

On the Mark

July 4, 2010
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Get Set...GO!

Sunday, July 4, 2010

Independence Day!

- 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
- 6:30 First Sunday

Monday, July 5, 2010

Independence Day Celebrated
Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

- 9:30 Art Group
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing
- 12:00 Agape Luncheon
- 1:00 Cell

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

- 6:00 Band Rehearsal

Thursday, July 8, 2010

- 9:30 MOPS Bible Study (fellowship room)
- 10:00 Memorial Service for **Bill Gardiner**
Reception follows
- 7:00 Healing & Intercession
Prayer Time

Friday, July 9, 2010

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

Saturday, July 10, 2010

- 7:30 Men's CBS

Sunday, July 11, 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

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Isaiah 66:10-16 (p. 729)
Galatians 6:14-18 (p. 1132)
Luke 10:1-20 (p.1005)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (p. 200)
Colossians 1:1-14 (1142)
Luke 10:25-37 (p.1006)

The Fourth of July: Independence Day

Here is a big holiday, one that makes me think about how our faith relates to our citizenship as Americans. There is much to be weighed about our nations' beginning and how we have lived out the Christian faith for over 300 years.

Frankly, if we lived in 1776 it would be difficult to decide our allegiances. As Anglicans with a duty to obey the King, ours would be a mixed response to the violent overthrow of the government. Over 30,000 Anglicans fled the colonies to live in Canada. Of course, there were faithful ones who chose to remain here and fight. Many of the patriot leaders were Anglican Christians.

Today, we find ourselves desiring to be faithful to Christ and His teachings and to be loyally committed as citizens of our country. We love our nation and its heritage. Yet, we also find disagreement about public policies and we know how very imperfect our government is. If it can be said we are, or were, a Christian nation, it must also be said with humility that we are not what we were meant to be.

I think this fact leads us to see the need to pray. We look at the way things are and we cry out to God to have mercy upon us. We see all of the advantages our nation possesses and we see our need to be faithful stewards of what God has given to us. In prayer, we remember our faithful forbearers who have dearly loved liberty and paid its price, even with their lives, and we thank God as we ask for help to serve others.

Americans are flawed like all people, but we are also a blessed people who have a history of service to the nations of the world.

The Collect from the Book of Common Prayer for July 4th helps us pray:

"Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton
Rector

Tonight at 6:30 p.m.

First Sunday

will be lead by The Rev. Alex C. Leighton from Grace Anglican Fellowship in Valhalla NY. The theme will be the healing of the generations for our nation. Come and bring a friend!

Week ending	6/27/10	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ (-) than budget
Tithes & Offerings	8,988	282,045	325,000	(42,951)
Expenses	14,800	328,800	325,000	(3,000)
Weekly Goal		12,500	Shortfall	(46,751)

George William "Bill" Gardiner

went home to the Lord on June 26, 2010 at age 85. Bill and his wife Irene, who died March 21, 2008, joined St. Paul's in April, 1983, and worked tirelessly for the church from that day! Bill was an usher, the lead counter for the financial team, and an active handyman around the grounds. In the last month of his life, he was the last person to leave on Work Day, staying until he had finished painting the stripes on all the parking spots,

We will celebrate Bill's life on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.



God's Great Get-together

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

We hope *you* will come to the Baobab tree from August 16 through August 20 from 9:30 to 12:30 for our Baobab Blast! (By the way, that word is pronounced "BAY-oh-bob").

"God's Great Get-together" is open to kids from four years old through the 5th grade. We are going to learn to trust God, to follow where He leads, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, to care for others, and to live as part of a community! Of course, we are also going to learn a little about the African plains! And we will end on Friday evening at 5:30 with a "harambi", a feast, a party, to which **everyone** is invited.

St. Paul's VBS remains 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 on the Welcome Desk – or call 203 655-8773 during working hours.

We are filling up rapidly, so if you know a child who wants to attend, sign them up SOON. Kids who are entering sixth grade – or higher – can help. In exchange we generally have some afternoon activities just for them. We also can use more adults!!

And, we definitely covet your prayers: for the kids, for the helpers, for the logistics, for finances, for good weather...

Speaking of Prayer...

Those of you who are not away are invited to join in praying for the **Feed My Starving Children** packing event. The next joint prayer meeting is Monday, July 5th (tomorrow!) at 8:00 p.m. at New Beginnings Community Church on Tokeneke Road in Darien.

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.



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**To Know Christ
&
To Make Him Known**