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Worship With Us this Sunday, July 25

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 focus this weekend is on prayer. We will share a potpourri of Psalm stanzas as guidance and encouragement. Our Gospel lesson is Luke 11:1-13 – Jesus gives the disciples a model for prayer as he offers what becomes the Lord’s Prayer. He also tells a story about a friend who is in need of support. They are consistent and persistent as they ask, seek and knock.

Worship bulletin link:
https://parkwayucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/07-27-25-FINAL.pdf

Songs include: *Holy Ground; When Morning Gilds the Skies; Spirit of the Living God; This, This is Where Children Belong; I Want Jesus to Walk with Me; Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow; Song of Hope*

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** ASAP

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 25

Peggy & Jack Sieber - as she is cleared to drive with new knee.

Rick - in remission after stem cell treatments (Laura Waite's father).

Youth Mission Experience this week - *Habitat for Humanity; World Bird Sanctuary; Circle of Concern; St Louis Area Food Bank; Isaiah 58; Emmaus Homes; Unleashing Potential; Metro Trans Umbrella… PUCC projects, speakers, films, discussions, games and tomfoolery, two overnights at church, Cardinals Game and more.*

Nancy Litzinger - healing after complicated heart surgery; home on Monday!

Kathy and Bill Hilgeman - her new knee; his medical challenges.

John & Dottie Dwyer - gaining strength after his heart procedure; PT.

Tina - septic pneumonia (stepmom of Dawn Jones-Goldstein).

Baby Saylor Yettaw - PICU with Type 1 Diabetes (Jones-Goldstein).

Elaine - cancer treatments; surgery 7/29 (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

Celebrate Summer Lyons! Support a New Teacher's Journey
Help out our 2025 Mizzou graduate and future elementary teacher Summer Lyons!

We knew Summer would become a teacher - she was always amazing with kids here at church, on youth mission trips and around St Louis when we helped a local mission. Let's continue to appreciate and bless the important work that Summer does!

If you'd like to help, she would greatly appreciate gift cards to Amazon, Target, or Walmart. You can also email her at **summer.lyons14@gmail.com** for Venmo information, or you can talk/give to her mom, Liz Lyons, directly!

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SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"Gabriel's General Synod Experience" by Gabriel Requadt

Sunday, August 3 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Come hear PUCCer's Gabriel Requadt as he regales his enthralling time he had at General Synod 35 that happened in July! He'll be sharing how he experienced Synod, the people he met, what General Synod is all about and what it means for our local church, along with sharing some of the resolutions that were passed that our church might like to consider. Come be a part of this sacred moment as we dig deep together!

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

AWOL

Adventurous Women Out Late

Adventurous Women Out Late 2025

Come build relationships with other PUCCers in the New Year.
We are eager to connect this summer and fall.
~ Carmen Bumgarner cfbum@charter.net

Saturday, August 23: Dinner at Tiger Soup Dumplings. Have you been wanting to try TIGER SOUP DUMPLINGS? Let's try them together! Click here to register by 8/17.

Saturday, September 20: *The Grand Finale* of Downtown Abbey!
We will attend the early afternoon showing at the Marcus Theatre in DesPeres. Please RSVP here so we know how many tickets to purchase.

Saturday, November 8 from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Explore some historical highlights of St Louis architecture and how they changed the area from blighted to monumental. Tour begins at Union Station. Register here.

Saturday, December 6 from 2-4pm
Come enjoy live theater with us -- *Emma* the play - based on the novel by Jane Austen at The Rep. Register here.

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

TAD
Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue

Tuesday Evening Dialogue—Off for Summer

TED is on summer break from July 1 - August 12.
For questions, please contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net.

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.

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue - Summer Break

TAD will take August off and resume in September. Please send Jackie Eiffert ideas of books you'd like to read, prior book suggestions and/or new ones, and she'll send out a list again. For more info, please contact jeiffert2@gmail.com

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Fri, Aug 22 | 2pm | 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:
Wed, Sept 24 at 2pm

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

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

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Other PUCC News Around the Bend

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

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 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!

