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Worship With Us this Sunday, September 7

Worship with us at 10am this Sunday! Join us here at PUCC or on Facebook Live. Worship is also broadcast live at 9:30am on Fox Channel 10.

Our worship theme is jeremiah 18:1-11 (God as a potter, us as clay). **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** (God knowing us and our spoken words). Our sermon is titled **Forgiveness** and our scripture is **Matthew 18:21-35** (Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant from **Philemon** (Jesus' command to forgive).

Our theme encourages the **sacrament of communion** in our open table. All are invited to receive this simple sacred meal. If you are with us remotely, please prepare your own elements (crackers and juice, bread and wine, etc.).

Our **Mission Moment** will be offered by Gail Nisenberg and Pam Hoffman who will share their work with **Project Linus** and the **Linus Blanket**.

Our music will be led by **Jason Powell** (Friends of Dick Hoover) who has been with us again this morning. We are grateful for their return! — **Jerry Hoover** will accompany us on piano. Check out our **First Sunday Choir** this morning!

Worship bulletin **here**!

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 are struggling to make ends meet. Our goal is to collect enough to fill the shopping cart pictured above. Monetary donations are also welcome (cash or check) for our local food pantry, please attend the Nursery will be there to support your donations.

Nursery Funding Hours Are Ending Soon! PUCCer Lynn Mark is available in the front left corner of the sanctuary before and after worship to collect your donations for our nursery workers and individuals. She is a trained prayer chaplain. She will sit in the corner with you in prayer if you wish. Lynn is also available to pray with you during worship and is part of our prayer team. Please remember to include in your prayer list: God's blessing on our nursery workers, the children and families they serve, and that our nursery funding will be fully met. Pray that our nursery will be multiplied and any fear or doubt will be transformed into peace and confidence.

Nursery Sunday Hours

Nursery is open every Sunday in the Nursery is also open before worship from **9:00-10:00am** and after worship from **11:15am-12:15pm** (Nursery is closed during worship). Our nursery is for children ages 0-5 (Kindergarten). Our nursery workers are trained and background checked. Please refrain from our Nursery childcare providers Kara and Katie. There will be a **Nursery Sunday** every month. If you are interested in serving in the nursery, please attend the Nursery we'll be there to support you!

Please remember to pray for all **[upcoming events](#)** and **[ministries](#)**.

Prayer List Updates as of September 5

Jean Mueller – moved to Cayce Hillcrest in lobby Park last weekend. **Announcements** – Jeanne Hoffman, Jerry Hoover, Jason Powell, Nancy Garland, Mildred Hooter, Kenn Lanigan, Skip Larsen, Bob Pruitt, Nancy Rush, Ralph Sanders, Jeanne Sanders, Jerry Sanders, Jim Wilson

Charity Hospital – Jean Kennedy as they grievance thanks for her husband's care. Pray for her family.

Kathy and Bill Klippmann – her complications after knee surgery. **Ruth Ann Lanigan** – Kenn's sister-in-law recovering from a fall. **Sharon Sutton** – father-in-law. **Junior Legacy Ministries Family** – **Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis** in grief. **Descendants of Lambright and Hoffman**

Ongoing need and grief in the Middle East.

Ukraine – pray for peace. **Will Crabtee and Russia.**

Our St Louis neighbors affected by the tornado in May.

Drivers Needed

Are you looking to help PUCCers are in need of rides to appointments when their usual circle of support is unavailable. Some in our church family may need rides to appointments. Please let **kandi@pawnee.net** know you are willing to help. You will be added to the list of potential drivers and will be contacted when a ride is needed in the future.

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PUCC Announcements

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"Transition Stories," by Lynn Mark – Lynn's transition from **"Hand We Down Music," by Jason Powell** – Jason's story of Gospel Sunday, September 7 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

music and Gospel Sunday, September 7 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

As a hospice nurse for over 15 years, Lynn Mark encountered many people on that universal journey. Some were ready to meet their God much like they had lived their one individual life. Facing the end of their earthly life, they were face to face with a God they knew and cared for them personally. Not all were. Because we are all fellow travelers you are invited to share their stories.

Come and hear stories of faith and doubt, from patients and the people that traveled the path with them.

As a progress start working service at approximately 11:15am in the Heritage Room. For questions, kindly contact Richard Scherer at: **MPrice3@aol.com**

Fall Friendship Dinners Sign up by Wednesday!

