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Happening Before Sunday

Adventurous Women Out Late
Saturday, August 23 Dinner at Spicy Soup Dumplings. Have you been wanting to try TIGER SOUP DUMPLINGS? Let's try them together! RSVP to Carmen Bumgarner cfbumgardner@att.net. Carmen's phone: 404-316-0447

Worship Us this Sunday, August 24

Worship with us in this Sunday service join us here at PUCC or on YouTube Live Here (@parkwayucc), or participate later on YouTube here. Or call in to listen to the service at 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 2354 5xxx For a list of video highlighting the steps for how to watch the Worship Service through YouTube.)

Worship with us at 10am this Sunday! Join us here at PUCC or on YouTube Live Here (@parkwayucc), or participate later on YouTube here.

We will bathe in the blessing of **Jeremiah 1:4-10** as we are reminded that God knows us before we are born. God has a purpose for our lives and sends us out to listen and to speak.

Our gospel lesson is **Luke 4:14-21** where Jesus comes back to Nazareth, his hometown, and reads from the scroll of Isaiah. He proclaims that the words of the prophet are fulfilled in him. Jesus' ministry of good news to the poor and to captives both to the – the same things God wants us to do. How will we go about doing that in our own unique and individual ways?

Worship bulletin here!

Songs include: *You Are Welcome Here Here I Am, Lord, Spirit of the Living God, Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary, Holy, Holy, Holy, Come Let Us Sing of the Wonders of Love.*

Look for a message from our Church Council about this summer! *General Synod Statement*

Prayer Partner Before and After Worship this Sunday
PUCCfor Lynn Mark is available in the front left corner of the sanctuary before and after worship this Sunday. Lynn is a member of Parkway Ambassadors. She is a transformative prayer. She is the spiritual gift of the Lord and helps create a spirit-filled space. Lynn will listen to you as you pray for yourself, for others, for our church, for our community and for our world. Lynn will pray with you and for you. Come and be blessed. God for a specific outcome. We will pray that you are guided by God's Holy Spirit. Whatever you bring to God in prayer, we will pray that it is multiplied and any fear or doubt will be transformed into peace and confidence.

Nursery Sunday Hours
Sept. 7 Sharon and Kathy the Nursery is also open before worship from **9:00- 10:30am** each month. **Sept. 14 Kathy** Kathy Lee Gross is the person when we have a Speaker Series or other need for extended care for children during worship. **Sept. 21 Sharon** Sharon is the person when we have a Speaker Series or other need for extended care for children during worship. **Sept. 28 Kathy** Kathy Lee Gross

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Prayer List Updates as of August 22

Students, families, teachers, admins, staff: back to school. **Ukraine:** Ukrainian Orthodox Church. **Those affected by violence in Chicago, Uvalde, Highland Park, Indianapolis and Bryant Tyler** as they move into a new home nearby.
Lynn & Jerry Mark Lynn is healing after her hip replacement surgery.
Nancy & Jack Litzinger - healing after complicated her heart surgery
Kathy Lee Gross - healing after her hip replacement surgery.
Jeanne Hoffman - healing after her hip replacement surgery.
Karla Beck - as her brother Leslie Lenz and the family shares peace.
Jeff Lenz - healing after his hip replacement surgery.
Cathy Lenz - healing after her hip replacement surgery. Cathy's CaringBridge page: https://www.gofundme.com/f/prayers-for-cathy-lenz
Ann - Ann Lenz's sister-in-law and Dolores Lenz's daughter-in-law.
Elaine - healing after cancer surgery (Melanie Mackrill's mom)
Bob - healing after cancer surgery (Jeff & Cathy Lenz's brother-in-law)
Derek - Long Term Healthcare Facility
Violence across the United States.
Those affected by violence in the Beaches East.
The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.
Our Vet, neighbors after the tornado in May.

Drivers Needed
Due to COVID, the PUCC Vans are in need of rides to medical appts when their usual circle of support is unavailable. Please let Janet or Lisa Burris know if you need help getting to worship. Please let kornl@parkwayucc.org know if you are willing to drive the Vans. Drivers will be trained by Janet and will receive an email once we have a driver. Thanks!

