

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, July 16, 2015

Dear friends and neighbors,

It has been a long month away and I am delighted to be back! I know many of you are still on vacation, but I look forward to catching up this Sunday at **our new worship service time: 11:00am**. Many thanks to the team of volunteers planning a brunch at 10:30 - please save me some coffee, I'll be there as soon as I can (driving in from Erie's 9am service).

I know there are many mixed feelings when it comes to changing worship times, or any change in general, so this week I want to share a Biblical perspective on *When Change Comes*. I don't know about you, but my summer has been filled with changes - buying our first home, letting go of my work with LEAF, and accepting a two-point charge (pastoring two churches sounds daunting!) But it's not just me - the world around us seems to be spinning in warp speed.

The day I arrived in SC for my sabbatical was the day a young white man chose hate over love and gunned down 9 people in a historic black church in Charleston. Regis and I visited Mother Emmanuel AME last week, and I can't wait to share our experience with you. Shortly thereafter, though, the Supreme Court legalized marriage equality, and a few minutes later, the Confederate flag was coming down. These changes happened in an instant, but there was much thought, planning and preparation behind each moment.

I also planned this summer; I planned a relaxing, renewing, unplugged month with my family. But if you want to hear God laugh, make plans! Sure, we had lots of time together and many laughs, and of course, I caught up on some rest... but it was tough not to have a pulpit when so much change is happening so fast. So I hope you'll indulge me a small recap this Sunday, as we invite God's message of transformation and healing into our lives.

Don't forget: see you at 11:00am!

Love and blessings,

Pastor Emily



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Sunday, July 19

Sermon: *When Change Comes* -
Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture Reading:
Philippians 4:1-9 (NSRV)

Reader: Deb Tabor

Greeters: Richard & Deborah
Salmon

Refreshments: Breakfast Brunch at
10:30

Flowers: Mark & Pam Browning

Children's Time: Debbie Scott

Prayers...

Joys for the birthday of LaVerne Johnson (7/23) and anniversary of Blake and Dana Curton (7/24).

Concerns for Stu, Jerry, and Janet's friend, Steve.

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

Announcements

Ministry Council, Tuesday, July 21st 6:30-8pm.

Starting this week, Pastor Emily will have **office hours** (in the parsonage office next door) on Tuesdays from 10am-4pm. You are welcome to drop by, but may want to call first in case she's out visiting. She will also be in Lyons on Wednesdays from 3-5pm to support our Food Pantry. Please call or email to set up other appointments as needed.

Next Sunday is RockyGrass and we are excited to welcome the **Cody Sisters** as our special musical guests. Bring your friends and neighbors to hear the angelic voices of these two young sisters.

In honor of this summer's Centennial celebration of the Rocky Mountain National Park, there are weekly Sunday evening **Vesper services**. We are leading a service next Sunday, July 26th at 5:30pm at the Moraine Park Visitor Center Amphitheater. If you would like to pray, read, sing or speak at our Vesper service, please see Pastor Emily or Jani. We hope you'll join us for a special evening together!



Homeless Awareness Campout

7 PM Saturday July 18 – 8 AM Sunday July 19

The Heart of Longmont, 350 11th Avenue

United Methodist Women (UMW) of The Heart of Longmont Church have chosen homeless awareness as their 2015 third quarter mission focus. Our goal is to provide awareness and support for the homeless and for the services provided for the homeless in Longmont.

We will host a Homeless Awareness Campout on Saturday July 18th. Overnight participants will bring their overnight gear and experience life on the street in the safety of our church courtyard. A meal provided by HOPE's Soup Angels will be given to each overnighter.

Representatives from HOPE (HOMELESS OUTREACH PROVIDING ENCOURAGEMENT), the OUR Center (OUTREACH UNITED RESOURCE CENTER), and the Longmont Justice Center will be on-hand to answer questions and provide information about Longmont's homeless population and situation.

Activities are planned to send a message of hope to those who call the streets their home and all will have the opportunity to provide tangible and emotional assistance to our homeless community.

This is a community wide event – overnighthers must be 18 and reservations are required. Overnighthers will share in an early morning worship service and be treated to a homemade breakfast.

For those not planning to spend the night, activities are from 7:30 – 9 PM at The Heart of Longmont.

Registrations can be made online through our website www.heartoflongmont.org or by contacting the church office 303.776.3523.



Rocky Mountain Conference of The United Methodist Church

July 1, 2015

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Bishop Elaine Stanovsky has requested that the United Methodists of the Eastern Plains of Colorado meet this summer for consultation on the alignment of District boundaries to support the needs of ministry in our area. Rev. Deb Olenyik, in her new capacity as Special Projects Coordinator for the Mountain Sky Area, as well as the lay and clergy leaders of our area will be leading us through this time of conversation.

Accordingly, all members and constituents of the Wyoming/Northeast Colorado, Peaks & Plains and Sunshine Districts are cordially invited to gather at Limon UMC, 770 B Ave in Limon, CO on Wednesday, July 29 from 10 am – 2 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP your attendance to Alice Muniz at 719-546-1523 or sunshinedistrict@qwestoffice.net by **July 27th**.

We hope that many of you will be able to be present at this gathering as we plan for the future. We ask as well that you and your congregations would please be in prayer about this important process and its results.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Margaret Gillikin & Rev. Skip Strickland