Do you want again to schedule our Fall Friendship Dinners, hosted by you, in your home? Sign up to host a meal for a group of 4 or more at a guest. Please also indicate if you are willing to host a meal for a vegetarian or vegan guest. Check the church. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you can sign up using Dee Church. Please indicate your preferred date(s) and how many guests they can accommodate. The deadline to sign up is **Sunday, September 14**, so please act soon!

The Friendship Committee will then work to match hosts and guests by the end of September, October, or November. Please indicate if you have an appetizer, main, or dessert preference when you sign up, please contact Kathy Burnham at: **kathleenchurch@sbcglobal.net**

Town Hall 2025

Sunday, September 14 | 11:15 Heritage Room

Please join Council for a light lunch and conversation following worship. Council would like to hear from you mostly to write the next set of goals and we need input from the congregation. This is an opportunity to have a meal while talking with a Council member and active PUCCers. Council would love to hear your joys and concerns about PUCC and the future. Please join us for an hour of good food and conversation. We are looking forward to hearing from you all!

If you have any questions, please contact Lana Brown at **Lanabrown66@hotmail.com**

Adventurous Women Out Late 2025

Are you interested in getting out with PUCCers in the New Year. We are eager to connect! See summer and fall adventures here: **parkwaychurch.net**

Saturday, September 20 *The Grand Hotel of Downtown Kilsyth* Experience the historical highlights of St Louis architecture and how they influenced Broadway and the Gateway to the Arch. The Grand Hotel of Downtown Kilsyth, The Old Post Office and Courthouse, and more! If you are interested in case we can get additional tix.

Saturday, September 27 from 1:30pm-12:00pm

Explore some historical highlights of St Louis architecture and how they influenced Broadway and the Gateway to the Arch.

Questions? Contact Cornerstone Engineer at **cfburnham@charter.net**

Saturday, October 4 from 2-4pm

Come enjoy live theater with us — **[Tickets](#)** are now available for the Grand Opening Night at The Rep of *Ain't No Mo'*.

Interview Etsy Rash - Blessings of Belonging

Saturday, September 20 | 6:30-8pm | Parkway United Church of Christ

Interview with Etsy Rash Event member, author, and nurse, **Etsy Rash** continues to inspire with her lifelong commitment to truth, civility, and human dignity.

This evening, Etsy will share the remarkable story of how she helped found the Parkway Peace Initiative in the wake of the 2016 and 2020 elections—two WWII heroines denied recognition for decades because of gender discrimination. Her talk will highlight the lessons of their extraordinary lives, and how they can guide us today.

Interview is a joint program between Parkway United Church of Christ, the Turkish American Society of Missouri, and Congregation Shaarei Emeth.

Refreshments will be served!

Etsy Rash is a member of Focus. If you have questions, please email Brian at **cfburnham@aol.com**

Interfaith Initiative

Interfaith Initiative Parkway United Church of Christ, The Turkish American Society of Missouri, and Congregation Shaarei Emeth.

St. Louis Metro Area Crop Walks

Sunday, September 28 | 2-3pm | Starting at Shaarei Emeth

Shaarei's Crop Hunger Walk is at Eden Seminary is lovely Webster Groves. Registration begins at 1:30pm and step-off for the walk is at 2pm. Please join us for the walk if you want to walk. You can gather that day, volunteer to help or set-up ahead of time. Please let Cynthia Burnham know if you're going to register at **www.crophungerwalk.org/stlouis** and walk with PUCCers or join the super right search bar. The walk supports local food pantries and around the world through Church World Service. For questions, please contact Cynthia Burnham, **cynthia.burnham@att.net**.

Align with PUCC New Member Sunday!

Sunday, September 28

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up and leave. Friendships are made. Some of our Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Congregations are made up of individuals who are all at different stages of their journey with God. Some are just beginning to explore Christianity, others with joy and gratitude that we welcome new members into our worship, and others who are ready to be part of a church community. Parkway UCC would like to invite you to be part of an ongoing relationship with God and with other people of faith - though membership is not expected or required. Our church is rooted in worship, baptism, communion, weddings, funerals or other aspects of church life. As a congregational church, we are led by the Holy Spirit working through the people of God. We are a welcoming and inclusive church that experience the joy of Christ, discover your spiritual gifts, become more deeply rooted in your faith, and connect with others. We are a church without boundaries, become more Christ-like and share with us a congregational democratic polity, as a church member, you have a voice and vote within the church and participate in such acts as the annual budget, church council, worship and more. If this is something you might be interested in, please let us know by calling **kandi@parkwaychurch.net**.

