

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, August 27, 2015

Dear friends and neighbors,

We're drawing near to the end of our series on the UMC Social Principles, but rather than discuss politics with your kids this week (!) during the All-Age Story, we'll be doing a special back-to-school blessing. Students of all ages (preschool to seniors) are invited to bring along their backpacks, satchels, laptop cases, or whatever it is they need to make it through another year of education. We'll take a moment to honor the parents, teachers, administrators and support staff that make our education system possible.

It will be nice to focus on the excitement of this season... and once the younger ones have gone on to Sunday school, the rest of us will tackle politics, war, crime and Christian WMDs (weapons of mass destruction). Surrounded by so much pain and evil, especially the shooting of two journalists on television this week, we wonder what we can do to make any difference in our violent society? Recently I heard a report on Colorado Public Radio about former President Jimmy Carter's brain cancer, and soon thereafter a report about Donald Trump disrespecting a Latino journalist who wanted to ask if he planned to send all undocumented individuals back to their home countries. The contrast in the integrity of those two politicians was striking, and I wondered how we can conduct ourselves as Christians in the current political circus that encircles us? These are not easy questions, and (sorry to spoil the element of surprise!) - there are no simple answers. But together we'll search the Scriptures for some advice straight for our Lord and Creator... and then we'll talk it out over a cuppa joe after the service. I hope you'll join us (and bring your friends, neighbors, and backpacks).

Also, in a few weeks we will have the opportunity to think back to our last 2 years since the Flood of September 2013. There is much to share and celebrate, just as there is still much to mourn and much work to be done. We will have special guest musicians during the service to help commemorate the Hard Times and Wade in the Water towards more peace. That is my motto for this month - it's my wish for our church, my home, our lives.... More Peace. And I know ice cream usually helps me



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Sunday, August 30

Sermon: What We Believe? #5 - from our *Social Principles: **Politics, Crime, War and Christian WMDs*** - Rev. Emily Flemming

Scripture: James 1:19-27

Reader: Mark Browning

Greeter: Janet Freeman

Flowers: Pete Wennermark

Refreshments: The Littles
(after worship at 12pm)

Children's Ministry:

Backpack Blessing

Sunday, 8/30, students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack for a special Blessing of the Backpacks



to kick off the brand new school year.

Pastor's Message (continued)

relax when I'm feeling anxious or upset. So mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 13th - we'll host a community-wide Ice Cream Social right after church (in lieu of our regular fellowship time). There will be food, music, maybe even a dance or two (who knows how the Spirit will move?) You'll see advertisements in the local papers, but we'd love for you to go ahead and invite your friends and neighbors.

Until we meet again, may your life be filled with More Peace!

Blessings,

Pastor Emily

Prayers

Joys: for birthdays of Stu Boulter (8/31), Donna Lee (9/3), Annie Sirotniak (9/5) and Ian Brighton (9/5), Brian and Annie's first anniversary, back-to-school, Steve settling back into life in Lyons, Shaw's grandson settled in Carbondale boarding school and family head back to Botswana, lovely Art on the Green last Sunday, Pam's parents David and Nancy Smith visiting

Concerns: ongoing wildfires and firefighters lost, Stu and Diana in his recovery, Annie's niece Katherine's knee, Richard Bennet, Vance's mother Betty, Kathy Ralston, Adams family, Cheryl's radiation, Liz's aunt Sally, the Fikes.

You may make prayer requests by contacting Pastor Emily Fleming (Emily@lyonscommunitychurch.org) or Prayer Team Chair Kitty Keim. (kathkeim@earthlink.net).

Announcements

Children's Committee meets this Sunday (8/30) at 10am to make fall plans for babies, children and youth. All are welcome!



Reminder that our **fellowship time** is now taking place at noon right after our worship service (no longer at 10:30am).

Would you like to work up a sweat and have fun while doing it? Holly Beck has organized a weekly **Zumba class** in Wesleyan Hall (downstairs) from 8:30-9:30am on Tuesday mornings. All are welcome - first class is free. Then \$10 per class or a 10-punch card for \$80. See Holly for details.

Betsy Byrne Hubner's **art is now on display** in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall (see page 3)

Would you like a printed copy of our **church directory**? We only have photos of 12 of the 90 families currently listed - please let Regis photograph you this Sunday (or email us a family photo to LCCOffice@lyonscommunitychurch.org).



Sept. 13th will be our 2nd annual Flood Survival Commemoration and community-wide **Ice Cream Social** (12-1pm). We'll have wonderful music, homemade ice cream, and lots of fun - 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.



