

# On the Mark

May 9, 2010  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Get Set...GO!

### Sunday, May 9, 2010

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

### Monday, May 10, 2010

### Tuesday, May 11, 2010

- 9:00 MOPS Steering Comm.
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
- 12:00 Agape Luncheon
- 1:00 Cell
- 6:00 Band Rehearsal

### Wednesday, May 12, 2010

- 9:00 MOPS Study

### Thursday, May 13, 2010

- 7:00 Healing & Intercession SAVR

### Friday, May 14, 2010

- 10:00 SP Art Cell
- 7:30 Christian 12 Step

### Saturday, May 15, 2010

- 7:30 Men's CBS

### Sunday, May 16, 2010

- 8:00 Cell
- 8:45 First Service & Nursery
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 Second Service & Sunday School
- 12:15 Prophetic Teams
- 12:15 The Morgan Celebration Darien Community Assoc.

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Joel 2:21-27 (p. 883)  
Acts 14:8-52 (p. 1071)  
John 17:13-19 (p. 1048)

#### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

I Samuel 12:19-24 (p. 272)  
Revelation 22:12-20 (p. 1207)  
John 17:20-26 (p. 1049)

### Parent-Teacher Children's Ministry Open House

has been postponed until **Sunday, May 23** (that's Pentecost) immediately after the 10:30 service. We are eager to share our new and exciting plans for Children's Ministry! This will also be an opportunity to hear from your child's teachers and to ask any questions you might have. A light lunch will be provided. The invitation is extended to **anyone** interested in helping to "raise up the next generation" for Jesus! For more information see Debbie de la Rivera, Kim Stumpf, or Joann Cerretani.

## Psalm 118:1

***"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
His love endures forever."***

Martin Luther was a great man but, of course, not without flaws. As a leader of the Reformation, he had to fear for his life. Against all odds he lived to serve the Lord.

Luther claimed Psalm 118 as his "chosen psalm". While he loved and valued all the psalms, he said that this particular one "saved me from many a pressing danger from which no emperor, nor kings, nor sages, nor saints could have saved me."

In the face of turmoil, changes and fears we find refuge in God and comfort in His Word. Psalm 118 begins with giving thanks to God and declaring that He is good. Then the psalm expresses the fears of our hearts: *"In my anguish I cried to the Lord and He answered by setting me free."*

We may be sure that troubles come our way. Even more, we can count on the help of God. The Lord Jesus told his disciples on the eve of his suffering and death, *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* [John 16:33] I pray that in Christ you will be able to overcome!

Your brother in Christ,

**Christopher**

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton  
Rector

*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.*

## Let's CELEBRATE!!

One of the Lord's many rich gifts to the Body at St. Paul's has been the opportunity to get to know all five members of the Morgan family. Now He has called Dan to become the next Rector of All Saints Dale City, Virginia. It's a wonderful witness to God's plan to, in Jan Nel's words, "accelerate them to the next level" of His love and service.

So come and say your "Goodbyes" [i.e., God Be With Ye] to Dan, Kristin, Charlotte, Lily and Noah. Celebrate all they've done in their years at St. Paul's and their impact here, and celebrate what they will do at All Saints and the impact they will have on the Body in Virginia!

### Morgan Celebration

At The Darien Community Association  
274 Middlesex Road, Darien, CT 06820  
Next Sunday, **May 16, 2010**  
Immediately following the 10:30 service.

*On behalf of all the ladies of the Silver Shield, I want to thank you for the lovely tea and crumpets. Susan Jolly and crew did a magnificent job: the setting was delightful; the food, delicious; and the testimonies moving. It was truly an honor to be included among the guests at this lovely afternoon.* – Alta Jelliffe et al

Week ending	5/2/10	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ (-) than budget
Tithes & Offerings	7,378	205,786	225,000	(19,214)
Expenses	1,050	216,450	225,000	(8,550)
Weekly Goal		12,500	Shortfall	(10,664)

### Let the Choice Be Mine

On Saturday, May 22, 2010, Deacon Novella Lawrence will offer **two** important seminars. **Call the Parish Office to register.**

From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., **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. There is a \$10 charge for this seminar to cover the cost of materials.

Then from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., **“Coping with Grief”.** Understanding the stages of grief and the manifestations in our lives can be the first step to acceptance.

### Joint Revival Service at St. Paul’s May 21, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

Once a month the pastors of a very diverse group of churches throughout Fairfield County meet to pray together. Several times a year, the congregations of these churches come together 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! A group of intercessors from the churches has been meeting and surrounding this event with prayer and we are truly excited at what the Lord will do that evening.

### 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 and worship: remarks and reflections from artists and others.

Here is your role in our Art Show:

1. If you would like to display a piece in the show, select one (ready for hanging) and drop it off at the Parish Office by **May 23, 2010**, **clearly labeled** with the title, medium, and your name and contact information.
2. Then attend on June 6 and see just what talent abounds at St. Paul’s! Take extra invitations from the Welcome Center and invite your friends and neighbors.
3. June 6, 2010 is a First Sunday of the month, so our 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!

### F. M. S. C.

Join with people from the other churches in Darien to pray for the cooperation and coordination of the town-wide “Feed My Starving Children” packing event in October. On Monday, May 10 at 8:00 p.m., we will be praying at St. John’s R.C. Church, 1986 Post Road (in the Pierre Room at the Blanchard Center behind the church.) If you have questions, see Deacon Roberta or e-mail her at [rhs.sent@yahoo.com](mailto:rhs.sent@yahoo.com).



### God’s Great Get-together Vacation Bible School August 16-20, 2010

Jambo! Habari! [That’s “hi” “hello” in Swahili.] It’s here! 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade (or higher!) are welcome to sign on as Safari Guides or Game-Keepers.

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.



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