

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Friday, October 24, 2014

Dear friends and neighbors,

Thank you for a wonderful mini-vacation in Breckenridge this week (see photo). Regis, Lillian and I spent 3 days in the mountains at the annual Clergy Orders Retreat. This is an opportunity for all United Methodist clergy from the Rocky Mountain Conference (CO, WY, UT) to get together to worship, be spiritually renewed, talk about the direction of our churches, etc. It was truly a retreat - and we even had a little snow in the high country.



We returned home late Thursday evening and are "back to work" today, so sorry that the mid-week message is arriving again at week's end rather than middle! Last week we kicked off our stewardship season by talking about the Service and Talents we share with the local church and community. Many thanks to Debbie Tabor for her deeply personal and moving story about why she gives to Lyons Community Church - and has in so many different ways over so many years!



This week, we'll be talking about sharing our Witness - what it means to talk about how God is moving in our lives, families and community. Witness may be an old-fashioned word, but it is a powerful action that changes both the storyteller and anyone listening. Many thanks to Pam Browning, who has agreed to share. We'll be following up last week's passage from Acts 3 about Peter and John, and listening in to what they tell the large crowd about how the lame man was healed.

Healing also happens to be the theme for this year's annual Charge Conference, the church-wide "business meeting" that occurs each winter. Our District Superintendent has asked us to join forces with First UMC Loveland, and they will be hosting us on Saturday, Dec. 13th at 2pm in their church. To prepare, I will be filming our members and guests answering 2 short questions. If you don't mind being included in a brief video clip, please let me know.



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Sunday, October 26

Sermon: I Love to Tell the Story
#2: *Why Witness Matters* - Pastor
Emily Flemming

Scripture: Act 3:11-16

Reader: Richard Salmon

Flowers:

Children's Time: Holly Beck and
Tanya Daty

Greeter:

Refreshments:



Vance's gift of special music last week, and how beautiful it was!

Pastor's Message (continued)

It is an exciting time of year - we came home to a yard full of aspen leaves, each with different colors and patterns on it. What a beautiful reminder that God is still at work, every day, even in the tiniest details of our lives!

Pastor Emily



Prayers...

Blessings on the marriage of Mark and Christine Boys, thanks to Group Publishing for awarding LEAF the \$25,000 first prize in their Community Service Awards, Geneva T.'s visit from Shirley Johnson, gratitude for our community helping one another recover and blessings to those waiting, hoping, and not yet home.

Concern for Jeff S. (rehab in Longmont) and Karen, Steve M., Bob S., Jerry P., Vance F. and his mother back home in TX with his sister, Matt F., Kris Sims and family in bridge rebuilding and death of his nephew in CA, former pastor Mark Heiss (cancer diagnosis and surgery planned for early Nov.), Ebola crisis (those infected, care-givers, and all in panic about it, incl. many young people), planned release of Nigerian girls kidnapped by Boko Haram (that the cease fire and peace talks succeed).

Announcements

Your opinion counts! We are humbly asking for your feedback on our church and its programs as we begin to plan for the coming year. Annual church evaluations are due by next Friday Oct. 31st. Please click here to share your opinions online (http://www.lyonscommunitychurch.org/LCC_Evaluation_2014.shtml) or pick up a pick form at church this Sunday and drop it in the offering plate.

Stewardship packets are being passed out at church this week and we will mail any that are not picked up next week.

Downstairs renovations are planned to be complete by Nov. 15th - look for an invitation to the unveiling party! The Building Hope and Promise Committee has already begun plans for the upstairs renovations, including one ADA-accessible bathroom, repairing windows and new carpeting. Please see Diana, Mark Boys, Steve or Emily if you have any questions, concerns or would like to make a donation (simply write "Building Fund" on your check to LCC).