

On the Mark

January 24, 2010
The Third Sunday after the
Epiphany

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, January 24, 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 25, 2010

6:15 *Alpha*
7:00 Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 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 27, 2010

9:30 MOPS

Thursday, January 28, 2010

9:00 Community Bible Study

Friday, January 29, 2010

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

Saturday, January 30, 2010

7:30 Men's Community Bible
6:00 ANNUAL MEETING &
Parish Potluck

Sunday, January 31, 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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

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

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

Ruth 3:1-18 (p. 259)
I Corinthians 14:12b-20(p. 1115)
Luke 4:21-32 (p. 996)

*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.*

Learn Servant-hood

Every week we pray, "Father...grant that *every member* of the church may truly and humbly serve You."

Let's eliminate "Volunteers" in the church. Let's do away with volunteerism. We are *more than* that secular term. (The word "volunteer" is in the Bible, but it's a military term for those who willingly go into battle.)

There are many figures which describe our relationship with the Lord Jesus: e.g., we are members of the body of Christ; we are the Bride of Christ; we are His brothers and sisters; we are servants of the Most High God! We are God's workers and as Dan Mohler recently told us, we are the roster of God.

Colossians 3 has a word to say to household servants, but we can apply it to servants in the house of God as well: *Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that it is from the Lord [and not from men] that you will receive the inheritance which is your real reward. You are actually serving the Lord Christ.* Colossians 3:23,24

Anything we do in the church is ministry and service to Him and to each other. Those who work the soundboard enhance our worship. Those who usher make possible orderly worship. Those who serve in the nursery or Sunday School are "training up a child in the way he should go". Those who offer hospitality enable "the fellowship of believers". Name any task in the church and it will be an expression of the heart of the Lord for the people of God, as you use your gifts and faculties in service to Him.

All of these things, done for love of God and for each other, bless Him and witness to the watching world, "See how the Christians love one another."

So let's replace "Volunteers" with "Servants" or "Workers".

On the roster,

Roberta

The Rev. Roberta Schneider, DCN

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

will be THIS Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. We will eat, laugh, worship, hear from our Rector, Associate Rector, and Wardens, elect Vestry members for 2010. Child care will be available during the meeting part of the evening. Please plan to be here – and bring a main dish, a salad, a side dish or a dessert to share.

A Little Light Reading

AFTER the service this morning please stop by the Welcome Center to collect the **2009 Annual Report**. We hope that you will have a chance to read the reports before the Annual Meeting . (We had hoped to have the Parish Directory ready this Sunday too but it looks like you may have to get your copy at the Annual Meeting instead.)

Important Notice!!!

The SPSTPTS Has become the SPSTPSTS

St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday
PANCAKE SUPPER and Talent Show:
February 16.

Dinner at 6:30; show at 7:30.

Three important things to note:

1. You can help with the VERY TRADITIONAL Pancake Dinner – there is a detailed sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
2. You can still 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.
3. One reason for the change in format – and a very serious reason it is, too – is that we want to raise some money for

World Vision – Haiti

And we will ask those who can to make a donation for their dinner.

Men's Ingathering

The next Men's Ingathering is on February 27, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. All men are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and solid teaching from the Word.

And, men, here is another opportunity! 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.

Opportunities to Learn...

Sundays after the 10:30 service – **To Know Christ and to Make Him Known**. Today is the third in this four week course .

Monday – 6:15 – **Alpha** (tomorrow is week three but we can fit you in!) Dinner, teaching by Nicky Gumbel, small group discussion on the big questions!

Fridays – 7:00 – **Christian 12 Step**

... and Serve

Could you volunteer a lunch (underwrite or cook or both) for the **Agape** meal on Tuesday? Teach 4th Grade Sunday School? Fund flowers for the Altar? Assist with our Fellowship time between the services? Call the office at 203 655-8773 and make us an offer! We'll put you in touch with the right ministry!

PRAYER NEEDED!

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

Eric Swedberg is currently in Haiti with Save the Children; Trevor Williams remains there helping in the aftermath of the devastation.



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The Rev. Gail Paige Bowman
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Vestry

Sr. Warden Dominic Napolitano
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Class of 2010:

Linda Deane (MiC)
Jeff Newton (Mercy)
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Class of 2011:

Pamela Corker (Hospitality)
Bill Steinfeldt (Bldgs & Grnds)
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Class of 2012:

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To Know Christ

&

To Make Him Known