

The Herald

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A New Way to Worship, Sundays at First-Plymouth

First-Plymouth is renown for its beautifully traditional form of worship – massive pipe organ, resonating choirs, and pulpit preaching. That's all totally cool, but we are about to add some spice!

Beginning Sept. 13 we are adding an alternative service on Sundays filled with edgy and eclectic music, casual dress, an interactive time of teaching, and a prayerful ritual of candle lighting. **And its only 30 minutes long!**

You are invited to 11:59@First-Plymouth.

Do you want your intellect and imagination set afire? Does your soul need a lift? This worship service will open your heart and soothe your spirit...and add some spice to your Sunday.

Come for a half hour Sunday, Sept. 13 – and join us for a catered lunch afterwards if you feel like hanging out and meeting others. 11:59@First-Plymouth features legendary Lincoln singer Annette

Murrell and the gorgeous music of Tom Trenney.

Pastor's note: By having an additional service on

Sunday, we hope this will make it even easier for our current members to worship at their church at least once a week-end. We especially hope that offering an alternative style of worship will welcome new people to our spiritual community at First-Plymouth—perhaps the very people who either have never really gone to church, or gave up on church, or don't see why church really matters. We must

strive to bring the love of Christ – a love that knows no bounds – to any and all. 11:59@F-P is just another way that we are reaching out in His name.

So I encourage you to invite a friend to this service who may be a little unsure about “religion” or “church.” This service will display all the core values of our authentic and inclusive Christian church, but in a non-churchy way that just celebrates life, love and God.



Worship with us in August

Aug. 15 & 16

Barb Smisek preaching. Tom Trenney, Minister of Music, Lorrie Beadell & Rebecca Shane, soloists at all services. Reception for Tom Trenney, Aug. 15, 3-5:00pm, Pilgrim Hall.

Aug. 22 & 23

Jim Keck preaching. Men's Quartet at 9:00am and 10:30am worship services.

Join us for worship Saturday at 5:30pm or Sunday at 9:00am and 10:30am. Child care is available for all three services.

Church School Open House and Back to School Blessing

Aug. 28, 6:00–8:00pm. Church School begins Aug. 30—9:00am & 10:30am

It's time for students to return to the classroom. This year we are including a “blessing” to all students - children, youth, college students, adult students, and all teachers. Rev. Renae Koehler will offer a blessing for all students and teachers who wish to begin the fall by having their daily life activities blessed. Bring your backpack, briefcase, computer bag, or some kind of student bag. Everyone will receive a “blessing tag” after they have been blessed.

6:00-6:30pm – Register children for fall Church School classes.

6:30-7:00pm – Enjoy hot dogs, chips, & UNL ice cream

7:00pm - Back to School Blessing - in the courtyard

After the Back to School Blessing, the Spitfire Fiddle Band will tune up their fiddles and our courtyard will be filled with foot tapping music. Everyone is invited. Sponsored by the Children, Youth, & Family Ministries Board



Children's Ministry

Contact Kathie Johnson, Director of Children and Family Ministries, 476-7565 ext. 215, kathie@firstplymouth.org

Join us for **Summer Sundays** from 9:00-9:45am and 10:30-11:30am. Infant and toddler care is provided during both services. Location: west entrance, lower level, Toddler A.

Vacation Church School

SonRock Kids Camp

Vacation Church School was a mountain-top experience for over 140 campers!

Thanks to over 80 volunteers who made VCS possible. You deserve a SonRock Kids Camp cheer!



Pastor Barb Smisek teaches the campers the Daily Truth.



Caring Canoe Mission Project – The canoe was overflowing with donations for the children of People's City Mission.



The courtyard had many energetic children making crafts to take home.



Thursday's closing program began with games in the courtyard followed by the campers singing and moving with the music they learned during the week.

Youth Corner

Youth Minister: Renae Koehler,
Youth Leaders: Mitch Connelly
476-7565 ext. 221, mitch@firstplymouth.org and Julie Hendricks
476-7565 ext. 243, julie@firstplymouth.org

6th & 7th Grade Youth

Junior High Youth Group Kick-off – Wed., Aug. 26th 6:15-7:15pm. **Parents and youth** will meet in the Youth Room.

We also want your ideas for some youth programming and activities. RSVP to mitch@firstplymouth.org

Junior High Youth Church School Open House and Back to School Blessing – Fri., Aug. 28th 6:00pm. Register for the new 6th-7th grade Sunday School class (offered at 9am and 10:30am) and have some hot dogs and fun.

