

FIRST PLYMOUTH

YOUTH NEWS

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Winding down?

I recently had another youth minister tell me that she was glad the youth year was winding down, since May and summer tend to be a little less hectic. I don't think that's true at all for First Plymouth. We're just getting started! Consider this: in the next few months, we're:

- Confirming our Confirmation class on May 23rd
- Honoring our graduating seniors on May 23rd, both in the morning and at the Senior Banquet that night
- Closing out the regular Sunday night meetings on May 30th with a big party
- Traveling with the high schoolers to Miami, Florida to work with DOOR July 4th-13th
- Leading worship July 25th to report back on our work on the mission trip
- Having six straight nights of youth group at Community Camp at La Foret July 25th-31st
- Hosting the Front Range UCC youth groups at the End of Summer Shindig on August 15th
- Kicking off next year's youth group on August 22nd
- Somewhere in there, we'll probably randomly catch a movie on some Tuesday afternoon (watch your emails for that)

That hardly seems like winding down. There will be lots of things to participate in, so I hope you'll join us for some of the fun.

But do try to rest...fall is coming soon!

See you Sunday,

Eric.

KING SOOPERS CARDS

Everyone needs groceries, so why not let a percent- age 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.

END OF SUMMER SHINDIG!

In this newsletter, you'll find a flier for an end-of-summer shindig that First Plymouth is hosting for all the UCC youth groups on the front range of the Rockies. We'll have an Ultimate Frisbee tournament, tie-dye our t-shirts, sing songs, eat together, and play lots of games.

Mark your calendars for August 15th (the week before youth group kicks off), and plan to be there. But more importantly, be sure to encourage all your friends from other churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference to sign their youth group up!

SUMMER CAMPS

There are lots of opportunities for camps this summer. Check out the list below, and see what might interest you. All but Community Camp are Conference camps, and all are held at La Foret. Scholarships are available for all of them, both from the Conference and from First Plymouth, on a need-based system.

MADD Camp, June 27-July 3

MADD stands for “music, art, dance, drama,” and is a camp that fosters creativity. It’s open to rising HS students (folks who will be in grades 9-12 in the fall).

Community Camp, July 25-31.

This is a First Plymouth camp. Youth may attend with their families, or if special arrangements are made, by themselves.

Explorer Camp, July 11-17

Explorer is for rising 4th-6th graders. It’s held concurrently with Voyager.

Voyager Music Camp, July 11-17

Voyager is for rising 6th-8th graders, and focuses on music. It’s held concurrently with Explorer.

Explorer Music Camp, July 18-24

Explorer is for rising 4th-6th graders, and is held concurrently with Voyager Camp.

Voyager Camp, July 18-24

Voyager is for rising 7th and 8th graders, and is held concurrently with Explorer Music Camp.

Summer camps are a great way to deepen your faith and meet new friends. If you would like more information on any of these camps, please see the Conference website (rmcucc.org) or see Eric at church.

CALENDAR

May 2: Youth Group

May 9: Youth Group

May 16: Youth Group

May 23: Senior Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
Senior Banquet at Youth Group

May 30: Youth Group Finale (eat outside, games, slideshow)

July 4-13: HS Mission Trip

July 25-31: Community Camp

August 15: End of Summer Shindig

August 22: 2010-2011 Kickoff

The *usual* 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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