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PUCC Announcements

August Church Council Highlights
ONA Team | LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance: Deb Reinhardt presented past and present activities of the team.
Council agreed to host a Town Hall on 9/14/2023, after worship.
Finance: Jeff Lenz reported that the Church is in good financial standing, with thanks for your generous support during the Summer months.
The Goal-setting team will reconvene in 9/28/2023 to be the next set of Goals for the Church.
Property: Jeff Lenz reported that the Church's Insurance Agent has been contacted to help Council decide whether to accept them as written or if there are how to operationalize them in the future.
For more info, please reach out to Church Council
councilsecretary@gmail.com

SCAM ALERT

PUCC SCAM ALERT
Important Notice: We understand that a fresh batch of scampersion messages are being sent to PUCCers. Ugh! Six staff member of Parkway have received a text from "Pastor Lisa" asking for a favor. Pastor Lisa is not texting you. Please do not respond to the text. Don't get clicked on and finish with such a nasty realization. TBD. Meal at church at 5:30pm Wednesday, September 21 | Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Brown | Topic: Why Michelin Stars Matter to Toronto

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 Central Library's exterior walls are built of Indiana Limestone. Exquisite replicas of features from the Pantheon, Vatican and Parthenon are incorporated into the design. The Central Library is also in the heart of downtown St. Louis. Among the many amazing treasures featured throughout Central Library are the thirty decorative sheets painted by Edward Mitchell Bannister, which were originally part of the Chicago Columbian Exposition. The entire exterior and interior of the 1912 Gilbert-award-winning renovation of Central Library led by George Mokotoff 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.*

Parkway Inquirers Getting to Know PUCCers and Being Known Tuesday, August 23, 6:30-7:45pm | Heritage Room

Inquirer: someone who wants to know more about Parkway UCC. The word is NEWBIES! Let's gather for a meeting with a dessert night Tuesday, August 23, from 6:30-7:45pm in the Heritage Room. Our goals for this meeting are:
• Getting to know one another a bit more
• Learning about Parkway's mission, vision, education, leadership, volunteers
• Taking a look at our denomination, the United Church of Christ
• Learning about opportunities to get involved at Parkway
• Answering any of your questions
• Sharing what brought you together meaningful and informative. Some churches call this sort of gathering a New Members Class - we do not. We want to get to know you and for you to get to know us. We are a welcoming and inclusive community of the church, we do not assume that inquirers are seeking membership. We just want to be together. If you are interested in this gathering please let us know that you are planning to attend. • Childcare is available that evening if needed. Please let Pastor Kim know if you are planning to be together with us! Contact kornl@parkwayucc.org for more info.

We will provide 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 to help with set up and tear down.

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

RESPECT in VOTERS

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 Central Library in downtown St. Louis. We'll start the guided tour and finish with lunch at a nearby restaurant. TBD. Meal at church at 5:30pm Wednesday, September 21 | Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Brown | Topic: Why Michelin Stars Matter to Toronto

BBQ For Bern Carnival Picnic
Sunday, August 31 | 11:15am | Kirkwood by trail

Who is going to attend and what can we bring? After worship on Sunday, August 31, we'll have a BBQ. The church will cover the hot dogs and buns. Please bring a side dish to share. Please bring a dessert for the cream team.

We 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 to help with set up and tear down.

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Fall Friendship Dinners Sign up by September 14
It's time once again to schedule our Fall Friendship Dinners. You can sign up to host a dinner party for 4 to 6 people. Or, you can sign up to be a guest. Hosts will choose the menu and date. Guests will bring a dish to pass to help fill out the church. There is a sign-up poster in the Gathering Space. Please sign up by September 14. Pastor Kim will then send out more information. Note: Hosts need to be willing to have pets in their accommodate. The deadline to sign up is **Sunday, September 14**. Click here to sign up.

The Friendship Committee will meet to organize the groups. Dinners are scheduled for September, October or November. Watch for a post-it potluck dinner, meet at a restaurant, or have an appetizer meal. For questions/info/comments, contact Kathleen Kenyon at kathleenkenyon@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday Evening Dialogue
2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 4-6pm | Heritage Room
Next Meeting: 8/23 and 9/13
Contact: 7162617

Please join us at TED on **August 23** for a discussion on Women's Ordination. Our host for the evening is Deb Griffin-Sturtz (a Lyndy Rodriguez Fan Club Member). Deb is one of the over 700 women on the list. On August 26, it's a fast good, fun time to enjoy. There is a historical fiction but based on a true story. Lyndy Rodriguez is a fantastic author. Her books are that goes more into on the Christian faith and how it affects our everyday life. Check out her work & join us for our next meeting. Newcomers are always welcome!

For more info, please contact Helen Rice at rjarch@att.net.