Join the Visionloats Team!

Sunday, October 5 | 9am | Creve Coeur Park, St. Louis, MO

Join us for a family-friendly walk, rescued 5ac, and activities for all ages. Walk with your dog, your family, your friends, or your coworkers. Enjoy the beautiful nature, one step at a time. Walking for Vision Foundation for Living Blindness. Let's cure blinding retinal degenerative diseases together!

Please join PUCC's Visionloats team, the Believers, or make a donation to the Vision Foundation for Living Blindness. Your gift will help us get to 5 million donations by 2030. Thank you for supporting PUCC!

The team is walking in support of someone very dear to us with a degenerative vision disease. If you would like to support the team by making a donation and joining them at Visionloats!

Join the fight and help us accelerate our mission! For more info, please contact Kandi Nisenberg at **kandi@pawnee.net**

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Recurring PUCC Events

Tuesday Evening Dialogue 2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 6:45pm | Parkway Lounge | Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9757 | Passcode: 1

Please join us at TED for friendship and book discussion. Our current book is Wendy Wisner's *Giraffes by Lamplight*. It is a delightful memoir, written especially by the incredible true story of two giraffes who found themselves living with the hearts of Depression-era America. We will be discussing the book on Sept. 9 and Sept. 23 via Zoom.

We read a variety of books in TED related to social justice, spirituality, mental health, relationships, current events and nature. We also may choose some lighter fare from time to time. The books take three or four sessions to complete. Newcomers are always welcome!

Bring a dish to share for the potluck & join us for our next conversation!

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

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue 1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 1:45pm Parkway Lounge | 2:00-3:00pm Discussion

Contact Jim (312) 636-6795 Meeting ID: 849 4403 9757 | Passcode: 1

Join Open Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue, TAD, for discussion of books that explore the many facets of human experience. Our group welcomes people of all faiths and backgrounds, including those who identify as LGBTQ+ rights activists.Curiosity about others' perspectives and an open mind are essential approach to faith.

From the book jacket, "Drawing on the best in recent scholarship and her own extensive study and expertise, Evans examines some of the most important and widely held Christian interpretations, reaching them through memoir, original research, and theological analysis. Each chapter is a self-contained unit, followed by the Bible's most difficult passages, then wrestles through the process of doubting, questioning, and ultimately finding faith."

Please join us for fellowship and discussion. We'll meet to have pre-fellowship starts at 1:45 pm and the book discussion starts at 2:00 pm.

For more info, please contact **jeffby3@gmail.com**

Respect MO Voters

We are about to start collecting signatures for Respect MO Voters. It's a cross-partisan, volunteer group dedicated to getting an amendment on the ballot in 2026 that will take redistricting power away from politicians and, including the will of the majority of voters, as was done after the 1124 census. Missouri is one of the few states where politicians, not commissioners, draw the maps. Missouri is also one of the few states that has also tried in the 90s when democrats were in the majority. This is why I'm so passionate about getting this done. Please reach out to me if you want to be part of the group.

Please stop by our table in the gathering space before or after Sunday services. Take some information about the group, consider joining the organization, and sign the petition. Questions? Please contact Kandi Nisenberg at **mcmiser77@hotmail.com**

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Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with others

Sundays, 9:30 am | Nave | New Sanctuary

Living in Prayer Time: Anne will be in the Prayer Corner in the Nave on Sundays to pray with those in attendance.

If you see someone else there, simply wait a bit in the Gathering Space.

Upcoming dates:
Weds, Oct 29 from 7-9am
Sun, Nov 2 from 9:30-11am
Weds, Nov 5 from 7-9am
Sat, Jan 10 from 7-9am.

We can arrange a phone call or Zoom meeting for those if you'd like. Please contact Anne: kevin@parkwaycc.org

Coffee and Conversation at Parkway
Sundays, 11:30 am | Fellowship Area in Manchester Rd. Des Peres

Join us for coffee and a good word. Chat. Come connect! No need to RSVP. Just show up.

