

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Thursday, January 28, 2016

**"For I was hungry, and you fed me"** (Matthew 25:35)

Dear friends and neighbors,

After the big Denver Broncos win last Sunday, United Methodists in the Denver area (and other denominations getting in on the action) challenged United Methodists in the Charlotte, NC area to a food drive. Who can feed the most people by midnight on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7th? Here is more info:

"Two years ago Rev. Brad Laurvick of the Highlands United Methodist Church decided to challenge the people of Seattle to see which city could collect the most items in what he called the United in Orange Food Drive. Denver crushed Seattle by collecting 103,194 items to Seattle's 53,000. Because of the success, Laurvick is bringing it back and challenging the people of Charlotte, North Carolina, the home of the Panthers." (<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2016/01/25/denver-looking-to-stay-undefeated-in-united-in-orange-food-drive-against-charlotte/>)

"Hey Denver- let's beat Charlotte on and off the field! The United Methodist Churches in Denver challenged our colleagues in Charlotte to a Food Drive and we are inviting you to join us. The contest is to see which city can collect the most non-perishable food items between now and the Big Game.

Stop by any of the participating locations to drop off your donation. Suggestions include: soups, canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned meat, rice, dried beans... You get the idea. We have until 11:59pm February 7th (Game Day) to help feed more hungry people than Charlotte can- showing that we are UnitedInOrange on and off the field. Donated items will go to food pantries in each local neighborhood." (from [unitedinorange.org](http://unitedinorange.org))

I am spray-painting a big blue donation box orange this weekend, and



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## Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016

**Sermon:** Psalms of Our Faith #4:  
*What is God's Care and Protection Like?* - Rev. Emily Flemming

**Scripture:** Psalm 71:1-6

**Reader:** Kitty Keim

**Greeter:** Ruth Wilson

**Refreshments:** The Littles

**Flowers:** The Brett Family

**Children:** Dana Curton

**Music:** LCC Choir (meet at 9am)

**ORDER YOUR  
United 'Methodists'  
in Orange T-Shirts!**

Get into the spirit and into an Orange shirt for church next Sunday. Ordering deadline is Tuesday, Feb 2nd at 3pm. Email Pastor Emily to order (name, contact info, shirt quantity and sizes). \$12, all sizes. Emily will pick-up our order on Saturday the 6th and have a drop-off at the church.

## *Pastor's Message* (continued)



leaving it on the stoop on Main Street (with a cover). I invite you and all of your colleagues, friends, neighbors and family to bring food items on Sunday, stop by throughout next week, and especially bring something along next Sunday, Feb. 7th. If our Lyons Food Pantry cannot use all the items we collect, we will donate them to the OUR Center in Longmont, which still feeds our Lyons neighbors in need. Please help United Methodists and our Christian brothers and sisters make a difference for those who are hungry.

Here is more info (from organizer Rev. Brad Laurvick's Facebook page): Local news channels covered the challenge kick-off: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/sports/broncos/unity-methodist-church-in-denver-challenges-charlotte-to-super-bowl-food-drive-unity-in-orange>

Lots of Western Jurisdiction Bishops are helping Denver out: <https://www.facebook.com/revbrad/videos/10103729145973473/>

On Wednesday this week, Carolina received a 45,000 pound donation of potatoes from a farmer. Who knows a generous farmer?

Next Tuesday, the Colorado State Legislature will be bringing food to the capitol, wearing orange, and helping promote [#UnitedInOrange#FoodDrive](#)

Speaking of doing God's work and feeding the hungry, have you ever considered that God's default position in relation to humankind is loving and protecting us, even when we don't want it or need it. This Sunday, we'll be in our next to last week of the Psalm series asking the question, "What is God's care and protection like?" I invite you all to join us at 11am on Sunday morning to ponder the deep mysteries of God's refuge - is it a place to be hide out? Or perhaps to be held as we navigate the challenges, disappointments and adventures life throws our way?

See you on Sunday - and bring along your food donations!

*Pastor Emily*



## Prayers

**Joys:** for birthdays of Savannah Beck (2/3) and Gabriel Daty (2/6), Vance found a home in Longmont, thanks to LaVern, Terry and all who support him. We give thanks for those who risk and sacrifice their lives in the military and other public services to keep us safe. Gratitude for a successful Senior's kick-off last Monday. Finally, we are grateful for the power of prayer and for prayers answered.

**Concerns:** Geneva's father Ray Sr. returning to CO for medical treatment, Ruth's sister's friend Joe's passing, Mark Boys' brother Russell facing foot amputation and possible cancer, and their mom Joyce caring for Russell despite her own hip replacement, Laurel Shaw, Johnny McIntosh, Malu, Pete's best friend, all those seeking peace, forgiveness and healing.

*Current prayer team members include: Holly & Steve Beck, Mark Boys, Pam Browning, Sandi Fikes, Janet Freeman, Vance French, Alyssa Frideres, Ellen Hine, Jani Little, Steve Mikesell, Jerry & Jean Peila, Carol Pranschke, Richard & Deborah Salmon, Debbie Tabor, and Sandra Willis.*



## Announcements

**Friday, Feb. 5th** from 6-9pm Amy Mathews is hosting an art show opening called New Beginnings at her Impasto Art Gallery, 2015 Ionosphere Street, Longmont.

