

Lynnhurst Ledger

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AROUND LYNNHURST

Sunday, August 18th
Worship Service 9:30 AM
Fellowship Time 10:30 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Friends Church 1:30 PM

Monday, August 19th

Tuesday, August 20th

Men's Bible Study
Pastor's Office
Hours
Tai Chi
Stewardship
Committee Meeting
7:30 AM
10 AM 2PM
10:30 PM
6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 21st
Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM
Chancel Choir
Practice 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 22ndBoy Scout Meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, August 23rd

Saturday, August 24th

Friends Church 3:00 PM

Sunday, August 25th

Worship Service 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM

Sunday School 11:00 AM

Friends Church 1:30 PM



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ear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for giving me the time to attend a weekend retreat at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Saint Meinrad, IN last weekend. Saint Meinrad Archabbey was founded in 1854 by two monks from Einsiedeln Abbey in Switzerland. They came to southern Indiana at the request of a local



priest who was seeking help to serve the pastoral needs of the growing German-speaking Catholic population and to prepare local men to be priests. Today Saint Meinrad operates a graduate seminary and a school of theology. The community consists of about 85 men who dedicate their lives to prayer and work. They gather in community five times each day to pray and celebrate Mass. Most of the worship services are chanted by the monks and guests in their beautiful sanctuary.



During my retreat I attended eight worship services, four classes on major theme in the Gospel of Luke, two social times with snacks and wine, six meals, took a couple of long walks and a tour of the Monastery and Seminary. I also read several chapters in Brian McLaren's book *A Generous Orthodoxy*. I left my phone in my room and enjoyed being partially disconnected from the outside world. I met interesting Catholic Deacons, Sisters and lay people as well as a few non-Catholics. It was a wonderful time of reflection and renewal.

Saint Meinrad offers a variety of monk-led retreats each year at their Guest House and Retreat Center on the topic of how scripture, prayer, Benedictine wisdom or art can enhance your spirituality. You can check out their website at www.saintmeinrad.org.

Thank you to Sharon Crosby for leading worship and preaching in my absence. Thank you for your love and support of my spiritual journey.

Blessings,

Pastor Monica

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING -SEPTEMBER 8TH - AFTER CHURCH

There will be a Congregational Meeting to vote on the new SafeChurch Policy. There will be a few copies of the policy available at the front of the Sanctuary and there will be a copies in the News & Notes emails.

Please make plans to attend. This will be a short meeting right after service.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 20th @ 6:00PM Parlor

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Sunday, October 6th @ 11:00 AM (Right after worship) Choir Room

Scripture Readers

LOOK FOR AN EMAIL ON
WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY
OF THE WEEK YOU ARE
SCHEDULED

AUGUST

04	Richard Sandage
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11 Cynthia McFarland

18 Nancy Shannon

25 Jim Maier

Children's Message AUGUST

04 Pastor Monica

11 Eva Warren

18 Pastor Monica

25

Fellowship Time Hosts/Hostesses

Sign Up Sheet On the Bulletin Board by Church Office

AUGUST

04 Warren

11 Compton

18 Matheny

25 Shannon

SEPTEMBER

01 OPEN
 08 OPEN
 15 OPEN
 22 OPEN

29 *OPEN*

CHOIRS RESUME PRACTICE - AUGUST 21ST

The Chancel and Bell Choirs will resume regular Wednesday night practice on August 21st. Bell Choir will be at 6:00 pm and Chancel Choir at 7:00 pm. There will be refreshments.

The Sunday Choir schedule will resume on September 8th.

Enjoy your last few weeks of summer break, we've missed you!





PRISON FELLOWSHIP

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in; naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.

~ Matthew 25:35-36

One of my passions for the past 8-9 years of my life has been prison ministry. Many of you have heard me speak of how much this means in my life. I have felt the hand of God and seen His love in the faces of the men at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex. All visitors are warmly welcomed and it lifts the hearts of those inmates who are sometimes treated as less than human beings to just share worship with a stranger. Just the fact of giving up a couple of hours on a Friday night to shake their hand, sit next to them and worship with them can make a major difference in a life.

I have asked Pastor Monica to accompany me to prison and she has agreed to go on Friday, September 13. It would be so wonderful to me if several of you would want to go with us. I promise, to the bottom of my heart, you will receive a blessing if you go. I promise you will be amazed at the level of fellowship, hospitality and, most of all the love of God you will see there.

I have a page of regulations as well as the entry forms you would have to fill out. These have to be mailed to the prison at least 3 weeks prior to your visit, so that means right away. Please see me Sunday morning to get your paperwork. We would meet at a location on Hurstbourne Pky to carpool. We would need to leave there at 5:00. Chapel services are over at 8:00 (due to a class being taught at 8). We could eat together afterwards and share thoughts about your experience.

Please consider this opportunity. Visitors are allowed to go to the services 3 times a year. Won't you consider going with us this time? Thanks so much.