Confirmation Class (8th-9th grade)

Confirmation Orientation – for 8th & 9th Graders and their parents, Sun., Aug. 23rd, 11:30am, Pilgrim Hall - Incoming 8th and 9th graders are asked to attend the Confirmation Class Orientation led by Rev. Renae Koehler. Bring your calendars. Each student will be asked to select a class on Sunday mornings 10:30-11:30am or Wednesday nights 6:15-7:15pm. They will meet weekly during the school year and be confirmed the Sunday following Easter. Contact renae@firstplymouth.org or julie@firstplymouth.org

Senior High – (10th-12th grade)

Senior High Youth Group Kick-off – Wed., Aug. 26th 7:30-8:30pm. Join us for food and refreshments as we plan our fall Wednesday night Youth group. RSVP: mitch@firstplymouth.org

Senior High Summer Sundays

Join Mitch on Sundays at 10:30am this summer for lively discussion and donuts. Bring a friend or two.

Softball Wrap-up

The First-Plymouth Jr. & Sr. High Youth softball season recently came to a close. The team, nicknamed the "Playground Bullies" ended with a 3-3-1 record. The team showed great progress throughout the summer, and there was an excellent turnout from both players and their parents. So a special thanks to those who spent time cheering from the stands.

Scavenger Hunt

The first annual youth scavenger hunt was a real success. Seven teams participated in the event which took them up, down, across and around the city of Lincoln. Teams were given pictures and descriptions of some identifiable locations across the city, and asked to take photos of those locations to indicate that they had found the landmark. Congratulations to the Purple team which included Jenn Nyffeler, and Amanda Hellmuth.

Congregation News

Welcome these new members to First-Plymouth:

Jeffrey Baker, Lisa Davidson, Brenda McCrady, and Dorothy Sinner.

Meet some new members of First-Plymouth Church:

Walter Boggs has a background in commercial horticulture and enjoys landscaping and outside work. He is interested in helping with church decoration and the animal ministry.

Patrick Hogan is an RN working on administrative licensing in Nebraska for assisted living and long-term care facilities. Patrick was born and raised in Lincoln.

Sarah Fentress has had experience working with homeless and low-income individuals and families. She enjoys music, singing and playing the guitar.

New Members Meet the Ministers Coffee

Sun., Aug. 30th 9:45-10:20am in the Courtyard Lounge. If you are a new member or thinking about joining the church, we encourage you to attend.

Joys and Concerns

Weddings

Steven Welch and Christina Voigt – July 25

Michael Tapp and Kelcy Currin – Aug. 1

Eric Dinger and Stephanie Schultz – Aug. 1



Stephen Ministry is Alive and Well at First-Plymouth

Stephen Ministers are trained to partner with individuals who are experiencing life's difficulties. They are trained to listen and support others in their times of trouble. If divorce, illness, family problems or loneliness is an issue that you struggle with, Stephen Ministers are available to walk with you and be supportive. If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister help you through difficult times, contact Rev. Barb at barbara@firstplymouth.org or 476-7565 ext. 219.

Northern Red Oak Dedicated in Honor of 30+ Year Members

A celebration was held to honor those with 30 or more years of church membership at First-Plymouth on Sun., Aug. 2nd. Over 400 people were honored at a reception featuring piano music, refreshments, words from Reverends Keck and Young, and the dedication of a new tree on the west side of the church.



Wed. Sept. 2nd 6-7:30pm
in the Prayer Room.

Look at healthy ways of coping with the challenges that confront those with chronic conditions.

Blessing Of The Animals

Sept. 5th 6:30pm,
front Courtyard

All pets are welcome at the service where they will receive a treat and certificate of their blessing. Several animal rescue groups will attend the service and will be available at 5:30pm. If your pet is unable to attend, bring a photo so your pet can be included in the service. Sponsored by First-Plymouth Faithful Friends Animal Ministry.

Reception for Tom Trenney, Minister of Music

Come meet Tom and welcome him to First-Plymouth at a reception on Sat., August 15, 3:00-5:00pm in Pilgrim Hall.



Bronze Sculpture of Christ Commissioned for First-Plymouth

Bill Smith, a long-time Lincolnite and First-Plymouther who now lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, has commissioned internationally acclaimed sculptor Vala Ola, to create a three and a half foot Christ for installation at First-Plymouth. Vala Ola is considered one of the top figurative sculptors in the country and has a remarkable ability to create warm and expressive human faces in her works.

