

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, August 21, 2014

"When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro"

- Hunter S. Thompson

Many thanks to Martin for this wonderful quote from *Rolling Stone Magazine*, Feb 28, 1974. It's been a weird month at Lyons Community Church so far - and this week we're diving deeper, turning pro...

We've talked about something we do (group singing) and what to wear (robes, tie-dye and anything in between), and this week we're turning to why churches look the way they do - altars, candles, incense and all that stuff. Does any of it matter? Why? What difference does it make in our lives today?



We've all noticed this year in the wake of our flood that the background of your life, the landscape in which we live and work and worship, makes a difference. Piles of debris crowd the corners of our pictures, large construction equipment photo-bombs us at every turn, it

even seems normal now to see emergency vehicles, road blocks, flashing lights and helicopters, not to mention the regular siren testing. It's all a part of the new fabric of our being in this town. But what does that **do** to us?

We'll talk a bit about that this week - and look forward to beginning a two-part weird series on rituals next week. We're also inviting anyone who is interested to join the church on Sunday, August 31st. Please let me know if you are interested so I can send you a form and make sure we have enough gifts, certificates, etc. We already have 2 baptisms planned for that day (Jason and Byron Curton), and the Lil White Church String Band will bless us with music - so it's a Sunday you won't want to miss!

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Sunday, August 24

Sermon: Keep Church Weird
#3: *Altars, Candles, Incense and all that Stuff* - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: Exodus 30:1-10

Reader: Mary Chase

Refreshments: Holly Beck

Flowers: Holly Beck, in honor of her mom's 80th birthday

Greeter:

Children's Time: Carol Pranschke



Pastor's Message

I'm offering a 45-minute class that morning (9am Sunday Aug. 31st) on United Methodist history and beliefs, as well as you and your beliefs. This is not just for potential new members - if you've ever been curious about what the UMC is really about, please join us. Let me know, though, so I can have enough coffee on hand for the not-so-early risers among us.

See you soon - at church or the local coffee shop,

Pastor Emily

Prayers...

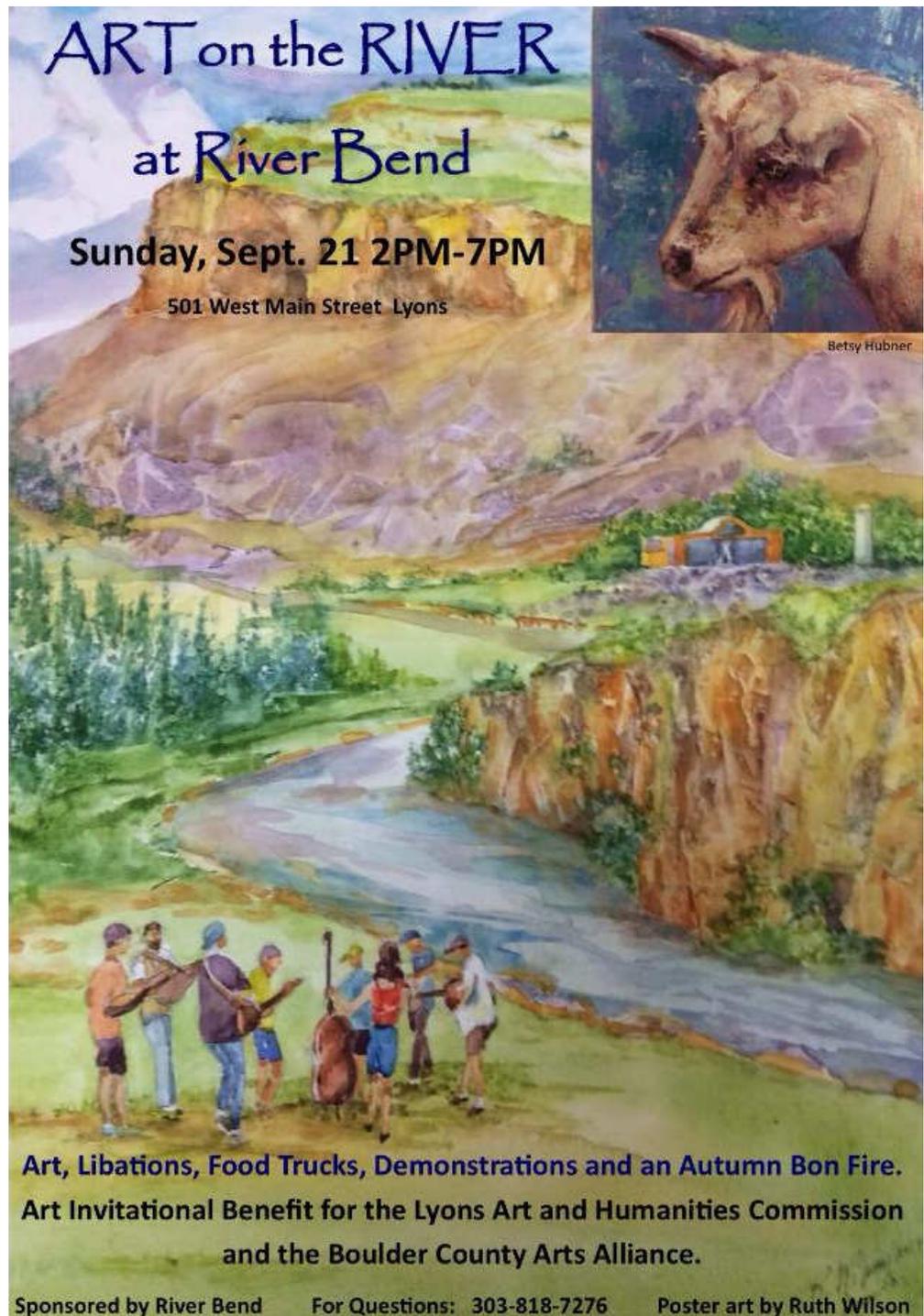
Showers of peace, calm, blessings for Annie and Brian in their new marriage, and traveling mercies for their friends and family. Be with Donna L., Joanne and Alan in their travels.

Remember Jeanne S., Jim Redy in the death of his grandchild, Debbie's elderly friend who was scammed financially in Longmont, health of Matt F., Steve M., Geneva, Marty, and Kitty's friend Wally's knee, and Iraqi Christians, immigrant children and those suffering war and persecution everywhere.

Announcements

Request from Amy Mathews: The girls and I are working a Girl Scout project for Project H.O.P.E. We are crocheting plastic mats by using recycled plastic grocery bags; making "plarn" (plastic yarn) from plastic grocery bags. So, we need plastic grocery bags for the next month and will pick them up each Sunday.

Join us! On Sunday, September 21 from 2-7pm, the Lyons Art and Humanities Commission and the Boulder County Arts Alliance will be hosting **Art on the River** at River Bend to benefit local art organizations.



ART on the RIVER
at River Bend
Sunday, Sept. 21 2PM-7PM
501 West Main Street Lyons

Betsy Hubner

Art, Libations, Food Trucks, Demonstrations and an Autumn Bon Fire.
Art Invitational Benefit for the Lyons Art and Humanities Commission and the Boulder County Arts Alliance.

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