

# FIRST PLYMOUTH

## YOUTH NEWS

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*Note: Today (the day the youth newsletter is due to be printed) has been a difficult day for a number of reasons, and so I am reprinting last month's column. It's still relevant!*

July 5-13: Mark it down on your calendar. That's when the High School youth will take their annual mission trip. In 2008 and 2009, we've traveled to New Orleans to help rebuild and repair houses that were damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. While we plan to maintain our relationship with New Orleans and the Westside Mission Center, this year we'll be taking a different kind of mission trip.

We'll be traveling to Tucson, Arizona to work with BorderLinks ([www.borderlinks.org](http://www.borderlinks.org)), an organization that educates and advocates around the political and economic realities of borders. They're located on the US/Mexico border, but their mission expands to encompass economic globalization, the issues of immigration and security, and the

Christian role in welcoming the "resident aliens" in the land (Deuteronomy 10:18, Leviticus 19:33, and many other passages).

The trip will be a road trip, leaving from Denver on July 5th, heading south into New Mexico and Arizona, where we'll spend four or five days with Borderlinks. We'll then head north to the Grand Canyon and some other iconic Western sites, and head back into Denver on the 13th. This trip will be eight days (instead of the 12 day trips we've taken the last couple of years), and we'll be driving (instead of flying). An important note: you'll need a passport for this trip. Go ahead and get that going!

This trip will be very different from the trips to New Orleans, but it has the potential to be even more powerful and life-changing. I hope all youth 8th grade through 12th (rising 9th graders through college freshmen) will consider coming along.

See you Sunday,

Eric.

### KING SOOPERS CARDS

Everyone needs groceries, so why not let a percentage of your grocery bill help fund Youth Group activities at First Plymouth? Purchase a reloadable gift card for \$5.00!

Reload your card at your neighborhood King Soopers store and 5% of your purchases will be sent back to our First Plymouth Youth Group!!

Just think....if 50 families use these gift cards to purchase \$500 worth of groceries each month we could earn \$15,000.00 per year for Youth Group activities like mission work, retreats, etc!!!! Cards may be purchased in the church office.

### BOWLING FOR DICP

Do you like to bowl? Do you like to hang out with the Youth Group? Do you like to raise money for good causes?

If you answered yes to all of those, then you'll love March 7th. From 12:30 to 3:30, we'll be bowling in a fundraiser for the Denver Inner City Parish, a ministry in downtown Denver that First Plymouth has traditionally supported.

Keep your eyes peeled for fundraising forms and information. And in the meantime, save the date and work on your bowling technique!

# VENEZUELA MISSION TRIP

## ATTENTION YOUTH...JULY MISSION TRIP TO VENEZUELA...

A Youth Mission Trip to Venezuela is being planned for this July and you are invited to participate. For several years youth from the Rocky Mountain UCC and DOC have traveled to Venezuela with our Global Partners program. The purpose of these trips is to provide cultural exchanges between the US and Venezuelan youth groups and to support one another in our spiritual journeys as we seek peace and justice in our world.

This year we will join the Venezuelan youth for their National Summer Gathering; work together on building projects like the construction of an auditorium at the UEPV youth camp, and participate in music events, sports, reflections, and worship.

You will experience a great balance of Christian Service, faith, and FUN! This isn't "all work and no play". You will make new friends and have a great time! No specific skills are needed for these trips.

It is amazing what happens when we encounter new places, cultures, and different ways of life. You'll develop closer relationships with each other and with God. As a result you'll come home with a new sense of unity, understanding and respect for each other.

Our next Youth Mission Trip will be July 21-28, 2010. Cost is about \$1500. Registration deadline is April 1, 2010. For more information visit [rmcucc.org/outreach/globalpartners/gpapply.htm](http://rmcucc.org/outreach/globalpartners/gpapply.htm) or contact Alice Silver, 720-344-6947 or [agsilver@pair.com](mailto:agsilver@pair.com).

Your life will never be the same after one of these trips!

## CALENDAR

<b>February 7:</b>	Youth Group
<b>February 12-14:</b>	OWL Retreat
<b>February 14:</b>	Youth Group
<b>February 21:</b>	Youth Group
<b>February 26-28:</b>	Conference Confirmation Retreat
<b>February 28:</b>	Youth Group
<b>March 7:</b>	Bowling for Denver Inner City Parish (12:00—4:00)
<b>March 19-20:</b>	Conference Middle School Retreat at La Foret
<b>April 16-18:</b>	Conference High School Retreat at La Foret
The <i>usual</i> Sunday evening schedule goes like this:	
<b>4:45:</b>	Youth Choir
<b>6:15:</b>	Youth Group meal, followed by a mix of chapel, games, discussions, and fun
<b>8:30:</b>	Parents pick up youth

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