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Youth Ministry @ FPCC

Introducing our new quarterly newsletter!



Welcome!

Welcome to our new quarterly newsletter from the Youth Ministry at First Parish!

This two-sided, one page newsletter gives you an overview of our youth ministry: who we are and what we have planned for the next three months. We hope you will find this an informative and enjoyable way of receiving communication from us. In addition to this newsletter, there is a legal-sized calendar for January through March that details our events.

We welcome your feedback. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Abram Kielsmeier-Jones, Youth Minister. You can reach him at 781-245-1644, x3 or via email at AbramFPCC@yahoo.com.

“Therefore go and make disciples...”

The Youth Ministry at First Parish, by God's grace, is about making disciples. We seek to be faithful to the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20, his important parting words to his followers. Our mission statement—which describes who we are and why we exist as a youth ministry—is, “Equipping lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ...through building community, worshipping together, serving others, and sharing God's love.”

Save the Date! *(details on next page)*

Youth Retreat
March 26-28, 2010
“Deep Freeze”
retreat at Camp
Berea in New
Hampshire.

**Super Bowl
Party**
Sun., February 7
At the Laboy
residence in
Wakefield!

**Youth Ministry
Community
Meetings**
Feb. 21 and 28
We want to hear
from you!

You Won't Want to Miss...

Spring Retreat!

Friday, March 26 through Sunday, March 28 we will join with dozens of other area youth ministries for Camp Berea's *Deep Freeze 2010*. The weekend in Hebron, NH features "fun, excitement, and spiritual challenge" for youth in middle school and high school. We hope you can join us! You can find out more about the camp at www.campbera.net. The trip cost is \$140 per person (scholarships are available through application with Abram) and covers the entire weekend, including transportation to and from the church. \$50 of this is due as a deposit with registration and a permission form on Friday, March 19. Come join us for what promises to be a very memorable weekend!

Friday Night Youth Group

Our main time together as a youth group. This takes place every week in the Basement (the youth and game room at First Parish) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is a great time to connect with friends, hang out, meet new people, have a Bible study, ask questions about your faith, play games, and eat free food! Newcomers are always welcome, whether that's you or a friend you want to bring.

Super (Souper) Bowl Party!

Sunday, February 7 is Super Bowl XLIV. Do you love football? Or just hanging out and eating good food with good people? We'll be watching the game together at the home of Chandra and Ish Laboy in Wakefield. The party starts at 6:00 p.m. Bring a food item for us to help stock the food pantry! We'll be joining with 10,000 other groups who are using the Super Bowl as a chance to remember those in need and make donations. (Souper Bowl of Caring Web site at <http://www.souperbowl.org/>)

Youth Ministry Community Meetings

On two Sundays after church in February (Feb. 21 and Feb. 28) we will be holding Youth Ministry Community Meetings for all youth program "stakeholders." Anyone who has an interest and or investment in the youth program is invited, whether young people, their parents, volunteers, etc. These meetings will prayerfully assess where we've been as a youth ministry in the last year (Feb. 21), and where we sense God is calling us to go in the future (Feb. 28). Your input is needed!

We will meet from 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. Lunch is provided!

MLK Day

Monday, January 18 is Martin Luther King Day. Come celebrate the life and ministry of this important preacher and Christian activist through a visit to a church in Boston, where we'll join in celebration with others! We'll meet at First Parish to drive in together. Contact Abram K-J for details.