Sharon Crosby





Good morning Sharon and the Lynnhurst Church family,

Thank you so much for the school supplies donated for our 2019 MOLO Festival. The amount of supplies we received this year was tremendous and such a blessing to the youth in our community. We were able to distribute 240 backpacks with school supplies to youth ages 4-17 during this weekend event, along with lunch, t-shirts and others resources as available. The contribution from Lynnhurst helped to make this possible.

Also thank you Sharon for volunteering your time on Saturday to assist us in the distribution.

As you are aware, our challenges are great here in the Russell community; and to have our Christian brothers and sisters from Lynnhurst join in our efforts, whether physically or monetarily is a huge blessing to our faith community. Again, thank you!

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Jamesetta Ferguson



PAL Youth Center Projected Budget 2019 - 2020

Expenses		August-May
Staff		
Program Director – Jo Cruz (\$14/hr @ 19hr/wk – Aug-May)		\$11,704.00
Program Assistant (\$10/hr @ 15hr/wk – Approx 36 wks)		\$5400.00
Program Support	\$4,407.00	
То	tal Expenses	\$21,511.00
Income		
BLOCS Grant		\$7560.77
FCP BLOCS Grant		\$10,000.00
ASAP (Food)		\$3000.00
Norton Grant		\$5000.00
	Total Income	\$25,560.77

MEET JO CRUZ, PAL CENTER PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Jo Cruz is an independent consultant, trainer, quality coach and external assessor. She has over 20 years experience working with youth and families, specializing in impoverished communities.

She has worked with populations in N.J., P.A., K.Y., I.N., as well as internationally in Spain, Portugal and Botswana. Her personal mission "ending unhealthy cycles through child advocacy and adult education" is a goal she strives to reach in all consulting and personal endeavors.

AN OHIO MEMORIAL TO VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE MORE THAN PRAYERS, SONGS AND SHOES



Scores shoes mass shootings in El and one was killed." Paso and Dayton. The people of United

Church of Christ Congregational in Vermilion, 30 miles west of Cleveland, were moved to act. Devastated by the latest incidents of gun violence less than 24 hours apart on Aug. 3 and 4 which left more than 30 dead and dozens injured, they planned a prayer vigil and a community call to action.

"Our secretary said when she first heard about the and write their representatives. shooting in Dayton, the first image she saw was this pile of shoes," said the Rev. Mindy Quellhorst, church senior the bars in the Oregon [entertainment] district, they ran out of their shoes trying to get away. So, people piled them up, hoping the owners would come back and get them. That was the image the mission committee wanted to use on the lawn."

The image of people running for their lives in a city downstate, less than 200 miles away, was underscored by moving testimonies of Vermilion UCC Congregational members at the vigil that drew about 100 people from cities all across Northern Ohio on Aug. 8.

Karen Rossi, who chairs the church missions committee Source ucc.org which organized the <u>vigil</u>, spoke about her daughter's connection to one young man who died in the gunfire early Sunday morning in Dayton's historic Oregon district. Nine people were killed in 32 seconds before the shooter was stopped by police.

Rossi said her daughter's best friend was trying to get a hold of her boyfriend all day Sunday. He had just finished his internship at a medical facility there and was out celebrating with friends. His girlfriend couldn't reach him and learned of his death when the list of the fallen was released.

Another member, Pat Stein, shared a heartbreaking testimony about her sister-a woman diagnosed with mental illness at a time her parents did not believe it was a disease. In and out of hospitals, Stein's sister was not able to get the help she needed-her insurance couldn't cover her care. Her sister, living on the other side of the country, moved in with friends. Stein thought she was okay-until the police came to her door one day and told her that her sister had shot herself. Her friends collected guns, and she used one to end her life.

of empty "That connection they shared, the testimonies...just littered the powerful images," Quellhorst said, noting that the lawn outside an Ohio connection also touched the wider UCC. "A clergy church on Thursday colleague of mine from the Southern Ohio area wrote on evening, a stark but Facebook that she had been working with young people poignant memorial to on their internship—she came into contact with them at the the lives lost in two medical facility while doing pastoral care—three were hurt

> While emotional, this touching service was more than stories, songs and prayers. The members of Vermilion UCC Congregational offered resources on gun safety and suicide prevention and urged participants to push their lawmakers for sensible gun control legislation. Laws that may prevent not just mass shootings—laws that also help stop suicides involving guns. At tables set up on the lawn, a number of people took time to check out the information

"It's not just thoughts and prayers," Quellhorst said. "We pastor. "The report said when people were running out of have to do action; we have to be in our communities, to share peace and to talk to each other. The last song (If We

> Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, written after a church shooting in Texas) was all about that-it was a very powerful way to pull it all together."





If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers

By Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

If we just talk of thoughts If we just sing of doing and prayers And don't live out a faith And don't walk through that dares. And don't take on the ways of death, Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.

If we just dream of what could be And do not build community. And do not seek to change our ways, Our dreams of change are false displays.

good our neighborhood To learn its hope, to ease its pain, Our talk of good is simply vain.

God, may our prayers and dreams and songs Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs — That works for peace and justice, too. Then will our prayers bring joy to you.