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

support helps Isiah 58 Ministries provide healthy, nutritious food to families this summer and through the year. Collection Sites:

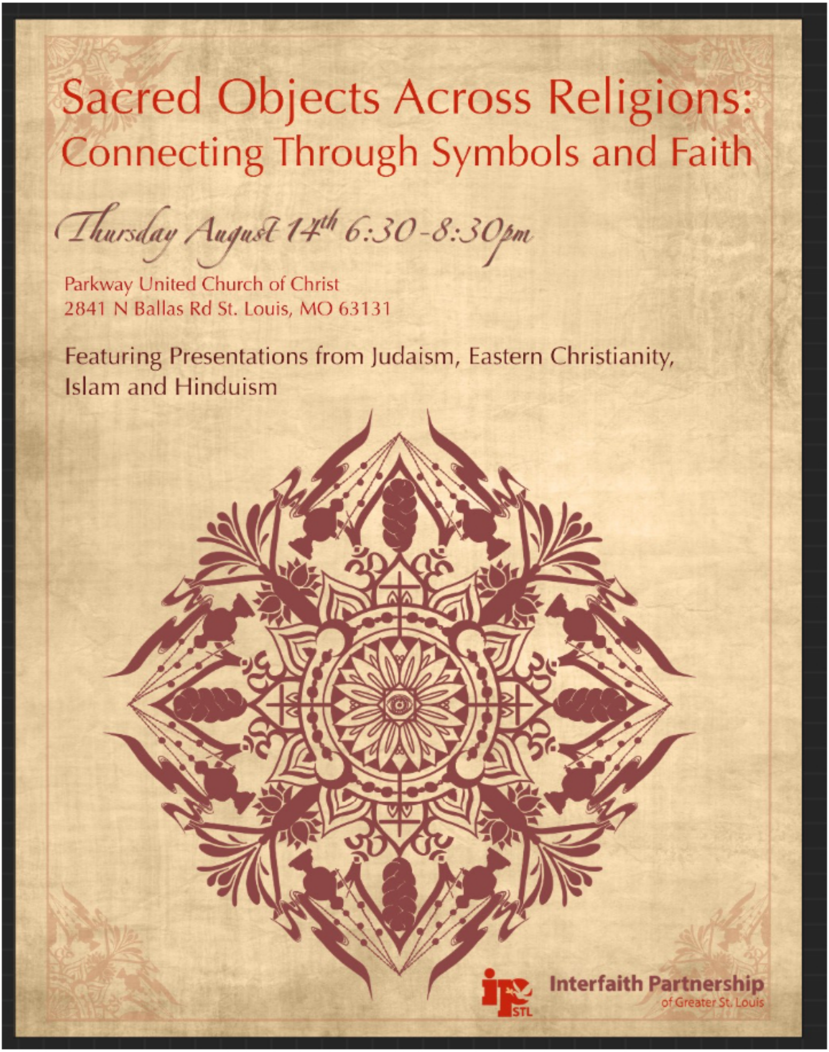
- Southminster Presbyterian Church – 10126 East Watson Rd
- Parkway UCC – 2841 N Ballas Rd
- Hope UCC – 6273 Eichelberger
- Gethsemane Lutheran Church – 3600 Hampton Rd
- Afton Christian Church – 9626 Tesson Ferry Rd

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

** We are also a donation location for Planned Parenthood as they collect diapers, baby wipes, formula, and other baby items, plus hygiene items for mothers and babies displaced and in need after the St Louis tornado.

There will be a container in the Gathering Space library area.

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

Interfaith Partnership
of Greater St. Louis

Christian Education Updates

CEnews Link
You can find the July 24 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.

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Something to Ponder

A Progressive Prayer
We gather not with walls but wings,
Where every voice and spirit sings,
No gate to guard, no creed to bind,
Just open hearts and seeking minds.

We pray not upward, far and high,

But inward, outward—earth and sky,
Where Spirit stirs in stranger's face,
And mercy moves through time and space.

Not bound by ancient fear or shame,
We call the Holy by many a name—
Mother, Father, Flame, and Friend,
Beginning spark and healing end.

We speak with care, and sometimes doubt,
We bless the silence just as loud.
For prayer is more than word or song—
It's justice walked where things go wrong.

So may our prayers become our hands,
To build, to mend, to take a stand.
And may our hearts forever be
A sanctuary wide and free.

Video

A two and half minute look at different prayer positions. How many have you tried? Do you have a favorite? Is there one that you don't feel comfortable with?

https://youtu.be/XszBqmqlGLw

Jokes

"I'm confused. The trail looked so flat on the map!"

Why couldn't the frog find where he parked his car?
He'd been toad.

"I got gas for $1.99 at lunch. Unfortunately, it was from Taco Bell."

Why did the robot go on vacation?
He needed to recharge his

batteries!

Questions of the Week

Where do you find peace?

When have you felt lost and alone?

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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:
Cindy Nouri **cynthianouri@gmail.com**
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

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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