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Worship With Us this Sunday, July 13

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 Psalm 82 reminds us of our call to save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; rescue the weak and the poor -- deliver them from the power of the wicked.

The Gospel Lesson from Luke 10:25-37 is the story Jesus tells of the Good Samaritan that puts a name and a face to the broad stroke of Psalm 82. One of the pieces that I appreciate most about Jesus' story is the follow-up and follow-through exhibited by the Samaritan. He is an inspiration and we could learn a great deal from him.

Worship bulletin **here**!

Songs include: *Let There Be Peace on Earth; O For A World; Spirit of the Living God; Lord, I Want to Be A Christian; Make Me A Channel of Your Peace; Here Are Our Hearts; Will You Come and Follow Me?*

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 25**

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 11

Ellie Svenson - transitioning to *Mason Pointe* (see info next column).
UCC General Synod from July 11-15 in Kansas City - generalsynod.org
Kari and Keith Borgmann - grieving/giving 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).
Family/friends of Leslie Neide - mourning her (Brueggemann).
McKenzie family as they grieve the grandson of Jim (Tom's brother).
The families of Camp Mystic (including the Feruzzos) and all the people in Texas overwhelmed with the fatal flooding (McMillon).
Derek - residential treatment for substance addiction (Akers).
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

Thank you to everyone who sent in letters or submitted comments for this advocacy campaign to save our workshops. It worked!! We really appreciate your concern and efforts.

On July 3, the U.S. Department of Labor officially **dropped the proposed rule to eliminate Section 14(c)**—a critical policy that supports employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in workshop settings like ours.

This is a major win for those who believe in the right to choose meaningful employment.

Kit Brewer, Legislative Chair of the Missouri Association of Sheltered Workshop Managers (MASWM), called the announcement "a definite reason for celebration." MASWM, the Missouri A-Team, and national advocates—including the **Coalition for the Preservation of Employment Choice**—work to protect these vital opportunities.

We are grateful for their advocacy and for the support of our Board, staff, and families. Your belief in our mission continues to make a difference.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about this update, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

~Sincerely, Mike, Polly and Alicia Rutherford

Habitat
for Humanity®
Saint Louis

Habitat for Humanity Project--THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer for our annual Habitat for Humanity build on Saturday, July 12. Tom was able to fill all the needed slots — what a wonderful response from our Parkway family! Your willingness to help build a home for a deserving family makes a real difference. Let's keep the spirit going — you can still support STL Habitat for Humanity by donating **here.** For more info about future events, please contact Tom McKenzie at **mckenzie1947@att.net**

PARKWAY
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.**

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 more full rundown for the week will go:

⛪ **Sunday, July 20** - Get commissioned, go grocery shopping, Historic Sanctuary and 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, **Done by 3pm Youth go home for dinner/sleep**

🌽 **Tuesday, July 22** - Meet at church to make bagged lunches at 8am, Circle of Concern **9:30-11am**, Saint Louis Area Foodbank **3-5pm**, Romeo & Zooliet **7:30pm showtime, sleepover at church**

🏳️‍🌈 **Wednesday, July 23** - STL Metro Umbrella Group **10:30am**, Emmaus Homes **2pm, be back at church by 5pm**

⚾ **Thursday, July 24** - Unleashing Potential **9am-12pm**, Isaiah 58 **12:20-3:30pm**, Pizza Party back at church **4:30-5:30pm**

Ends with PUCC Night at Cardinals Game 6:45pm

📧 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. 💪

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, we're inviting the congregation to join us for a FREE St. Louis Cardinals game vs. the San Diego Padres!

You can pick up your ticket on Sunday, or arrange with staff to come during the week.

Come cheer on the Cardinals, share fellowship, and celebrate the incredible work our youth have done. There is just ***1 ticket 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.)*

AWOL

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

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

TED

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

Tuesday Evening Dialogue—Off for Summer

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

TAD

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue

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 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

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

thirds, one third of the book at each meeting. Read more here.

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

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 kevin@parkwayucc.org

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Other PUCC News Around the Bend

July 2025 Alzheimer’s News

New Guidance Released for Gold-Standard Imaging Tests to Assist Clinicians has been published by a workgroup convened by the Alzheimer’s Association and the Society for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging. The updated Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) is designed to help clinicians diagnose and manage patients who have, or are at risk for cognitive decline. Tau PET is a newer imaging technique that detects the presence of tau tangles in the brain, which are linked to the development of dementia. The AUC recommends that amyloid or tau Pet only be used when the results will directly impact patient care, such as determining the cause(s) of cognitive issues and eligibility for treatment, decisions about patient safety, independent living and driving. The AUC includes 17 real-world scenarios in which amyloid or tau PET may be considered as part of a comprehensive clinical assessment by dementia specialists. The strongest evidence for their use includes:

- Assessment and prognosis of people with mild cognitive impairment.
- Assessment of people with dementia when the cause is not clearly known.
- Determining eligibility for treatment with new disease-modifying therapies and monitoring response to these treatments.

