

On the Mark

May 03, 2010
The First Sunday after Pentecost:
Trinity Sunday

Get Set...GO!

Sunday, May 30, 2010

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

Monday, May 31, 2010

Memorial Day
Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

9:30 Art Group
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
12:00 Agape Luncheon
1:00 Cell
6:00 Band Rehearsal
6:30 MiC (Missions SAVR)

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

9:15 MOPS

Thursday, June 3, 2010

7:00 Healing & Intercession Prayer Time

Friday, June 4, 2010

10:00 SP Art Cell

Saturday, June 5, 2010

7:30 Men's CBS

Sunday, June 6, 2010

8:00 Cell
8:45 First Service & Nursery
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 Second Service & Sunday School
12:15 Prophetic Teams
12:15 Prayer Ministry Meeting
5:30 Art Show Opening Reception
6:30 First Sunday

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Isaiah 6:1-8 (p. 668)
Revelation 4:1-11 (p. 1194)
John 16:5-15 (p. 1047)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

I Kings 17:17-24 (p. 346)
Galatians 1:11-24 (p. 1128)
Luke 7:11-17 (p. 1000)

ATTENTION Prayer Teams & Intercessors

We will be having a Prayer Ministries meeting on Sunday, June 6, immediately after the 10:30 service. A light lunch will be served. We are looking forward to a time of fellowship and re-connecting.

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.

Just the Start of Summer?

Is Memorial Day just the start of summer – albeit a start which is unofficial, three weeks before the solstice? Surely many of us gladly celebrate the last weekend in May as a three day splurge of relaxation, recreation and feasting (did someone say “barbeque”?)

It is always good to go to the root of things, and the root of Memorial Day is found in remembering the dead who served in the military service for our country. Earlier this month was Armed Forces Day when we remember and give thanks for those who serve their country and their families.

It will be good this week to think about the sacrifices that have been made – especially those who laid down their lives for us. Our lives can be improved by such thoughts and prayers. Memorial Day could be not only the start of summer, but the start of a change of heart for our nation. I would like to offer you this prayer that comes from the great soldier and first President of our country, George Washington:

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplications, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let Memorial Day be a day of thanksgiving.

Your Brother in Christ,

Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton
Rector

St. Paul's Darien ART SHOW

Featuring paintings, photography, and other work by members and friends of St. Paul's

Opening **June 6, 2010**

5:30 p.m. – Reception

6:30 p.m. – Service with meditation on art & worship: remarks and reflections from artists and others.

Why not grab a batch of Invitations at the Welcome Center and invite your friends and neighbors! Is there someone you have always wished you could coax to come to church? Here is an opportunity. You (and your guests) will be *amazed* at the number of talented, creative individuals worship at St. Paul's!

And since June 6, 2010 is a First Sunday of the month, the 6:30 p.m. service will include worship, Holy Eucharist, and healing prayer. Come and pray for a continued outpouring of creativity at St. Paul's!

Week ending	5/23/10	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ (-) than budget
Tithes & Offerings	7,862	231,071	262,500	(31,429)
Expenses	28,150	303,000	262,500	40,500
	Weekly Goal	12,500	Shortfall	(71,929)

Think About it!

Because of a death in her family, Deacon Novella Lawrence was forced to postpone the two seminars planned for May 22. Both sessions have been re-scheduled for **Saturday, June 12, 2010.**

*From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm: **Let the Choice Be Mine.*** We plan and prepare for most important events in our lifetime (think wedding or the birth of a child) but few of us prepare for the final event – our funeral. The family is left to guess at our wishes, while dealing with their own grief. This seminar - back by popular acclaim! - helps you plan in advance – probably the best gift you can leave your family. This is true *regardless of your age!* There is a \$10 charge for this seminar to cover the cost of materials.

Then from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., **“Coping with Grief”**. The pain of losing a loved one can have physical, emotional, and spiritual effects which impact us for years. Understanding the stages of grief and their manifestations in our lives can be the first step to acceptance. ***If you want to participate in either of these seminars, please call the Parish Office at 203 655-8773 or e-mail info@stpaulsdarien.org***

Still Time

Donna Bruno notes that there is still time to contribute to the Memory Book for the Morgan's. Put together a 12x12 album page for Dan and the family. You can include photos, words, keepsake items, stories, etc. You can print, paste, glue, tape, write on paper, or create the page digitally and e-mail it to Donna as jpeg, ppt, pdf, and she will print it out. You can physically drop your page off at Church or e-mail it directly to donna.bruno@einstein.yu.edu. Thanks!



God's Great Get-together

V.B.S.
August 16-20,
2010

Registration for **Baobab Blast** our 2010 VBS is now Open! Kids four years old and up are invited to join **God's Great Get Together**. Those entering the 6th grade (or higher!) are welcome to sign on as Gamekeepers. From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, **August 16 through 20**, we'll learn about the African savannah while we also learn to share the Good News, to care for others, and to live as part of a community! And we will end on Friday evening at 5:30 with a “harambi”, a feast, a party, to which *everyone* is invited.

And it is still a bargain. \$45 for the first child in a family; \$40 for the second child; \$35 for the third; \$30 for the fourth, etc. (Scholarships are available; talk to us!) Forms are available at the Welcome Center – or call 203 655-8773 during working hours.

Let's practice: Can you match the English and the Swahili for these animals?

Giraffe	Tembo
Elephant	Mbu
Zebra	Twiga
Mosquito	Punda Milia

Fathers + Food + Fellowship = FUN

On Sunday, June 20, following the 10:30 service, we will celebrate Father's Day with our traditional start of summer **Barbeque!** St. Paul's will supply the meat (and the grill!) paper goods and drinks; you supply salads, side dishes and desserts to share. We'll hang out under the big tent and enjoy each other!

That Sunday, June 20, is also the day on which we have chosen to honor our Sunday School teachers – the women and men who offer themselves to assist in “training up” the next generation. We hope you will join us in thanking them!

Answers: Giraffe = Twiga; Elephant + Tembo
Zebra = Punda Milia Mosquito: Mbu



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Each Thursday evening at 7:00 a group meets in the Prayer Room to pray. It's an open group: if you would like to join them, please come!

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