

This past Friday our Bishop shared a statement in response to recent violent events in our nation. I was equal parts moved and challenged by his words and thought that you might be as well.

Blessings,

Chris

Missouri Conference of The United Methodist Church Statement Regarding Culture of Violence

In the aftermath of the horrific mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, I call upon United Methodists in Missouri to help end a culture of violence fueled by white supremacy, racism, xenophobia and fear of the “other.”

These recent events remind us of other similar horrors in our country. Underneath much of the mass violence we are hearing about is a culture of white supremacy and a fear of immigrants (xenophobia). These are expressions of our sinful nature and deny the image of God that is in every person (Gen. 1).

But I also want to call us to attend to home-grown cycles of violence. Missouri has seen its share of violence in recent days. Last weekend, 25-year-old bystander Erin Langhofer was shot and killed after a fight broke out at First Fridays in Kansas City. She is the daughter of Church of Resurrection Recovery Ministries Pastor, Rev. Tom Langhofer. There have been 127 homicides in the Kansas City metro area in 2019. Six of the victims were children, 16 years of age or younger. St. Louis’s murder count is at least 115 for the year with 15 of those victims under the age of 19.

On this fifth anniversary of the Michael Brown, Jr. shooting, as complicated and heartbreaking as that was, we can no longer deny that much of the violence in our community results from racism. For Missouri United Methodists, addressing our own racism is important work and work that we will likely never complete. It is not enough to be non-racist. For those of us who are white people who follow Jesus Christ, we are called to be **anti**-racist. As Methodists, we are people of action and of spirit born out of Jesus’ teaching to love our neighbors. The Church must take a stand and demonstrate to the world how to love our neighbors in a culture of exponential change and growing alienation and isolation.

I invite you to look around and ask yourself, “do I see people in my community who are isolated, who appear lonely, who are on the fringes of our society?” Explore some of the resources available to you through the Missouri Conference. I invite you to read *White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. I find it uncomfortable and valuable. Get out into your communities, pray for your civic leaders and start building relationships with those who think and act differently than you. Extend invitations to be in relationship with those on the margins. Be in conversation in your local church about the lingering sin of racism in this country. Learn what you can do locally to bring about the change we all want for our world – regardless of your political affiliation. Always remember that God desperately loves you. And, God desperately loves the world. Disciples of Jesus Christ are called to be a bridge between the two.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Robert D. Farr

August/September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11 Services 8 & 10:00 Women's Group 5:30-7 Walk at Mason School 7:00 pm	12	13 Association Meeting 7:30	14 Yoga 6:15	15	16	17
18 Services 8 & 10:00 am	19	20	21 Be an Angel 10 am Yoga 6:15	22 Hillcrest Gala 6:00 pm	23	24
25 Services 8 & 10:00 am Nomination Team 6:30 pm	26	27	28 Yoga 6:15	29	30	31
1 Services 8 & 10:00 am Donate Festival Of Sharing	2	3	4 S/PPRC Meeting 7:30 Women's Small Group 7:15	5 Men's Small Group 7pm	6	7 Recycling Extravaganza 9:00 am

2019 RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Lake Lotawana Community United Methodist Church
Gate 1 and Colbern Road

SAT SEPT 7th 9:00 AM - Noon

Electronics - Clothing - Household Goods & MORE

Visit our website: llcumc.org for complete list

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Alice Fuerst



GOT UNWANTED ELECTRONICS?

Bring them to the **Recycling Extravaganza** SAT Sept 7th 9AM to Noon
Lake Lotawana Community United Methodist Church - Gate 1 & Colbern Road

CASH FEES: \$20 each TV/CRT monitor \$10 each Printer

ALL other accepted items FREE
For a complete list visit llcumc.org



Time to clear out the clutter!

UNLOCKING REVELATION

A MEN'S SMALL GROUP
STUDY BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 5

CONTACT CHRIS
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FOR MORE INFO



Women's Small Group to Begin a
NEW Study Wednesday, September 4

@ 7:15 P.M.



Busyness drains our souls and harms our bodies. When you don't have a moment to be still, how can the still, small voice of God's wisdom and love speak into your life?

Shauna Niequist was in a season of extreme busyness that finally broke her enough to become desperate for change. In *Present Over Perfect*, Shauna shares what she's learned in her journey toward slower living, which has become more abundant, fruitful living. Come alongside to rest, play, and recreate. What you'll find there satisfies more than you can imagine.

Contact Sara Snyder at sstephenson.snyder@gmail.com OR text to 417-343-1124 to sign up!

You can also order online here: [Present Over Perfect](#), book



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Through **Festival of Sharing**, various Christian denominations and non-profit organizations have joined forces to respond to poverty, hunger and injustice throughout the world by providing funding and resource goods. In 2018, 89 agencies serving 54,000 people were the recipients of the Missouri Sharefest. This year you can participate in two ways:

1. Donate used prescription eyeglasses and reading glasses for the Merida Foundation to distribute to the Mayan community. These will also be collected at our Recycling Event Sept 7th.
2. We will also be assembling Missouri Personal Hygiene Packs. You can make a monetary contribution that will be used to purchase items in bulk and a team will assemble the Missouri Personal Hygiene Packs. **Or** you can purchase the specified items yourself and put together a pack. The estimated value of each pack is \$20 and they will be distributed in all areas of Missouri. There is a "sample" kit and a specific list by the Connections area in the church lobby. The kits include (1) 6oz or more fluoride toothpaste, (1) toothbrush in original packaging, (1) bath size bar of soap in pkg, (1) 8-14 oz skin lotion, (1) 11-14 oz shampoo, (1) deodorant, (1) comb or brush, (2) razors, (1) wash cloth and (1) hand towel. If you choose to make a donation, in the check memo or on your giving envelope, please indicate **"Hygiene Kits"**.

September 1st will be the last day we will be collecting donations or kits.

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