Upcoming dates:
Oct 22 at 11:30am
Wed, Nov 19 at 10am;
Fri, Dec 12 at 10am;
Mon, Jan 12 at 2pm

Questions? Contact kevin@parkwaycc.org 314.872.9200

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Other PUCC News Around the Bend

Helping Mothers and Babies affected by the Senseless (Ukraine/Russia war) prayers.parkwaycc.org/ukraine/

Working as a distributor of children's diapers, baby wipes, formula, and other baby items, plus hygiene items for mothers and babies, we are in need of volunteers to help sort, package, and distribute these items. For more info, contact Jim Jakubicki jimjakubicki@gmail.com. There will be a container in the gathering space library area.

Embroidery Ministry
Sign-up and Supply Needs

Kaleidoscope Parent and Caregiver Class
Sundays, 9:45 virtually | 9/5, 9/19, 9/26

Join for an engaging and conversational time geared just for parents and caregivers of children 0-5.

➔ **Who is this for?** Parents and caregivers of children in community and valuable relationship.

➔ **What to Expect** Helpful tools, resources, and Practical Tips on parenting and caregiving. Time to connect with other parents and caregivers.

Sign up here!

Parkway UCC DVA-Related Groups
These are difficult times in our state and country for LGBTQIA/BIPOC folks. Parkway UCC is a safe space for all. Please let us know if you don't see here a community that you would like to help/ Well, there is something we can do!

There are two groups affirmed at Parkway UCC to connect members who are LGBTQIA/BIPOC and their allies: **Ongoing--Our Open and Affirming Group**. Members of this group will meet regularly to discuss issues relevant to LGBTQIA/BIPOC people and related actionable items, notices of meetings (virtual or in person) and other relevant info. Contact Kevin Kenyon kevin@parkwaycc.org to be added to the group's email list and to be notified of the ongoing meeting schedule. PUCC advocates. Learn more here.

The second group is the **LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance**. It includes representatives from 38 faith traditions across the St. Louis metropolitan area. Parkway is a member and is a steering committee member. Learn more here.

For more information, contact Deb Rehkemper debrehkemper@att.net

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PUCC Marketplace

Email Gabriel at gabriel@parkwaycc.org to let him know what you are planning on taking.

PUCC Shirts Available for Sale!
Show your church spirit and support the church by purchasing a PUCC t-shirt! Shirts are comfortable, soft, and perfect for wearing around town or to church community events. They feature the PUCC logo on the front and the words "Love God and Love Others" on the back. Just $15 each in a variety of sizes. Purchase your PUCC shirt today here!

Questions, contact Gabriel at gabriel@parkwaycc.org

Community Happenings

Mark your calendars for Food, Fun, and Fighting Hunger!

Happy Hunger Action Month! Volunteers from Foodpanik Food Pantry will be at Parkway Central High School on Saturday, September 17 from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Tuesday, September 6 Up Down Bowling Alley 10% of ALL dollars sales go to the Food Pantry!

Saturday, September 10, Shake Shack Des Peres 13239 Manchester Rd. Ballwin, MO 63011 Use code with **DONUT** benefit Foodpanik Food Pantry

Saturday, September 17, Kaldi's Coffee Kaldi's Coffee Roasting Company (aka), metro St. Louis Area Locations Use code **FCFUNDRAISER** to support Foodpanik with code **FCFUNDRAISER** when ordering.

Sunday, September 18 Join all of them! Bring your family and friends to the Food Pantry Booth and be sure to fill the fun! And, our community.

Join us for the grand launch of the Work this Hunger Action Month!

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Missouri Mid-South Conference

Hold the Date Announcements for events in the St. Louis Association
Hold the Date for the following events:

Fall Association Business Meeting- Saturday, October 8 at Kirkwood UCC in Kirkwood. Registration begins with Breakfast at 8:30 AM.

Installation Service for Rev George Miller at St. Louis Christian Church on **Sunday, November 6** at 3:00 PM at Kirkwood UCC.

Ordination Service for Sylvie Bowen-Bailey at Samuel United Church of Christ in Clayton on **Sunday, November 14** at 2:00 pm.

