. Without life and growth, I submit that such power eventually burns out because the emotional, financial, and creative TANK empties.

What fills your tank these days? Have you begun a study of God's word that causes you to grow? Have you invited the Holy Spirit in to transmit that power into action: into love, service, sacrifice, giving, and many other "Fruit-Bearing" Spiritual gift characteristics? Or are you like many; coming to church on Sunday for that one meal that you hope will somehow feed you throughout the whole week? I don't think that pattern of living makes for a healthy life. You see, we EAT so that we can PRODUCE. We PRODUCE so that we can PROVIDE. We PROVIDE so that we can EAT. As simplistic an example as this is, we must fill our tanks so we can live, and out of that life we are made full again! It is cyclical. God will fill us if we seek him and TRANSMIT that energy into ACTION! The joy of serving Him and reaping the harvest of His Spirit will top off our tanks and leave us energized for more.

I suggest a New Year's discipline: Get into God's Word. Every day read a Psalm; a section of a Gospel; and part of a book of the Old Testament. How about starting with Ruth? We will be studying this in our Cell Groups and hearing from Ruth in our Sermons on Sunday.

In the Book of Ruth we find the true faith and sacrifice of a Moabite woman is honored by God. Because of Ruth's faithfulness to her mother-in-law Naomi, she appears to have given up her chance of re-marriage after being widowed. But Boaz became Ruth's Kinsman Redeemer and took her as His wife and their child Obed was the grandfather of David, King of Israel. Through this study we will see God's desire for the nations, His heart for the widowed, orphaned, and lost, and His Salvation plan as He aligned the genealogy that led to Jesus, our Kinsman Redeemer.

As you read; BE FILLED. As you are filled; BE TRANSFORMED. As you are transformed; ACT on the grace you've been given. I promise, as you do so, your tank will never be found empty and the power of the Holy Spirit will propel you forward!

Peace and Blessings

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The Rev. Daniel C. Morgan
Associate Rector

Newcomers & 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 prophetic prayer team is ready to listen to God and ask Him to speak to you.

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

Ask most members of St. Paul's what our vision statement is, and they will respond "to know Christ and to make Him known". But have you actually *thought* about that statement? How do we know Christ? How do we make Him known? What is the **Biblical** answer to those questions. Christopher and Janet Leighton will be teaching four classes from the Bible on this subject, each Sunday beginning today and running through January 31, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. The classes, immediately following the 10:30 service, will include a light lunch.

Alpha returns

Tomorrow evening marks the beginning of a new round of Alpha, which will run Monday evenings through March 1st.

We'll gather at 6:15 for free food, fun, and fellowship. At 7:00 the program will begin with a video of Nicky Gumbel addressing a question of faith and life in a Biblical, thoughtful, and humorous way. Discussion follows, and the evening is over by 8:45. Childcare will be provided. Sign up by calling the church office. Come and bring a friend!

*The end of 2009 was busy, and we failed to acquaint you with the arrival of two new lambs for the St. Paul's flock: **Dylan James LaViola** was born to Tyler & Kara-Marie LaViola (and big sister Elise) on December 22, 2009, and the next day Ekow & Elle Archer rejoiced at the arrival of Tufu's little brother, **Kweku Nhyira Archer**.*

Friday January 15 is the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Norwalk YMCA is holding a brief ceremony honoring Dr. King, at 6:00 p.m., but then they are celebrating not just a life, but LIFE, with Family Fun Night. There will be games, a family swim, crafts, walleyball, a praise dance workshop, fitness, racquetball, karaoke and much much more. Free to members, \$5 for non-members over 22; \$2 for non-members 21 and under – and the first 100 people get a free slice of pizza, salad and a drink!

PLEASE

Check your listing in the Parish Directory
In the Narthex.

We want to publish a new Directory but
we would like it to be correct!

Annual Meeting!

If you are a member of St. Paul's, are considering becoming a member, or simply attend here regularly, please plan to join us on Saturday, **January 30, 2010** for our annual meeting. We will begin with a potluck dinner – please bring a main dish, salad, side dish or dessert to share – at 6:30 p.m. The Nominating Committee will report, the election of new Vestry members will take place, and a few necessary items of business will be transacted, but because the annual reports will have been distributed in advance, the actual "business" part of the evening is kept to a minimum. Rather this is a time for the "family" to reflect on the year past, and plan for the year to come.

Childcare will be available during the meeting itself – but we want the *whole* family there for the dinner!



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