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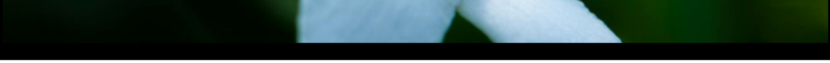

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Happening Before Sunday

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
- 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**

Worship With Us this Sunday, August 3

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.]

We will share **Psalm 107:1-9, 43** about how God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. We also hear that people in need are being led to places where there is abundance.
Our Gospel lesson is from **Luke 12:13-21** when Jesus is put in the middle of another sibling squabble. He responds by telling a story of a farmer who was experiencing a bumper crop. The farmer has to decide what to do with such abundance and excess.
Christianity is more than what we think and believe … it's also about our actions and how we treat one another. How do we express our Christianity through what we do and what we do not do?

Worship bulletin here! Please double check the link. You can also find the bulletin on the church website.

Songs include: *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love; Make Me A Channel of Your Peace; Spirit of the Living God; This is Where Children Belong; Here Are Our Hearts; Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ; Help*

Us Accept Each Other

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. Our PUCC youth learned that the two food pantries we support have clients who really enjoy canned greens and sardines. One of the pantries said they receive protein rich peanut butter frequently but not enough jelly. They also appreciate donations of feminine hygiene products.
First Sunday Choir! Please come at 9am to learn a song we will sing during the worship service. Our song this Sunday is ‘It is Well with My Soul’. All ages welcome! Questions? Contact **amy@parkwayucc.org**

🔍**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 August 1

Rick - in remission after stem cell treatments (Laura Waite's father).
Jessica Connors - just certified as OT assistant; new job starts now!
Nancy Litzinger - healing at home after complicated heart surgery.
Ruth Peace - in and out of the hospital this week; now feeling stronger.
Ashley & James Milam Family - grief/gratitude for her grandfather
https://www.baue.com/obituaries/edward-viehmann
Cindy Changyit Levin and family - mom's serious health struggles.
Karla Beck - as her brother seeks care and the family shares peace.
Kathy and Bill Hilgeman - her new knee; his medical challenges.
Rich - hospitalized for sepsis, loss of limb, coping strategies (Schmelig).
Tina -healing after hospitalization (stepmom of Dawn Jones-Goldstein).
Baby Saylor Yettaw - home with Dexcom monitor (Jones-Goldstein).
Elaine - cancer tx; postponed 7/29 surgery (Melanie Muchnick's mom).
Violence across the United States - incl deaths in Nevada, Illinois.
Agreement and peace for the people of Thailand & Cambodia.
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!

PARKWAY
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!

"This Old House Comes to Parkway Church," by Ted Swider.

Sunday, August 10 | 11:15am | Heritage Room
Ted Swider is a self-taught craftsman, stone mason, designer, architect, entrepreneur, real estate investor, and general contractor. He loves pushing creative boundaries, paying homage to history, and sourcing local materials. Ted vows he can build anything and he will prove it with his account and photo journey of two of his most unusual projects: one converting a fire damaged, condemned wreck of a structure in the Gravois Park neighborhood into a modern home, and the other a Land Reutilization Authority property he bought for $1,000.00 and converted into a Southside jewel.

The Speakers Series Presents: "Fifty Years of Living My Dream," by St. Louis artist Tim Eberhardt.

Sunday, August 17 | 11:115am | Heritage Room Tim Eberhadt is a South St. Louis artist whose 50 years of making art include paintings, photographs, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, and what he calls hyperrealistic figurative sculptures that speak or act when people approach. Join us for this speakers series program as we honor Tim's legacy to creative and diverse art.

