



# Lynnhurst Ledger

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## AROUND LYNNHURST

### *Sunday, September 8th Faith Formation Sunday*

Worship Service	9:30 AM
Congregational Meeting	10:30 AM
Fellowship Time	10:30 AM
Confirmation Class	11:00 AM
Sunday School	11:00 AM
Friends Church	1:30 PM
Emoke, Inc Meeting	4:00 PM

### *Monday, September 9th*

### *Tuesday, September 10th*

Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM
Pastor's Office Hours	10 AM - 2PM
Tai Chi Class	10:30 AM
Consistory Meeting	6:30 PM

### *Wednesday, September 11th*

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

### *Thursday, September 12th*

Boy Scout Meeting	7:00 PM
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### *Friday, September 13th*

### *Saturday, September 14th*

Friends Church	3:00 PM
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### *Sunday, September 15th*

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

#### SIGN UP TODAY!

Go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards)

Register your Kroger Plus card online and link it to #LC935



## A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, FOR THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE DORIAN.

**D**ear Friends in Christ,  
On Sunday our confirmation class and mentors will meet together for the first time. Confirmation is an opportunity for youth to decide for themselves (to confirm) the promises that their parents or guardians made on their behalf at baptism. During the Rite of Confirmation the confirmands will be asked to affirm their baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ, and promise to grow in their Christian faith and further Christ's mission in the world.

We have two confirmands: Ryan Cardon and Savanah Bibbs. Each of our confirmands has been assigned a mentor. Ryan's mentor is Richard Sandage and Savannah's mentor is Susan Freepartner. The confirmands, mentors and I will meet after church in the choir room on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. One week will be a confirmation class with me and the other week will be a time for completing their Mentor Program. The Mentor Program has seven sessions (they need to complete six sessions). Each session includes a written assignment to be completed in their confirmation journal. They are also required to participate in six community service projects. In addition, they will lead worship with me in February and again in May.

On Pentecost, Sunday, May 31 we will confirm these two young adults. Once confirmed they are considered full members of Lynnhurst United Church of Christ with the same rights, responsibilities and voting privileges as our adult members.

Please welcome and encourage Savannah and Ryan – they are our next generation of church leaders. Also, please pray for them and their mentors.

Blessings on the journey,

*Pastor Monica*

#### NEW GRANDBABY!

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Monica's newest grand daughter, *Maelle Grace*, to the world! She was born Friday, September 6th. At around 11:45 AM. She weighs 5 lbs 14 oz and is 17.5 inches long.

Baby, momma, dad and brother, Lincoln, are doing great.

### 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

## Scripture Readers

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

### 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*

## NEW TAI CHI SESSION STARTS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th!

The class will again be  
from 10:30 am - Noon.  
No need to sign up, just  
come! Please join us  
for some fun, exercise  
and community.

## 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!

If you would like to come and need  
transportation, please call the office  
**(502)368-8446**  
so we can set it up.

## 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.



## SCOUT TROOP 209 POPCORN SALES IN FULL SWING!

Troop 209 popcorn sales for 2019 are underway! If you'd like to order popcorn, either see any of the scouts or contact Richard Sandage. There will be a product guide on the bulletin board.

This is a great way to support our Scout Troop and get some yummy treats too! Want to support but don't want the popcorn? Consider buying popcorn and taking it to the SLCM food pantry or donating it to the PAL Youth Center.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

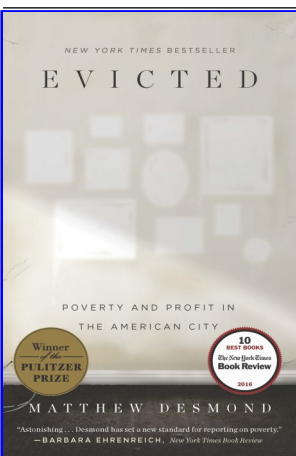
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### Birthdays

- 09/11 **Sam Gantner**
- 09/12 **Dana Whalin**
- 09/13 **Virginia Walter**
- 09/13 **Jim Jenkins**
- 09/14 **Tye McFarland**
- 09/15 **Willa Hines**
- 09/17 **Michael Spencer**

### Anniversaries

- 09/05 **Chet & Brenda  
Ovington (60 Years)**
- 09/17 **Vicki & Phillip  
Borders (20 Years)**
- 09/20 **Richard & Debbie  
Sandage (44 Years)**



## “EVICTED” BOOK STUDY AND DISCUSSION ON THE EVICITION PROBLEM IN LOUISVILLE

Kirby O'Bannon is putting together a group to read the book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. The group will read the book together and then discuss the eviction problem here in Louisville. Times and dates will be announced soon.