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Christian Education Updates

MARK YOUR CALENDER: New! Intergenerational Bible Study will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month and will be at Aloha Mini-Golf, 12300 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141, on **September 28th at 6:30pm.**

Hey! Hey! Youth Hayride and Bonfire Fall Fun at Queeny Park on Saturday, October 11, 3:30pm | 6:30pm

Calling all middle schoolers and high schoolers! Join us for a hayride as the 80s adventure duo Will Hiatt and Chunk, gather up pumpkins, eat delicious ingredients and feast to Queeny Park for a 45-minute hayride and an hour around a bonfire. We will be back to church around 9pm. Sign up with Kevin at kevin@parkwaycc.org

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Citizens Link
You can find the September 4 Christian Education newsletter here! If you'd like to be included in the mailing list, please just contact gabriel@parkwaycc.org

Join the Sunday Bible Study Conference Team!
We're looking for two volunteers to help teach Sunday School in 2023! If you're interested in helping out, please let us know and we can set up a commitment, just one or two Sundays a month!

Contact Gabriel Hayden, Associate Director of Christian Education, at gabriel@parkwaycc.org or 314-872-9200 x101.

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Something to Ponder

Recently, I was in a gathering with some and the Rents of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) and the conversation that I talked about the condition of our time - political unrest, climate uncertainty, economic instability, and the ever-present threat of deadly powerful suggestion. She said, "What we need now is a shift in consciousness." I agreed with her, but I also thought:

I've been sitting with that ever since.

You hear it all the time. We have been taught to survive. It's a posture shaped by scarcity. Fear, and competition. If you see it, I trust now that you can't unsee it. It's the water we're swimming in. It's the air we breathe. It's the trains to Israel and another. And just in systems and institutions. It's in our hearts and relationships—in how we argue, how we protect, how we defend.

It's exhausting. And it's lonely.

We're living in an age when information is flooding is faster than we can process it. Algorithms are designed to keep us outraged and afraid. We're told to be vigilant, to be ready, to be suspicious. We're told to be afraid of each other.

In this fractured, frantic world, I wonder if we're being invited back to something older and deeper. Not a return to the past, but a return to the present—here at a cross, a way of moving through the world with open hands, listening, seeing, showing up, a way of saying, again and again: You and I are not separate.

That shift—small, steady, spiritual—is where transformation begins.

We are in this together.
Pastor Kevin Schmidt, UCC pastor

Video

There has been a lot in the media about the Queen Elizabeth II's funeral procession in Westminster Abbey this year. A lot of history – and 2nd was the first season for many cheerleaders in the NFL. View this video and see what you think.

https://youtu.be/2Nfa0Bm3MW4

Jokes

My favorite fall color is plaid.

What apple can open the whole branch.

My favorite kind of pie is whatever pie I'm eating.

You know it's fall when the mosquitoes are replaced by pumpkin spice.

Why are the eggs gone? *A hard scramy joke*

Questions of the Week

What is your favorite thing to do outside?

What did you do last week that was memorable?

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Taking Care of Business

Please use the form at https://parkwaycc.northbeachcc.com/pucc/forms/17 for all announcements. Best practice is to submit your info at least 2 weeks prior, and in a Word document and then copy those details into the form. Bulletin deadline is Wednesday at noon. Please send any photos to Gabriel at gabriel@parkwaycc.org or communications@gmail.com

Livestream Worship services at PUCC YouTube Channel HERE
There is also a subscribe button under the main heading and brief description of our church. Please subscribe! Questions? Contact gabriel@parkwaycc.org or communications@gmail.com

DOWNLOAD OUR PUCC APP TODAY!
For Android: click here
For Apple, click here!

Our PUCC app is a robust tool that helps us connect and communicate easily. Our Church is a gamechanger that will help us to be more effective. The PUCC app is free to download. Questions? Contact Cindy Noel cnoel@parkwaycc.org

Live Church Support
Join us with your phone, tablet or laptop at our One Church Partners' Facebook page. Please like and follow our page and share with your friends and family. Please invite your friends to join us. Add your experience with One Church are welcome to stop by the large bulletin board in the Gathering Space before or after worship this Sunday. Cindy Noel

Questions? Please reach out to Cindy Noel cnoel@parkwaycc.org or Gabriel Hayden gabriel@parkwaycc.org

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We appreciate your submissions of jokes, quotes, photos, videos, weekly questions, and more! Please let us know if you are interested in any, have suggestions, poems, etc. We would love to hear from you. communications@gmail.com

PUCC eNews is published weekly in order to broadcast Parkway UCC events and happenings. Please submit your info by Wed. at noon.

UCC Configuration and Hours
Sundays: 9:30 am Worship | 9:45am-9:20pm Worship this Thursday | 11:30 Coffee and Conversation | 12:30 Prayer Corner

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