

On the Mark

March 21, 2010
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, March 21, 2010

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

Monday, March 22, 2010

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

- 9:00 Art Group
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service *nave*
- 12:00 Agape Lunch
- 1:00 Cell
- 6:00 Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

- 9:30 MOPS
- 7:30 "Meet, Walk & Talk"
(Jesus at Mt. Tabor)

Thursday, March 25, 2010

- 9:00 Community Bible Study
- 7:00 Healing & Intercession

Friday, March 26, 2010

- 7:30 a NCS Cell

Saturday, March 27, 2010

- 7:00 Men's CBS
- 10:00 Preparing the Palms

Sunday, March 28, 2010

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Isaiah 43:16-21 (p. 705)
- Philippians 1:3-11 (p. 1138)
- Luke 20:9-19 (p.1019)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

- Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (p. 716)
- Philemon 4-6 (p. 1160)
- Luke 22:39-23:1-56

If you would like to contribute toward Easter flowers, forms are available in the narthex. Checks and dedications should be submitted today.

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.

Holy Week

Holy Week is a time to spend with the Body of Christ, remembering and celebrating Jesus' glorious passion, death and resurrection. This year at St. Paul's, the following events have been planned with you in mind:

Saturday, March 27

9:30 a.m. Preparing the palms. Come help prepare the church for Palm Sunday. We will "strip" palm fronds for waving, and make palm crosses (an ancient craft which many of us have to relearn each year!). This is fun for all, and may be a fulfilling experience for everyone, especially children.

Palm Sunday, March 28

8:45 & 10:30 a.m. Litany of the Palms, worship, Holy Eucharist, dramatic reading of the Passion from Luke.

5:30 pm. Confessions: The clergy are available for "walk-ins" for confession, in the prayer room.

6:30 p.m. "First" Sunday: worship, prayer, Holy Eucharist. Members of the prophetic teams will offer words of up-building for members and guests. Bring a friend!

Monday, March 29

6:30 pm. Confessions: The clergy are available for "walk-ins" for confession, in the prayer room.

7:30 p.m. The Way of the Cross. This meditative and prayerful experience adapts the traditional "stations of the Cross" with Biblical support and prayers from the Book of Common Prayer.

Tuesday, March 30

10:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Eucharist, Healing Prayer

12:15 p.m. Agape Luncheon

6:30 pm. Confessions: The clergy are available for "walk-ins" for confession, in the prayer room.

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Healing Prayer, Tunnel of Love. This day adds to our regularly scheduled Tuesday Healing Service an opportunity in the evening for "a repeat service" for those unable to get away from school or work in the daytime. In addition, we will experience "the tunnel of love" which is an opportunity for each congregant to receive prayer and encouragement by the entire prayer team. This experience is one to which friends and guests should be invited as they will be particularly blessed.

Wednesday, March 31

6:30 pm. Confessions: The clergy are available for "walk-ins" for confession, in the prayer room.

7:30 p.m. Creative Fellowship and Prayer

Because of the success of the Shrove Tuesday Talent Show, we are offering an opportunity for the sharing of creative gifts in a fellowship atmosphere. We will meet in the Nave and members are encouraged to bring an offering of Scripture, a hymn or song to be shared. In addition, we are encouraging those who have been painting, sculpting, writing, dancing, etc. to come and share their creativity. You can also come and simply receive!

Maundy Thursday, April 1

6:30 pm. Confessions: The clergy are available for "walk-ins" for confession, in the prayer room.

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, foot-washing, stripping of the altar. Jan Nel will minister the Word to us and we will Respond on this day in which we remember Jesus' command that we love one another.

Good Friday, April 2

7:30 a.m. "C" Project Prayer Breakfast at the Continental Manor in Norwalk. Come and celebrate as Clarice Flagg is recipient of the Craig Mengel Leadership Award!

10:30 a.m. Walking the Cross: A prayer-filled procession from First Congregational Church along the Post Road through Darien to St. Luke's Church.

12:00-3:00 p.m. Community Good Friday service at St. Luke's. Father Christopher will preach the 7th Word (sometime after 2:00)

6:30 p.m. Confessions: The clergy are available for "walk-ins" for confession, in the prayer room.

7:30 p.m. Faces at the Cross. This prayer service was introduced last year, with meditations led by St. Paul's members portraying those who were contemporary to Jesus and were witnesses of his death. It was well received last year and promises to be inspiring.

Holy Saturday, April 3

5:30 p.m. Confessions: The clergy are available for "walk-ins" for confession, in the prayer room.

6:30 p.m. Prayer of Blessings by the clergy on individuals and families, in the Parish Hall.

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist with the Pivot men singing at both services. An Easter Egg Hunt follows the 10:30 service.

Easter Sunday, the Day of Resurrection, is also Covenant Sunday at St. Paul's. If you did not receive a copy of the Vestry letter which was mailed last week, please pick up a copy in the narthex. On Easter, at each service, the Covenant cards will be dedicated to the Lord – and then destroyed. No one sees them; this is completely between you and God.

Tickets for the Norwalk YMCA **Good Friday Prayer Breakfast** – 7:30-9:00 a.m. at the Continental Manor, 112 Main Street, Norwalk are \$25.00 each (or consider sponsoring a table!) You can get tickets from Phyllis in the Parish Office. Help us help the Y celebrate **Clarice Flagg** as we also help put the "C" back in the YMCA! For more information call 203 866-4425 x339 or visit the website www.norwalkymca.org

Debbie de la Rivera is seeking plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies with which to fill them, for the Easter Egg hunt. There is a box in the narthex where you can put your contributions.

To Know Christ & To Make Him Known

Calling all **Visual Artists** in our Community! We would love your participation in the St. Paul's art show, which opens June 6, 2010. You are invited to submit one piece, framed and ready for exhibit, by Sunday, May 23. Works should be given to Meg Newton or Susannah Swanson, and should be labeled with the following information: title, date, medium, and your name.

Meet, Walk, and Talk

This Wednesday, March 24, marks the last week of this fascinating series. This time we will meet with Jesus at Mt. Tabor – and explore His healing.

Looking Ahead



Stay tuned for details

April 6-8 – School of the Spirit with Jan Nel.

April 19 – FMSC (Feed My Starving Children) Prayer Meeting at St. Paul's.

May 2-9 – Men's Mission Trip

May 23 – Day of Pentecost

June 6 – St. Paul's Art Show

August 1-7 – Yoot Mission trip

August 16 – 20 Baobab Blast (Vacation Bible School)

October 1 – 3: Feed My Starving Children Packing Event



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