



# Lynnhurst Ledger

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## AROUND LYNNHURST

### Sunday, August 25th

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

### Monday, August 26th

### Tuesday, August 27th

Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM
Pastor's Office Hours	10 AM - 2PM
Tai Chi	10:30 PM
PAL Committee Mtng	1:30 PM

### Wednesday, August 28st

Bell Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Practice	7:00 PM

### Thursday, August 29th

Boy Scout Meeting	7:00 PM
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### Friday, August 30th

### Saturday, August 31st

Friends Church	3:00 PM
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Worship Service	9:30 AM
Fellowship Time	10:30 AM
Sunday School	11:00 AM
Friends Church	1:30 PM



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**D**ear Friends in Christ,  
If you read the gospels in the New Testament carefully you will see that Jesus is a rulebreaker and a troublemaker. But he is a troublemaker with a purpose. At the beginning of his ministry while teaching in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth he gives his why or purpose: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Jason Burnham writes, your why is your purpose. It is your reason for getting up in the morning. It is what motivates you into action. It is what keeps you focused each and every day. Every individual has a purpose. Your purpose should ignite your passions and inspire you to be the best that you can possibly be. Once you define your why, everything else in your life begins to fall into place.

Your why words simply state your purpose in life. Your why words determine how you live your faith every day. This concept of knowing your why keeps coming up in my ministry both here at Lynnhurst and in my conference work. Our Consistory is working on putting our congregation's why into words as we write a new mission statement. The conference staff is figuring out how to live into our why now that the conference has a new mission statement. During the Transitional Ministry Training I co-facilitated a couple of weeks ago our Conference Minister Chad Abbott asked us to think of our three why words for our lives and our ministry. So I have been reflecting on my life and ministry and my three why words are blessings, relationships, and love. I think Jesus' why words are: share, heal and proclaim. He shares the good news; heals the captive and hurting people; and proclaims God's kingdom. I invite you this week to reflect on your three why words. Send me an email or call me to share your why words.

Blessings on the journey,

*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

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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

### PAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 3rd @1:30 PM  
Parlor

## Scripture Readers

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

### SEPTEMBER

- 01 *Anne Meyer*
- 08 *Danny Hargrave*
- 15 *Susan Freepartner*
- 22 *Mike McConnell*
- 29 *Karen Compton*

## Fellowship Time Hosts/Hostesses

Sign Up Sheet On the  
Bulletin Board by Church  
Office

### SEPTEMBER

- 01 *Crosby*
- 08 *Hurley*
- 15 *Whalin*
- 22 *Meyer &  
Freepartner*
- 29 *Warren*

### OCTOBER

- 01 *Compton*
- 08 **OPEN**
- 15 *Whalin*
- 22 *Tiitsman*



## LYNNHURST CHURCH FALL HOMECOMING

Sunday, October 6th @

4pm

Bonfire @ 7pm

The Matheny's House  
6600 Mt Washington Rd,  
40229

Grab your sweater and your favorite lawn chair and join your Lynnhurst family for a fall celebration graciously hosted by the Mathenys at their home. There will be a bonfire and smores. More details to come

Make plans to attend!

## DONATION NEEDED!

The shipping costs for the Church World Service kits we put together are approximately \$70. CWS asks that the congregation that donates the kits also donate the shipping fees to help keep their costs down. We are asking if there is anyone in the congregation who would like to donate those fees. The check will need to be sent in by October 1st. Please contact Sarah in the office for more information.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August 30 -  
September 15

### Birthdays


- 09/03 Austin Ovington
- 09/05 Tammy Gatton
- 09/05 Ashley Turner
- 09/11 Sam Gantner
- 09/12 Dana Whalin
- 09/13 Virginia Walter
- 09/13 Jim Jenkins
- 09/14 Tye McFarland
- 09/15 Willa Hines

### Anniversaries

- 09/05 Chet & Brenda  
Ovington (60 Years)

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## ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT hosted by the IKC Women's Board

September 27-29, 2019

Our own Pastor Monica will be co-leading the retreat this year.

Please see Nancy Shannon for a reservation form.



