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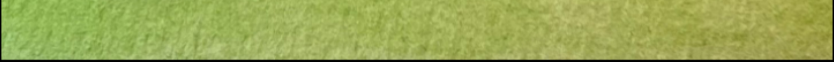

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Worship With Us this Sunday, July 6

Worship with us at 10am this Sunday! Join us here at PUCC or on YouTube Live here (@parkwayuccstl)... or participate later on YouTube
or find a link on our Facebook page – **parkwayunitedchurchofchrist**.
[Click here for a short video highlighting the steps for how to watch the Worship Service through YouTube.]

Our scriptures come from the early church, the psalms and the gospels this Sunday.

Galatians 6:1-10 reminds us to keep connected with one another and to stay gentle and committed to the common good. It also gives us the infamous ‘you reap what you sow’.

Psalm 30 expresses gratitude to God for the ways we are cared for - so we can rest assured.

Luke 10:1-11 and 16 sends us out, along with the ones Jesus is sending in this passage, to work for peace with trust. Jesus equips us to serve in the world today even if we are ‘in the midst of wolves’ from time to time.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month is officially behind us, yet we continue to be an Open & Affirming Congregation that takes our commitment to inclusion very seriously... therefore we will celebrate Pride Sunday this weekend.

Our ONA Spirit is about more than just how deep and wide we welcome. It is also about being family one to another once people land here. Thank you for helping to create such an authentic and kind congregation where we can work together for peace, justice and joy inside and outside these walls.

Worship bulletin **here**!

Songs include: *You Are Welcome Here; Draw the Circle Wide; Spirit of the Living God; Jesus Loves the Little Children; In This Place; Make Me A Servant; Come Share the Lord; Dream God’s Dream*

We will celebrate the sacrament of communion at our open table. All are invited to receive this simple sacred meal. If you are with us remotely, please consider having some bread, crackers, wine, grape juice handy.

It's Give-A-Meal Sunday. Please bring gifts of non-perishable food items and/or personal care items for our neighbors in the city and county who need some help. Not sure what to purchase? How about choosing from Isaiah 58’s suggestions for July: oatmeal, canned fruit, seasoning/spices, kid-friendly foods since school is out; toilet paper; dish soap.

First Sunday Choir! Please come at 9am to learn a song we will sing during the worship service. All ages welcome! Questions? Contact amy@parkwayucc.org July’s song is *In This Place* – perfect for a communion Sunday.

It's Becca's Last Day! This Sunday will be Becca's last day as our Nursery Childcare Provider! We'll wish her well during worship and celebrate her service to the church for the years she has been a blessing here.
(Prayers continue for Becca and Justin as they will become first-time parents in September!)

Worship Serving Opportunities

Worship is made possible with our wonderful volunteers!
Contribute flowers for worship service - click **here**
Sign up to be a lay reader or provide refreshments after worship - click **here**
Consider joining a Sunday Serving Group - click **here**
Contact Gabriel in the office at 314-872-9330 ext. 101 for assistance

🔍NURSERY HIRING NOTICE🔍

While it is our PUCC practice not to hire church members as staff, please feel free to pass this job posting along to others:

We're hiring two Childcare Providers!
Parkway UCC, a progressive, joyful and social justice minded congregation, is looking for warm, responsible, and energetic Childcare Providers on Sunday mornings from 8:50am–12:20pm. We offer childcare for our little ones (ages 0–3) during 10am worship and support families of children through 5th grade so they can fully participate in the life of the church before and after worship.
Must be 18+, experienced with children, CPR certified (or willing to be), and able to pass a background check.
Please submit a **cover letter** and **resume** to **employment@parkwayucc.org** by **July 15**

Nursery Sunday Hours

Besides during worship, the Nursery is also open before worship from **9:00–10:00am** and after worship from **11:15am–12:15pm** *(*on Sundays when we have a Speaker Series or other need for extended care) for infants and kids through 5th grade. There will be a Speaker Series event this Sunday, so if you're a parent, the nursery will be open for your kids if you want to attend that. We got you covered!

