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AROUND LYNNHURST

Sunday, August 11th

Worship Service 9:30 AM

*Communion

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM

*Greeting Card Ministry

Sunday School 11:00 AM

Friends Church 1:30 PM

Monday, August 12th

Tuesday, August 13th

Men's Bible Study 7:30 AM

Pastor's Office Hours 10 AM - 2PM

Tai Chi 10:30 PM

Consistory Meeting 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 14th

Thursday, August 15th

Boy Scout Meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, August 16th

Saturday, August 17th

Friends Church 3:00 PM

Sunday, August 18th

Worship Service 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM

Sunday School 11:00 AM

Friends Church 1:30 PM

A Pastoral Letter after El Paso and Dayton

Rev. Chad R. Abbott

Conference Minister, Indiana-Kentucky Conference

Here we are looking back on a week in our country that ended in deep violence at the hands of hatred and guns. There is still yet so much to be learned about what happened and why in both El Paso and Dayton, and yet there is enough known to move us towards prayer and action. The individual in El Paso, TX drove nearly 11 hours to a community that was not his own to admittedly attempt to commit a racially motivated crime. While mass shootings and their aftermath are complex, there is no room for racially motivated violence in our country and yet here we are. We have been here before and will likely be here again.

I do not have an answer for our ongoing challenge of mass shootings and violence. I believe the causes are vast, wide, and complex. However, I do not believe that any movement towards a more just world without violence will happen without addressing the hatred behind why a man would drive 11 hours to murder people he does not know. I am reminded of a quote I read recently from Thomas Merton. He says, "We will not save what we do not love. It is also true that we will neither love nor save what we do not experience as sacred." Church, we have a theological tradition that speaks to this very reality of seeing and experiencing all persons as being of sacred worth. We have language and liturgy for speaking to this in transformative ways. We all will share differing opinions on gun laws and how they interact with these outbursts of violence in our society. Additionally, we will differ on to what extent mental illness, video games, or Hollywood is to blame, if they are to be blamed at all. We should be addressing each of these issues of causation and more, but regardless of our opinions on these complexities, I hope we can agree with Merton that we will not save ourselves from hatred and gun violence until we can begin seeing the sacred in each other.

So...Church...What are the sermons we need to preach? What are the liturgies and rituals we need to write? What are the hymns that must be sung? What is the art that must be sculpted or painted? What are the essays and poetry that must be written to give voice to this sacred life that lives within every human being and for which never deserves violation by harm or hatred? I know many of you to be wise and discerning enough to create such a sacred expression and our world needs to see and hear it now more than ever. I look forward to hearing how you are engaging in creating a more just and safe world for all.

My prayers and the prayers of all of our staff in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference are with those impacted by such violence.

SAINTS OF LYNNHURST

Pastor Monica invites you to send her the name of the person (or people) you consider to be a **Saint of Lynnhurst who have completed their earthly lives**. Please write 2-3 sentences about this person and why they are a saint. She will share your thoughts in her sermon on **Sunday, August 18**. You can email them or hand them to her. Thank you.



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Scripture Readers

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

AUGUST

- 04 *Richard Sandage*
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

- 04
11
18
25

JULY ACOLYTE CAPTAIN

TBD

See Sharon Crosby to find out
who the Captain is.
See the captain if you'd like to
be an acolyte this month.

SOUTH LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY MINISTRIES PRESENTS

TASTE

OF SOUTH LOUISVILLE

AUGUST 17, 2019 | CHURCHILL
6:00 - 8:30PM | DOWNS

EARLY BIRD ENTRY FEE: \$40
AFTER AUGUST FIRST: \$50

The Seafood Lady
Vietnam Kitchen
Shack in the Back BBQ
Rubbies Southside Grill & Bar
Wagner's Pharmacy
Sunergos Coffee
Gumby's Catering
Walker's Exchange
Valley Dairy Freeze
Mark's Feed Store
Lady J's Lemonade
ValuMarket's Deli
Levy Restaurants
Mirabelle's Catering
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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!

SPECIAL MUSIC!

WE NEED MUSICIANS!

If you would like to sing or play an instrument for the Special Music time this summer, talk to Dawn and set up a date. All dates in August are open for you to consider.

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



MOLO VILLAGE PRESENTS

MOLO VILLAGE 9TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL AUGUST 9TH - 11TH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH
JAZZ AND FISH FRY NIGHT
WITH THE VT REVUE BAND
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TASTE OF SOUTH LOUISVILLE - RESERVED TABLES FOR LYNNHURST

Joyce Whalin has graciously reserved three tables for anyone from Lynn timer who wants to sit together at Taste of South Louisville on August 17th.

If you are going to the Taste Event (*you should be by the way*) and you want to sit with the Lynn timer group, please see Debbie Sandage and let her know by this Sunday so they can make sure there are the right amount of seats.

You can call Debbie at (502)262-1599 or see her at church on Sunday.

PAL YOUTH CENTER UPDATE!

Exciting News! This week we found out that we have received a \$5000 grant from Norton Healthcare to be put toward the PAL Program. YAY!