Betsy Byrne Hubner

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Lyons artist/educator, Betsy Hubner's colorful works draw extensively from scenic surroundings and her encounters with domestic and wild animals. Hubner's acrylic paintings have won statewide acclaim in Vermont and have been exhibited extensively throughout New England and here in Boulder County and Evergreen.



These paintings, currently being shown in the Community Church, have been inspired by scripture, hymns and prayers and have that reference posted under each work of art. Thankful for the opportunity to share this work with the church community, Betsy hopes that others will make a spiritual connection to both verse and her inspired artworks.

Earning an MFA degree from the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University in 2011, Hubner shared her love of the creative process with stu-

dents at Burr and Burton Academy and Castleton State College where she taught until June 2013. She is distinguished as Vermont's first National Board Certified teacher and has been involved in setting national standards for what art teachers need to know and be able to do.

Since moving to Lyons Colorado in 2013 she has been a full time artist and vice-chair of the Lyons Arts and Humanities Council working diligently to help local artists recover from the flood and have a strong presence in the community.



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SUBJECT: THE OUR CENTER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Dear Faith Communities,

As you may be aware, the OUR Center is experiencing particularly challenging times in keeping up with the demand for our services. Many local residents are dealing with job loss or reduction, the high cost of housing, medical issues, and other barriers to their self-sufficiency. Our mission is to *help people move toward self-sufficiency by unifying community resources.*

Our largest program - the hot meals and food pantry program - continues to see high levels of families and individuals coming to us in need. We are facing difficulty with obtaining protein items in particular - would you help us by conducting a special food drive in your congregation or announcing the need for food to your members?

Our greatest need right now is for protein (fresh or canned, meat or non-meat) or for grocery store gift cards to purchase protein items. Additionally, these are items we always need:

- Cereal
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Rice and pasta
- Beans
- Tomato products
- Macaroni & cheese
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, & other personal care items, esp. travel size)

Items can be delivered to OUR Hospitality Center, 250 3rd Ave. (corner of 3rd & Collyer), Longmont, between 8:00 and 5:00 weekdays or between 10:00 and 2:00 weekends and holidays. If you have a particularly large food drive and need help with the transportation, please contact our office at 303-772-5529.

Questions? Please contact us at 303-772-5529 or info@ourcenter.org or visit www.ourcenter.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwina Salazar".

Edwina Salazar
Executive Director

Interactive Preparedness Workshop

Thursday, September 10, 6:30pm-8:30pm.
LDS Church at 200 2nd Ave, Lyons, CO 80540

Interactive Preparedness Workshop Course Description

Community leaders who attempt to teach individual preparedness typically focus on broad principles that are difficult to implement (e.g. telling the public to “Have a Plan”), or to-do lists of solutions that are relevant only to a small audience (e.g. a pamphlet for Spanish-speaking elderly widows preparing for a hurricane). Conversations preparedness are also infused with “FUD:” Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt.

In contrast, this workshop presents a robust, approachable method for learning individual preparedness. Participants will participate in several focused, facilitated group discussions with peers from their community, using the workshop's method and materials. The workshop helps individuals self-identify preparedness solutions and perform an individualized preparedness gap analysis. The seminar provides a method to match solutions with individual needs, while peers brainstorm and share useful preparedness ideas.

The key to the workshop is to teach participants to prepare for disruptions, rather than disasters. Disasters of many types cause similar disruptions. For example, a hurricane, ice storm, tornado, flood, or house fire all disrupt heat. Likewise, a terrorist attack, civil unrest, and domestic violence each disrupt physical safety. By preparing for a finite number of disruptions, a person can prepare for an infinite number of disasters. Aaron Titus' model integrates multiple dimensions of individual preparedness in a fun, interactive and approachable workshop setting which has been presented to more than 5,000 participants across the country.

Participants will leave the seminar with:

- An individualized preparedness plan they created, based upon peer feedback.
- An individualized preparedness gap analysis.
- A comprehensive framework to understand, organize and discuss emergency preparedness concepts.
- A roadmap for creating a personalized 72-hour kit

About Aaron Titus

Aaron Titus is the Disaster Product Manager for VisionLink, attorney, Mountain West VOAD secretary, and the Northern COVOAD representative for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a VOAD representative in New Jersey, he coordinated 30,000+ volunteers during the Sandy, Derecho, and Irene responses. He is also Project Manager of Crisis Cleanup (crisiscleanup.org), an open source collaborative work order system that has helped more than 300 relief agencies help 15,000 families in 21 disasters, in 18 states and 4 countries. He regularly presents to emergency professionals around the country about emergency preparedness and response.

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