**We will be placing a bulk order through Amazon. The cost of the book is \$11.88. If you are interested, please let Sarah know. If you would like to order the book on your own, here is the link: <https://amzn.to/2MX3cxd>**

## CONFERENCE MINISTER CHAD ABBOTT TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON D.C. WITH THE COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE MINISTERS TO ADVOCATE HELPING MIGRANT FAMILIES; INVITES CONGREGATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

Dear Indiana-Kentucky Conference Members,

At the end of this month our Conference Minister, the Rev. Chad Abbott, will travel with his conference minister colleagues to our Washington D.C. offices to participate in two days of advocacy with policy makers from Indiana, Kentucky, and across the country. The spark for this area of focus is the ongoing crisis of the ways in which migrant families are treated through recent enacted policies by our government officials. The voice of the United Church of Christ matters and in these moments when there is a need for a prophetic voice and witness, the conference ministers of our denomination will engage in calling on the leaders of our country towards a vision of compassion for our immigrant neighbors. Abbott will join his colleagues in Washington D.C. on September 24–26, and is requesting that congregations that are passionate about using our voices for justice around migrant families consider writing letters to our political leaders from the districts in each of our states.

The information for offering letters is below and when Abbott meets with political leaders in Washington he would like to be able to hand deliver your letters in person if possible. Whether your church participates together in writing letters or whether you write them personally, the voice of our churches and faith leaders needs to be heard around this issue. Please consider writing a letter and raising your voice towards a more just and compassionate world for all. Keep our conference minister in your prayers as he travels and works with his colleagues to share the vision of welcome embodied in the Jesus we all worship and follow.

**Write a Letter to Congress Advocating to Help Migrant Families:** Each day brings a new attack on our immigrant neighbors and the scope and breadth of these challenges can be staggering. Congregations and communities across the country are asking what can be done to help the migrant families and children being held in immigrant detention. We see children sleeping on concrete floors, parents grieving after being cruelly separated from their children, overcrowding and lack of even basic humanitarian conditions in detention facilities. As the United Church of Christ we have declared ourselves to be an immigrant welcoming church, believing that love of our neighbor extends to welcoming each migrant—and that compassion should be at the root of how our nation treats migrants.

How we invest our money reflects our values as a nation, and right now those values are corrosive and harmful. This has got to stop. Congress should instead invest in policies that uplift family unity, address the root causes of forced migration, and prioritize human needs by respecting the rights and dignity of every person.

We actively urge congress to end family and child detention, family separation, and the funding of these immoral practices; and are asking that the United Church of Christ raise up their voices to make that happen. An important way to do that is by sending in letters to Members of Congress.

**Call to Action:** Join with us to write a letter to Congress. Let them know we stand strong in our belief that extending a welcome to migrants not only helps communities flourish but that it is living into a higher moral call. UCC Conference Ministers from across the country are headed to Washington D.C. this month to engage in advocacy on these issues and can hand deliver your letters to the offices they meet with.

You can also send in your letter personally; or use the Justice and Peace Action Network to send in an email here: <https://p2a.co/dXTfOSg>.

To look up your member of Congress visit: <https://p2a.co/Nmw4YqN>.

This type of advocacy can be done by anyone, at any age. Letters can include drawings from children, personal stories, art and/or thoughts on what home and welcome mean.

**The deadline for these letters is September 20th.**

Along with our conference ministers, your letters might faithfully urge our leaders to:

- Reject increases in detention, deportation and border militarization funding.
- Commit to strong and meaningful oversight of DHS policies and practices.
- Earnestly seek more compassionate and humane alternatives to detention.

If you're unsure what to write, you might borrow this sample letter text:

*I am writing as a constituent and person of faith and am continually saddened and troubled by the administrations ongoing attacks on our immigrant neighbors. As you work on funding legislation I ask that you no longer fund the crass immigration and deportation policies being implemented now and instead invest in programs that uplift family unity, address the root causes of forced migration, and prioritize human needs by respecting the rights and dignity of every person.*

Send in your letter in one of three ways: Email your letter directly to our Conference Minister, the Rev. Chad Abbott at [c.abbott@ikcucc.org](mailto:c.abbott@ikcucc.org). Mail your letter directly to the Indiana-Kentucky Conference office at

**Indiana-Kentucky Conference c/o Rev. Chad Abbott  
1100 W. 42nd Street Suite 155 Indianapolis, IN 46208**

## LOUISVILLE'S EVICTION RATE IS BEING IGNORED AS LANDLORDS BECOME MORE AGGRESSIVE

Source: [Courier Journal](#)

Date: July 10, 2019

Written By: Josh Poe, Opinion contributor

The eviction rate in Louisville is double the national average.