# “EVICTED” PROMPTS UCC ACTION THAT KEEPS INDY FAMILIES HOUSED

Written by: Hans Holznagel

Source: ucc.org

The book "[Evicted](#)" and a [General Synod speech](#) have inspired United Church of Christ members in Indianapolis to keep two families from losing their home – and to start a fund to do more of the same.

The rapid response began when [Zion UCC](#) in Indianapolis got a call Thursday, Aug. 15, from the head of one of two families who shared a home. They were about to be evicted the next day. The Rev. Sarah Frische-Mouri Hannigan, Zion's pastor, regularly gets calls from people needing help. In an age of phone and internet scams, churches can be hesitant about pleas for money. They refer callers to community agencies for needs such as rent and housing assistance.

"Our congregation has limited resources," Frische-Mouri Hannigan said. "We work with our local ministerial association for some minimal assistance, food and gas. But just listening to her story and what she had been through and hearing the concern in her voice and how desperate she was – something about her story really struck home."

Zion's lay leaders said they would pitch in. "But I knew that several people in our Conference and Association had been affected by Matthew Desmond's speech at General Synod," she said. Desmond, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Evicted," was the keynote speaker June 22 at the UCC's [biennial national meeting](#) in Milwaukee. He spoke about the lack of affordable housing and how that keeps families in poverty. "I kind of hesitated to reach out to other churches, but I felt like we had to try something. I wanted to see if there would be a way we could collectively respond."

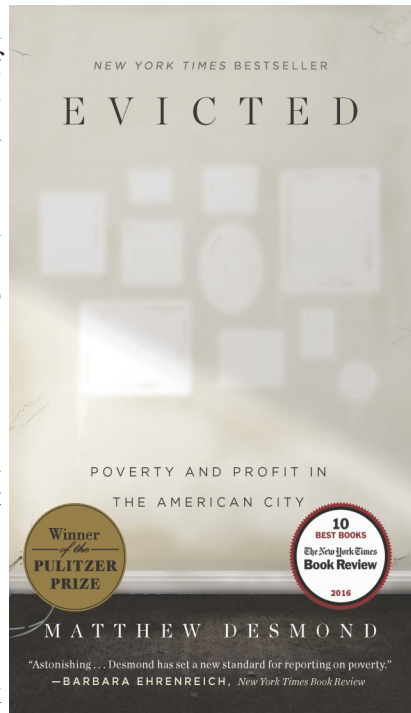
One that did was [First Congregational UCC](#).

"I heard her story and it was like I was reading the book," said Shannon Abbott, the administrative assistant at First Congregational. "It was like the stories Matthew Desmond told at Synod."

Here is the story Frische-Mouri Hannigan and Abbott heard from the caller, who goes by the initials TK.

Injured in an assault, TK had fallen behind on rent – both because she couldn't work while hospitalized and because of the resulting hospital bills. She was now back to working two jobs, earning enough to keep up with current rent but not enough to catch up on payments she had missed.

The property manager had given her an eviction deadline



of Friday, Aug. 16. TK had two paychecks coming the week of Aug. 19, but the company would neither extend the deadline nor accept less than the past-due rent in full, almost \$2,200. TK was trying to sell her car to keep from losing the home.

Abbott, a former social worker, recognized that TK was falling between the cracks of systems that otherwise might help. TK's income was above the maximum level for rent-assistance programs. She just needed to catch up once, Abbott said, and the stakes were high. If she sold the car, she might lose one or both jobs and spiral into a more permanent cycle of poverty and evictions.

Abbott and Frische-Mouri Hannigan compared notes; TK's detailed story checked out – including the fact that a UCC congregation she had once attended elsewhere had encouraged her to reach out to Indianapolis UCC churches for help. Abbott joined the effort to contact other area churches.

Others did respond, including [St. Peter's UCC](#), Carmel, where a book group happened to be finishing its study of "Evicted" that evening. Group members had been talking about ways to help, so leaders there would mention TK's case in case anyone wanted to contribute. Abbott also mentioned TK's dilemma to her husband, the Rev. Chad Abbott, Conference Minister of the UCC's Indiana-Kentucky Conference. He told her about an Indianapolis-area Synod delegate who, motivated by Desmond's speech, was interested in follow-up action.