For more info, please contact me at gabriel@parkwayucc.org

Prayer List Updates as of July 4

Nate Jones Goldstein - outgrown his PVCs and now has a normal heart rhythm; medication free for a couple weeks now with no problems.
Ellie Svenson – transitioning to *Mason Pointe* - 13190 South Outer Forty Rd, #2213, Town and Country, MO 63017; 314-323-7194
Carlene Buenger - home from rehab, making strides (Connors).
Rev Mark Boyea (Sanibel UCC) - doing well after cancer tx (Svenson)
Independence Day! https://youtu.be/WvOZs3g3qlo
Kari and Keith Borgmann – as they grieve/give thanks for her mother.
Mona Herberg & Family - grieving/giving thanks for her brother Kurt
Bill and Kathy Hilgeman - his medical challenges; her new knee 7-10.
Ben McDougall - healing after recent surgery.
Rick - undergoing multiples treatments for cancer (Laura Waite's dad).
Elaine - cancer treatment starting mid-July (Melanie Muchnick's mom).
Ongoing chaos and grief in the Middle East.
The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.
Our StL neighbors after the tornado in May.

Drivers Needed

From time to time, PUCCers are in need of rides to medical appts when their usual circle of support is unavailable. Some in our church family also need help getting to worship. Please let kevin@parkwayucc.org know you are willing to help. You will be added to the list of potential drivers and will receive an email once we have a request for a ride.

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PUCC Announcements

Quick Updates

ALS Walk – A Recap Thanks to all the walkers, donors and prayers! We raised $3,500 for ALS research with our ‘Loving the Penicos and Eifferts’ Team at the ‘Walk to Defeat ALS St Louis’ in Forest Park last weekend.

The PUCC Adventurers will not have an outing in July but will resume outings in August. Stay tuned for details.

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SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am
"Our St. Louis German Heritage," by Historian Christian Naffziger.
Sunday, July 13 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Christian Naffziger is a researcher in the St. Louis archives of the Recorder of Deeds. For the last fifteen years, he has turned his scholarly research to the study of the history and environment of the city of St. Louis, and the Midwest, with a particular interest in the development of the German immigrants that came to America. Christian will explore with us how German culture has made a lasting impact on the city and different aspects of German-American life in St. Louis, including churches like Parkway, industries, buildings and people.

"Artificial Intelligence ("AI") Defined and Demystified," by Richard Losciale.
Sunday, July 20 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Richard Losciale, a Certified Senior Advisor, will present an enlightening journey into the expansive realm of AI. In his immersive class, Richard will explore AI's fundamental principles, mechanisms, and its vast potential for the future. Prepare for a comprehensive exploration of the rapidly evolving world of AI and its multifaceted effects on our future. Any questions or comments about programming, please visit with Richard Scherrer; any complaints, take it up with a member of his staff.

For questions, kindly contact Richard Scherrer at 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Showing of *Sally*

Sunday, July 13 | 6:15pm | Heritage Room

The ONA Team presents a showing of the documentary, *Sally*. The film from National Geographic tells the story of Sally Ride, the first American woman to blast off into space. But beneath her unflappable composure, she carried a secret. Revealing the romance and sacrifices of their 27 years together, Sally's life partner, Tam O'Shaughnessy, tells the full story of this complicated and iconic astronaut for the first time. We close out our Pride observance for 2025 with this award-winning documentary. Popcorn and other snacks will be part of the fun, so come with a friend (or two)! For more info contact Debbie Reinhardt at deborahreinhardt@att.net

PUCC Youth Mission Week 2025 – Saint Louis, Here We Come!

July 20–24 | 🕊️ Local. Impactful. Life-Changing.

