

The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Tuesday, May 26, 2016

Dear friends and neighbors,

A few weeks ago, during a women's Bible study in Erie, a story in the Gospel of Luke caught my attention. In a few brief verses, Jesus went from being the hometown hero and beloved darling of everyone in the Nazareth church, to inciting a murderous lynch-mob which tries to throw him off a cliff. A lot can change in a short amount of time!

One commentary on this story of Jesus's rejection at Nazareth said that all preachers should keep their sermons short. If Jesus had stopped after reading the Holy Scripture, and sat down and kept his mouth shut, he could have remained everyone's darling. But it was never Jesus's goal to please others. It was his goal to bring about a revolution of love, to topple the religious restrictions of his day, and to invert power structures. For him, the first must become last and the last must be made first.

It is a strange and often uncomfortable way to try and live our lives today. Nonetheless, it is our call as Jesus followers. It is our goal when we call ourselves Christians. I wonder, what stands in our way of pleasing God, as we try to please others?

This Sunday, as we celebrate Memorial Day (which is the national holiday to remember all those who have died in active military service, not just all veterans), we will be considering the ultimate sacrifice. What did those soldiers die for? What did Jesus die for? And what are we willing to die for?

At the very least, Christians are called to die to themselves, to their own privilege, and to the fear of others that seems inherent in all people and animals. We are called to resurrect love, hope, and acceptance in ourselves and others. So let's celebrate the end of school, and Easter again this coming weekend!

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Sunday, May 29, 2016

Sermon: (Re)-Defining Home #3:
Far from Home - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: Luke 4:14-24, 28-30
(NRSV)

Reader:

Refreshments: Theresa and Ian Brighton

Flowers: given by the Brightons, in celebration of James' first birthday

Musicians: Abbi Liquori and Geoffrey Nicosia

Greeter: The Brightons

**"A hero is someone
who has given his or her
life to something bigger
than oneself."
-Joseph Campbell**

Prayers

Joys: Janet is glad to be back home; Pam's parent's trip to Alaska; Geneva's great-nephew Brandon; Annie's time in Nicaragua (prayers for safe return); return of some Nigerian girls kidnapped by Boko Haram now outcast from their own villages/tribes; end of school!

Concerns: Christine's daughter Lily who shipped off last Sunday to the Navy for basic training/submarine duty; traveling mercies for Mark B. and sons headed to England (also for his mother there who needs a hip replacement, and brother Russell, who may have cancer); death of Ruth's cousin Ruth O'Brien and Ray Babcock (see below); Opal Jackson's cancer and husband Bill in need of her care; 8-year-old girl Peyton killed on bicycle in Longmont; Foreman family; Betty; Sonny; Joel Walter, Harrison and family; Mike Allen; Linda Hubbard

Requests? Kitty Keim, Chair: kathkeim@earthlink.net, tel. 303-823-6586 **Prayer team:** Pastor Emily, Holly and 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 and Deborah Salmon, Debbie Tabor and Sandra Willis.

Art in the Sanctuary

Ed J. Hummer (deceased) came to Estes Park in 1961 from Weehawken, NJ to practice law and paint. He studied accounting and fine arts at the University of Notre Dame. While in law school, he went to Paris in 1937 to study art. Later, in the early 1950s, he studied landscape painting with artists in Indiana and Massachusetts.

Hummer's motifs are landscapes, seascapes, portraits, and figured landscapes of America and Mexico. His paintings are in oil and pastel primarily. A poet in expression, particularly in grasping the feeling of experience, he said, "I like to portray the dignity of man in nature. I am completely enthralled with color." At some point, he stopped practicing law to focus on his artwork, and he loved seeing forms created. Posthumously, there remains a large body of work for sale through the local Western Stars Gallery.

Lyons Community Church thanks Monica McGuckin and the Hummer family for bringing these hidden gems to our worship space - both the beauty of creation and the joy of daily life are evident in Ed Hummer's work.



RAY BABCOCK passed away at Good Samaritan Village in Loveland on May 14, 2016.

Ray and his wife Cora lived in Lyons for 46 years. His wife passed away soon after the Great Flood of 2013 (Dec 2014). Ray was "the face" on the Flood Recovery posters. He loved to talk with others at the Golden Gang lunches about his military experiences.

After high school Ray was in the Army AirCor stationed in Italy where he flew several missions into Germany. His plane was shot down and he became a POW for the remainder of WWII. After his war service he returned to Vermont and worked several jobs. He then reenlisted in the Air Force and served in the Korea War and at various other Air Force Bases. In 1966 he retired from the Air Force out of Warren AFB in Cheyenne. Ray and his family moved to Lyons, Colorado and he worked for IBM Boulder for 15 years until retiring in 1981.

A memorial service will be held at **2 pm on May 28, 2016** at Howe Mortuary, 439 Coffman St., in Longmont. Memorial contributions may be made to: Good Samaritan Society Loveland Village, Pathways Hospice, **American Legion Post 23** or the charity of your choice.

A successful Clean-Up Sunday, May 22, 2016



A word of THANKS to all who came out early Sunday morning to make cleanup day a beautiful success!

Deb Tabor - Trustees



St. Vrain Valley UMC Youth Ministry Gathering

Sunday, June 5
5:00 – 7:00 PM



All Area UMC Youth Who Have
Completed Grades 5-12 are Invited!

Come play games, eat delicious food, and enjoy the fellowship
of other Methodist youth from the St. Vrain Valley!

FREE!

Willow Farm Park
901 S Fordham Street
Longmont, CO 80503

Your friends are also welcome! For questions or to
RSVP by May 25th, please see your Pastor TODAY!





*Rocky
Mountain
Conference*

United Methodist Church

May 22, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to share with you that Bishop Elaine Stanovsky intends to appoint Emily Flemming as pastor of Minister of Evangelism/New Church Plant, Sandy, Utah, effective July 1, 2016. I will be working with your Staff Parrish Relations Committee and Bishop Stanovsky and the cabinet to identify your next pastoral leadership.

God bless you as you find ways to honor Emily for her service with you, and as you prepare to receive a new pastor.

May the Holy Spirit enliven and guide your ministry to the people of your community.

Your brother in Christ,

Walter "Skip" Strickland

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