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 9:30am-12:00pm
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**

Questions
Answers

Parkway Inquirers Getting to Know PUCC—and Being Known
Tuesday, August 26 | 6:30-7:45pm | Heritage Room

Inquirer: someone who wants to know more about Parkway UCC. The next PARKWAY UCC Inquirers' Gathering will be a dessert night Tuesday, August 26 from 6:30-7:45pm in the Heritage Room. Our goals for that evening include:

- Getting to know one another a bit more
- Describing Parkway's worship, outreach, education, leadership, fellowship
- Taking a look at our denomination, the United Church of Christ
- Sharing ideas about the exciting future of Parkway UCC
- Soliciting your thoughts on how we can be a more welcoming and inviting community of faith
- Discussing some key issues of faith
- Answering any of your questions

You will find our time together meaningful and informative. Some churches call this sort of gathering a New Members Class - we do not. While we do know that there are a number of visitors who have expressed interest in becoming members of the church, we do not assume that Inquirers are seeking membership. We just want to be hospitable, get to know you and have the chance to express gratitude for your presence among us. **Childcare is available that evening if requested ahead of time. Please let us know if you are planning to be with us! Contact kevin@parkwayucc.org for more info.

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Recurring PUCC Events

Adventurous Men Out Early
"AMOE" meets this **Thursday, August 7** at 9:15am in the Heritage Room. All are welcome. We always meet on the first Thursday of the month at the same time and place. For questions, kindly contact Richard Scherrer at 90fivetpr@gmail.com

TED
Tuesday Evening Dialogue

Tuesday Evening Dialogue—Off for Summer

TED is on summer break from July 1 - August 12.

TAD
Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue - Summer Break

TAD will take August off and resume in September. Please send

For questions, please contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net.

Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with someone

Sat, Aug 16 | 7-9am | 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:
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

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

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

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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

Sweet Corn Sunday Lots of butter, brats and a new book!
Sunday, August 10 | 11:30am-3pm | Along the Katy Trail in Treloar, Peers, & Marthasville

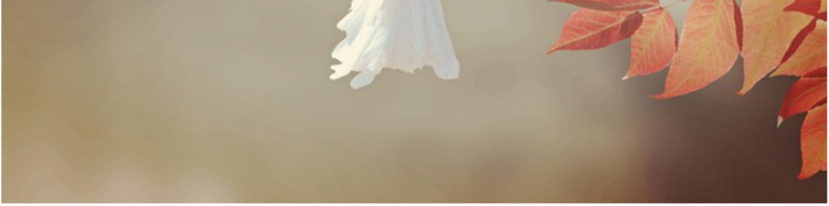
Sweet Corn Sunday is a community event that began in Treloar, Missouri, in 2020, to celebrate the long-standing and rich agricultural heritage of the area by hosting an event organized with locals and the state. Come on down for a good ol' hootenanny!

Treloar
Fresh local sweet corn & grilled brats; tram rides to Peers; music by the Rowdy Wranglers

Peers
Local stories told by Fox Ellis, nationally acclaimed storyteller; Tram rides to Treloar; music by Gloria Attoun and Michael Bauermeister

Marthasville
Tours of the Depot in Marthasville; music by the Burma Shavers

Click here for more **info!**



Interfaith Peace Gathering
Sunday, August 10 | 2-4pm | Schroeder Park – Office Pavilion 1

Join the West County Interfaith Alliance and get to know your neighbors. There will be refreshments, music, and fellowship. Please bring school supplies to donate to the Parkway School District. All are welcome. No exceptions! For more info, contact Peggy Schaefer pbschaefer@sbcglobal.net

Service of Hope & Healing
Sunday, August 10 | 4-5:15pm | 10 W. Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves, MO

The LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance will hold a free Service of Hope & Healing at First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, UCC. The afternoon for LGBTQ+ students and the people who love them includes an interfaith service of music, meditation, readings and ritual, and an opportunity to engage in expressive community building. RSVP by Aug. 8. Refreshments and a back-to-school gift bag for students will be included. Please contact the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance to register and for more information at lgbtfaithalliance@aol.com

Let's Talk Aging: Ambiguous Grief and Loss
Tuesday, August 12 | 12-1:30pm | STL County Public Library - Central Library

Ambiguous loss is a type of loss we feel when a person with dementia is physically here but may not be as emotionally or mentally present as they used to be. This special program, part of a series of events offered by VOYCE, is FREE of charge and includes lunch. Following the program, participants can visit a special exhibit displaying a Century of Evening Bags! Registration is required and space is limited. Click here for more information.

