

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Thursday, May 7, 2015



Dear church community,

As I was carrying boxes of donated food to my car in the rain yesterday, I was reminded that it takes so many people to make our church and our extension ministry at LEAF (the Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund) work. It's no easy task feeding over 200 people per month in our weekly food pantry, stocking the shelves with local donations, driving down to Louisville to pick up 500-800 pounds of food each week, or driving out to the U Pump It (again, in the rain) to buy gas cards for someone in an emergency. It's not always easy to welcome our neighbors with a smile as clients when they're having tough times. But it's even harder for them to pick up the phone or walk into the church on Wednesdays and admit they need a hand.



The same is true with running our church. It's no easy task to offer worship filled with passion, fun and inspiration, and toe-tapping music for 60-80 people each Sunday, including 10-20 children. It's not easy to line up snacks and nursery workers, children's volunteers and ushers, greeters and Communion elements, those who clean, those who prepare lovely flowers and welcome mugs, and those who simply pray for us each week from afar. It's not easy to do Christ's work in the world - loving, forgiving, making amends and growing on towards perfection (thanks for that inspiring buzz phrase, John Wesley!)

Nope, showing up in church and in life for others in need is never easy. And admitting that we are sometimes in need ourselves is even harder - but that is what we are called to do as Christians. Jesus invites each of us into a partnership in this community of faith. We are each owners of this church, of this Town and our relationships. We own our actions, our attitudes, the words we speak and the thoughts we think. We are responsible for our decisions, and we are even responsible for their consequences, intended or unintended. Because we are all interconnected, interdependent - we need one another.

One South African word for partnership is **ubuntu**. It means that what happens to one of us happens to all of us. That was true with the flood, and it is true with the riots in Ferguson and Baltimore. We are all caretakers of this world, of this country and state - and, of course, of one another. We'll talk about one of Jesus's partners this week, Lydia, and how we can use whatever we have to make a difference for God and in someone else's life. Lately, I've been thinking

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## Sunday, May 10

**Sermon:** *The Uprising of Partnership - Redefining Mother* - Pastor Emily Flemming (4th in a 5-week series on Post-Easter Uprisings)

**Scripture:** Acts: 16:9-15 (MSG)

**Reader:** Jason Curton

**Refreshments:** Karen Schwenn

**Greeters:**

**Flowers:** The Curton Family

**Children's Time:** Dana Curton

*Pastor's Message* (continued)

a lot about what it means to be more gentle and more caring. How can we all love and give more, spreading a sunny smile even as the gray rain continues to fall?

Drippingly yours,

*Pastor Emily*

You can check out any sermons you missed, or share other updates, info and announcements with the church on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/LyonsCommunityChurch](http://www.facebook.com/LyonsCommunityChurch)

## Prayers...

**Joys for** birthdays: Blake Curton (5/13), Jerry Johnson (5/14); Terry's mother (who was with us in church last week) recovery from stroke, Chuck's sister's successful surgery, safety of Jodi, Dylan and Berkeley despite car accident, KT's role in the Fairview Pops concert

**Concerns for** death of LES lunch-lady Ms. Lora, Pat Clemens passing, peaceful passing of Nancy's uncle, Dana's brother Jason in Sierra Leone (for 2 years) with malaria, Steve's mother's rescheduled knee replacement, Jerry's sister Cheryl, Vance, Pam's grandmother, Deb O'Connor, Marie & Ken Baker, Lori, Mary at the pharmacy, Robinson family, Chase family, the Fikes, Steve M., Kathy R., those in our country and abroad dealing with natural disaster and civil unrest (Nepal, Chile, Baltimore)

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

A boatload of fisher-kids from the All-Age Story on May 3.

## Announcements

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and like-mothers among us (regardless of your gender or parental status). It takes a lot of love (and much help!) to raise a child, and we are blessed to have so many strong examples of Christian faith and motherhood among us.

SMILE - we still need many photos for the Directory. Just ask Regis on Sunday.

The Care Team will meet this Thursday, May 14th, from 4-5pm in Wesleyan Hall.

The Project:KIDS planners will meet Thursday, May 14th, from 7-8pm in Wesleyan hall to organize the next event, Saturday, June 6th. All are welcome!

Next Sunday, May 17, the youth (and adults who'd like to help them) will meet at Mark & Christine Boys' (529 Goranson Ct.) from 12:30-3:30 for pizza and games.

Thanks to all who contributed to Ken's truck—\$200 was raised by our church! (Kenneth Koome Nkando is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries assigned as the mission financial officer in the East Angola Annual Conference in Africa.)

Check out information on the Lyons Historical Society Shindig on May 9th on page 3 — our own Zeke and Jani will be playing 100+ year-old cowboy tunes.

Come by on Saturday morning after 9am to see Steve and Holly and the other owners of Riverbend and WeeCasa Tiny Homes as they celebrate their soft opening.



# SHINDIG ! THIS SATURDAY !

Fundraiser Benefit for Lyons History  
PIONEER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Pot Luck & bbq beef ! Speakers! Live Music! Tall Tales !



Hear the tale of **Griff Evans** who lived in the house on Planet Bluegrass, and known for shooting **Rocky Mt. Jim** (Estes Park)



## Silent Auction

40 Gift Certificates for things **you NEED !!** Auto repair, massage, vet, ice cream, coffee // AND 18 **GIFT ITEMS** Art/craft - jewelry - liquor



Let **Enos Mills** (actor) tell his life story & how he became known as the **Father of Rocky Mtn. National Park -- 100 years** this year !



5 singers

**Live Music** from 100 yrs ago!  
cowboy / nostalgic  
*Happy Trails ...Hard Times...*  
*Silver Moon* / early Swing

**Where: Rogers Hall, 4th & High St., Lyons === When: 5pm to 8pm =May 9th Satur.**  
-- \$10 per person who brings in a prepared side dish to serve 6-8 people  
-- \$18 donation for all this entertainment & food! with no cooking **\*FUNDRAISER\***

Part of statewide, and Lyons-wide **MAY HISTORY MONTH**, supported by the Lyons Historical Society, Lyons Tourism, and CDBG-DR Tourism grant



## TEAM RUBICON

Lyons Volunteers is sponsoring a "pay it forward" donation drive to help fund Team Rubicon's efforts in Nepal, where they're doing the same things they did for us (and with us) in Lyons. Click on <http://fundraise.teamrubiconusa.org/lyonspaysitforward> to reach the fundraising page.

On April 25th, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal. It is the largest to hit the country since 1934. The capital city of Kathmandu was hit especially hard, with the hospitals overrun and nearly 90 percent of the homes near the epicenter destroyed. Team Rubicon has launched Operation: Tenzing to assist those in need.

In September, 2013, Lyons experienced what was, to us, a devastating flood. The destruction, while significant, pales in comparison to the devastation in Nepal. Regardless, Team Rubicon showed up on Lyons' doorstep and provided remarkable and much-needed help organizing the initial wave of volunteers.

**This is a chance to pay forward some of the great value that Lyons received from Team Rubicon and other volunteers when \*we\* were faced with disaster. Please consider donating \$10 or more, which will help Team Rubicon reach their goal for assisting in their efforts.**

Your donation serves a dual purpose. It will give immediate aid to those affected by the earthquake, while providing Team Rubicon's veteran and first responder volunteers a new purpose, community, and sense of self.

**Our goal is to outfit a Team Rubicon volunteer with a couple of international deployment kits. These cost \$750 each. Team Rubicon needs our support, the people of Nepal need our support. From \$10 which provides a water bottle, to \$100 that provides a volunteer with MREs for the operation - every bit helps.**