

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Thursday, August 6, 2015



Dear friends,

It has been scorching hot the past few weeks, and I read something in *Southern Living* magazine recently about the Dog Days of Summer. Do you use that phrase here in Colorado? I certainly did growing up in SC, and have around here lately. Rick Bragg wrote, "The Greeks and Romans believed Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Great Dog), ushered in an evil season in late summer, one that boiled seas and soured wine and sent people and livestock into fits. In that season, the Dog Star and our sun hung together in the heavens, one rising, one setting, which, they believed, produced more heat than the planet could stand."



I don't know if we are quite there yet, but I do know that in order to beat the heat recently, Mom took Lillian and me to a public pool in Longmont. There were lots of children there of various ages and skin colors. Some were squealing with delight and making new friends, others played quietly by themselves or sat on their mother's laps with a snack. As I looked around the sundeck, I saw men and women, kids and teens, in all sorts of family constellations. Some were single parents (actually, or simply in effect due to one partner's work schedule), and some had multiple generations along (like us). There were moms and dads, aunts and uncles, even babysitters and friends. Lots of people (including the lifeguards) were caring about and looking out for the kids as they swam and played.

This week, in part #2 of our What We Believe? series based on the UMC Social Principles, we'll be talking about our nurturing community - who watches out for and cares for us? This section is packed with topics like family, marriage, divorce, being single, gender roles, human sexuality, family violence, sexual abuse and harassment, abortion, adoption, end-of-life care, and suicide. You won't want to miss our discussion. There are sure to be divergent points of view, but I'll ask us all to remember a quote from John Wesley as we consider our beliefs and those of the others around us:

"If we cannot think alike, at least we may love alike, and can anything but love beget love?"

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## Sunday, August 9

**Sermon:** What We Believe? #2 - from our *Social Principles* - : **Who Is My Nurturing Community?** - Rev.Emily Flemming

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 139

**Reader:** Pam Browning

**Greeter:** Ruth Wilson

**Flowers:** Regis and Emily

**Refreshments:** Deborah and Richard Salmon  
(upstairs at 10:30)

*Pastor's Message* (continued)

So, yeah - it may be a lovefest this Sunday... but at least you don't have to wear tie-dyed clothes or sing hippie songs (well, maybe not!) However, if that's what nurtures your soul, then go ahead... I won't judge! ;-)

See you at 11am,

*Pastor Emily*

## Prayers

**Joys:** birthdays - Ellen Hine (8/10), Bonnie Richards (8/11) - and anniversaries - Emily and Regis (8/11), Sam and Bonnie's successful move, Ruth's son's and Dana and the boys' safe return home, Steve's sister Elaine's visit & sabbatical, Mark Browning's parents' move to senior apartment (after life of Methodist ministry, itinerancy).

**Concerns:** Diana and Stu (his heart surgery is on 8/11 in Denver), Kathy Ralston's pancreatic cancer, Holly's neighbor Carrie's health, Vance's mother Betty, Holly's cousin Jim and friends the Adams family, Janet's friend Richard Dennet, Annie's niece Katherine, Jerry's sister Cheryl, Liz's aunt Sally, Larry Shaw's relocation, Steve Mikesell, the Fikes, and this week's Vacation Bible School volunteers, kids, mission projects.

You may make prayer requests or join the Prayer Team at any time by contacting either Pastor Emily ([Emily@lyonscommunitychurch.org](mailto:Emily@lyonscommunitychurch.org)) or Prayer Team Chair Kitty Keim ([kathkeim@earthlink.net](mailto:kathkeim@earthlink.net)).

## News

Pastor Emily now has office hours on Tuesdays from 10am-4pm. Come by to catch up!



## Announcements

Reminder: **Geneva's party** is this Sunday afternoon, Aug. 9, at 5pm, 13556 Horseshoe Circle, Mead. Bring a dish to share.

**Vacation Bible School** is next week, Mon-Fri, Aug. 10-14, from 9am-12 noon. Please be in prayer for the volunteers and children as they discover God's Colorful Creation.

Please join the VBS team next Thursday evening, Aug. 13, in **Sandstone Park** at 6pm for a VBS celebration picnic and live concert by Monocle Band (music begins at 6:30pm). We'll spread blankets (and chairs) stage right (near the post office) and have BBQ from Smokin' Dave's. Feel free to bring a side or dessert, and let Emily know if you're coming so we plan enough BBQ.

**The Care Team** will meet next Thursday, Aug. 13th from 4-5pm. See Jani with questions or requests for care.

Local Arts Benefit & Food Trucks & Libations  
Live Music & Rain or Shine & Riverside Setting

# ARTS

ON THE RIVER

Sunday August 23rd, 2015  
From 12-7 @ River Bend in Lyons

Boulder County Artists' Group Show  
**FREE ADMISSION**

Music by Artist,  
*Rebecca Folsom*

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