

On the Mark

January 3, 2010
The Second Sunday after
Christmas

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, January 3, 2009

- 8:30 Cell
- 8:45 1st Service
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 2nd Service & Sunday School
- 12:15 Prophetic Teams
- 6:30 First Sunday

Monday, January 4, 2010

Tuesday, January 5, 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 *chapel*

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Thursday, January 7, 2010

- 9:00 Community Bible Study

Friday, January 8, 2010

- 7:30 NCS Cell
- 7:00 Christian 12 Step

Saturday, January 9, 2010

- 7:30 Men's Community Bible

Sunday, January 10, 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 and..."

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

The First Sunday after Christmas

- Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (p. 725)
- Galatians 3:23-4:7(p. 1120)
- John 1:1-18 (p. 1027)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

The Second Sunday after Christmas

- Jeremiah 31:7-14 (p. 766)
- Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a 1133)
- Matthew 2:1-18 (p. 934)

2010: Joy in the Harvest

There can be no doubt that the final days of 2009 were days of joy. We collectively felt joy in the season of Advent, awaiting the coming of Jesus. There was great joy in our celebration of Christmas. I extend my deep gratitude to all who participated in the worship services and especially to those who performed acts of servant leadership in the Christmas services and were involved in the Christmas dinner. What a day we had celebrating the Lord Jesus' birthday with joy!

I am looking ahead to the coming year and see it as one to participate in the harvest of God. There is coming a great restoration to the Body of Christ as we approach the days of harvest. Those who have labored, those who have sacrificed, those who have suffered for Christ and for the Gospel, will see a return for their investment. There are going to be miraculous outpourings of grace and re-ordering of church life. It will be like the words in Psalm 126:5, "*those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.*"

Think and pray about what these words mean for your circumstances. Imagine what they might mean for St. Paul's. Let's commit ourselves to a year that emphasizes Joy in the Harvest.

Happy New Year,

Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton
Rector

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

To be a member of St. Paul's Darien is to be part of a dynamic spiritual body that seeks to know Christ and to make Him known.

How is Christ made known? What is the Biblical answer to that question? Christopher and Janet Leighton will be teaching four classes from the Bible, beginning next week, Sunday, January 10, through January 31, 2010, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

The classes will involve a light lunch following the second service. All are invited, and are urged to RSVP to the parish office 203 655-8773.

February 16, 2010 Got talent? Got an appetite? Got it on your calendar?

Alpha returns

A new round of the Alpha course will begin on Monday, January 11 and will continue on Mondays 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!



Got Your Cookbooks Out?

We have such interesting potluck dinners at St. Paul's that we are planning another! Our Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010. If you are a member of St. Paul's, you'll want to be here, so plan another main dish, salad, side dish or dessert to share with the rest of the Body.

We will elect Vestry members for the coming year, and consider other business. The Annual Reports of the SAVR's (that's **Servant Areas of Vestry Responsibility**), the officers, the Rector and Associate Rector will be distributed on January 16 so that you have ample time to study them!

Who's Who?

On the Welcome Center today you will find a white binder containing a Parish Directory. If you attend St. Paul's regularly and want to be listed, we need you to...

- Check the Directory. If you are listed and the information is correct, please initial and date in the margin next to your entry.
- Correct any mis-information. Write or print clearly. THEN initial and date your entry.
- If you are missing: Add your information on the blank page next to the spot you "belong", initial and date it.
- If you don't want to be listed. Cross out your entry with a single line. Then initial and date.

The information in the Parish Directory is provided to allow Parish members to contact each other. It is not sold or used for any other purpose. If you do NOT want your e-mail address to appear, we will not print it. With your cooperation we might have a Directory available at the Annual Meeting.

Ruth

On Sunday, January 10, 2010, we will begin a series of studies and sermons on the Book of Ruth:

January 10	Ruth 1:1-18
January 17	Ruth 1:19-2:4
January 24	Ruth 2:5-23
January 31	Ruth 3:1-18
February 6	Ruth 4:1-12
February 13	Ruth 4:13-22

As we did with Hebrews, we will give you questions to ponder as we read through this book together. Questions for Ruth 1:1-18 are included with this edition of "On the Mark".

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.



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