

## Get Set...GO!

### Sunday, May 8, 2011

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

### Monday, May 9, 2011

9:30 Moms Next  
7:30 Cell – "Life Worth Living"

### Tuesday, May 10, 2011

9:30 Art Group  
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing  
12:15 Agape Luncheon  
6:00 Band Rehearsal  
7:00 Vestry

### Wednesday, May 11

9:30 MOPS

### Thursday, May 12, 2011

7:00 Prayer  
7:30 Discernment Committee

### Friday, May 13, 2011

7:00 Christian 12 Step

### Saturday, May 14, 2011

7:30 Men's CBS

### Sunday, May 15, 2011

8:30 Cell  
8:45 1st Service & Nursery  
9:30 Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Service & Sunday School  
12:15 Prophetic Team  
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#### THIS 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

#### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Nehemiah 9:6-15 (p. 477)  
Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-8:2 (p. 1061)  
John 10:1-10 (p. 1040)

#### Children's Lesson

Doubting Thomas  
John 20:19-31

*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.*



## MAY DAY!

### (Happy Mothers' Day)

Last Sunday, May 1, Janet and I celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our first date. Not many couples do that because they don't necessarily remember the exact date. But I remember even at the time thinking "May Day, May Day" – a term which means the ship is going down! I said to Janet last week, "What a way to go" ... and since we've been together for 40 years and 40 is a number in the Bible that is significant of a generation – we have a relationship of "Biblical proportions"!

Well, all that is to say I want to honor my wife, even on this day, May 8, Mothers' Day. Also I wish every one of our mothers at St. Paul's a happy Mothers' Day! And I wish every member and guest here today a happy and blessed Mothers' Day.

Our God is so good. He gave us mothers who chose to keep us and to bring us into this world. He gave us loving moms who did their best to nurture and raise us.

Today is a day of Biblical proportions: let us join with those who keep the Scriptures, *"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."* [Proverbs 31:28-31]

Thank you God for our Mothers!

### Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton  
Rector

### 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 22 from 2:00 to 4:00. Invitations have gone out. So...women, if you are 65 or older and did NOT receive your invitation, please call the office and let us know. If you did receive your invitation please RSVP to the church at 203 655-8773 or to Josephine Rojas at 203 286-6853.

### Mercy

The Mercy Committee of St. Paul's is looking for a few good people who would be willing to participate in a phone tree for rides. At the present time, we have several people who would like very much to attend church (both early and later services). This would not be a full-time, every week, commitment, but having a small group to help with this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Julia Nichols at 203 502-1765. Thank you.

### 30 Hour Famine

**\$3,700!!** That's the final amount raised by our Youth Group from the 30 Hour Famine this year. That's enough money to support ten or more hungry children for a full year. Huge congratulations to all the kids who "starved" for 30 hours in order to serve those who are truly starving.

### Dreams and Visions

We are sorry to report that the Streams course "Understanding Dreams and Visions" with Jim Leach, which was scheduled for May 12-14, has been cancelled.

	Actual	v. 2010	v. Budget
Revenues	204,845	(941)	(2,847)
Expenses	(195,250)	21,200	12,442
Excess/Shortfall	9,595	20,259	5,595

## Calling All Visual Artists!

We want 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](mailto:megetha@gmail.com).

## St. Paul's Family Summer Camp June 26 – July 1, 2011

Are you looking for a memorable, meaningful summer vacation for your whole family? How about 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](http://www.adirondackcfo.org).

## How Firm a Foundation

Leah Easley's fascinating course on the history of the English Church began last week, but you are welcome to join late! Anglican church history 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 9<sup>th</sup>. Plan to join us in undergirding this opportunity to feed the hungry.



St. Paul's Vacation Bible School is August 15 to 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Psalm 139 will come to life as kids age four and up learn that God made them, that he listens to them, that He watches over them, that He loves them *no matter what*, and that he gives them good gifts. We'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – as well as through Bible stories, great music, snacks, games and crafts. Registration will open SOON!

## 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**.

Colleen Swedberg was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, but at six months of age travelled with her parents to Papua New Guinea which was home until her high school years were completed. She met and married another "third culture kid" Eric Swedberg while obtaining her Bachelor of Nursing degree, and together they have enjoyed building community in many different settings, while working in local and international health.

Colleen is now the clinical Manager in a branch of a national home care agency. She and Eric have three children: Sarah, Ryan and Nathan, and have been glad to have the excuse to go to Virginia and California to visit their sons at university.

If she could name one thing about her life that is most important, it would be this: being part of God's "treasured possession".

Mark your calendar now; you don't want to miss it hearing Colleen!



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**To Know Christ and  
To Make Him Known**