Three things came together in amazing fashion to create this incredible project. First, Bill wanted something to honor the memory of his beloved wife. Secondly, he found out that that Vala Ola had always wanted to create a Christ, and thirdly, Bill's fond memories of what First-Plymouth meant to him inspired him to make this remarkable gift to our church.

It will take about a year for the artist to fashion this piece, and we will have updates on our website as the Christ-figure takes shape.



Vala Ola

Adult Fellowship Groups

Get connected...join a group. All Adult fellowship groups have e-newsletters. To be added to a specialized list, email addie@firstplymouth.org.

First-Plymouth Singles News

Single Adults (30's-60's).
For more info. check out the Singles newsletter, "The Individualist."

Ribfest – Fri. Aug. 14, 6:00pm, meet at the corner of 15th & N St. Host: Deb.

Bad Beverage Night – Thurs. Aug. 20, 5:30pm at Buzzard Billy's (Haymarket). Host: David.

Brunch – Sun. Aug. 26, Potluck picnic, 11:45am at Cooper Park (S. 6th & D St) Host: Joan. Sun. Aug. 23, 11:45am, at Fox Bar & Grill (1245 Libra Dr) Host: Rose.

Fun & Games Night – Sat. Aug. 22, 6:30pm at Rose's. Burgers and hot dogs provided, bring side dish and beverage item to share. RSVP to Rose at 326-1669 for directions.

Singles Plus+ News

Single Adults (60 and older).

Breakfast – Fri. August 14, 9:00am, at Greenfields (7900 S. 87th St). Host: Tory.

Brunch – Mon. August 17, 11:00am, at Ruby Tuesdays (2700 N. Hill Rd) Host: Jane.

Bridge – Wed. Aug. 26, 1-4:30pm in Resource Room.

IYA News

Inspired Young Adults (IYA) young single adults (20's & 30's).

Ribfest – Thurs. Aug. 13, 6:00pm. Meet on the corner of 15th & M St. RSVP to Audra at akramer@neb.rr.com.

Tower Club 2

For couples and families (with or without young children).

August Event — Fri. August 21, at 6:00pm at the home of Jill and Drew Morrow. Bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer to share. RSVP to Jill at Jill@neb.rr.com or 430-3848.

Plymouth Pride Fellowship

Sun., Sept. 13, 4:00pm, Chapel, for a special screening of a movie entitled, "Stonewall." This 90 minute movie is set in and around the Stonewall riots of June 1969 in New York, which marked the start of the modern gay equal rights movement. Popcorn and beverages provided. Dinner and discussion will follow in Pilgrim Hall. Contact Rev. Nancy Erickson, 476-7565 ext. 244 or nancy@firstplymouth.org

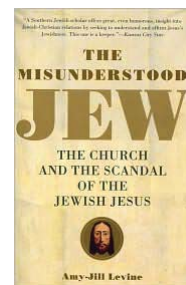


This Side of 40

Potluck /BBQ, Sun., Aug. 30th, 5:00pm. RSVP to Neal and Lois Thomas at lbarberthomas@yahoo.com or 483-6605.

Adult Discussion Group

Join us between Sunday services beginning Sept. 13th. We will be discussing, *The Misunderstood Jew* (i.e., Jesus) by Amy-Jill Levine. The author will be speaking at First-Plymouth in April. Books are available for \$12 in the church office during regular office hours, 8-4:00pm, M-F.



Special Events

R Registration Required

W Walk-Ins Welcome

Women of the Bible

A Dramatic Presentation of Sarah, Martha, and the Sinful Woman by Anita Gutshick. Thursday, September 10, 7:00 PM, Nave. \$5 per person suggested donation. Sponsored by the First-Plymouth Board for Women's Ministry **R**

Long before it was written, the Bible was lived and experienced by real people, with real lives.

The stories of Sarah, Martha, and many others not only capture a particular time and



place, they deliver strong messages that reverberate across the generations to challenge and empower us in our daily lives.

Women of the Bible is a one-woman presentation that showcases the lives of women across the Old and New Testaments.

Find yourself inspired by its universal message of faith.

Anita Gutshick is known in the greater Baltimore-Washington area for her stage work since 1989.

Women's Retreat:

Simple Gifts: A Day Exploring Creativity and the Spirit

Saturday, September 19, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Pilgrim Hall. Sponsored by First-Plymouth Board for Women's Ministry.