PUCC Night at the Cardinals

Thursday, July 24 | 6:45pm | Busch Stadium

Join Us for a Cardinals Game! As a fun endcap to our Youth Mission Experience week,

God is doing a new thing—and you're invited to be part of it!
We're serving our **city, community, and church** through hands-on projects, powerful speakers, and meaningful fun. Here's a quick rundown for the week will go:

- ⛪ **Sunday, July 20** - Be commissioned in worship, go grocery shopping, Habitat for Humanity tour, sleepover at church
- 🦅 **Monday, July 21** - World Bird Sanctuary, nature walk at Powder Valley and nature drive through Lone Elk Park
- 🌽 **Tuesday, July 22** - Circle of Concern, Saint Louis Area Foodbank, Romeo & Zooliet, sleepover at church
- 🏳️‍🌈 **Wednesday, July 23** - STL Metro Umbrella Group, Emmaus Homes
- ⚾ **Thursday, July 24** - Unleashing Potential, Isaiah 58, **Ends with PUCC Night at Cardinals Game!**

Questions? Email gabriel@parkwayucc.org
ADULTS – WE NEED YOU TOO! Want to help or chaperone? Let us know!
Let's make this a week to remember. 💪

we're inviting the congregation to join us for a FREE St. Louis Cardinals game vs. the San Diego Padres on Wednesday, July 24! Come cheer on the Cardinals, share fellowship, and celebrate the incredible work our youth have done. There are some tickets left, so click here to reserve yours! Let's play ball together! *(note: if you're a part of the youth mission experience and you've already confirmed with Gabriel that you or your kids are going, you don't need to get another ticket.)*

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Adventurous Women Out Late

Adventurous Women Out Late 2025
Come build relationships with other PUCCers in the New Year.
We are building our calendar for the summer and fall. Ideas? Just send me what you'd like to do! ~ Carmen Bumgarner cfbum@charter.net

Saturday, July 26: A New Expression of Pride & Prejudice: A Musical at the Kirkwood Theater. Join us for AUSTEN'S PRIDE! Jane Austen's most beloved tale is reimagined when the esteemed author begins her own journey of self-discovery. As the stormy romance between Elizabeth Bennet and Fitzwilliam Darcy unfolds in a fresh narrative, Austen gains new insights into both her creations and her own identity. AUSTEN'S PRIDE presents Pride and Prejudice as never before, blending wit and wisdom with a gorgeous original score that whisks audiences away to an era rich with passion and longing. Click here to register. Cost is $48. There are 10 tickets -- we can see about getting more as needed.

Question? Contact Carmen Bumgarner at cfbum@charter.net

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Recurring PUCC Events

Tuesday Evening Dialogue—Off for Summer

TED will be on summer break starting July 1. Most likely we will be back on schedule on August 12. For questions, please contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net.

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue
1st & 3rd Tuesday | 1:45pm fellowship | 2:00-3:00pm discussion
Zoom Link (312) 626-6799; Meeting ID: 836 7061 7428; Passcode: 480007

Please join us on Zoom **July 1 and July 15** for discussion of the book *That Librarian: The Fight Against Book Banning in America*. At each meeting we'll gather at 1:45 on Zoom to check in with each other and get to know each other better, and then discuss the book in thirds, one third of the book at each meeting. Read more here.

For more info, please contact Jackie Eiffert jeiffert2@gmail.com

Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with someone

Tuesday, July 29 | 6-8pm | New Sanctuary

Drop-in Prayer Time. Kevin will be in the Prayer Corner in the Sanctuary. Come on by if you'd like to pray together.
If you see someone else there, simply wait a bit in the Gathering Space.

Upcoming dates:
Sat, Aug 16 from 7-9am;
Mon, Sept 22 from 4-6pm

We can arrange a phone call or Zoom for another time if you'd like. Just reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Wed, July 16 | 10am | Panera on Manchester Rd, Des Peres

Join us for a beverage and sweet treat. Come connect! No need to RSVP - just show up!

Upcoming dates:
Fri, Aug 22 at 2pm;
Wed, Sept 24 at 2pm

Questions? Contact kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

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Other PUCC News Around the Bend

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EQUALITY IN MISSOURI

Write a Thank You note to PROMO Missouri

Sunday, July 6 | 11:15am | Gathering Space

PROMO Missouri, the statewide LGBTQ+ public policy and advocacy organization, was successful in this year's Jefferson City legislative session to defeat 68 out of 72 harmful bills that target queer Missourians, especially trans folk. In June, the organization held deep canvassing weekends in St. Louis and Springfield around the topic of government control over healthcare for trans youth – Parkway UCC hosted the training for our area's canvassing. Let's let these equality champions know our ONA congregation sees them and appreciates their work!

