

Hi!

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Happy 2008! This year I'm wanting us to explore new ways of communicating. I have been using email for years, and will continue to do so, and now have FaceBook which I use to communicate as well. We are also now part of the St. Francis website: <http://www.holdenma.com/stfrancis/>. You'll notice I haven't included a copy of our schedule with this letter – instead I'm asking everyone to use the website for reference and am only noting major events here. The website has helpful links for activities, please check them out. Please let me know what you think, especially if this doesn't work so we can be sure to be connected.

The fun activity for January will be going to see "Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales Movie" at Worcester North at 2:15p Sun., January 20<sup>th</sup>. This is open to anyone interested and hopefully will be a fun afternoon. There will be no other youth group meetings on the 20<sup>th</sup>; our next regular meeting will be held on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the SuperBowl, and I will host our annual Party at my home 6-9pm (or when the game ends). **Please bring soda, snack or dessert and I will provide pizza.** Everyone is welcome.

Please also add these dates to your calendar:

Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Shrove Tues. Pancake Dinner 3-8p both groups
Feb. 22-23	30 Hour Famine
March 14-15	Nightwatch NYC (seniors only)
June 7-8	Youth Led Services-End of Year Slumber Party

Again, check the website for helpful links, and let me know if you have questions. Parents can get questions answered at **the next Parents' Meeting Jan. 27** or contact me for more information.

Finally, a word about mission. By now you've probably heard at least something about the trip to El Salvador (more to follow at Annual Meeting). The long and the short of it is that this will not be a youth-focused endeavor, so I've decided to direct all interested teens toward a Group WorkCamps trip this summer. Please check the link on the website and I am asking all interested people (chaperones included) to sign up ASAP so we can secure slots.

Finally, the snack list is on the website too. Please check to make sure you don't miss your week!

Peace and Love,

Lori Churchill  
Youth Minister