The Committee is going to begin the process of looking for a part time employee to assist Jo, the new Program Director.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August

Birthdays

- 08/01 Rick Ovington
- 08/08 Chris Brinke
- 08/14 Bobbie Entrican
- 08/28 Jim Maier

Anniversaries

- 08/25 Lynn & Phillip Fricke (50 Years)
- 08/25 Elizabeth & Jason Oglesby (18 Years)
- 08/25 Robert & Bobbie Entrican

UCC LEADERS CALL FOR ACTION TO END GUN VIOLENCE NOW

August 05, 2019

Written by **Connie Larkman**

After two mass murders in just over 13 hours that left 29 people dead and scores injured in Texas and Ohio, the President of the United States echoed the call that religious leaders and gun violence prevention advocates have been sounding for years: It's time for swift bipartisan action to address the national epidemic of gun violence.



United Church of Christ leaders think the U.S. needs to go a step further. They issued a call to action, urging churches and congregants to make gun violence prevention a prominent campaign issue – in addition to offering prayers for victims, their families and the communities of El Paso, Tex., and Dayton, Ohio, where the Aug. 3 and 4 shootings occurred.

"In one voice our nation must condemn racism, bigotry and white supremacy," President Donald Trump said from the White House Monday, Aug. 5. "These sinister ideologies must be defeated. Hate has no place in America. Hatred warps the mind, ravages the heart and devours the soul."

In his Monday remarks, Trump stopped short of advocating for gun control legislation, calling instead for the need to disrupt hate crimes and domestic terrorism. He blamed the violence on the internet, video games and mental illness. "First we must do a better job identifying and disrupting early warning signs. Stop the glorification of violence in our society. We must reform mental



health laws to better identify mentally disturbed individuals who may commit acts of violence. Get treatment, and when necessary, involuntary confinement," Trump continued. "Mental illness and hatred pull the trigger, not the gun."

Immediately after the weekend massacres, the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ spoke out against white supremacist rhetoric and said it's long past time that lawmakers focus on domestic terrorism and sensible gun control legislation.



"These shootings are utterly horrifying. America must stop thinking prayers for the victims alone will resolve this. Two things must happen. Responsible gun laws must pass through Congress. And the President must be censured when his rhetoric crosses the line of decency and incites violence," said the Rev. John C. Dorhauer.

News reports identified the shooter in El Paso as a white male acting on racially motivated extremism. He drove 10 hours from Allen to El Paso, opened fire at a Walmart and killed 20 people on Saturday. Little is known about the motivation of another white male who killed nine people in a Dayton entertainment district early Sunday.

Monday morning, Dorhauer said in addition to prayer for the victims, their families and our country, advocates need to keep going. Despite the "continued trauma of these tragedies on our nation's soul and psyche" people of faith need to keep after "legislators who still do not take any action, to even talk about any sensible gun control laws, they are so beholden to the NRA and the powerful gun lobby. We have to get out and vote and any lawmaker who refuses to even talk about responsible gun control, they can no longer serve in our name and on our behalf. We have to walk out into the streets and march until the arc of history continues to bend toward justice."

"In February of this year the House passed the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019 which would require checks on gun transfers between unlicensed dealers. It has languished in the Senate for months without a vote," said Sandy Sorensen, director of the UCC Washington, D.C. Office. "If there were the political will, Senate Majority Leader [Mitch] McConnell could call the vote today. We await the President's call to McConnell to hold the vote today. Prayers and platitudes are not enough."

The National Council of Churches, noting in a statement that "elected leaders are guilty of negligence and cowardice" and are "captives of the gun lobby," is asking the 100,000 local churches that comprise its member communions to contact elected officials and

demand actions that will renew the assault weapons ban.

"There is no reason for anyone to own assault weapons which were created for use in war. There is widespread public support for requiring licenses to own guns, for a ban on assault weapons, and for background checks. The only reason elected officials refuse to take action in the face of desires of the voters is because they fear the power of the gun lobby," said the Rev. Jim Winkler, NCC president and general secretary. "The combination of readily available weapons of mass destruction and a toxic white racist nationalist ideology is a recipe for disaster. If we cannot confront these two evils, far greater violence and social disruption awaits our nation."

Also awaiting Senate action is a host of additional gun violence prevention measures, including reversing prohibitions on funding for the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health for studying gun violence as a health and safety epidemic, and provisions in the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization – passed by the House and stalled in the Senate – that would provide critical protections for victims of stalking, dating violence and domestic violence. Lawmakers could also ban large capacity ammunition magazines and extreme risk prevention measures.

What can be done?

- UCC leaders are urging members to call on the Senate to act immediately on pending gun violence legislation.
- They are also urging voters to attend town halls and candidate appearances and ask the candidates what they plan to do to end gun violence. For instance, a strong bipartisan majority of the House of Representatives recently passed background checks for all gun sales. More than 90 percent of Americans consistently support universal background checks. Ask the candidates about their position on passing those background checks, and what action they are taking now to see that the bill is signed into law.

"We are not helpless in the face of this unrelenting violence," Sorensen said. "We can take meaningful bipartisan steps to reduce gun violence. From a faith perspective, it is nothing short of idolatry to put protecting guns ahead of protecting lives."

"I pledge I will contact religious leaders all over this country this week to see how we can bring our collective capacity together to make a difference," Dorhauer said. "May Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead so we could have our life, sustain us and give us the strength and the courage and the patience to see this through to the end."

Source: ucc.org

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