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue
1st & 3rd Tuesday | 1:45pm
Heritage Room 2 | 200-500pm
Contact:
Linda Cox (312) 626-6795 Meeting ID: 990 7585 7569 Passcode: 480001

Please join Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue, TAD, for our next book discussion on Tuesday, September 6 at 1:45pm. We will discuss *Waking on Water, and Leaving the Bible Behind* by Jerry Haines. Our next meeting is a progressive discussion group that welcomes people from a wide range of conservative evangelical beliefs to progressive beliefs. Our group is a safe place to exchange ideas with writing explored a more personal and accepting approach to faith. From the book jacket: "Jerry Haines has a deep interest in writing and over his well-honed literary expertise, he has developed a unique style that blends stories and possible interpretations, relating them to contemporary issues in our

Adventurous Women Out Late 2023
Come build relationships with other PUCCers in the New Year.
We are eager to connect this summer! Contact:
- Carmen Bumgarner cfbumgardner@att.net

Saturday, September 23 *The Grandest of Downtown Abbey!*
Afternoon Tea at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Reservations at 2pm. Contact Carmen Bumgarner cfbumgardner@att.net for more info.

Saturday, November 4 from 3:30pm-12:00pm
Dinner and Bowling at Frame & Lane. Come join the group and help change the eras from blighted to monumental. Tour begins at Union Station at 3:30pm.

Saturday, December 9 from 2-4pm
Holiday Tea at Parkway. Join the group the day - based on the travel by the Parkway Trolley. Contact Carmen Bumgarner

Questions? Contact Carmen Bumgarner at cfbumgardner.net

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Prayer Centers are supported by Mon, Wed 12 / 4:45pm / New Sanctuary

Drop-In Prayer Time: Arrive with Us in the Prayer Center in the Sanctuary. Come for a few minutes or stay for an hour. Whether you're someone else there, you're welcome to join us in the Gathering Space.

Can we arrange a phone call or Zoom for another time if you'd like? Just reach out to kevin@parkwaypc.org

Other PUCC News and Beyond the Island

UCC General Synod Resolutions Another Timeline - 2021

Each Parkway UCC Elder/Deacon and Staff member will appreciate that the General Synod, the governing meeting of our United Church of Christ, considered and passed resolutions on Climate Justice, Gun Violence, Anti-Racism, Gig the churches, Acting in God's covenant and autonomy, our Church's Response to Israeli Occupation of Palestinian Territories, and Truth & Healing. Each of these resolutions will be part of the agenda for our Elder meetings. Please consider reading through the resolutions. Click here for a link to the UCC General Synod website. Click here for more information on how you might be part of this important process.

Legacy LGBTQ+ News Thoughts on Oak National Gathering Next Steps

If not now, when? That was the question I asked myself this spring while considering whether to attend the Oak National LGBTQ+ Multicultural Gathering in July ahead of General Synod 59. It was an energizing two days.

I was honored to be among 110 people from across the country who gathered in Oak Park, Illinois, to share our stories and experiences and to fellowship with one another. Several friends even two days. People of all ages, a very clear call to action emerged. Do Something. For me, it connects to the Parkway Legacy Statement. We are a welcoming congregation. We are a Reconciling and Affirming congregation. Parkway General Synod is a "call" to act. Why do I want an accomplice," they said. Ms Ward went on to say people of color have been asking white people to be accomplices for a long time. In the trenches," and given the heavy applause that followed, the room was filled with people of color.

In fact, a new initiative introduced by Rev. Dennis Terry, acting executive minister of the Southern California Nevada Conference, is the Black Legacy Gathering. The Black Legacy Gathering is a multi-generational, two years of open & affirming comments and work, as well as nearly 2,000 members. Click here to see the Black Legacy Gathering website. Click here to see, and it will require churches to move beyond safe statements and actions.

"Every church can do something." Rev. Terry said in addressing the General Synod delegates. "Every church can do more than it is doing." Rev. Terry also said that the Black Legacy Gathering is "not for white people."

As a member of PUCC's Civic Team, I've signed up to get more information on this initiative that will include trainings, tools kits and resources to help churches. Click here to see the Black Legacy Gathering website. Click here to see the Black Legacy Gathering website. In support of affirming healthcare.

Rev. Terry – Connecting – Click here to see that you keep your Oak Park, Gateway ONA, the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance, and the Black Legacy Gathering as a way to connect with others. Click here to see that you keep and equitable place to live. Because it's now!

Parkway UCC Affirming Statement

These are difficult times in our state and country for LGBTQIA2S+ — and for transgender people in particular. We are a church where all are welcome, and there's something I used to be fearful: "Who" there is something.

Black and Asian people affirmed at Parkway UCC to connect members who are interested in advocating for LGBTQIA2S+ people. The first is the **Hebrew Affirming Statement**. Click here to see the Hebrew Affirming Statement website. Click here to see the Hebrew Affirming Statement website. Click here to see the Hebrew Affirming Statement website

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