



Lynnhurst Ledger

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Church of Christ

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AROUND LYNNHURST

Sunday, January 6th Epiphany Sunday

Worship Service 9:30 AM

*Installation of 2019 Officers

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM

Sunday School 11:00 AM

Friends Church 1:30 PM

Monday, January 7th

PAL 2-5 PM

Dartball - Home 7:00 PM
(vs Shively Baptist)

Tuesday, January 8th

Men's Bible Study 7:30 AM

Pastor's Office Hours 10 AM-2 PM

PAL 2-5 PM

Pastoral Relations Committee 5:00 PM

Consistory Meeting 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 9th

PAL 2-5 PM

Thursday, January 10th

PAL 2-5 PM

Boy Scout Meeting 7-8 PM

Friday, January 11th

PAL 2-5 PM

Saturday, January 12th

Friends Church 3:00 PM

Sunday, January 13th

Worship Service 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM

Sunday School 11:00 AM

Friends Church 1:30 PM

A Message from the Pastor



Dear Sisters, Brothers and Friends in Christ,

I invite us to spend the next year focusing on church growth. Church growth is a ministry of the whole congregation. As we focus on growth I will be sharing some of my Doctor of Ministry project and my research on church growth in smaller congregations.

Traditional understandings of church growth focus primarily on increasing the number of members. I propose another way to look at church growth which focuses not on numerical growth but on an increase in spiritual energy that deepens the congregation's connection with God and responds to the needs of the people in its community. This definition redefines the goal of church growth as an increase in spiritual energy in the church that enlivens the congregation and the ministry they do together. Spiritual energy is the movement of God's Spirit that is obvious in the lives of individuals and in the congregation. When members experience spiritual energy in their church, they care about both the people in the congregation and the people in the wider community. The members of the faith community are excited about how they are growing as disciples and serving their neighbors. They are eager to share their faith stories and to invite people to be a part of what they are doing. They are living their faith in their daily lives and seeking ways to be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus Christ in their community.

I invite us to begin by focusing on one aspect of church growth-hospitality. Here is a FAST way to help guests feel welcome at Lynnhurst.

A FAST Way to Help GUESTS Feel Welcome

F - Friendly

- Stop what you are doing and focus on them
- Smile, smile, smile
- Make steady eye contact
- Introduce yourself, ask their name and then use their name as often as possible

A - Accurate

- Be prepared to receive them
- Know how to help them find their way quickly and easily
- Know where to take them - always walk with them instead of pointing
- Know information about ministries in the church - if they ask something you don't know, find out for them.

S - Sympathetic

- Be sensitive to guest's emotions
- Put yourself in their shoes - remember what it is like to walk in the doors for the first time
- Listen, really listen to their questions and concerns
- Go the second mile to meet their needs

T - Thankful

- Give them a welcome gift
- Thank them for being your guest
- Show them by your actions and attitude that it is an honor to welcome them

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Monica



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Friday, January 18th
8:30am - 5:00pm
Family and Children's Place
525 Zane Street
Louisville, KY 40203

To Register, or for questions,
please contact Tomy Baker at
tomybaker@famchildplace.org
or
502-855-6048.

Please join us for the
Installation of
Rev. Dr Monica Ouellette
As Pastor of
Lynnhurst UCC

Sunday, January 27th, 2019
3:00 pm
Lynnhurst Sanctuary
Reception to follow

Start 2019 out
on the right
foot! Clean out
your church
mailbox!



The mailboxes are overflowing so please
remember to clean out your mailbox and
start 2019 fresh and clean.