For more info, contact Debbie Reinhardt at

Parkway UCC ONA-Related Groups

These are difficult times in our state and country for LGBTQIA2S+ — especially for transgender — citizens. Maybe you've said to yourself, "I wish there was something I could do to help." Well, there is something.

There are two groups offered at Parkway UCC to connect members who are interested in advocating for LGBTQ+ people. The first is the **Mission Ongoing—ONA Open and Affirming Group**. Members of this group will receive updates on legislation pertaining to LGBTQ+ Missourians and related actionable items, notices of meetings (virtual or in-person) happening around the area, news updates from transgender journalist and writers, and other resources. This group is intended to help organize PUCC deborahreinhardt@att.net

advocates. Learn more here.

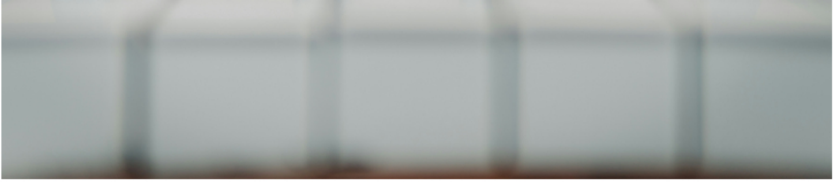
The second group is the **LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance**. It includes representatives from 30 faith traditions across the St. Louis metropolitan area and meets monthly in-person or virtually. Learn more here.

For more information, contact Deb Reinhardt
deborahreinhardt@att.net

Habitat
for Humanity®
Saint Louis

SAVE THE DATE: Habitat for Humanity Project
Saturday, July 12 | 7:45am-3:30pm | Metro Saint Louis

Parkway UCC is doing our annual Habitat for Humanity housing building project on Saturday, July 12. Help build a home for a family who would not be able to purchase one otherwise. Clients purchase the home. This is not a giveaway. Click here to register. Donate to the STL Habitat for Humanity here. For more info, contact Tom McKenzie at mckenzie1947@att.net



OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

As we continue to develop our partnership with Amy Freeman as our organist/pianist, we’re seeking more people to be a part of our music program. We’re looking for individuals willing to sing a solo, duet, trio or to sing with a group and/or to sing with the First Sunday Choir each first Sunday of the month at 9am. We’re also gathering names of instrumentalists who’d share their talents in worship, and those interested in joining a hand chime choir. Please reach out to amy@parkwayucc.org today.

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Community Happenings

Glenn Svetnicka

Missouri Mid-South Conference eCourier - June 29 here (video above)

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OPEN AND AFFIRMING COALITION

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2025 Open and Affirming National Gathering

July 9, 2025 @ 12:00PM — July 10, 2025 @ 7:00PM

Kansas City Downtown Marriott: 200 W 12th St KCMO, MO 64105

The 2025 National Gathering is a call to affirm faith, build resilience, and celebrate progress in the face of escalating attacks on LGBTQ+ rights, uniting communities to worship, organize, and fight for justice.

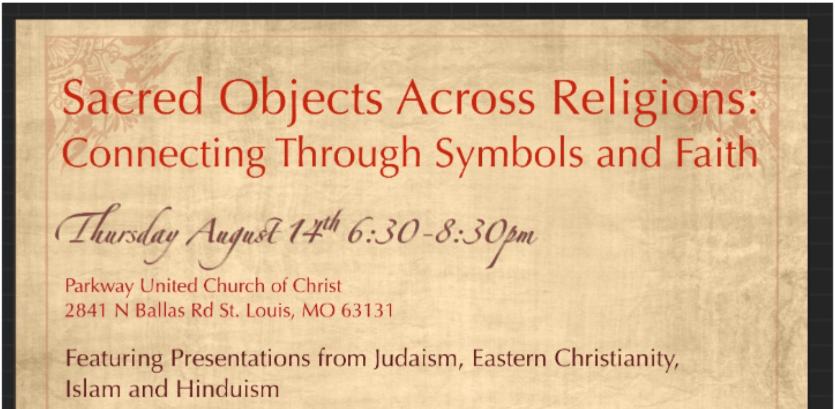
Read more and register **here**

Isaiah 58 MINISTRIES Cares

Summer Opportunity with Isaiah 58 Back to School Fair
Saturday, July 26 | 10am-12:30pm | 2149 S. Grand Blvd, Saint Louis, MO 63104