Cost: \$25.00 **R**

How is the Spirit calling in your life, and how can your own creativity support your response? Guided by the artist and minister, Glenda Dietrich Moore, spend the day resting in the creative process and celebrating the colors of your life through prayer, discussion, reflection, and hands-on expression with art materials, all in a community of friends. The day will include individual reflection time, small group sharing, scripture selections, and playful work with watercolor and clay.

Breaks, lunch, and art supplies included, with plenty of time and space to dwell in the creative process and receive God's love.

Discussion Groups

W Walk Ins welcome in all discussion groups

'Something Else' Discussion

Sundays, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, Starts the last Sunday in August through Memorial Day weekend. Led by Jim Hewitt, retired lawyer and college professor

Discussion will focus on current events and the Bible.

Sunday Discussion Group (SDG)

Year round, Sundays, 9:30 - 10:20 AM, Tower Room. Sponsored by First-Plymouth Singles Ministry

Roundtable discussions of current events, religious topics, books and other issues. Leaders and topics vary throughout the year.

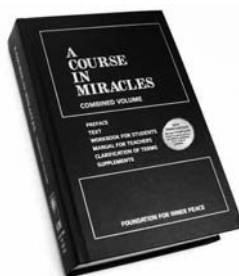
Book Discussion Group

Sundays, between 9:00 and 10:30 AM worship, Staff Room, second floor.

Led by Dick Allen

Group members select books to discuss.

Past discussions include: *The Seven Storey Mountain* by Thomas Merton, and *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.



Course in Miracles

Year round, Sundays, 9:40 - 11:00 AM, Jim Keck's office, second floor.

Study and personal spiritual growth following the book, *A Course in Miracles*.

Women's Circle 4 Book Discussion

3rd Tuesday of the month, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Calvert Parlor.

Led by Amy Tuttle

Monthly book discussion for women.

Early Risers Group for Men

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, September through May, (2nd Wed. only - June through August), 7:00 - 8:00 AM, in Pilgrim Hall. Led by Bob Bartle, attorney

Current study of spiritual issues as they relate to current events.

Men's Noon Discussion Group

1st and 3rd Wednesday, Noon - 1:00 PM, September - May, Pilgrim Hall

Led by Rev. Jim Keck, Senior Minister Spiritual journeys, current events & discussions.

Early Birds Group for Men

Year round, Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00 AM, Courtyard Lounge. Led by Bob Reeves,

Retired Religion Reporter

Stimulating discussion and breakfast.

Ladies Book Club

2nd Thursday of the month, 8:30 PM, The Mill (Union College)

Sponsored by Tower Club 2

Book discussion group for women.

Early Bird Discussion for Women

1st and 3rd Fridays, September - May, 7:00-8:00 AM, Pilgrim Hall. Led by Rev.

Jim Keck, Senior Minister and Tammy Alvis, Director of Programs.

Discussion on spiritual journeys, books, the Bible and current issues for women.

Bible & Religion Studies

“They Never Taught Me that in Sunday School”

Sundays, September 13 – December 20, 9:00-9:50 AM. Led by Dr. David Peabody, Author and Professor of Religion, Nebraska Wesleyan University **W**
Each month new topics from the Bible will be discussed. Topics are: Genesis, The two creation stories...were they really creation stories? Song of Songs in Dialogue, God Dealing with the Matriarch and Patriarchs.

Bible Stories Through New Eyes

Every Tuesday, Year Round. 9:30-11:00 AM, Calvert Parlor. Led by Rev. Renae Koehler, Associate Minister **W**
Dive into Bible texts, question, discuss, and apply some of the themes to our own lives. No previous Bible knowledge is needed. Each class has its own theme.

Spirituality 101

Wednesdays, September 9 – October 14, 6:15 PM. Led by Rev. Nancy Erickson, Associate Minister **R**
Pick up a magazine or check out the latest blog on the Internet. It's clear: spirituality is a word that gets bantered about. But what is spirituality? This six week class introduces and explores what spirituality is, helps participants appreciate what makes Christian spirituality distinct, corrects common misconceptions, and explores various spiritual disciplines. The last two sessions will focus on Christian meditation.

Women's Circle 1 Bible Study

1st Wednesday of the month, 9:30 – 11:00 AM, various locations. Led by Rev. Ralph Sturdy **W**
Bible study and fellowship.

Women's Circle 3 Bible Study

2nd Wednesday of the month, 9:30 – 11:00 AM, Pilgrim Hall. Led by Rev. Barb Smisek, Associate Minister **W**
Multi-media approach to a variety of life-lessons based on the scriptures.

