

On the Mark

July 18, 2010
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Get Set... GO!

Sunday, July 18, 2010

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

Monday, July 19, 2010

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

- 9:30 Art Group
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing
- 12:00 Agape Luncheon
- 12:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Cell
- 6:00 Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

- 6:00 Sr High Beach BBQ
Weed Beach, Darien
- 7:00 Billy Graham Telephone
Evangelism Ministry

Thursday, July 22, 2010

- 9:30 MOPS Bible Study
- 7:00 Healing & Intercession
Prayer Time

Friday, July 23, 2010

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

Saturday, July 24, 2010

- 7:30 Men's CBS

Sunday, July 25, 2010

- 8:00 Cell
- 8:45 First Service & Nursery
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 Second Service & Sunday School up to age five
- 12:15 Prophetic Teams Meeting
- 12:30 Yoot Pancake lunch at the Rectory

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Genesis 18:1-10a (p. 15)
Revelation 2:1-7 (p. 1192)
Luke 10:38-42 (p.1006)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Genesis 18:20-33 (p. 16)
Revelation 2:8-11 (p. 1192)
Luke 11:1-13 (p.1007)

Middle & Senior High

Are you on the mailing list? Rumor has it that there are many strange, weird, and unusual events on the calendar this summer. Make sure you are in the know: e-mail Jon, Katy, or Debbie: jon.d.knudsen@gmail.com or misskatygp@yahoo.com or Debbie@stpaulsdarien.org.

We hear that the Sr High group is meeting at Weed Beach in Darien from 6 – 8 on Wednesday, 7/21. There are also murmurings about the First Annual St. Paul's 500 Go-Cart Race. Better find out!

A. I.

As a parent and pastor I have held to the opinion that being smart is not enough. I believe in applied intelligence. It is not enough to have the answers, or the knowledge, or even the wisdom, it all has to be applied. I call it A.I. or Applied Intelligence.

What good is it to be the smartest person in the class but not to be able to apply what you know through words and, especially, through action? Who cares if you are "the brain" at work if you can't demonstrate it? What does it mean to have knowledge of the scriptures if it doesn't show itself in the way you serve God and others?

Jesus said "Why do you call me Lord but don't do what I say." [Luke 6:46] The Apostle James said, "We must be doers and not just hearers of the Word". [James 1:22].

Which leads me to explain why I have chosen for the next seven weeks a preaching series on the Book of Revelation. There has always been interest in the subject of the Apocalypse. In recent years the "Left Behind" series has sold dozens of millions of copies. Any book store – Christian or secular – has shelves full of writings on the End of the World.

Since the book of Revelation speaks of the end of the world although it was written nearly 2000 years old and "the end has not yet come", what is the purpose of studying it and applying it to the lives of the followers of Christ? This question is particularly answered by studying chapters two and three, the letters to the seven churches. Each church receives an epistle from the glorified Christ calling them to put into action what they know. It is interesting that five of the seven churches are severely criticized. Only two are commended for living up to what they believe.

Regardless of whether Jesus returns this year or in a later century, there is still so much for us to know and to apply. Let's read God's word together and put it into practice. It is called applied intelligence.

Your brother in Christ,

Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton
Rector



This is local participation of Darien churches, non-profits and others in a national effort to provide nutritious rice meals for hungry children in other countries. Fundraising has begun to prepare, pack and ship the meals.

We have been given our share of 250 tubes filled with M&Ms. When the M&Ms are gone, the tubes will each hold \$14 in quarters. May God bless our well-fed children with His heart to be a part of this...to save their quarters and turn in the tubes by SEPTEMBER 15.

Of course, adults can participate in this too...giving quarters, bills, or a check. If you use a check FMSC will provide a tax donation receipt. The check should be payable to "Feed My Starving Children" and this number should appear on the memo line: **#1010-42**. There's a basket in the narthex for your contribution.

If you know of a business owner in Darien who may want to donate (with public acknowledgement, please let Deacon Roberta know. E-mail rks.sent@yahoo.com).

Being a greater part of this effort also means participating in the packing event, the first weekend in October. Save the date!

CAMP MIGHTY MIND

This will be the last week before the arrival of Camp Mighty Mind. From July 26 through August 13, from 8:30 to 1:30 Monday through Friday, St. Paul's will be hosting this program designed for children from six to ten who are struggling with academics or motor movement.

Camp Mighty Mind is three weeks of movement, music and play designed to improve motor coordination, attention, handwriting, reading and more. Auditory processing games will improve listening and sound recognition. Cooperative group games will help all campers experience increased self-esteem, friendship and leadership.

Each day will begin with a 15 minute "chapel" time during which we will have a chance to pray for the campers individually. Whether or not you can be a part of the chapel team, we covet your prayers for these youngsters.



During Camp Mighty Mind daytime programs, classes



and services which would usually be scheduled for the main floor of the church will be shifted to alternate spaces. Please be patient with us!

Find Out About **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Careers at the next meeting of the **DARIEN PROFESSIONALS NETWORKING GROUP**, Tuesday, July 27, 2010. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1864 Post Road, Darien. Admission is free and all are invited. The Darien Professionals Network holds monthly meetings. It provides timely career-development information and networking opportunities for executives from all industries and job functions who are

- underemployed – and curious;
- employed and seeking to stay "networked" just in case;
- employed but willing and able to help those Seeking career guidance; and
- in a job transition.

VOLUNTEER at Connecticut Hospice Inc.

If you or someone you know is looking for an opportunity to serve others in your community, call Pat Corradino, Director of Volunteer Services at 1-800 8 HOSPICE ext. 510 or e-mail pnowak@hospice.com. As a **Connecticut Hospice Volunteer**, you can assist in an administrative capacity or by offering direct care as a friendly visitor, provide pastoral or bereavement care, help in the arts or meet transportation needs. Volunteers are needed for weekdays, evenings, or weekends.

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.



God's Great Get-together

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

It is just about a month until we gather under the Baobab tree for Vacation Bible School. We are going to learn to trust God, to follow where he leads, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, to care for other, and to live as part of a community. And, of course, we are going to learn a little about the African savannahs, about Baobab trees, and giraffes, zebras, meercats and elephants!

Kids four years old and up are welcome. It's a bargain: \$45 for the first child, \$40 for the second, \$35 for the third, \$30 for the fourth, etc. And scholarship funds are available. Talk to us!

Did you know that for almost nine months out of the year the Baobab Tree has only a few dry leaves on it. Then the rains come and everything changes.

Join us Monday through Friday, August 16 through 20 from 9:30 to 12:30 AND on Friday evening August 20 from 5:30 for a "harambi", a joyful feast to which everyone is invited.



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

Week Ending	7/11/10	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+/- Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$9,638	\$300,492	\$350,000	(48,508)
Expenses	\$24,200	\$350,200	\$350,000	(200)
Weekly Goal:		\$12,500	Shortfall:	(49,708)