

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Month Message

June, 2015

Dear friends and neighbors,

So much can happen in a short amount of time! We announced on Sunday that beginning in July, I will take on an additional part-time (50%) church - Erie United Methodist. See the letter from our District Superintendent on page 4. It is a joy that God continues to move us in ministry and witness, stretching us and growing us in unexpected ways. I hope you, too, are feeling the summer stretches and enjoying the new growth in your life as the hailstorms and tornadoes subside, the sunshine emerges and bright flowers bloom.



Regis and I are also becoming home-owners for the first time ever - something I had rarely dared to dream of in all of my travels. It seems like only a few months ago that I was single, living in Munich, Germany and working in corporate business. But in four years, I earned a second Masters degree, got married, had a baby, started a new career in ministry, survived a flood, and now "settled down." Whew! No wonder I need a sabbatical! ;-)



Many have asked, "How will you do it? Two churches and a toddler?" My answer is the same as always when faced with new challenges: "with God's help, the prayerful support of friends and family, and as much patience, grace and organization as possible!" Both congregations are historically mining towns and both are undergoing rapid growth and transition - seems like a perfect fit to my current life experience. I look forward to continuing to move and love and grow through God's Holy Spirit in both towns, and our new home in between, Longmont.

In this June edition of the newsletter (we'll send another one out in early July), you will find an exciting line-up of guest preachers for the next few weeks. Please don't miss the opportunity to be in fellowship together, singing, praying and counting your blessings. I will be thinking of you from my mother's home in SC, where Lillian and I will be resting for a while before heading off to the beach at Charleston for a week of vacation July 4th-11th. If you need me, I promise I am only a phone call away. And in the meantime, there are many others here ready and willing to help. All you have to do is reach out.

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Joys for birthdays of Hannah Dusel (6/16), Blake Bear (6/19), Sandi Fikes (6/20), Jean Peila (6/23), Ronin Malito (7/1), and Steve Beck (7/3), anniversaries for the Brownings (6/15), Paxton's baptism and Nancy and Robin joining the church last Sunday (see below), Jeff's new chef job, Project:KIDS



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, Alice in the loss of her sister, Patricia Appelfeller's final radiation, Faye's successful knee surgery, Steve's trip to Arizona, Emily & Lillian's trip to SC

Pastor's Message (continued)

So happy June - happy summer - and for those of you also on the road: safety, mercy and uneventful travel to you. We look forward to hearing all of your great adventures when we are back in July.

Love and blessings,

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

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

Upcoming Sundays in June

June 14 - Stu Boyd

Scripture: II Kings 5:1-15
Sermon: When Pride Gets in the Way



Stu Boyd is an active member of Berthoud UMC. Since retiring after 36 years as a teacher and administrator at Berthoud High School, Stu and his wife Barbara are active in the Berthoud community and enjoy traveling. They have two daughters...and a granddog

Scripture Reading: Pam Browning
Refreshments: The Brownings and Nancy Reckling
Flowers: Nancy Reckling
Greeter: Ruth Wilson
Children's Time: Holly Beck and Tanya Daty

June 21 - Dale Beck

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30
Sermon: Pulling on Pharoah's Beard

Dale and Peggy Beck are happily living in Estes Park after Dale served United Methodist Churches in Illinois. He attended seminary at Iliff School of Theology and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. They have a daughter Sarah who is a UM pastor in Billings, Montana and a son Paul who is married to Lacy and lives in Arvada, CO. Dale enjoys hiking and skiing and growing things. He is an occa-



sional interim (Brighton UMC and Hope UMC, Denver) pastor and will start serving University Park UMC in Denver as the church is in a one-year transition of leadership.

Scripture Reading: The Becks
Refreshments: The Becks
Flowers: The Shaws
Greeter: Sandra Willis
Children's Time:

June 28 - Bob Shaw

Scriptures: Jonah 1:1-3, Psalm 139:1-12
Sermon: Hide and Seek



Bob and Laurel Shaw are residents of Pinewood Springs and active participants in Lyons Community Church. A retired minister from the UCC who served the community of Greeley, Bob regularly leads our offering and has served on the Staff Parish Relations Commit-

tee. His sermons often have our folks talking for weeks afterwards (my husband diagramed one in order to remember each point!)

Scripture Reading: Theresa Brighton
Refreshments: Amy Brett
Flowers: Ellen Hine
Greeters: Mary, Zoe and Marley Chase
Children's Time:

Sundays in Early July

July 5 - Jay Vetter

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: When the Bottom Line Isn't the Bottom Line

Jay Vetter retired to Estes Park with his wife Maureen in 2013 after serving congregations the Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church and vacationing in the Mountains for 40 years. They believed that they would stand a better chance of receiving visits from their two children and one grandchild by moving from the plains to the mountains.



July 12 - Diana Boulter

Scripture: 2 Cor. 12:9-10, Mark 8:34-37

Sermon: Living the Questions

Diana Boulter, a retired UMC Deacon, served as Minister of Planned Gifts and Stewardship at Trinity UMC in Denver. Her previous career was in executive leadership in non-profit community service organizations: she served as President of The Children's Hospital Foundation during the 1990's and President of The Downtown Denver Partnership during the 1980's. A perpetual night student at the UC Denver, Diana received her BA and MPA, and completed her coursework at Iliff School of Theology. She currently serves on the UMC Board of Ordained Ministry and continues to supply preach and lead workshops. Diana and husband Stuart are celebrating their 31th wedding anniversary. Their blended family includes 6 children and 9 grandchildren who make their homes in Colorado, Washington, Illinois and Florida.



Paxton and family from June 7 Baptism.





*Rocky
Mountain
Conference*

United Methodist Church

June 7, 2015

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 Erie United Methodist Church, Erie, CO, effective July 1, 2015. She will also continue in her appointment to Lyons Community Church. Each appointment will be ½ time. You are free to announce this to the congregation beginning Sunday, June 7, 2015.

I pray God's blessing on this congregation and on Emily, her husband Regis, and her daughter Lillian during this time of transition.

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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the conversation project

~ Facilitated Discussion ~

Lyons Community Church
350 Main Street, Lyons, CO

Saturday June 13th, 2015

10:00am to 11:30am

~ Free Event ~

The Conversation Project is a nationally acclaimed facilitated discussion dedicated to helping people talk about their wishes for end-of-life care.

Diane Sawyer of ABC News has characterized The Conversation Project as, “estate planning for the heart”.

This conversation is being facilitated by: Sue Mackey, Richard Smith and Prescott Knock who are members of, Conversations on Death www.conversationsondeath.org and work with, Family Hospice www.familyhospice.net

After the discussion the group will walk to Sandstone Park to participate in the, “Before I Die...Wall” <http://beforeidie.cc/site/>

To express life aspirations together

Please bring the entire family for a thoughtful discussion!