

SPY NEWS



Winter
2010

WEST PARISH CHURCH

MOVIE FIELDTRIP "TO SAVE A LIFE"

On Saturday, January 23, SPY will be joining youth groups from throughout the North Shore region for a special showing of the new movie *To Save a Life*, the story of two high school boys and the search for answers to life's big questions. Check out the trailer on the film's official website at www.tosavealifemovie.com.

We'll be meeting up afterwards with the youth from the Ballard Vale (Andover) and Tabernacle (Salem) UCC churches for discussion, pizza and fellowship.

Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased in advance. Permission slips can be found on the WPC website. Friends welcome!

Forgettable Facts

- In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.
- Blue is the favorite color of 80% of Americans.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- Maine is the only state that has one syllable in its name.

UPCOMING EVENTS

To Save a Life Movie Fieldtrip

Saturday, January 23, 11:00am-4:00pm

Chocolate Extravaganza

Decorate Fellowship Hall: Sat. 1/30, 3:30pm

Join us at the Event: Sun 1/31, 2-4:30pm

Youth-led Service

Set up & Practice: Sat, 2/6, 4:00-5:30 pm

Service: Sun, 2/7, 10:00am

SR. SPY

Feb - SATURDAY, 2/6, 5:30-8:00 pm

March - NO SR SPY - Go to the Retreat!

April- Sunday, 4/11, 5:30-8:00 pm

Jazz Concert Mission Trip Fundraiser

Sunday, 2/28, 3:00 pm

Winter Fun & Faith Retreat

Camp Calumet, NH, Fri-Sun, 3/5 - 3/7

Woodwind Concert Fundraiser

Sunday, 3/28, 3:00 pm

YOUTH-LED SERVICE

It's almost February — time for the annual youth-led worship service. We wowed them last year with our cool Valentine Service and the year before with our Mission & Outreach service. What next? Well, going along with this year's food theme, let's try a **TV-style cooking show!** We'll run the worship service in Fellowship Hall and cook our way through some Bible stories. We need actors (any Rachel Rays or Emerils out there?), ushers, program makers.... Let me know how you can help! Practice on Sunday mornings in January and on February 6 before Sr. SPY.

WINTER FUN & FAITH WEEKND DON'T MISS IT!!



Another totally awesome SPY adventure is nearly here. This time we'll be heading for Camp Calumet on Lake Ossipee in New Hampshire for "The Big Freeze" (but unlike our Heifer trip, we'll be prepared for the cold weather this time!).

We'll be joined by youth from all over New England for 2 days of tobogganing, ultimate snow Frisbee, "broom ball" played on the frozen lake, skating, and winter hiking through God's beautiful creation! We'll come inside periodically for faith sharing and devotions as well as an ice cream social and a game show (think: "Who Wants to be a Christian Millionaire" or "Faith Family Feud"). And I'm sure you'll find the Saturday night Bonfire Worship Service on the beach to be a memorable and inspirational experience!

Permission slips are on the website. Space is limited so first come-first serve please! Counts as a Confirmation Retreat.

SURF REPORT

Foods Resource Bank

This is the organization where this year's Sunday morning Youth Collection money will be donated.

www.foodsresourcebank.org

CONCERT HELPERS NEEDED

There will be two concerts held at West Parish to raise money for our SD Mission Trip. The first is a jazz concert featuring two world renowned jazz musicians from the Berklee School of Music (Sunday, February 28) and the other is the Andover Woodwind Quintet (Sunday, March 28). We need ushers and someone to design each program. We also need SPYs to hang flyers around town. Please talk to Marie about how you can help!

QUOTABLES:

"Too many of us have a Christian vocabulary rather than a Christian experience. We think we are doing our duty when we're only talking about it."

~ Charles F. Banning



CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

As part of our South Dakota Mission Trip fundraising, SPY will be sponsoring a gigantic chocolate fair (chocolate buffet and raffle items) on Sunday afternoon, January 31 and we need your help:

- Donate home-made and store bought chocolate items (cupcakes, brownies, pies, donuts etc.). Be creative! What about chocolate covered Twinkies or pretzels? **If you are going on the mission trip, you must bring at least 2 types of goodies!**
- Donate items for the raffle like movie tickets, gift cards, DVDs, or better yet how about a piece of your artwork or you can donate your time to clean someone's garage or shovel snow. Again, be creative! **And again, if you are going on the trip, you must donate at least one item for the raffle.**
- Advertise! Invite your extended family and neighbors. Hang flyers around town. Bring your friends or even a date!
- Help decorate on Saturday, January 30.

Parting Shot

**Don't cry because it's
over; smile because
it happened.**