

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, September 25, 2014



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The harvest journey continues this week with our 2nd Fruits of the Spirit sermon on kindness and patience. Now some of you may have just raised an eyebrow, wondering what I might possibly have to say on the topic, especially patience... but hold your breath - I've called in an expert to help me out.



That's right, this weekend is my mother's last weekend in Colorado for a while after spending 6 glorious weeks with us, so we are taking her on a special trip to Aspen and Glenwood Hot Springs. While we're praying as we soak, you'll have the opportunity to hear a very close friend and phenomenal woman share a message of hope and inspiration with you this Sunday.



I met Tonya during my first year at Liff School of Theology. She hails from Amish country in PA and worked as a first responder and victim's advocate in Boulder County before going back to school. She was on scene at many of our recent community and natural disasters, including the Aurora movie theater shooting. She has

helped people physically and emotionally who are reeling with trauma (even me during seminary at my moments of darkest insecurity!)

After surviving a near-fatal accident and the long road to recovery herself, Tonya felt called to a ministry that walks the line between medicine and faith. She has worked with many people who are differently-abled, including children with special needs and developmental differences, in clinical and pastoral settings. She is currently working with St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch, CO, where many families including such children came forward to say they are excited with the experiences and gifts she brings to the community.

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Sunday, Sept. 28

Sermon: *Fruits of the Spirit #2—Kindness and Patience* - Tonya Whaley, guest speaker

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Reader: Mark Browning

Refreshments:

Flowers: Jim Flowers

Children's Time:

Greeters: Lia Malito, Deborah and Richard Salmon

Guest Pianist: Katie Hughes

Prayers...

Jeanne S., Jim R., Matt F., Steve M., Ray & Alice T., Marty H., Vance F., Geneva T. (kidney surgery 9/25), John H. (broken collarbone while hiking), Savannah B. (sick), ongoing help needed and received for flood recovery, families (blood-related, musical, chosen friends), over 2000 Nigerian children still missing (the same population of our town)

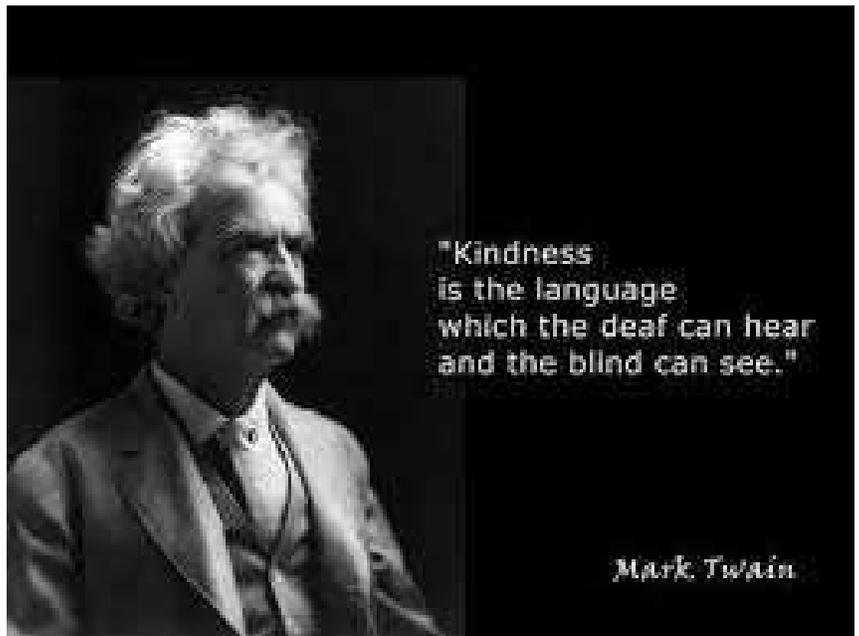
Pastor's Message (continued)

Tonya is a bright, loving, articulate and passionate young woman - and she is walking the same long road towards ordination in the United Methodist Church that I am walking. It is an honor and privilege to walk alongside her. And I hope you, too, will enjoy walking together with her this Sunday at 10am as she and Rev. Bob Shaw lead you in a worship service sure to inspire more kindness and patience in your own life. And really - who doesn't need more of each of those?!?

With prayers and missing you,

Pastor Emily

(p.s. a fellow minister told me this week that I am now allowed to call myself Reverend... but that has such a formal ring to it - I'll stick to Pastor, if you don't mind ;-)



Announcements

We are looking to background-check and **hire someone** to care for our babies and toddlers on Sunday mornings from 9:45-11:15am, as soon as the downstairs renovations are complete. If you know anyone 18 years or older who might be interested, please have them contact Pastor Emily. We'll put an ad in the paper soon if we can't find the right people (2 would be great!)

There has been more interest in **baptisms and new member reception** following our exciting Sunday a few weeks ago. If you've ever considered joining our church or having your children baptized, please speak with Emily. We're planning another special Sunday this fall.

Going right along with our current sermon series, the **Food Pantry** reports that they have not had any fresh fruit or vegetables for some time and need your help! Please bring apples, bananas, peppers or pears - anything that is not worm-ridden or withered is welcome. If you'd be happy to eat it, we'd love to share it with our neighbors in need. Contact Debbie T., drop off at the church, or bring over to the LDS church on Wed. around 3pm. Thank you for sharing your fruits (and veges)!

