

FIRST PLYMOUTH

YOUTH NEWS

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Understandably, our church has recently spent a lot of time talking about what might be going wrong. We've faced budget challenges, staff layoffs, and reductions in what we're able to give to outside organizations. But it never hurts to pause and think about what's going right. In youth group,

- We have 50-60 active youth, which means as many as 1 in 5 active First Plymouth members is between 6th and 12th grade. (This assumes 300 active adult members, which is one estimate that gets thrown around).
- Our average attendance is up around 30, and we've had as many as 46 people at youth group on one night.
- 35 of us traveled to New Orleans last summer, to help rebuild homes destroyed in Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- We raised over \$2,000 in three weeks of fundraising for Haiti relief.
- We collected food for the Can-Do Cart on Super Bowl Sunday.
- We went on the SpiritLife Retreat, where we learned new spiritual practices.
- As a youth group, we've contributed to the Second Wind Fund and the Denver Inner City Parish.
- We rearranged the Loft, and acquired funding to do even more.
- We provide beautiful music through the youth choir's participation in Sunday worship, and the youth planned and led two Sundays' worth of services last year (Youth Sunday and Mission Trip Sunday).
- We continue to have fun, love each other, and love God!

So remember, in all the talk of what might not be going so well....some things are going great! Let's keep it going!

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 or contact Alice Silver, 720-344-6947 or agsilver@pair.com.

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

CALENDAR

March 7:	Youth Group (HS at Cameron Church, MS at First Plymouth)
	Bowling for Denver Inner City Parish (12:00—4:00)
March 14:	Youth Group
March 19-20:	Conference Middle School Retreat at La Foret
March 21:	Youth Group
March 28:	Youth Group
April 16-18:	Conference High School Retreat at La Foret
May 23:	Youth Sunday Senior Sunday Confirmation Sunday Senior Banquet
The <i>usual</i> Sunday evening schedule goes like this:	
4:45:	Youth Choir
6:15:	Youth Group meal, followed by a mix of chapel, games, discussions, and fun
8:30:	Parents pick up youth

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