

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, August 20, 2015

Dear friends,

It has been a week full of surprises - from temps in the low 50s to the bear which graced the parking lot across from our church last Sunday (and left a few of our parishoners' cars stranded below as he lounged in the tree above the dance studio).

I must admit that I am also surprised to see Donald Trump leading the polls for the GOP's favored Presidential candidate. It seems like yesterday there were protests across our country about the 1% and unequal distribution of wealth. Have we now adopted a "if you can't beat them, elect them" attitude? Now I am not talking about my political beliefs or questioning yours (politics is our topic next week!); I am simply calling into question why some people in our country idolize wealth, fame and power and equate that with wisdom or ability. I would never have bet that the Don was a viable candidate (but then, according to this week's focus on the Economic Community, we are not supposed to gamble anyway!)

You know, Jesus talked more about money than any other subject except the reign of God. I know some people think it's a dirty or impolite topic for discussion, but if Jesus talked about it that much, surely we can all survive one Sunday sermon. This week is the 4th in our 6-week series on What We Believe?, based on the United Methodist Church's *Social Principles*. This section addresses property, collective bargaining, work and leisure, consumption, poverty, foreign workers, gambling, family farms, corporate responsibility, finance, trade and investment, graft and corruption, and public indebtedness.... whew! No wonder my sermons have been longer lately and I've been like a whirlwind on fire. There's a lot of ground to cover - a lot of lessons to preach - to myself just as much as to any of you who choose to join us!



So we'll disobey our parents and grandparents who forbade us from talking about sex, money, and politics over dinner (have you noticed we're doing all 3 this month?) And dive into God's opinion on whether or not we



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Sunday, August 23

Sermon: What We Believe? #4 -
from our *Social Principles*:
Christian and Capitalist?
- Rev. Emily Flemming

Scripture Reading: Psalm 82

Reader: Deborah Salmon

Greeter:

Flowers:

Refreshments: The Brownings
(after worship at 12pm)

Pastor's Message (continued)

can actually be Christian and Capitalist this week? With my business background, this Sunday promises to be a challenge and a surprise! Hope to see you at 11am.

Blessings,

Pastor Emily

Prayers

Joys: for birthdays of Marina Appleby (8/26) and Chuck Keim (8/26), for all the children, parents, teachers, administrators and supporters during this back-to-school season, Lauren (our nursery worker) who has now moved away to college, Hannah's knee healing well (and not keeping her from the volleyball team), Steve Mikesell moving back to Lyons, Shaw's oldest son and family here from Botswana, Beck's exchange student Alessandra arrived.

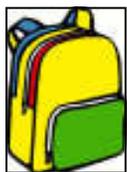
Concerns: Stu's recovery from heart surgery (see photo to the right), Annie's niece Katherine's knee, Richard Bennet's recovery, Vance's mother Betty in hospice, Kathy Ralston, Carrie, Adams family, Cheryl's radiation, Liz's aunt Sally, the Fikes, ongoing flood recovery and housing crisis.

You may make prayer requests by contacting Pastor Emily Emily@lyonscommunitychurch.org



Announcements

Our Ministry Council discussed the new service and fellowship times this week. Since most of you seem to prefer fellowship directly following the service, we will no longer be offering refreshments at 10:30am. But we hope you'll stay on afterwards to greet one another!



Reminder: Students of all ages are invited to bring their **backpacks** next Sunday, 8/30, for a special Blessing of the Backpacks!

Sunday would be a perfect day for Regis to take your **photo** - we'd love to print a new directory soon!



Mark Your Calendars: Sunday Sept. 13th is our 2nd Flood Anniversary and we will host our community **Ice Cream Social** downstairs directly following worship from 12-1pm. Invite your friends and neighbors!

We also plan to host a **Rummage Sale** in early October (on a Thursday through Saturday), so please start collecting things to donate and speak with Jani if you'd like to help.

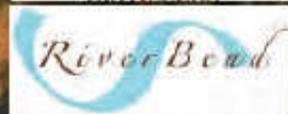
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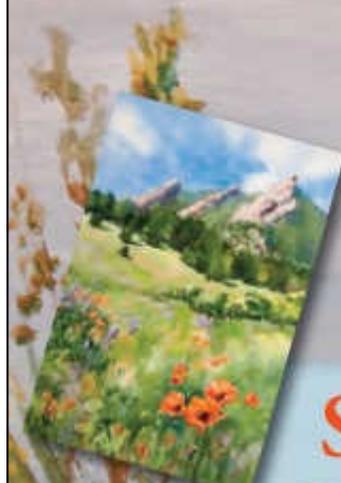
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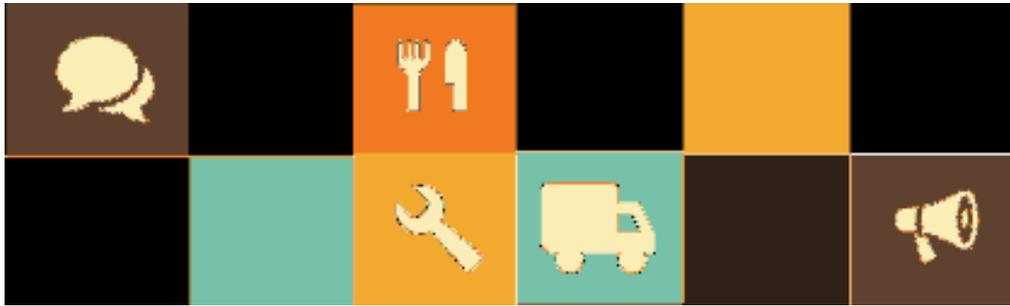
Sunday August 23rd, 2015
From 12-7 @ River Bend in Lyons

Boulder County Artists' Group Show
FREE ADMISSION



Music by Artist,
Rebecca Folsom





August 26th, 5:30 - 7p.m.

BoCo VOAD Quarterly Meeting

The Boulder County VOAD is looking forward to seeing you at the next quarterly meeting on August 26th to talk over BoCo VOAD organizational structure and communications, and discuss the Longterm Flood Recovery Group transition into the VOAD. Finally, we will be having a special screening of "Kneedeep" - the recent movie from local group the Mudslingers - to stimulate conversation on local best practices for spontaneous volunteer management in times of disaster.

We will also have special guests from AOL Studios there who are filming a series on resilient people and response in times of disaster. Please come show your support for the VOAD and all the work that member organizations do!

Where? Longmont Public Library

When? 5:30 to 7pm on Wednesday, August 26th

What? BoCo VOAD organizational structure, LTFRG Transition to VOAD, Movie Screening and SUV Training Recap.

We can't wait to see you there!

Warmly, Team BoCoVOAD



Resilience Summit and Awards

In case you haven't heard, BoCo Strong is hosting a Resilience Summit on September 24th from 1 to 5 p.m. at Planet Bluegrass in Lyons. This will be followed by an Awards Ceremony from 5:30-7 p.m. To learn more, RSVP, and nominate someone for an award, visit the website: <http://bocostrong.org/summit.html>