"I gave him a call thinking that, if nothing else, he could put out a call to the church he's a member of and get a few people to help," Shannon Abbott said. "He said, 'I really think we should create a fund – get our Association's churches together so that we don't have to chase money. How much does she need?' I told him the amount."

"He said, 'I can swing that.'"

Shannon replied, "You can what?"

To her astonishment, the donor volunteered to cover TK's entire past-due amount. On Friday, the eviction deadline day, he hand-delivered a cashier's check in that exact amount to TK's property-management company.



With the encouragement of the donor, who asked to remain anonymous for this article, the money raised by Zion, St. Peter's and others will be placed in a new fund for churches in the Southeast Association of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference to prevent evictions in similar circumstances. "I hope we can make some lasting impact with this and improve some people's lives," the donor said.



Shannon Abbott said the fund would be held very temporarily by the Conference until Indianapolis-area churches can decide the details of where it will be lodged locally and how it will be managed.

"I talked with my council, and we're hopefully going to do

some special fundraising to help get this new ministry going," Frische-Mouri Hannigan said. "There's a gap for those who are working one or two or three jobs and an emergency happens or something comes up and they get behind. There aren't that many organizations that can fill that gap between just hanging on and winding up on the streets.

"The main thing for me is recognizing that we have this collective body of churches where we can reach out to one another and do common work for justice. That's really important. We don't have to do this work alone."

"Obviously, as Christians, you're called to help the poor and less fortunate," said the anonymous donor. "For me, one of the core ways is to provide housing to people who don't have it. It's kind of the core of Christ's calling."

**Link to Amazon:** [https://smile.amazon.com/Evicted-Poverty-Profit-American-City-ebook/dp/B010ZXKCAO/ref=dp\\_kinw\\_strp\\_kin\\_adbl\\_v2](https://smile.amazon.com/Evicted-Poverty-Profit-American-City-ebook/dp/B010ZXKCAO/ref=dp_kinw_strp_kin_adbl_v2)

## MAYOR FISCHER CELEBRATES MOST SUCCESSFUL SUMMERWORKS SEASON YET

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer today joined SummerWorks staff, participants, employers, and supporters at the Heine Bros. headquarters in west Louisville to celebrate the 2019 SummerWorks season, which saw nearly 7,000 youth, a new record, employed throughout the city.

"SummerWorks is a critical step in building and supporting our pipeline of talented workers," Mayor Fischer said. "The skills learned and relationships developed during a summer job carry over into the new school year and help set young people on a path to career success."

This season of SummerWorks saw an increase in first-time employers, including Heine Brothers' Coffee, Carbide Industries, GlowTouch Technologies, Crowne Plaza, Masonic Homes, Rev-a-Shelf, and the U.S. Census Bureau. Many established SummerWorks employers also increased their participation in 2019, including GE Appliances, which hired 29 youth this season.

GE Appliances SummerWorks student Zaina Katembo gained confidence in the business place during her experience and hopes to have a future with the global company.

"When I started work, I was very nervous," said Katembo, 19, senior at Moore High School who moved to the U.S. from Tanzania in 2016, "but my co-workers and supervisors made me feel very welcomed and at home. I really appreciated this opportunity and would like to work for GE Appliances after I graduate."

SummerWorks also expanded its partnership with the Academies of Louisville at JCPS, exceeding its goal of placing at least 200 Academies students in summer jobs that aligned with their career pathway.



During the celebration, the Mayor cited a newly released study, which was commissioned by KentuckianaWorks and conducted by the Kentucky Center for Statistics, that measured the long-term impact of SummerWorks on youth. The study found a variety of positive outcomes associated with SummerWorks, including higher graduation and employment rates.

"The data we're seeing today reinforces our belief that a summer job experience can have a lasting positive impact on a young person's life," the Mayor said. "We must continue investing in SummerWorks in order to make sure all young people in our community, regardless of the barriers they may be facing, have a chance to benefit from this kind of experience."

Read the rest of the story at: <https://louisvilleky.gov/news/mayor-fischer-celebrates-most-successful-summerworks-season-yet>