

# WASS UP?

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**"Souper Bowl" Nets  
\$670.40 !**

*Thanks to everyone who helped with the Souper Bowl pots and to those who dropped cash in the pots. The money will go to the local Community Food Bank.*

**February 14, 2010 —  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Valentine Party at  
Wesley House**



**February 17, 2010 —  
7:00 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 21, 2010 —  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Games at the  
Wesley House**

**7:00 p.m.  
SSP Meeting in the Sanctuary**

**February 28, 2010 —  
Rodeo Break  
No UMYF**



## VALENTINE PARTY

The Valentine Party will include a drive-in movie (parking lot style) and a bon fire. The theme for the party is "Red, White, and Pink", so dress accordingly.

Please bring a snack to share that fits the "Red, White, and Pink" theme. You should also bring friends!

Oops. Missed a birthday  
Lukas Hardage's b-day is  
Feb. 22

The  
Winter  
Retreat  
was fun  
for all,

and, just as importantly, it was affordable. One of the reasons we could afford the retreat is that we had raised money by sponsoring the Masterpiece Festival last fall. In '09 we inherited the festival five weeks before the event. We now have a commitment to go ahead and sponsor the Masterpiece Festival in September '10. That seems like a long time from now, but we need to start sending out letters and making plans. Long story, short: HELP WANTED Adult with computer and organizational skills to oversee registration for the Masterpiece Festival. Contact Kim (kim@umcstmarks.org), if you are available.





## Sierra Service Project News

The Red Envelope Project is not finished until February 14, but it's going really well so far. Please be prompt in taking your shift.

**Don't forget the meeting on February 21 in the sanctuary at 7 p.m.** At that meeting, we will attempt to figure out what we're doing for our fun trip, check the current available funds, and project a budget for our trip. Parents are invited, but not required. Participants, on the other hand, are required.

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

**February 17, 2010 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Confirmants are expected to attend the 7:00 p.m. service in the sanctuary.**

**All other youth are encouraged to attend the service, as well. Ash Wednesday is just the beginning of our Easter journey. Prepare to be wow-ed!**



## GEAR UP FOR THE SPORTS TOURNAMENT

**The annual Ross Huckins Invitational Sports Tournament will be held at St. Mark's on March 7. Start getting teams together now for basketball, volleyball, and (new this year) pool. There will be awards for all three events, plus lots of other fun stuff.**

a note from the

## YOUTH DIRECTOR

You would think that after almost eleven years on staff and twenty years as a member of St. Mark's, very little would amaze me about this congregation, but it's happened again!

One of our young adults, Nicole Ross, heard about a jeans drive through her job at Aeropostale, and got permission to collect jeans for the people of Haiti. To date, she has collected over 280 pair.

Many of you stood in the pouring rain last Sunday holding soup pots to collect money for the Community Food Bank. Thanks to our "Souper Bowl" Sunday, our congregation is sending \$670 to the food bank.

And the Red Envelope Project for SSP is going very well. Not only are people returning the envelopes with checks inside, but they are taking their mission to pray for SSP participants very seriously. I have had people ask me to point out a youth whose name is on their envelope or to tell them about that student.

We are very fortunate to have such a compassionate congregation.

Blessings, Kim