

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, May 28, 2015

Sometimes we have to get out of the way

Dear friends and neighbors,

Last Sunday's Pentecost celebration was especially beautiful - from the bright sunshine early that morning (in what seemed like the first time all month!) to the surprise bagpiping teenage musician to the sermon time shared with all of the "priests" present... it was so much more Spirit-filled than I had imagined possible. And the biggest lesson for me was: sometimes we have to get out of God's way!

You see, I wanted the day to be special - but I had been rather glum with all the cold, gray rain in the past few weeks. I wanted to celebrate the birthday of the modern church, and God sending us the Holy Spirit in gale-force winds and tongues of fire... but I could hardly muster up the energy to slip on a red dress. So I went over to the church an hour earlier than usual, hoping the extra prayer time would center me more deeply. I also danced with joy around my home that morning when the sun decided to shine. Walking over bathed in God's brightness certainly filled me with hope and joy.

When I arrived, I piddled about, but when I knelt down to pray, I heard bagpipes outside. I had wondered all week how to incorporate the important Memorial Day holiday with Pentecost, and that music seemed perfect. Vance arrived, and together we walked over to meet the bagpiper - but we both knew him already! LEAF had worked with Jeffrey and his family to find them a car after the flood displaced them from Lyons to Longmont. He remembered me, and knew Vance (of course - he's a local celebrity!).

Jeffrey agreed to come in and play a prelude (Scottish march) and closing song (Amazing Grace) for us. It was a surprise to everyone - and perfect to round out our worship that day! The best part was - no one got in the way. We simply let the Spirit come and move us. This week we'll talk more about getting out of the Spirit's way and learning to move and work and live in the Spirit. As Brian McLaren said, "You can be surrounded by oxygen, but if you don't breathe, it won't do you any good." So take in a few deep gulps this week - of the Spirit, of sunshine, of hope and excitement...



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Sunday, May 31

Sermon: *Move with the Spirit* -
Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:1,
13-17, 22-25 (NSRV)

Reader:

Greeters: Vance French

Refreshments: The Littles

Flowers:

Children's Time: Kitty Keim and
Jeff Appleby

Pastor's Message (continued)

And if that's not enough - our fantastic Little White Church (String?) Band will be gracing us with many special musical arrangements and hymns this week. They even taught me a 4th chord on the mandolin so I could join in the closing song. It will definitely be a Sunday you don't want to miss!

With joyful anticipation of continuing to get out of God's way,

Pastor Emily

Prayers...

For all our graduates- preschool to graduate school- and their families (incl. those without support systems, especially in the summer), birthday of Morgane Daty (6/1), our ministry partnership with Lyons Valley Preschool and LEAF, Team Rubicon's work in Nepal (with Lyons' support), Tina whose husband passed away at Easter, Jeff's new job as head chef, families of state patrolman and cadet killed in Hwy 66 auto accident, Tanya's sister Kristie in rehab, Faye still waiting for knee surgery due to nodes on lungs, Kathy R., Steve M., Bonnie and Rick DiSalvo, Dana's brother Jason, Jerry's sister Cheryl, Deb O'Connor, the Bakers, Robinsons and Fikes, Lori, Mary, those evacuated from Sterling, CO and Texas due to flooding

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



Announcements

This Sunday, all music will be provided by the Little White Church String Band. You won't want to miss it!

Next Sunday, June 7, we will baptize James Paxton Liquori and welcome his family into church membership. There will be a special celebration following the service! If you have been considering baptism or membership and would like to discuss it more, please contact Pastor Emily.

Project:KIDS will take place next Saturday June 6th from 9am-12pm, including lunch, a snack and participation in the community-wide garage sale (from 10am-12 noon). Parents, please let Emily know if your kids are planning to attend.

Remember to bring in gently used **children's books** for the kids of our food pantry clients - summer reading is crucial to success in school.



SMILE - Regis is still taking photos for the Directory.