Adult Confirmation: Christianity 101

Wednesdays, September 9 – May 12, 6:15-7:45 PM. Led by Rev. Barb Smisek, Associate Minister. Cost: \$20.00 for book. Limited class size **R**
For anyone seriously interested in learning or re-learning the basics about the Bible, church history, our church denomination the United Church of Christ and First-Plymouth history, world religions, theology, worship, prayer and more. This class is a fun way to explore religion's past, present, and future and create relationships with others. Rev. Barb Smisek makes learning interesting and fun through lecture, film, music and art.

Adult Classes & Workshops **R** Registration Required for all classes & workshops

How to Register: Some classes are free, but require registration. To register for a fee based class, send your check* (payable to F-P) to First-Plymouth Church, attn: Addie, 2000 D St., Lincoln, NE 68502. Include the name of the class on the check memo line, and include your contact information and email address.

Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends

Wednesdays, September 2 – October 21, 6:15 PM. Led by Kathy Foster and Gary Summers. Cost: \$35.00 (includes book). Class size limited.

Divorce is not easy. Anger, frustration, fear, sorrow, bitterness, hatred, guilt, grief, regret and loss of self worth might arise. Learn about yourself and how to deal with everyday feelings and problems, and how to rebuild your life.

Loving Choices: An Experience in Growing Relationships

Wednesdays, September 2 – October 21, 8:00-9:00 PM. Led by Gary Summers Cost: \$15.00 (book not included). Understand the importance of practicing “love for ourselves” so that we may have

healthy relationships in our lives. Learn about our “inner family” and how to set healthy boundaries in our relationships. Purchase the book, *Loving Choices – An Experience in Growing Relationships*, by Dr. Bruce Fischer and Nina Hart prior to the first class.

The Five Love Languages for Singles

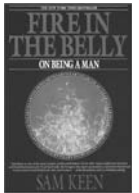
Thursdays, September 3 – October 22, 6:00-7:00 PM. Led by Gary Summers Cost: \$30.00

We have our preferences for how we wish to experience love. Join us in this curious search for identifying love language. In doing so, you will greatly increase your chances of creating a satisfying relationship with your partner.

Fire in the Belly – On Being a Man

Thursdays, September 3 – October 22, 8:00-9:00 PM. Led by Gary Summers Cost: \$30.00

Today's men are looking for a new vision of masculinity. Explore the unique life issues we, as men, face in our world. Discover your soulful quest as a man so that you may become more of who you are.



Seven Ways to Rethink Fear

Wednesdays, September 9 – October 21, 6:15 PM. Led by Susan Brasch, Visual Artist, Mediator, Workshop Facilitator Cost: \$30.00

How can you use fear as a pivotal point toward a more positive feeling and direction? This class will note seven “old” ways of viewing fear and explore new ways of reframing and shifting thoughts to using fear as a positive motivator and teacher.

Loving Relationships for Couples Workshop (for couples in committed relationships)

Wednesdays, September 9 – October 21, 6:15 – 7:30 PM. Led by Dr. Meghan Davidson, Associate Professor, UNL, and Licensed Psychologist
Cost: \$25 per couple

Are you interested in enhancing your relationship with your partner? Based on the work of premiere relationship researcher Dr. John Gottman, learn practical, research-based skills to strengthen and enhance intimate relationships. Couples can expect to engage in a variety of activities including “getting to know you” activities with the other participants in the workshop, DVD-based exercises, activities with their partner, and group exercises. Learn how to become a stronger team, renew intimacy, enhance respect and strengthen your love, commitment and friendship.

Men's Basketball

Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 PM and Sundays 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Gym
Facilitated by Bradley Walker
Spend a few hours a week playing basketball at First-Plymouth!

Feel Good Yoga

Wednesdays, September 9 – May 12, 6:15 – 7:15 PM. Led by Nan Graf, Yoga Instructor. Cost: \$5 per class. Pay at the door.
Learn stretches based on yoga to help quiet the body/mind, breathing and awareness to create balance, which promotes relaxation and health. Bring a mat, blanket/towel and wear loose, comfortable clothing.

Peace & Justice

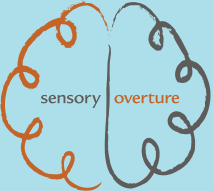
Once a month, Sept-May, on Wed. at 6:15 PM.



Sept 9 – What is Justice? Panel discussion perspectives on justice: discuss what justice means for us today.

