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Worship With Us this Sunday, August 17

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 remember that God revives and redirects us as we share **Psalm 80:8-19**. We will have a family reunion of sorts as we hear **Hebrews 11:29-12:2** recount some of the faithful people and places of our shared faith story. How do we dream old dreams and live forward as we feel the imprint, inspiration and encouragement of our ancestors in the faith?

Worship bulletin here! Please double check the link

Songs include: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing; the God of Abraham Praise; Spirit of the Living God; Weave; Be Still and Know That I Am God;*

Doxology; Wonderful Words of Life.

Look for the *Back to School* word search on the back cover of the bulletin!

Prayer Partner Before and After Worship this Sunday

PUCCer Lynn Mark is available in the front left corner of the sanctuary before and after worship this Sunday to pray confidentially with individuals. She is a trained prayer chaplain. She will call on the presence of God and help create a safe spiritual space. Lynn will listen to you as you tell her a bit about your prayer request. She will offer an affirmative prayer out loud, reminding you of your inner strengths rather than ask God for a specific outcome. She will pray that you are guided by God's infinite love, presence and support… and that any joy or gratitude will be multiplied and any fear or doubt will be transformed into peace and confidence.

Meet Our New Nursery Childcare Providers: Katie & Kara!

The Childcare Provider Search Committee is thrilled to announce that our nursery will soon be staffed by two wonderful new caregivers—**Katie** and **Kara**—beginning **Sunday, August 17**!

Katie comes to us with childcare experience at both the JCC and the YMCA. Her gentle spirit and deep care for children were evident in her interview and echoed by her references. She's CPR certified and holds an associate's degree from the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

Kara brings a rich background in education and childcare, including work with TLC Family Care, KinderCare, and Rockwood School District. A mom of four and licensed foster parent, she is passionate about child-led care and is excited to thoughtfully incorporate Christian curriculum in the nursery. Kara is also CPR certified and holds a Master's in Secondary Education.

We're in the onboarding process with them now, and we are excited for the gifts Katie and Kara bring to this ministry and are confident they'll be a blessing to our youngest members, their families and all of us!

WELCOME, KATIE and KARA!

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 15

Students, families, teachers, admins, staff - back to school soon.
Gerry & Mike Rogers - Alvaro is here from Argentina for semester.
Carol and Harold Cobb - healing after her hip replacement surgery.
Nancy Litzinger - healing after complicated heart surgery.
Janie Pillai's mother as she recuperates from hip surgery.
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 complications after knee surgery.
Cathy and Rick Hasler – both recuperating from surgery...
https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/03lr25
Emi - 5 year-old undergoing chemo at Children's Hospital (McConnell).
Elaine - healing after cancer surgery (Melanie Muchnick's mom).
Ron Mudica - receiving hospice care; stage 4 cancer (Akers).
Violence across the United States.
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

Summer Opportunity with Isaiah 58 Appreciation
Parkway UCC was asked to donate 130 boxes of 12-count colored pencils for school year 2026. Thanks to our generous congregation, we exceeded our donation goal of colored pencils for Isaiah 58. The staff was pleased to have extra amounts.

Also thanks for the extra attention in donating specific food items for the area-wide Freedom from Hunger project that we participated in a couple of weeks ago. **~Evelyn Buretta**

PUCC SCAM ALERT

Important Notice: We understand that a fresh batch of scam/phish messages are being sent to PUCCers. Ugh! No staff member of Parkway United Church of Christ will ever reach out via email, text or social media to ask for financial help. If you receive a request appearing to be from PUCC staff requesting financial help or other personal information – or any suspicious message – please don’t click on any links or engage with the sender. You may want to report this to your email service provider or the appropriate social media service. Block texts from scammers/phishers. Also, keep your antivirus/anti-malware software up to date for protection. Questions? Concerns? Need clarification? Reach out to our staff via contact@parkwayucc.org or 314-872-9330.

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SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

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.

Join the PUCC Adventurers for a St. Louis Public Library Tour
Thursday, August 28 | 10am-2pm | 1301 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

Meet some Parkway UCC friends as we go on a guided tour of the beautiful, historic St. Louis Public Library. We'll start the guided tour and finish with lunch at a nearby restaurant, TBD. Meet at church at 9:15am for carpooling, or at the library at 10am. Please join us! RSVP to Kris McKenzie, kmck57@yahoo.com by **August 20**.

St. Louis Public Library's Central Library boasts some of the finest examples of Beaux-Arts and Neo-Classical Architecture in the United States. Designed by renowned architect Cass Gilbert and completed in 1912, the structure which occupies a full city block is a historic treasure. Exquisite replicas of features from the Pantheon, Vatican and Michelangelo's Laurentian Library bring the Italian Renaissance to life in the heart of downtown St. Louis. Among the many amazing treasures featured throughout Central Library are the thirty decorative shields bearing the "Printers' Devices" or marks of some of history's most famous printers carved on the building's stone exterior. An extensive $70 million award-winning renovation of Central Library led by George Nikolajevich with Cannon Design was completed in 2012, and showcases a masterful blend of classical and modern architectural styles while preserving Central Library's unparalleled beauty for generations to come.

BBQ For Ben PUCC Carnival Picnic
Sunday, August 31 | 11:15am | Fellowship Hall

VBS is going to be capped off with a carnival picnic! After worship on Sunday, August 31, we'll have a BBQ. The church will cover the hot dogs and sloppy joes, fun carnival games, a chicken petting zoo, and an ice cream truck.

We will need people to help with set up and tear down, and food

prep. We've set up a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space to signup for side dishes and dessert. You can also sign up here!

