

# On the Mark

August 8, 2010  
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

## Get Set...GO!

### Sunday, August 8, 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, August 9, 2010

8:30 Camp Mighty Mind

### Tuesday, August 10, 2010

8:30 Camp Mighty Mind  
9:30 Art Group *room 1*  
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing  
*Under the tent*  
12:00 Agape Luncheon  
*Under the tent*  
1:00 Cell *living room*  
6:00 Band Rehearsal

### Wednesday, August 11, 2010

8:30 Camp Mighty Mind

### Thursday, August 12, 2010

8:30 Camp Mighty Mind  
9:30 MOPS Bible Study *Room 1*  
7:00 Healing & Intercession  
Prayer Time  
7:00 "Bridge the Gulf" prayer

### Friday, August 13, 2010

8:30 Camp Mighty Mind  
10:00 SP Art Cell *room 1*  
7:00 Christian 12 Step

### Saturday, August 14, 2010

7:30 Men's CBS  
10:00 VBS Helper's Mtg &  
Decorating Day  
11:00 Kid's Praise!

### Sunday, August 15, 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 Team

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Genesis 15:1-6 (p. 13)  
Revelation 2:18-29 (p. 1192)  
Luke 12:32-40 (p.1009)

#### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Jeremiah 23:23-29 (p. 758)  
Revelation 3:1-6 (p. 1193)  
Luke 12:49-56 (p.1010)

## CAMP MIGHTY MIND

Those who have taken part in the opening chapel time each morning at Camp Mighty Mind have truly been blessed by it. Please continue to pray for these youngsters to prosper, to grow in self confidence and self-esteem and self-control, and to feel and receive the love and acceptance of the Lord offered through us.

## The Bible May be Old – But...

"The Bible is so old, and the lives of those people so distant from ours. Why waste time reading it?"

The Bible may be old but it is timeless. The lives depicted in its accounts are very much like ours. Besides, the God of antiquities is eternal and is as real today as He was thousands of years ago. When we read the Bible, the God of the Bible becomes the God of our daily lives. We learn more about His ways and we fall deeper in love with Him, desiring to serve Him.

Recently I led a Russian woman to the Lord and we instantly found an app on her phone and she began reading the Bible in her native tongue. "I'm listening to God talk to me!" she said. I once led a man to Christ and told him to read a chapter of John's Gospel one day at a time. After twenty-one days, he called to say, "now what?" He began a new study and years later – at last check – he still reads the Bible daily.

The Bible is the daily bread God gives you to feed your spirit. The Bible may be old, but it is the best food for you!

Your brother in Christ,

**Christopher**

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton  
Rector

## Bridge the Gulf

The human devastation left behind by the Exxon Valdez in 1989 continues. In the last 21 years suicides, alcohol and drug abuse and domestic violence have risen at an alarming rate around Prince William Sound. Experts can't even begin to predict the effects of the Deepwater Horizon disaster on the residents of the Gulf. *What would happen if God's people came together to pray for His mercy on the region and its inhabitants?*

Join us **Thursday, August 12** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. as we Bridge the Gulf. A viewing of the documentary [Black Wave: The Legacy of the Exxon Valdez](#) will be followed by Intercessory Prayer.

## "From the lips of children you have ordained praise!" Psalm 8:2

Corporate praise is an integral part of St. Paul's – and we want to make sure our children know that their desire to praise God is important to all of us. We want to be sure the next generation not only knows WHO we worship, but also has some experience in HOW to worship Him!

So on Saturday, August 14, at 11:00 a.m., we will have a worship time for children up through fifth grade, led by Kate Miserocchi! If your child plays an instrument and would like to be part of a praise band, great! Bring the instrument! But everyone can "make a joyful noise". We hope this will be just the first such worship day.

Parents: you are welcome to stay and watch – or you can help our VBS volunteers prepare for Monday!

*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*

Week ending	8/1//10	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ (-) than budget
Tithes & Offerings	16,903	332,442	387,500	(55,058)
Expenses	8,400	351,000	387,500	6,500
Weekly Goal		12,500	Shortfall	(48,558)

# BLESS THIS BACKPACK!

On **Sunday, August 22, 2010**, the 10:30 service will be a very special one. We are going to invite everyone who took part in **Baobab Blast** to come back! They will both show and tell us what they learned at VBS.

We are going to ask all the children – VBS and St. Paul's alike – to bring their backpacks up to the altar so that we can bless them as all these youngsters begin a new school year with all the challenges and opportunities that brings. We want to be sure that these children are covered and protected by the Holy Spirit!

Because of this special “kid-friendly” service, there will be **NO** Sunday School for any age on August 22.

Come and celebrate the end of VBS and the start of the new school year with us.



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

In the narthex is a basket with our share of 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](mailto: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!

## BLOCK BASH

Pivot Ministries is having a party! On Saturday, August 14, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 485 Jane Street in Bridgeport CT. There will be fun! Music! Food! Give-Aways! Face Painting! Giant Basketball! Pony Rides! A Raffle! The City of Bridgeport, WDJZ 1530 AM, and New Creation Hair Stylists are all lending their support to what looks to be a huge and happy event! Come lend *your* support.



## God's Great Get-together

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

One more week! Then St. Paul's will be filled with Elegant Elephants, Merry Meerkats, Zany Zebras, Generous Giraffes – and, of course, Gamekeepers and Safari Guides to lead and protect them!

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. And we mean EVERYONE. You don't have to have a child in VBS to come and enjoy the party.

Our friend Chris Evers from Animal Embassy will be back with some more exotic critters for us to learn about!

We are planning our “décor” for Baobab Blast. If you have items reminiscent of the African plains – rugs, masks, baskets, material – that you would like to loan us for the week of VBS, please talk to Debbie at 655-8773 x 13. Thanks!



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