For more details on current and future Alzheimer's research, visit alz.org/Research. You can learn more by going to www.alz.org/helpsupport/resources or the Alzheimer's Helpline which is accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master's level clinicians to assist with crisis situations, decision making, and disease information. Tools and support are also available in Spanish.

Want to learn more about the Alzheimer's Association and what they do here in St. Louis? Visit www.alz.org and/or contact PUCC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at joyceruiz7@gmail.com

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 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

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

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

Freedom From Hunger

Community-Wide Food Drive

Saturday, August 2 | 10am-12pm | Multiple Locations (see below)

Help Isaiah 58 Ministries feed children. Donate food at one of the convenient drop-off locations! Your support helps Isiah 58 Ministries provide healthy, nutritious food to families this summer and through the year. Collection Sites:

- Southminster Presbyterian Church – 10126 East Watson Rd
- Parkway UCC – 2841 N Ballas Rd
- Hope UCC – 6273 Eichelberger
- Gethsemane Lutheran Church – 3600 Hampton Rd

register for free!

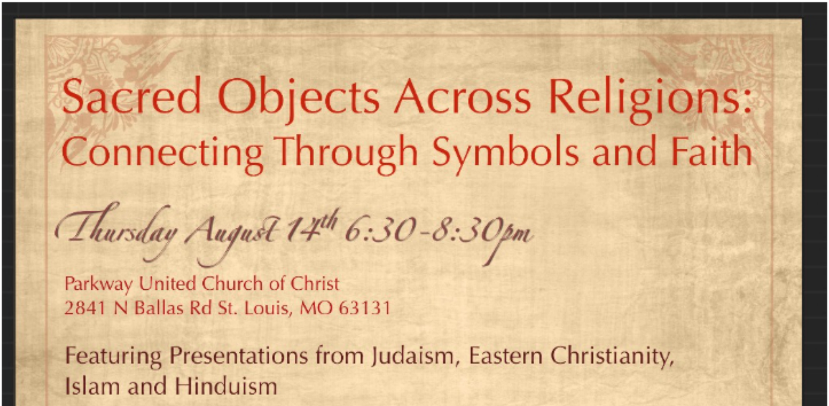
Also, Parkway UCC is being asked to donate 130 boxes of 12-count colored pencils for school year 2026. As you are shopping now and through the summer, please pick up boxes of 12-count colored pencils. Walmart is currently offering Crayola color pencils at 97 cents a box if ordered online. Watch for other stores offering school supplies throughout the summer. Please place donations in the blue, marked box located in the lobby. This drive will end Sunday, 31 August.

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

- Afton Christian Church – 9626 Tesson Ferry Rd

Requested Food: Peanut butter, beef stew, spinach & greens, and chili.

For more info, email Evelyn Buretta at burettaevelyn@gmail.com or Sally Dodge at **s.dodge@hotmail.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 10 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 longestrunning 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

The Story of the Good Neighbor - unknown

One day, a legal expert asked Jesus, “What must I do to live the life God dreams for us?”

Jesus said, “What do the scriptures say?”

The expert replied, “Love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind—and love your neighbor as yourself.”

“Exactly,” said Jesus. “Do this, and you will live.”

Trying to justify himself, the expert asked, “But who exactly is my neighbor?”

Jesus answered with a story.

“A person was traveling from the city to the suburbs when they were attacked. Their wallet, phone, and shoes were stolen, and they were left bruised and unconscious on the side of the road.

A pastor drove by on the way to church, saw the body, and quickly looked away. There was too much on their plate, and they didn’t want to get involved.

Next came a seminary professor. They paused but crossed to the other side of the street, unsure if it was safe to stop.

Then came someone everyone least expected to help - someone considered 'outside the faith': a trans woman, a Muslim man, a formerly incarcerated person - however you imagine the person most often pushed to the margins.

This one saw the wounded person and was moved with compassion. They pulled over, called 911, wrapped them in their own coat, and waited until help arrived. But they didn’t stop there. They followed the ambulance to the hospital, paid the intake fee, and made sure the person wouldn’t be alone in recovery.

Jesus looked at the legal expert and said, “Which of these three was a neighbor to the one who had been hurt?”

The expert replied, “The one who showed compassion.”

Jesus said, “Then go and do the same.”

Video

An interesting and thought-provoking 3:45 minute version of this weekend’s gospel lesson. (Guess which line I would word differently!?)

Vacation and Travel Jokes

What do you get when you cross a plane with a magician?
A flying sorcerer!

Which automobile is best for a

https://youtu.be/eaC9b6kQwT8

family road trip across the ocean? ***A Honda Sea-RV.***

The food on the small aircraft wasn't good... ***it was a little plane.***

"I haven't slept in days because I am about to climb the highest mountain in the world. ***I wonder if I will Everest***."

Questions of the Week

What have you done that has hurt someone else?

What do you wish you had done differently?

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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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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