

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Dear friends and neighbors,

After last Sunday's passionate worship service with amazing special music, I have been wrestling "ear-worms" all week (the German word *Ohrwurm* describes that music that gets stuck on repeat in your head). Many thanks to our house band, formerly know as the Little White Church String Band. They are now searching for a new name since they are no longer Little nor restricted to Strings, and someone asked me if "White Church" meant only white people were welcome - jeez... no!!!... the building is painted white (sigh).



Anyway, as I think and pray about moving with the Spirit in this post-Pentecost season of the year, my thoughts also turn to loving through the Spirit. What does it mean to love like Jesus? How would it look today to love my neighbor as myself? Am I even capable of that kind of love? And if not, how do I grow what I've got into what I want?

Then the Beatles begin their psychological serenade: "There's nothing you can know that isn't known. Nothing you can see that isn't shown. There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be... It's easy! All you need is love!"

Really, Ringo? It's easy? Maybe for you and Lennon, but loving isn't always easy for me. Sometimes I am too tired or disappointed or distracted. Sometimes I have trouble forgiving and moving past my own aching brokenness. Sometimes I can't seem to make space in my heart and my day planner for all my neighbors and their needs. And sometimes, when I love and serve others, their pain and suffering darkens my soul. I want to be in relationship, to model God's love and service, but sometimes it's the antithesis of easy - it's often downright difficult, if not seemingly impossible!

So I disagree with the Beatles - I think there are things we can know that can't be known (in the sense of, can't be proven). There are certainly things we can see that can't be shown, like the transformation in a person as they lean into a spiritual journey with God. And that part about nowhere we can be that isn't where we're meant to be? Well, I agree that there is nowhere we can be where God isn't (i.e. God is everywhere)... but there are certainly places I'm not meant to be... and places where I am meant to be - like Lyons Community Church. Thank God for that!



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### Sunday, June 7

**Sermon:** *Love, Spirit-Style: Roots and Wings* - Pastor Emily Flemming

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 3:14-19 (NSRV)

**Reader:** Martin Soosloff

**Greeters:** Janet Freeman

**Refreshments:** Nancy Liquori & Robin Young

**Flowers:** Ellen Hine

**Children's Time:**

*Pastor's Message* (continued)

How about if you show up where you are loved and meant to be this Sunday? 350 Main Street in Lyons, 10am... we'll bring the love and the music, you just clear your date book and come on down.

*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** Janet Freeman's birthday (6/12), anniversaries for the Keims (6/8) and Applebys (6/13), Paxton's baptism and Robin's joining the church on Sunday, Jeff's new chef job, Project:KIDS and the (hopefully) successful sidewalk sale on Saturday

**Concerns for** Betsy and David Winter in the loss of their baby, "secret sisterhood" of women who've also lost children, Sandy Cotrell (stage 4 lung cancer), Kate's trip back to South America, Phyllis Casey (stage 4 melanoma) with husband John and daughter Marissa, Tina who visited us on Memorial Day, Tanya's sister's recovery, Faye Beck, Kathy R., Steve M., Bonnie and Rick

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).



## Announcements

**We have the honor** of baptizing Paxton James Liquori this Sunday and welcoming one of his moms, Robin Young, into church membership. There will be a special celebration after the service, and all will be asked to remember their baptisms or significant steps along their spiritual journeys. We will also be serving Holy Communion during the service.

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

There will be a **Care Team** meeting next Thursday, June 11, at 4pm in Wesleyan Hall.

### Inquiring minds want to know?

Ever wondered what fills up the garage out behind the church? Come find out this Friday evening at 5pm and help Pastor Emily and Trustee Chair Debbie to pull out some choice items for Saturday morning's Sidewalk Sale, organized and run by Project:KIDS.

### Community-Wide Garage Sale

Join us Saturday 10am-12 noon to support the charity of our kids' choice. If you'd like to help clean up after our sidewalk sale (or keep the "booth" open if sales are hot), just stop by on Saturday around noon. We'll have cookies and lemonade along with the garage finds and whatever the children bring from home. You are also welcome to donate items Friday at 5pm or Saturday morning from 8-10am. Or call Emily to arrange another suitable time. MANY THANKS for your support!



**SMILE** - Regis is still taking photos for the Church Directory.

