

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, December 31, 2015

In the Right Place at the Right Time

Dear Lyons friends and neighbors,

Thank you for a blessed Christmas season - which officially continues until Epiphany next Wednesday, January 6th (so no rush to take down that tree or decorations). We had a full house at our 4pm Christmas Eve service, and there was much joy (and a few tears) as people headed out into the cold evening. Many thanks to Carol and Arthur Lee Land for joining us, and to Arthur for sharing his beautiful, reverent original song "Christmas Eve" with us - it was a surprise and delight to so many and set the perfect mood for worship!

I appreciate your individual and collective birthday and Christmas greetings. Tears sprouted as I read the birthday card that so many of you signed. I have served as your pastor for 2.5 years, and we have been through natural disasters, heartbreaks, disappointments and difficulties... but despite it all, you hold my heart as a community and as a church. May God continue to bless you for your love and thoughtfulness in the coming year!

Can you believe the New Year is upon us already? This Sunday we will officially be wrapping up the Christmastide season with the celebration of Epiphany (when those misunderstood strangers from the East arrived to visit Baby Jesus), as well as the Sacrament of Holy Communion. So whether you are having a hard time letting go of the holidays, or are eager to pack up those decorations and get moving and shaking in a New Year, please join us. It will be a day of new beginnings - and resolutions can be made any day of the year, not just on Jan. 1st. So resolve to Be in the Right Place at the Right Time this year - starting with 11am, Sunday, Jan. 3rd at 350 Main Street. You won't be sorry!

New Year's Blessings,

Pastor Emily

And p.s. thanks to Rev. Bob Shaw and pianist Marilyn Penn for leading our worship last Sunday - Kim and I both enjoyed a Sunday to rest with our families!



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Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016

Sermon: In the Right Place at the Right Time - A New Year's Message - Rev. Emily Flemming

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 (MSG)

Reader: Mark Browning

Greeter: Mark Browning

Refreshments: Debbie Tabor & Nancy Reckling

Worship Committee invites any and all to our quarterly meeting, Tues. Jan 5th 1-3pm in Wesleyan Hall, to plan our worship opportunities for Jan.-March.