Sacred Objects Across Religions Connecting Through Symbols and Faith

Thursday, August 14 | 6:30-8:30pm | 2841 N. Ballas Rd, St. Louis, MO

Have you ever wondered what a teffilin is in the Jewish faith? Or what happens at Kaaba in Mecca for Muslims?

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

Festival of Nation Volunteer Opportunity

Aug. 23-24 | Tower Grove Park

The 2025 Festival of Nations is less than one month away and they need your help! Click here to sign-up, or you can go to the webpage at iistl.org/volunteer -> Volunteer Opportunities to see the opportunities for the festival. If you are interested, please help support the International Institute by signing up for one or more of the available volunteer shifts. Your support is truly appreciated, and they couldn't pull-off a successful Festival without the help of their volunteers!

Why does the Greek Orthodox church have a distinct smell in their house of worship? Why do Hindus have so many altars in their temples? Join Interfaith Partnership at Parkway UCC as we explore an in-depth conversation about sacred symbols. Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism will be presented. Contact Kevin Cameron kevin@parkwayucc.org for more info.

They are seeking volunteers for the following roles:

- Set-Up and Tear-Down
- Green Team
- Welcome & Info Tables
- Merchandise Sales
- Honey Sales
- Parking
- Survey Conductors
- And More!

All volunteers will receive a volunteer t-shirt and an invitation to a volunteer orientation. Thank you for helping to make this year's Festival of Nations a successful event!

Isaiah 58 MINISTRIES Cares

Summer Opportunity with Isaiah 58

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

Christian Education Updates

CEnews Link
You can find the July 31 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

On the Importance of Showing Up *Rich Orloff*

Imagine my surprise
When I attended a recent rally
On the theme of "Let Food Into Gaza"
And I saw my rabbi who attended unannounced

"I'm going to be arrested", she told me
In a voice mixing fear and acceptance
She didn't tell me details
But implied that civil disobedience was being meticulously planned

Several minutes later a dozen rabbis

Of different denominations
Holding signs of protest
Sat down on a busy Manhattan street and stopped traffic

As the crowd watched these rabbis
Literally put their bodies on the line
Hundreds of us shouted in unison
“Feed Gaza Now” and “That’s my rabbi!”

To nobody’s surprise
Only a few minutes later
Police arrested several of them
And gently loaded them into a bus that arrived for this purpose

My rabbi wasn’t arrested
She was simply escorted to the curb
Where she was comforted by friends
And began to sob and was admired by this poet

This week commemorates destruction
Of the ancient temples of Israel
While I grieve as I see so many of
Today’s institutions being destroyed and I watch, often feeling helpless

My rabbi’s courage reminded me that
At least for me, grief isn’t enough
It's time to protest the destruction
Of institutions that at least occasionally strived to be sacred

I must speak up
Despite the dangers
Lest the temple which houses my soul
Gets destroyed by my own refusal to take a stand

Video

A two-minute visual recap of our PUCC Youth Mission Experience here in St Louis last week here!

Our youth spent a week devoted to service in places ranging from Habitat for Humanity to the World Bird Sanctuary to Circle of Concern and Isiah 58 to Unleashing Potential to the St Louis Area Food Bank. After lending a hand to these St. Louis neighbors, the group celebrated the accomplishments and fellowship shared at a Cardinals game featuring a win over the Padres!

Jokes

I was watching an Australian Master Chef episode on tv and the audience clapped when the chef made meringue. I was surprised – Australians usually boo meringue.

I was walking past a farm and a sign said, “Duck, eggs.” I thought that was an unnecessary comma – and then it hit me.

“Hey, Ernie, would you like some ice cream?” “Sherbert.”

Questions of the Week

When was the last time you gave someone a compliment?

What is a recent compliment you’ve received?

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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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2841 N Ballas Road,
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