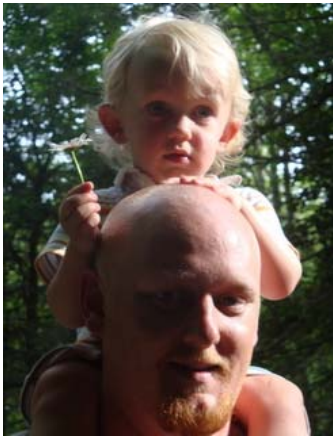


# FIRST PLYMOUTH

## YOUTH NEWS

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### October

October is my favorite month of the year. It's the month my son Eli was born, the month the leaves turn and fall, and the month the weather starts to get cool and crisp without being too cold. A nearly endless supply of college and pro football fills the TV screen, pumpkins are everywhere, and it's totally socially acceptable to eat large quantities of Halloween candy. What's not to like?

October will be a big month for youth at First Plymouth. We'll have a couple of ongoing fundraisers, to help support the rest of our program. We'll welcome the Art From Ashes program to our church (along with their hip hop spoken word performances). We'll play some Grog and eat some Otter Pops, and have a lot of fun. We'll also start preparing for the Middle School Mission Trip, and start asking questions about where we want to go on our High School trip next summer.

Perhaps most importantly, we'll share some Chapel times, and spend some time reflecting and discussing our relationships to God and the world. We'll share our thoughts with each other, and find ways to express our faith creatively. And if we're doing our jobs, we'll make each other's lives better, and make the life of our church better.

October is my favorite month. Let's get started!

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 at the Mission Central table on Sundays or contact Janeen Stubbs at 720-488-6990.

### SPIRITLIFE RETREAT

Are you looking for something deeper?

The weekend of December 4 - 6 we'll travel to La Foret for the SpiritLife Retreat, a First Plymouth retreat focused on developing a spiritual and devotional life. We'll focus on spiritual practices like silent and walking meditations, various forms of prayer, lectio divina, and more.

The cost of this retreat will be \$30 per person. Registration deadline will be November 15; after that, registration will be on a space-available basis for \$50. Registration forms will be available soon via e-mail and in my office.

## FUNDRAISING

A major fundraiser for 2009-2010 will be the Kids' Night Out events, held on the third Saturday of each month. We need two sets of parents and at least 5-10 youth to come each time. Here's who's signed up so far. A "TBA" means we still need parents for that date.

October 10: TBA

November 21: Ray, TBA

December 19: TBA, TBA

January 23: Haskins, Depper

February 20: Weaver, TBA

March 20: TBA, TBA

April 17: TBA, TBA

May 15: TBA, TBA

## BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

We're having a contest to see who can invite the most friends to Youth Group this year! The rules:

- A "visitor" is someone who attended Youth Group 5 or fewer times last year, whether they are a member of the church or not.
- 1 point per visitor, each time they visit. If your friend comes 25 times, you get 25 points.
- There's no limit to how many friends you can get credit for per week.
- Only one person can get credit for each visitor.

The prizes will be awarded in May 2010. They are:

- Grand Prize: 16GB iPod Nano or equivalent gift certificate.
- Anyone with 5 points or more will get to go out for a special reward dinner.

## CALENDAR

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| <b>October 4:</b>     | Youth Group                                     |
| <b>October 10:</b>    | Kids' Night Out                                 |
| <b>October 11:</b>    | Youth Group                                     |
| <b>October 17:</b>    | Art from Ashes Event                            |
| <b>October 18:</b>    | Youth Group                                     |
| <b>October 16-18:</b> | Conference High School Fall Retreat at La Foret |
| <b>October 25:</b>    | Youth Group                                     |
| <b>November 6-8:</b>  | Middle School Mission Trip at La Foret          |
| <b>December 4-6:</b>  | SpiritLife Retreat                              |

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