

YM Fundraisers and Service Projects

2009-2010 Scheduled Fundraisers:

Dough-for-Dough (formerly Cookie Dough; Sep/Oct, 2009) offers the South Church community and others a delicious way to support our mission trips. Two-pound tubs of ready-to-bake cookie doughs, various breads and a number of pie types are sold. All students in grades 7-12 are encouraged to participate as this is a great way to add to our success! Students wishing to earn a fundraising credit can do so by selling at least five products (more is better) or by assisting with publicity.

Pasta Supper (November 8, 2009) offers the South Church community an opportunity to gather for food and fellowship and to learn more about the work done by our youth during the prior year's mission immersion trips. This year at St. Lukes, we will transform the undercroft into an Italian Trattoria. A favorite fundraiser for the HS Mission Immersion Trips, this year the Youth again will be doing it all – from ticket sales to set up to program coordination. Even cooking and, of course, serving the scrumptious feast. As always, a slide show from past Mission Trips is being planned. Keep an eye out for advance tickets before and after the services on Sundays.

Pancake Breakfast (February 28, 2010) is always a fun event for everyone. Held before, during and after both Sunday services, this is the one fundraiser done exclusively by the Middle School Youth Mission group. Come ask the youth about their YM year and upcoming Mission Trip – they'd be happy to tell you over a scrumptious breakfast of pancakes, sausage/bacon, muffins, OJ and coffee!

Battle-of-the-Bands (March 19, 2010) provides the South Church and greater Glastonbury community with a full evening of local youth bands! Off-site this year, we hope to expand the audience and watch the event grow. All students will be provided with tickets to sell and will also be able to participate as ushers, assist with CD sales, parking cars, getting sponsors, publicity, and more. We have need of MUCH parent support on this event. Please let Sue Ritter, this year's chair, know how you can help.

Ice Cream Social / Silent Auction (May 23, 2010) is the final fundraiser of the year. After its very successful inaugural event in 2009, this year's event will again be coordinated by Elayna Szkrybalo. There are thoughts underway to make this a large community event in pre-celebration of the new church building and fundraiser for the 2011 Youth Missions.

2009-2010 Scheduled Service Projects:

Annual Glastonbury Apple Fest Booth (October 17-18, 2009) is a chance for students to host a children's activity and represent the South Church Youth in Mission community and raise awareness for the program and what it does within Glastonbury. This year's booth theme is the building of the new church addition and how it impacts us and the greater community. Sign-ups for the Dough-for-Dough products is also available for the general public.

Crop Gleanings (various Oct/Nov) this year replace the Crop Walk. Already an active social program within the church coordinated by Sal Marano, we work with local food banks to glean crops from donated portions of numerous farms in the area. The youth

will feel the enriching reward of collecting corn, apples, squash and other food and coordinate getting it to the local food bank.

Hawkwing (Nov/Dec.) is an opportunity for students to support a local non-profit organization that meets the needs of the Lakota people in South Dakota and learn more about the challenge of life for those Native American peoples living on reservations. Usually revolving around packing donated goods into boxes and loading a 53' truck, please see the October issue of the Connector for other ways you and your youth can prepare to serve this most worthwhile project.

Homeless Awareness Sleep-out (Jan. 30-31, 2010) is a 30-hour vigil on the church lawn to raise community awareness of many who remain homeless and collect funds to support organizations making a difference in this way. Students work in shifts with the older youth taking on the midnight to 6am shifts. Two parents are needed for each shift.

Common Cathedral (April 4, 2010) is a daylong trip to Boston, MA to worship with the homeless who gather and to distribute coats collected during the "Sleep-out" as well as serve lunch to the faith community who gathers here each week. There are two opportunities to gain service credit – preparing the meals the day before and going on the trip. Being planned over Easter Weekend, we are excited about this being even more rewarding for our youth.

Haitian Medical Supplies (late April, 2010) is the project also known as **Arm2Arm** which the youth collect simple but important donations for the displaced Haitian population in the Dominican Republic and send them with the team who makes an annual mission trip to the Dominican each year. Items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, jars of Petroleum Jelly, aspirin/ibuprofen, etc. are collected.

Other potential Service Projects and Fundraisers for future years:

<u>Fundraisers</u>	<u>Service Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talent show • Yard clean up • Bake sale/cooking sale • Flamingos • Fun Fair • Car Wash Ticket Sales • Candy Sales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support a local women's/children's shelter • Town Cleanup • Serving Youth in Hartford • Serving Meals to homeless • Helping widows, orphans • Hands on Hartford • South Park Inn