Adults and youth are invited to host activities for children and youth for the Isaiah 58 Back to School Fair. Bring your own activity or use one from the Fair organizers. Students look forward to this day of fun and receive a backpack with gifts of school supplies for the upcoming school year 2025. Help make this day memorable for students in our neighborhoods. Click [here]() to register for free!

For more info, email Evelyn Buretta at burettaevelyn@gmail.com



Sacred Objects Across Religions: Connecting Through Symbols and Faith

Thursday August 14th 6:30-8:30pm

Parkway United Church of Christ
2841 N Ballas Rd St. Louis, MO 63131

Featuring Presentations from Judaism, Eastern Christianity, Islam and Hinduism

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Christian Education Updates

Gabriel Away at General Synod 'Digging Deep'
Gabriel Requadt is going to General Synod 35 - our UCC's biennial meeting! He will be gone July 11-15 in Kansas City, but need you not worry. You will have your Christian Ed Director & Administrative Support back in the office by July 16, filled with the Spirit! Wish him well as he represents our church.

CEnews Link
You can find the July 3 Christian Education Newsletter **here!** If you'd like to be included in the CEnews mailing list, please just contact **gabriel@parkwayucc.org**

Join the Sunday School Ministry Team
We're looking for two volunteers to help teach Sunday School in 2025! If you enjoy working with kids and youth, this is a great way to serve—low commitment, just one or two Sundays a month.

Interested? Contact Gabriel Requadt, Director of Christian Education, at **gabriel@parkwayucc.org** or 314-872-9330 x101.

Rainbow Camp at DuBois Center
Summer Camp Registration is OPEN! In the Summer of 2025, they'll be offering a variety of sessions for campers age 5-18. They're excited to welcome you back, or for the first time! For more info and to register, click **here**.

DuBois Center, the Camp and Retreat Center of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ, is located on 330 scenic acres in Southern Illinois. With lakes, meadows, and forest trails, it offers a welcoming retreat for all ages. Home to one of the region's longest-running equestrian programs, the center has introduced generations to horseback riding and outdoor exploration. Operating since 1965, DuBois Center now hosts third- and fourth-generation campers, continuing a rich legacy of connection to nature.

Dedicated to equity and inclusion, DuBois Center welcomes individuals of all ages, genders, races, and faith backgrounds. While rooted in the United Church of Christ, the center embraces all who seek a meaningful camp experience.

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Something to Ponder

Poem based on *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*

By **Maren Tirabassi** on July 3, 2025

Beautiful are spacious skies,
but not just Wyoming and South Dakota,
where open seems to go on forever.
Beautiful are dark Maine forests,
Detroit streets and Carlsbad caverns.

Beautiful are amber grains,
and also the indigo waves of the Pacific,
purple mountains, urban canyons,
and Mississippi delta, too.

Beautiful are fruited places --

Washington apples and Georgia peaches
Texas grapefruit, Finger Lake grapes
and the hands who pick that fruit.

Beautiful are the pilgrim feet
of Plymouth Rock and Ellis Island.

More lovely are those feet when they stand
humble before Trail of Tears feet,
the feet of those brought here in chains,
feet blistered crossing the desert,
feet in ankle bracelets of ICE.

Beautiful are heroes of so many wars,
those who gave their lives,
and families who gave their loves.

Beautiful are others who came back
troubled in their hearts,
or with nightmares and missing limbs,
who need more than twice-a-year parades
resources for a peace-time life.

Beautiful are heroes of many kinds --
who fight fires, police streets, guard coasts,
ride the ambulances.
Beautiful are emergency-room staff,
social workers and addiction counselors,
the Navajo poet on the reservation,
the boxing coach in the Bronx.

America, called beautiful, diversity’s your pride.
Let justice bless, compassion sing,
and not one of the I-have-a-dreams
of even one of your children ... ever be denied.

