

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

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We're baaaaa-aaaack!

After a 3-month pause in the sending of weekly electronic communications, we are delighted to rejoin your Inbox today! Kim Hughes, our administrative support and pianist, has been in and out of the hospital since early December - and I have learned how deeply and fully I depend on her in so many ways. Recently, she has managed to avoid the hospital for over 3 weeks, and so she was eager to resume this beautiful weekly newsletter for you. Our prayers are still with you, Kim - and we look forward to welcoming you back to church soon, hopefully just after Easter, if your recovery allows!



We are smack dab in the middle of the Lenten season, and we've spent the last few weeks wrestling with Jesus's Lessons from the Mount, taken from Matthew chapters 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount. We began with the Beatitudes and unexpected blessings in late February after a beautiful evening meal and Lenten kick-off celebration of Ash Wednesday on Feb. 18th. Then Tonya Whaley brought a message about resolving conflicts, and last week I touched on the secret to spiritual practices like giving money to the poor, prayer and fasting.

For those who missed it: the key is being the change you want to see in the world (though not exactly how Gandhi put it), or making the outside and the inside line up - WITHOUT making a theatrical performance of ourselves and our choices. You can watch the sermon (and "Like Us" to receive updates) here: <https://www.facebook.com/LyonsCommunityChurch>



This Sunday, we'll take a closer look at how our cycle of anxiety strips years from our lives, and sucks us of joy along the way. So if you'd like to be healthier, happier, and more relaxed, try giving us an hour of your time. I

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Sunday, March 15

Sermon: Lent #4 - Lessons from the Mount, Warning: Worrying Kills - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33, 7:7-8

Reader: Ruth Wilson

Flowers: The Brownings

Greeter: Theresa Brighton

Refreshments: Nancy Reckling

Children's Time: Kitty Keim and Carol Pranschke

Pastor's Message (continued)

hope to see many of you at 10am at 350 Main Street! (and if you need an extra incentive - it will NOT be Daylight Saving Time, AND the Lil White Church String Band and guests will be leading music, so you won't want to miss it!).

Grateful to be back in the saddle,

Pastor Emily

Prayers...

Gratitude for John's successful collarbone, Rick's successful heart, Holly's successful appendix surgeries and their recoveries, Norman Thomas's recovery, Kelly's friend April's colon cancer-free report, Emily's vote to continue provisional Elder status looking towards ordination in summer 2016, Karen Schwenn - this year's Quiet Disciple for our church.

Concern for Alice's heart and hospitalization, Ray Sr.'s return drive to Lyons from TX, Steve M.'s hospitalization and diabetes, Mark Boys' brother Russell, Terry Ross, Donna Lee, Laurel's friend Kendra, the Fikes, Debbie's sister and brother-in-law Richard, Deb O'Connor, Donna Cole, Mary Chase's dad, Nancy's uncle, the divisive affordable housing debate and vote.

You may make prayer requests or join the Prayer Team anytime by contacting Pastor Emily or Chair Kitty Keim (kathkeim@earthlink.net).

PEAKS SUB-DISTRICT Annual Meeting

United Methodist Near & Far -
A Partnership

March 14, 2015
First UMC, Loveland
533 Grant Ave, Loveland 80537

Registration starts at 9:00. The day will include:

- Guest speaker Dr. Song - "Medical Mission, Country Doctor" How he brings Christianity and healing to China
 - Quiet Disciple awards and District business meeting
 - Lunch
- Choice of 2 afternoon workshops

Announcements

Lenten Bible study continues this week: Tues, **March 17th** from 6-7pm in Wesleyan Hall. Light refreshments provided.

The monthly Ministry Council meeting will be held directly after the Bible study, beginning at 7pm on Tuesday, **March 17th** in Wesleyan Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Emily and Regis will be at a Marriage Encounter retreat next weekend, but Rev. Bob Shaw will delight and challenge you **next Sunday** with his message "My Mind Is Made up - Don't Confuse Me with Facts!"

Mark your calendars

Holy-Week-is-just-around-the-corner!!

Palm/Passion Sunday (3/29), including an All-Age Drama of Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem (contact Pam if your kids would like to participate)

Good Friday (7pm on 4/3 with special choir music)

Easter Sunday on 4/5 (presumably with Pancake Brunch and Easter-egg Hunt to follow the service)?