Wednesday Nights At First-Plymouth

5:00-6:15	Dinner – Pilgrim Hall (\$6 Adults, \$3 Children, Children under 6 yrs. eat free)	6:15-7:15	Coffee and Internet Café
5:00-5:45	Chorale Choir (6th-12th grades)	6:15-7:15	Adult Classes
5:50-6:05	Worship Service – Chapel	6:15-7:30	Youth Group (6th & 7th grades)
6:00	Childcare starts	6:15-7:15	Confirmation (8th & 9th grades)
6:00-6:45	Music for Children & Youth 3rd-5th grades – Choristers Choir Kdg-2nd grades – Musical Experiences (MF Hall) 3, 4 & 5 yrs. – Musical Experiences (Toddler B)	6:45-7:30	Club Plymouth (3rd-5th grades) Jr. Club Plymouth (Kdg. – 2nd grades)
		7:15-9:30	First-Plymouth Choir (adults)
		7:30-8:30	Senior High Youth Group (10th-12th grades)
		7:30-9:00	Men's Basketball
		*Times TBA	Handbells

Wednesday Night Childcare. Childcare is provided for infants through Pre-Kindergarten for \$15 per child or \$25 per family for the semester. *Children must be pre-registered.* To register, call 476-7550 or addie@firstplymouth.org. **Volunteers Needed** to help with coffee and food service.



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BRAHMS REQUIEM PREVIEW

Community Sing

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 7 PM

Singers and listeners alike are invited to join us as we experience one of the greatest classic choral works of all time—the *German Requiem* by Johannes Brahms. Designed as a preview of the polished presentation of the same piece later in the season, this is an excellent way to deepen your love for this masterpiece or to introduce yourself to its profoundly touching emotions. Together, we will explore and rehearse some of the more challenging portions, and then sing it in its entirety.

FREE EVENT

Awaken your senses.
Experience *Abendmusik:Lincoln*.

All concerts will be held at First-Plymouth Congregational Church U.C.C., 20th & D Street. First-Plymouth is wheelchair accessible. Ask about our special rates for groups of ten or more.

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Sunday -Fox 4/Cable Channel 4 at 8:00 am	Monday Channel 13 at 6:30 pm
Sunday -KPTM Fox 42 / Cable Channel 9 at 9:30 am	Wednesday Channel 13 at 5:30 pm
Sunday -KNOP-TV 2 North Platte at 9:00 am	Thursday Channel 13 at 11:30 pm
Sunday Channel 13 at 7:00 pm	Radio broadcast on Sunday at 9:00 am on KFOR 1240 AM



Sermons On Video

You can now watch a video of the weekly sermon on our web site. Go to www.firstplymouth.org. Click on "Sermons" then scroll down to the title of the sermon and click "video." Stay tuned as we continue to expand our media ministry via the web.



Are you on Facebook?

If so, then become a "fan" of the First-Plymouth Church site. There are postings about events and pictures. Here's how to become a fan: On your FB page, on the top right side of the page it says "Search." Type in First-Plymouth Church and you'll see a photo of the church. Log onto the site and click "become a fan."

Future Herald Articles

The deadline for the Aug. 26th Herald is noon, Aug. 18th
The deadline for the Sept. 9th Herald is noon, Sept. 1st

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Enhance your Spiritual Journey by Teaching in the Classroom!

Do you enjoy "sweet smiles, enthusiasm & hugs?" Would you like to "revisit" many of the Bible stories you learned as a child? Would you like to receive a note from a child that says, "Thank you for taking the time to teach me about Jesus?"

These are words from our Church School teachers' experiences last year. Consider becoming a teacher this fall. It is rewarding to watch our children grow in their faith. The curriculum is "user friendly" and we provide



all the extra materials to make learning fun. Contact Kathie Johnson at 476-7565, ext 215 or kathie@firstplymouth.org

What's Sacred?

*occasional brief musings by
Kathryn Campbell, Minister of
Spiritual Direction*

When I regret something I've said or done at home - something I'd promised myself I wouldn't do again - I am grateful to remember hearing that family life/ marriage is a "school for love". We don't go to school for things we already know how to do perfectly. My Teacher (Guess Who?) asks for my attention and assigns more homework. And I keep practicing. I hope to get out of kindergarten soon.

For a spiritual consultation, Annual Spiritual Checkup, or spiritual direction, contact Kathryn at kjc7410@yahoo.com or 488-3647.