Around the 'Ville

For a full list of events, go to
www.louisvilleky.gov/events

Mindfulness & Money Choices

Wed, Jan 9th 10-11:30am
 Passionist Earth and Spirit Center
 1924 Newburg Rd 40205

Music w/o Borders: 1812 Overture

Thurs, Jan 17th @7:30pm
 Congregation Adath Jeshurun
 2401 Woodbourne Ave
 40205

After Hours at the Speed

Fri Jan 18th @ 5pm
 Speed Art Museum
 2035 S 3rd St 40208

Music w/o Borders: 1812 Overture

Fri, Jan 18th @7:30pm
 St Francis of the Fields
 6710 Wolf Pen Branch Rd
 40027

Intro to Pollinator Gardens

Sat, Jan 19th
 9:30am - 11:30am
 Wild Ones Louisville
 2504 Hillbrook Ct 40220

Peace Through Unity: An Interfaith Panel Event

Tues, Jan 22nd 6pm-8pm
 Louisville Islamic Center of Compassion
 4007 River Rd 40207

Fellowship Time Hosts/Hostesses



There is a sign up sheet for Fellowship Time on the Bulletin Board, please sign up.

NOTE: Fellowship time includes drinks **and snacks**.

January

06 Entrican
 13
 20
 27 Compton

Scripture Readers

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



January

06 Karen Compton
 13 Dawn McFarland
 20 Eva Warren
 27 Beverly Tiitsman

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

January 2019

Birthdays

01/05 Mike McConnell
 01/06 Lucille Craig
 01/10 Mark Bowling
 01/11 Kirby O'Bannon
 01/13 Nena Whitaker
 01/30 Nancy Shannon

Anniversaries

01/08 Dennis & Jennifer Kraha
 01/10 Michael & Sherry Spencer
 01/30 Jim & Cynthia McFarland

Where is the Child?

Matthew 2:1-12

January 6, 2019 - Epiphany

Herod has no good intentions for baby Jesus. He was not looking to buy him a blue bassinet or a tiny little catcher's mitt. No, Herod had a more diabolic plan. The Magi who had traveled all that way to find the baby under the tail of that great extraordinary star knew better. They knew he was an evil man with an evil intent. So, when the time came, as Matthew's Gospel tells us, those Magi went home by another way. Thus, they saved the baby Jesus. The Magi were wealthy and were a part of Herod's world of privilege. But they could escape Herod's reach, and chose another way in order to protect the child.

Clergy in the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ have chosen another way with respect to immigrant children housed in their state. They have joined with other faith leaders, lawmakers and attorneys to introduce legislation that would require state licensed facilities that house immigrant children on behalf of our federal government to report to the public regularly. Those reports would require an accounting of how many children each facility is housing. Currently, the facilities say that they are not required to report anything about what is happening to these

immigrant children. These are the children that have been forcibly removed from their parents, many of whose parents came here seeking asylum in the United States.

This coalition is hoping that other states and conferences will follow their example. The legislation is called "The Separated Children Accountability Response Act (SCAR). The gist of the Act would be to require state-contracted facilities to report every 15 days on numbers of children and on efforts to reunite children with their parents. This Legislation was introduced last summer at Judson Memorial Church (UCC affiliated) in New York City.

In Africa, among the mighty Masai warriors, the traditional greeting is to ask, "How are the children?" Even warriors without children ask that question of each other, and the traditional response is, "All the children are well." Thus, if there is time and attention and care for the children then life is good. We should all ask each other that question in order that all of us in all our churches might use the well-being of children as the test of how well we are doing as a society. The Magi knew that. The authors of this legislation know that. How are the children?



ANNOUNCING THE FIFTH ANNUAL LOVE THE HUNGRY EVENT

The Kentuckiana Association is planning a FIFTH food packing event to feed the hungry and send NUTRICIOUS FOOD PACKETS OVERSEAS!

We will make the 100,000 meals pack club at LOVE THE HUNGRY if successful in meeting our goal!

Date: Sunday March 3, 2019

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Location: 4209 Gardner View Avenue Site

Please gather together a team and **start fund raising.**

Each Team is 12 persons and \$500.00. You must send Team name and PAY the \$500.00 Donation by January 31, 2018.

Please Contact Kathryn Matheny at krmatheny78@gmail.com of Lynnhurst ASAP IF your church/youth group is planning on participating. There is a limit of 12 teams-related groups, boy scouts or other churches welcome and encouraged to meet this 12 Team goal. If you can sponsor whole or part of a team by a cash donation-THIS is needed. Please let us know!

Thank you and let's go for another great Kentuckiana Association Event!