

Get Set...GO!

Sunday, May 1, 2011

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service & Nursery
9:30 Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service
12:15 Prophetic Team
12:15 Adult Ed: Anglican History
with Leah Easley
6:30 First Sunday

Monday, May 2, 2011

7:30 Cell – “Life Worth Living”

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

9:30 MOPS Steering Committee
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing
11:30 Art Group
12:15 Agape Luncheon
6:00 Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 4

9:30 MOPS Study

Thursday, May 5, 2011

9:00 Community Bible Study
(Sharing Day)
7:00 Prayer
7:30 Discernment Committee

Friday, May 6, 2011

1:00 Prayer & Sharing

Saturday, May 7, 2011

7:30 Men's CBS

Sunday, May 8, 2011

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service & Nursery
9:30 Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service
12:15 Prophetic Team
12:15 Adult Ed: Anglican History
with Leah Easley
5:30 Youth Group

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Genesis 8:6-16, 9:8-16 (p. 7)
Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (p. 1056)
John 20:19-31 (p. 1052)

Children's Lesson

The Empty Tomb
Matthew 28:1-10

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Isaiah 43:1-12 (p. 704)
Acts 2:14a, 36-47 (p. 1056)
Luke 24:13-35 (p. 1025)

Children's Lesson

The Great Commission
Matthew 28:16-20

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.

The Party Isn't Over

When the first “Hallelujah’s” have stopped echoing through the rafters, when the scent of lilies has faded, when all the chocolate bunnies have been eaten – Easter is still not over. The party has only just begun. Of course, in one sense, Easter is never “over” for those who worship the risen Christ. Yet, in another sense, the fifty-day Easter season is just beginning for those who worship by the calendar of the Bible. From Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate the resurrection power of our God. The party isn't supposed to taper off; it is supposed to pick up the pace!

So why is the party just getting started? After Jesus was raised from the dead, he appeared many times to his disciples over the next forty days. Imagine how they must have felt having their once-dead-now-risen Lord eat with them, speak with them, and touch them. He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and their hearts burned within them. Then Jesus told his disciples something truly amazing. You are to be witnesses of these things. Behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. Stay in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high. Then, to their even greater amazement, Jesus was carried up into heaven.

You'd think the disciples would be disappointed that Jesus was gone. But instead of hanging their heads, they worshipped! They ran back to Jerusalem with great joy and spent the next *ten* days in the temple continually blessing God. Even though Jesus was gone from their sight, they knew that something awesome was about to happen.

Forty days with the resurrected Jesus. Ten days worshipping and waiting. Fifty total days, climaxing in the biggest party of all – Pentecost (literally, the fiftieth day) – the Holy Spirit party! When the Holy Spirit fell, they didn't need wine to be drunk. The power and pleasure of God overwhelmed the disciples beyond their wildest dreams.

And THIS is my prayer hope for St. Paul's in this fifty day season: that the risen Jesus will speak to us from His word, that we will eat with Him at His table, that He causes our hearts to burn within us. And ultimately, that He will clothe us with fresh power from on high to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth!

Jordan

The Rev. Jordan Easley
Assistant

Tonight

First Sunday

Youth-led Worship, teaching, Holy Eucharist,
Healing Prayer

How Firm a Foundation

Was the Anglican Church founded on divorce? Where did our liturgy come from? Are Anglicans “Junior Varsity Catholics”? Beginning today, immediately after the 10:30 service, **Leah Easley** will acquaint – or re-acquaint us with our Anglican heritage. The history of the English Church is *not* dull! A light lunch – and childcare! – will be provided.

Preparation Prayer

Plans are well underway for this year's “**Feed My Starving Children**” Packing event in the fall, beginning with prayer in the community. The second monthly Prayer Meeting of the churches of Darien will be held at First Congregational Church, from 6:30 to 7:30 on Monday, May 9th. Plan to join us in undergirding this opportunity to feed the hungry.

	Actual	v. 2010	v. Budget
Revenues	197,922	(486)	1,768
Expenses	(179,230)	36,170	16,924
Excess/Shortfall	18,692	35,684	18,692



Calling All Visual Artists!

We would love your participation in the second annual St. Paul's art show, which opens on June 5. You are invited to submit one piece, framed and ready for exhibit, by Sunday, May 22. Works should be given to Meg Newton or Phyllis Schlemmer and should be labeled with the following information: title, date, medium, your name, and whether or not the piece is for sale. Thank you! Feel free to call or e-mail Meg with any questions: 203 353-1848 or megetha@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Family Summer Camp

Are you looking for a memorable, meaningful summer vacation for your whole family? Come join what many of our St. Paul's families have been doing for years: Adirondack Camps Farthest Out (CFO), a Christian retreat hosted at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, New York.

Start the day with morning meditation, breakfast, worship, teaching, rhythms, and creatives (writing, art, drama, songwriting). After lunch, optional activities include canoeing, paddle boats, hiking, rock climbing, ropes course, swimming, tennis, volleyball, basketball – or just relaxing in a rocking chair overlooking the beautiful Adirondacks. Prayer groups meet just before dinner, followed by worship, an evening talk, and late night snacks before lights out.

CFO is great for families with kids of all ages, with infant/toddler care and group events for both children and youth. For more information, call Joan Bowes at 845-895-8640 or visit www.adirondackcfo.org.

Only one more week before... "Understanding Dreams & Visions"

Jim Leach will teach this Streams 201 course, which presents a Biblical framework for understanding dreams and visions, on **May 12** to **May 14** (Thursday evening, all day Friday and Saturday). E-mail www.streamsministries.com or talk directly to Jim Leach to learn more.

Silver Tea

Each year it is our pleasure and our honor to celebrate our "silver shield", the mature women of our congregation who have prayed for and served us.

This year our Silver Tea will be held on May 21 from 2:00 to 4:00. Invitations will be going out shortly. We want to be sure that our list contains the names of all our women 65 or older. If you don't hear from us in the next week or ten days, please call the office (203 655-8773) and let us know you meet the criteria...

Hospitality

We still need some help with the Fellowship time between the services. If you would like to serve the Body – make coffee, put out food, clean up afterwards; it's not hard! – please pick a date and sign up for it. Signing up for two Sundays a year means you can munch **guilt free** on the other 50 Sundays.

Women's Testimony Night

Our next Women's Testimony Night is scheduled for June 12. There will be dinner and a chance to meet new and old friends, but the highlight will be hearing from **Colleen Swedberg**. Mark your calendar now; you don't want to miss it!

And Stay Tuned for More Information about

May 21: Ordination of Fr. Jordan Easley as priest.

May 22: Annual Ladies Silver Tea

June 5: St. Paul's Art Show opening

June 12: Women's Testimony Night with guest speaker Colleen Swedberg.

June 19: Father's Day picnic

July 17-23: Mission trip to Phillipi, WVA. (But if you are interested, contact Dick day NOW!)

August 15-19: "Pandamania" our Vacation Bible School.



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*To Know Christ and
To Make Him Known*