**Sunday, Feb. 7th** is our Mardi Gras, potluck lunch, Building Hope and Promise conclusion, Super Bowl celebration (go, Broncos!). Bring dimes and quarters, a dish to share, and your plastic beads or costumes. And be ready to PARTY!



## Calling for all your quarters and dimes!

**The jar needs your input.**

**We are about 3/4 of the way there.**

**Yes, about 75lbs of quarters and dimes has already been collected!**

**We were aiming for 104lbs.**

**Can we get there by the end of service on Feb 7th?**

**Yes - with all your help we can!**

**So please dig through jars, purses, behind couches, in drawers, pockets etc.**

**Find all the quarters and dimes that you possibly can.**

**Go to the bank if you have to (I hear they have nice neat rolls!)**

**We can do it!**

**Proceeds will all go towards building repairs. Many thanks for your support.**

**The Building Hope and Promise Team**



## Lyons Community Church (UMC)



### Information on our Committees and Structure

#### **Ministry Council:**

- Members: Jani Little (Chair) and chairs of all committees.
- Meetings: the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, and is open to anyone interested in attending.
- Purpose: the administrative and decision making body for church issues and finances. New missions and changes to existing ones are envisioned, discussed, planned, and implemented. At the monthly meetings the pastor and committee chairs give reports to bring everyone up to date on church ministries. Major financial and administrative decisions are approved by vote.

#### **Children's Committee:**

- Members: Pam Browning and Debbie Scott (Co-chairs), Kitty Keim, Marcia Moore, Tanya Daty, Dana Curton, Jani Little
- Meetings: as needed
- Purpose: "For, with, and by the children... including but not limited to Sunday school, vacation Bible school, nursery ministries, children's choir and music ministries, fellowship groups, support groups, short-term study groups, children's worship experiences, mission education experiences, intergenerational activities, and all weekday programs for children of all ages" ¶256\*

#### **Congregational Care Team:**

- Members: Jani Little (Chair), Pastor Emily Flemming, Janet Freeman, Vance French, Kitty Keim (Prayer Team Chair), Monica McGuckin, Karen Schwenn, Debbie Tabor
- Meetings: the second Tuesday of the month at 3:00 pm.
- Purpose: to provide support for people in the congregation and the community who are experiencing medical or financial difficulties, loneliness, grief from loss, or limited activities of daily living. This ministry includes prayer, meals, home and hospital visits, phone calls, flowers, cards for birthdays and encouragement, transportation, referral to social service organizations, and, on rare occasions, financial support.

#### **Finance Committee:**

- Members: Holly Beck (Chair), Karen Schwenn, Mark Browning, Christine Boys
- Meetings: as needed
- Purpose: to "give stewardship of financial resources as their priority throughout the year... [to] plan, strategize and implement ways to generate more resources for mission and ministries of local churches and beyond. It is strongly recommended that the committee of finance, in collaboration with the church council, find creative ways to turn their congregations into tithing congregations with an attitude of generosity." ¶258\*

### **Nominations and Leadership Development:**

- Members: Emily Flemming (Chair), Holly Beck, Jani Little, Debbie Tabor, Nancy Reckling
- Meetings: annually and as needed
- Purpose: “to identify, develop, and evaluate Christian spiritual leaders for the local congregation... work(ing) with the Ministry Council... to determine the diverse ministry tasks and the skills needed for leadership.”

### **Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC):**

- Members: Steve Beck (Chair), Jerry Peila, Richard Salmon, Mark Boys, Emily Flemming, Sarah Hunter, Debbie Tabor,
- Meetings: Quarterly and as needed
- Purpose: to “reflect Biblically and theologically on the role and work of the pastor(s) and staff as they carry out their leadership responsibilities. The committee shall assist [them] in assessing their gifts, maintaining health holistically and work-life balance, and setting priorities for leadership and service.”

### **Trustees:**

- Members: Debbie Tabor and Mark Boys (Co-Chairs), Holly Beck, Ron McGuckin, Nancy Reckling, Zeke Little, Brian Whitehead
- Meetings: quarterly unless issues come up that need to be taken care of between meetings.
- Purpose: to have supervision and oversight of the buildings and grounds owned by the local church. This committee sees to the care and maintenance of the church buildings and grounds. This group oversees any rental contact for outside groups to use the church facilities and grounds.

### **Worship Team:**

- Members: Emily Flemming (Chair), Kim Hughes, Monica McGuckin, Sam Miller, Deborah Salmon, Karen Schwenn, Ruth Wilson, Jani Little
- Purpose: to assist the pastor in creating multi-sensory worship experiences that appeal to all ages and backgrounds, including but not limited to the planning of sermon series and topics, worship music, sanctuary and church decoration, and the organization of fellowship time and hospitality before and after the worship service each week.

### **Other important roles**

- Pastor: Rev. Emily Flemming: Appointed by the Bishop, responsible for general function of church with primary focus on worship, membership, pastoral care/support and Conference relations
- Lay Leader: Mark Boys - Ex-officio member of all committees, officially represents congregation
- Lay Member to Annual Conference: Sarah Hunter – represents our church at the Rocky Mountain Conference’s annual business meeting each summer
- Certified Lay Servants: Mark Boys and Chuck Keim
- Individuals interested in continuing education offered by the Conference focused on building preaching and church organizational skills