Video

Love Has No Labels, We Are America!
The numbers have changed in the years since this was created, but it gets us in touch with a profound truth.

I have shared this previously on Independence Weekend because we haven’t quite reached this dream yet. Let’s continue to make strides in 2025!

https://youtu.be/s4lQXC9Lf5Q

Jokes

What's red, white, blue, and green? *A seasick Uncle Sam.*

What's the best drink on the 4th of July? *Liber-tea.*

What did the parrot want for the 4th of July? *A fire-cracker.*

Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell? *Well, it cracked me up.*

What do dogs do on the night of 4th July? *They go to the bone-fire*.

Questions of the Week

What do you want more of in your life?

What do you want less of in your life?

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Taking Care of Business

Please use the form at https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/pucc/forms/13 for all announcements for our media. Best practice can be to type your details in a Word document and then copy those details into the form. Bulletin and eNews deadline: noon

Monday. You should receive a confirmation email when you have successfully submitted your request.

Livestream Worship services at PUCC YouTube Channel HERE

There is also a subscribe button under the main heading and brief description of our church. Thank you! Questions? Please contact barbharris@charter.net or cynthianouri@gmail.com

PUCC GOOGLE REVIEW

Love our church? Want people to know how great it is and how welcome they would be here? Help spread the word by writing a Google review.

Here's how to submit your review:
1. Make sure you are logged in to your Google account. You can do this on the upper right-hand side of the page.
2. Do a Google search for Parkway United Church of Christ. Among the search results should be a separate listing for PUCC on the right side of the page. Look down this section to find and click on the “Write a Review” button.
3. You will be prompted to rate PUCC and write a review. You can add photos of PUCC if you'd like though this is optional. When finished, simply click the “post” or “submit” button.

DOWNLOAD OUR NEW PUCC APP TODAY!

For Android, click here!
For Apple, click here!

Parkway UCC's App is a robust tool that helps us connect and communicate easily. One Church is a gamechanger that will help us to be more vital. Click here to see the instructions for downloading the app.

Our online member directory is a feature many of you have been waiting for! We take your privacy seriously. The directory is accessible only to PUCC members and staff who use their password to login.

We have also begun using our new front door keypad installed on the brick wall to the right of the doors by our Safety Team. Please select your own unique 4-digit code and send it to **gabriel@parkwayucc.org** so we can load it into the keypad and troubleshoot as needed.

We are happy to help you with anything and everything One Church – including taking your profile photo on Sunday mornings!

One Church Support
Join us with your phone, tablet or laptop as our One Church Team offers support, shortcuts and strategies to make your experience with our software and app more fruitful and enjoyable. People with all levels of experience with One Church are welcome to stop by the large bulletin board in the Gathering Space before or after worship this Sunday. Cindy will be there!
Questions? Please reach out to:
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Barb Harris barbharris@charter.net
Gabriel Requadt gabriel@Parkwayucc.org

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St. Louis, MO 63131

We appreciate your submissions of jokes, quotes, photos, videos, weekly opportunities, scriptures that are important to you, hymn/song suggestions, poetry, etc. We would love to hear from you: contact@parkwayucc.org

PUCC eNews is published weekly in order to broadcast Parkway UCC events and happenings - and items of interest to the Parkway UCC community of faith. Please submit all communications requests, by noon Monday.

Staff Configuration and Hours:
Gabriel is in the main office from 8:30am-2:30pm Monday thru Thursday, until

1:00pm on Fridays as he focuses on Christian Education, Youth Ministry and Administrative Support
gabriel@parkwayucc.org

Kathy is our building and calendar guru and is in the front entry office from 7:30-11:30am Wednesday - Thursday and available via email and phone other mornings.
kathy@parkwayucc.org

Mona works on the website and helps all of us with graphic design from home up to ten hours per week.
mona@parkwayucc.org

Dawn, our Bookkeeper, is in the office a few days each month and is available via email and phone from her home in Florida.
dawn@parkwayucc.org

Kevin is around each day but Thursday. He is available for emergencies 24/7/365 at 314-330-0629; **kevin@parkwayucc.org**