Following a 2018 report on evictions by the [Eviction Lab at Princeton University](#), the director of Develop Louisville stated that evictions were something that had “just now come to light.” Meaning that the issue had not been important enough to merit much attention until Princeton shed light on it.

In the midst of a housing crisis, the Louisville Metro Housing Authority is replacing nearly 800 units with 629 units at the Beecher Terrace public housing site. At least one-third of these units will be market rate. Although the mayor has promised a “lifetime guarantee” that residents will be able to return, the math does not add up. The “one-for-one replacement” touted by the housing authority does not mean on-site replacement. It means that a replacement public housing unit will exist somewhere in Jefferson County.

Residents then face the choice of scattered site public housing, accepting a Housing Choice Voucher (commonly called Section 8) or opting into unsubsidized market rate housing. Anywhere between 1,300 and 2,000 people lived in Beecher Terrace. These residents are now forced into an affordable housing market that is undersupplied by over 60,000 units.

An average of 14 people are evicted per day in Louisville. As rents increase, landlords often rely on more aggressive tactics to evict tenants and find new ones who will pay higher rents. But far too often we reduce impacted people to data points in hopes of exposing failed policy. Here is the story of one of those evictions.

Shemaeka Shaw grew up in Louisville and moved out of her parents' house after high school in 1999. She then began renting in western Louisville. Prior to 2016, she had never experienced an arrest or an eviction. After she reported to the housing authority that her landlord had sexually assaulted her, the landlord evicted her for nonpayment of rent. Even with evidence that the landlord accepted her rent payment, she was evicted.

Despite having a mediation agreement where she was given 30 days to vacate her property, the landlord arrived with Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Handy to evict her before time was up. She alleged she was physically assaulted by Handy when she tried to explain the 30 days' notice. She was removed from her home and charged with resisting arrest and criminal trespassing.

Shaw was acquitted on both charges, primarily because Handy's history of lying under oath was exposed. Three convictions in murder cases in which he was the lead detective have been overturned. He now faces charges of perjury and tampering with evidence.

Meanwhile, the sheriff's office said an internal affairs investigation cleared (the now retired) Handy in Shaw's arrest.

Shaw had to go to the hospital for the injuries suffered during the arrest after she was released from jail. She sued, her

lawsuit was dismissed and she is now appealing the dismissal to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. In the eviction, she lost most of her possessions, her photos, her television, her bedroom set, her car and her security deposit. She was homeless for the next eight months.

Her eviction was a sign of a systemic pattern of the police's role in forced displacement.

In 2018, a [Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) audit of Section 8 units in Louisville found violations in 97% of the homes inspected (898 homes). These homes all received passing grades in local housing authority inspections. In January 2017, Shaw moved into one of these Section 8 houses in the Chickasaw neighborhood that had failed four inspections for exposed wiring. The house caught fire in April 2018, and she lost everything once again.

Shaw then moved to a unit in the California neighborhood owned by Neighborhood Rehabilitation LLC. Her new home also housed mold and mildew, the windows were nailed shut and the property had already failed two inspections.

These issues are commonplace with landlords that own multiple properties. Shaw began making requests for improvement with the housing authority. In March 2019, her landlord filed for eviction for nonpayment. Her rent payments were current. Was this retaliation for requesting property maintenance?

In May 2019, she was evicted a second time. While removing items from her home, she was arrested and accused of second degree burglary. After spending six days in jail, she was released after [the Bail Project](#) posted her bond. Once again, she lost most of her property and is now facing a felony charge of burglarizing her own home.

This experience has been a nightmare for her and her children. Housing insecurity is a public health issue, and she has multiple health problems related to these evictions. But Shemaeka Shaw does not need prayers, sympathy, a renter-education program, a landlord-incentive program or a financial-literacy class. She needs policies that protect her and her community from an oppressive and predatory process.

In developing those policies, she needs to be at the head of the table in identifying solutions. Directly impacted people are the subject matter experts through their own personal exploration and investigation, born of necessity and survival.

Truth is often derived from the lived experience of those directly affected. How many directly impacted people are on the boards of nonprofits in Louisville? How many policymakers share experiences and circumstances with the people they serve? The voices of those impacted should be centered in conversations about how to dismantle the past and future impacts of systems of oppression.

*Shemaeka Shaw is the director of Broken-Hearted Homes.*