So if you're able to help, please contact me at gabriel@parkwayucc.org

RESPECT MOVOTERS

Respect MO Voters
Shortly after **Labor Day** we'll start collecting signatures for Respect MO Voters. It's a cross partisan, volunteer group dedicated to getting an amendment on the MO ballot 11/26. This amendment will prohibit the legislature from undoing the will of the majority of voters, as was done after the 11/24 vote. This was also done in the past regarding puppy mills, clean Missouri, and several other issues the citizens of MO voted for. It was also tried in the 80s when democrats were in the majority. This is why it's cross partisan. Whichever side of the aisle you identify with, the majority will of the people should prevail.

Please stop by our table in the gathering space before or after Sunday services. Take some information about the group, consider joining the movement, and sign the petition. For more info, contact Michelle Singer

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK

St. Louis Metro Area Crop Hunger Walk
Sunday, September 28 | 2-3pm | 475 E. Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves

This year's Crop Hunger Walk is at Eden Seminary in lovely Webster Groves. Registration begins at 1:30pm and step-off for the walk is at 2pm. Do not worry if you don't want to walk. You can gather that day, volunteer to help us or join Parkway's team and donate online. Click here to register, or go to www.crophungerwalk/saintlouismo.org and add Parkway UCC to the upper right search bar. The money raised goes to local partners and around the world through Church World Service. For more info, contact Sue Moellering susieqslp@sbcglobal.net mrsinger71@gmail.com

Fall Friendship Dinners Sign up by September 14

It's time once again to schedule our Fall Friendship Dinners. You can sign up to be both a host and a guest, or just sign up to be a host or a guest. Please also indicate if you are interested in a family-friendly potluck event to be held at the church. There is a sign-up poster in the Gathering Space, or you can sign up using One Church. Please provide your contact information; hosts need to indicate how many guests they can accommodate. The deadline to sign up is **Sunday, September 14**. Click here to register.

The Friendship Committee will meet to organize the groups. Dinners are being planned for September, October, or November. IDEAS: host a potluck dinner, meet at a restaurant, or have an appetizer meal. For additional information or to sign up, please contact Kathy Burcham at kathleenburcham@sbcglobal.net

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Recurring PUCC Events

TED

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

Tuesday Evening Dialogue
2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 6-8pm | Heritage Room
Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us at TED on **August 26** for friendship and lively book discussions. Our next book is *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Let's read the first 100 pages for our next TED session on Tues August 26. It's a feel good, fun novel to enjoy. This book is historical fiction but based on a true story from 1938. Thank you to Jackie for this interesting article that gives more info on the background of the actual event. Bring a dish to share for the pot luck & join us for our next conversation! Newcomers are always welcome!

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 Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue, TAD, for our next book starting Tuesday, **September 2** - *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. Rachel Held Evans was a progressive Christian writer, blogger, and speaker known for challenging conservative evangelical beliefs and advocating for women and LGBTQ+ rights within Christianity. Her writing explored a more inclusive and questioning approach to faith. From the book jacket, "Drawing on the best in recent scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries." Please join us for fellowship and discussion. We'd love to have you! Fellowship starts at 1:45pm and book discussion is from 2-3 pm.

For more info, please contact jeiffert2@gmail.com

Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with someone
Mon, Sept 22 | 4-6pm | New Sanctuary

Coffee and Conversation at Panera
Fri, Aug 22 | 2pm | Panera on Manchester Rd, Des Peres

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.

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

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

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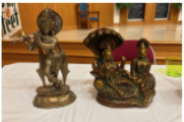
Other PUCC News Around the Bend

Sacred Objects Across Religions Recap
What a scared night last night was! Interfaith Partnership was at Parkway UCC where they explored an in-depth conversation about sacred symbols across faith communities. Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism were presented and it was most enriching. Below are some photos of how people from a diversity of faiths came together to learn and grow with each other. And if you'd like to learn about about Interfaith Partnerships and how to get involved in other upcoming events, you can click here!



eCOURIER
MISSOURI MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE

Enjoy Mary's Musing, August 8, 2025! And go here for the rest of the Missouri Mid-South Conference eCourier.

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

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!

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!

AMERICAN TEENAGER

Nico Lang - American Teenager How Trans Kids Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era
Presented by Left Bank Books, Left Bank Books Foundation, & PFLAG Greater St. Louis
Sunday, August 24 | 4pm | 399 N Euclid Ave, STL, MO

Join Left Bank Books as they welcome Nico Lang, a nonbinary award-winning journalist with over a decade of experience covering the transgender community's fight for equality. They are thrilled to have Nico join them to discuss trans joy! Highly praised, American Teenager is a vivid and moving portrait of eight trans and nonbinary teenagers across the country, following their daily triumphs, struggles, and all that encompasses growing up trans in America today. Click here to register.

Christian Education Updates

CEnews Link
You can find the August 14 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

All I Really Needed to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten – Robert Fulghum, Unitarian Pastor

1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don't hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. Clean up your own mess.
6. Don't take things that aren't yours.
7. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
9. Flush.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
12. Take a nap every afternoon.
13. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
15. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice - and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
16. Remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule, love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living. Think what a better world it would be if all - the whole world - had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess. And it is still true, no matter how old you are - when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

Video

Please pray for teachers of all kinds this week…

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8pQuOTStu0

Back to School Jokes

On the first day of school, what did the teacher say their two favorite words were?
June and July.

Where does a surfer go to school?
Boarding school.

Why did the kid cross the playground?
To get to the other slide.

Children in what grade have the greenest thumbs?
Kindergarden.

What happened when the teacher tied all the kid's shoelaces together?
They had a big class trip.

Questions of the Week

What do you love doing that you don't do enough?

What do you do over and over again that you don't like doing?

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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

Katie and *Kara* are our Nursery Childcare Providers, giving loving care to all of God's young on Sundays from 8:50am-12:20pm.
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