

# On the Mark

April 25, 2010  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Get Set... GO!

### Sunday, April 25, 2010

- 8:00 Cell
- 8:45 First Service & Nursery
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 Second Service, Holy Baptism, & Sunday School
- 12:15 Prophetic Team

### Monday, April 26, 2010

### Tuesday, April 27, 2010

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

### Wednesday, April 28, 2010

- 9:00 MOPS Study

### Thursday, April 29, 2010

- 9:00 Community Bible Study
- 7:30 Intercessors for Revival – Churches of Fairfield Cty

### Friday, April 30, 2010

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

### Saturday, May 1, 2010

- 7:30 Men's CBS
- 3:00 Pivot Graduation & Dinner

### Sunday, May 2, 2010

- 8:00 Cell
- 8:45 First Service & Nursery
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 Second Service & Sunday School
- 12:15 Prophetic Teams
- 6:30 First Sunday

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Numbers 27:12-23 (p. 160)  
Acts 13:15-39 (p. 1070)  
John 21:15-25 (p. 1053)

#### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (p. 115)  
Acts 13:44-52 (p. 1071)  
John 17:1-12 (p. 1048)

## WELCOME!!

Today we rejoice with **Ekow** and **Elle** Archer as their sons **Tufu** and **Kweku** receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and are welcomed into the household of faith! We thank God for these children, and pray He sustain them in His Holy Spirit, give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love the Lord, and the gift of joy and wonder in all His works.

## New Creation

II Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

When we begin with Christ there are two major realities at play: first, we are transformed and we live a new life in Him; second, we are daily being renewed so that our growth and development each day is drawing us closer to His likeness every day. We can no longer look back and say we look just like we did yesterday, because in Christ, TODAY, we are new creatures!

As we begin our new adventure, I have every confidence that what God is calling the Morgan family to, and St. Paul's to, will be met with His life-giving Spirit, His dynamic growth, and His joyful presence. It is our responsibility to live into the new thing that He is calling us to, and not to hold on to the stuff of the world that tends to keep us from moving forward in growth. The future will always stretch us, but God will always meet us there if we are willing to go where He calls us. It is there that He will bless us and pour out His favor and anointing.

The passage concludes with this: "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God." [II Corinthians 5:20]. If there is anything that I could hope to have encouraged in you over the past eleven years, it is to be right ("reconciled") with God. If you are right with God, you will naturally draw others into reconciliation with Him.

Let us grow together; let us love with wild abandon; and let us be His ambassadors.

Richest Blessings in Christ,

*Dan*

The Rev. Daniel C. Morgan  
Associate Rector

## Next Sunday

is

## First Sunday

Join us for praise and worship at 6:30 p.m., May 2.

Fr. Christopher will teach on

"Tests for Prophecies –

How We Can Tell They Are From God"

Ministry by our prophetic teams will follow.

## Annual Ladies Silver Tea & Luncheon Sunday, May 2 (right after the 10:30 service)

We love our senior servants and want to honor and thank them for their service to the Lord and to St. Paul's. Our invitation is extended to all those ladies willing to admit they are 65 years or older. Please let us know if you have not heard from us! We do not want to miss you. If you did NOT get an invitation, please see Phyllis Schlemmer today so we can make sure you are included!

And If you would like to help with this event (and then be able to attend and enjoy these lovely ladies) please contact Susan Jolly at 203 502-8080.

*Newcomers and 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.*

## Community Postal Food Drive

Saturday, May 8 is the National Association of Letter Carrier's Food Drive. Throughout the country, postal workers will be collecting bags of non-perishable items left by mailboxes and delivering them to food pantries in their areas.

For the 18<sup>th</sup> year, Person-to-Person has been designated the recipient of food collected in Darien. Last year nearly 32,000 pounds of food was donated.

We urge you to watch the mail and join the effort in your town. But in addition Person-to-Person is asking for assistance in unloading and sorting the groceries for stocking the Food Pantry. This is a great chance for families to work together. If you can offer any time on May 8<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m., please contact July Kilmartin at 655-0048 or [judykilmartin@p2pdarien.org](mailto:judykilmartin@p2pdarien.org)

## Mission Trip Donation

Please prayerfully consider making a donation of any amount to the St. Paul's Men's Mission trip to Clarksburg, WV, May 2-8, 2010. (That's next week!)

They will be serving God and the poor with building projects, relationship forming, and ministry in the Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Donated monies will be used to sponsor Pivot Ministry men (and possibly some from the Bridgeport Rescue Mission) as well as to provide for the families we serve. Checks can be sent directly to World Vision Appalachia. Mark the check 'St. Paul's Mission'. For more information contact Dick Day at 203 698-2978 or, by e-mail, [rday55@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rday55@sbcglobal.net). Send checks to:

**World Vision Appalachia,**  
PO Box 162,  
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Attn: Kris Wamsley

## Let the Choice Be Mine

We plan and prepare for most events in our lifetime, yet few of us prepare for the final event of our lives: our funeral. Deacon Novella Lawrence is ready to facilitate this simple course again if enough people are interested. Please call the Parish Office at 655-8773 and let us know.

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, our friends from **PIVOT** will hold their graduation banquet here at St. Paul's. Please pray for these men who have turned their lives over to the Lord and thus been turned from lives of addiction and despair to new life in Him.

**To Know Christ  
And to  
Make Him Known**

## Visual Artists!

We are amazed at the number of artists in the St. Paul's Church circle and we are hoping *all* of them will participate in the **St. Paul's Art Show** which will open on June 6, 2010. We invite anyone to submit one piece, ready for exhibit, by Sunday, May 23. You can give your work to **Meg Newton** or **Susannah Swanson**. Please label it with title, date, medium, and your name and contact information.

## Church of Fairfield County Joint "Revival" Service May 21, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

Several times a year, an eclectic group of churches (of which we are one) meets jointly to praise God and pray for Revival to ignite in Fairfield County. St. Paul's is hosting the next such revival service, on Friday, May 21. If you yearn for the Lord to touch the hearts of your neighbors, we urge you to join us that evening!



**God's Great Get-together  
Vacation Bible School  
August 16-20, 2010**

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