

On the Mark

January 17, 2010
The Second Sunday after the
Epiphany

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, January 17, 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
- 1:15 private Luncheon

Monday, January 18, 2010

M L King Jr, Birthday

Offices closed

- 6:15 Alpha begins
- 7:00 Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 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 20, 2010

- 9:30 MOPS Bible Study
- 6:00 Billy Graham Telephone Ministry

Thursday, January 21, 2010

- 9:00 Community Bible Study

Friday, January 22, 2010

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

Saturday, January 23, 2010

- 7:30 Men's Community Bible

Sunday, January 24, 2010

- 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

THIS 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)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS *The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

Ruth 2:5-23 (p. 258)
I Corinthians 12:12-27 (p. 1114)
Luke 4:14-21 (p. 995)

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.

2010: The Year of Harvest Joy

Joy is something greater than happiness. It covers a whole lot of emotions since joy is really a state of being. I think of what the author of Hebrews wrote about our Lord Jesus. He says we are to *"fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."* Hebrews 12:2-3.

We are told that Jesus suffered as he kept before himself the joy without growing weary. And so should we do too. The New Century Version says, *"Think about Jesus' example. He held on while wicked people were doing evil things to him. So do not get tired and stop trying."* Eugene Peterson puts it this way, *"Keep your eyes on Jesus who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed – that exhilarating finish in and with God – he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever."*

St. Paul's, I see a harvest coming and it can be taken at least two ways. First, there is coming the fruit of the Spirit which includes joy. You are bearing forth a new level of joy as you follow Christ. This fruit of joy is very appealing to others. They are going to want some! Second, the fruit of this harvest is the new wave of believers who will enter the Kingdom of God this year. They will be filled with joy, as will be heaven and earth because we know that the Lord Jesus is joyful as are His angels. *"There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repeats."* Luke 15:10

Let's keep our eyes on Jesus!

Your brother in Christ

Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton
Rector

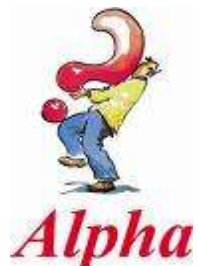
The St. Paul's Parish Annual Meeting & Potluck Dinner

is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

If you're part of this Body,
You should be there
With a main dish, dessert,
Or a salad to share!

We will eat, laugh, worship, hear from our Rector, Associate Rector, and Wardens, elect Vestry members for 2010, We will have child care available during the meeting part of the evening. Please plan to be here!

Although the first meeting was last Monday, January 11, it is not too late to join this session of Alpha! Each Monday through March 1, we'll meet at 6:15 for a fine free dinner, fellowship, wonderful teaching by Nicky Gumbel (via video), and small group discussion. If you've ever had questions about life, God, faith, this is the place to explore them!



Men's Ingathering

The next Men's Ingathering is on February 27 at 7:30 a.m. All men are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and solid teaching from the Word.

And, men, there is more! A Men's Mission Trip to West Virginia is on the schedule for the first week in May. Want to hear more? See Dick Day.

Directory

Today marks your last chance to check your listing in the Parish Directory before we go to print. We would **really** like to have an edition which is as close to correct as possible.

Next Sunday, January 24, you *should* be able to pick up a new Directory, and the Annual Reports for 2009. What's more, the Warrant for the Annual Meeting and the report of the Nominating Committee with its recommendation for Vestry members for 2010, will be posted. Come check it all out.

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 through January 31, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. The classes, immediately following the 10:30 service, will include a light lunch.

How Can I Help?

Great question!

How about donating **altar flowers**? Just about every Sunday in 2010 is open – except March 28 (Palm Sunday), April 4 (Easter), and May 23 (Pentecost). For \$50, you can provide a beautiful arrangement to glorify the Lord. Talk to **Pamela Corker**, head of the altar guild. Her number is 203 966-5445.

Or how about the **Agape Luncheon**? We serve lunch to the Tuesday congregation (including – but not limited to – the men from Pivot) at noon each Wednesday. There are LOTS of ways to help here!

- You could do it all – providing the food ready to go.
 - You could shop and cook the food even if you can't afford to underwrite the cost
 - You could underwrite a week's luncheon even if you are not able to prepare the food.
- Call the Parish Office at 203 655-8773 to volunteer.

Debbie de la Rivera is always looking for those with a heart for children who would be willing to teach or assist in **Children's Ministries**.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.
Colossians 3:23

SPSTPTS

St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday Potluck and Talent Show: February 16. Dinner at 6:30; show at 7:30. Bring a dish (main, side, or dessert) and plan to be entertained and delighted by the unexpected and inspiring talent of your fellow parishioners. (It's not too late to add yourself to the program! Contact Meg Newton at megetha@gmail.com if you have an act.

PRAYER URGENTLY NEEDED!

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake.

For those of you who have NOT heard, thanks to Trevor Williams and Facebook.com we know for sure that Frank, June, Trevor, Dawn and Pria Williams all survived and have been reunited.

Last summer, St. Paul's participated with the other churches in Darien in packing food with Feed My Starving Children. The 230,000 meals were dispatched to Love a Child in Bois Monquette, Haiti, a remote area in the hills above Port-au-Prince. Love a Child runs an orphanage, a clinic, and schools and fed about 5,000 malnourished children every day – *before* the quake. Their buildings were undamaged, but because of the aftershocks, the children and the staff are sleeping in the open. The staff are scouring the area around them and bringing the wounded into the clinic for treatment.



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