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Worship With Us this Sunday, September 14

Worship with us at 10am this Sunday! Join us here at PUCC or on Facebook Live. Worship is also broadcast on Channel 14 on Comcast.

We will share **Luke 15:1-10** where Jesus talks about God's love that seeks and finds, and **1Timothy 1:12-17** where Paul talks about God being merciful to him, even though he was a sinner.

A blasphemer, persecutor, and a man of violence!

We grow and mature in our faith as we experience life and relationships and situations. We are lost and found. Wisdom comes. God meets us where we are and loves us as we are. We are transformed by grace.

Worship bulletin here!

Going Inside Now: We welcome Here: immortal, invisible, God Only Wise

Spirit of the Living God, This Little Light of Mine, Make Me A Servant, Be Still

And Know That I Am God, Lord of All Hopefulness

Prayer Partner Before and After Worship this Sunday

Would you like to pray for PUCC? Sign up to pray for the sanctuary before and after worship this Sunday. Contact Kevin@parkwaycc.org.

Nursery Sunday Hours

Doing Include Me Too! Nursery is also open before worship from **9:30-10:00am** and after worship from **11:15am-12:15pm** (Directly). Please sign your child in and out in the nursery. Nursery is open for infants and kids through 5th grade, where they will receive loving care from our staff and volunteers. Please contact Kevin Bond at kevin@parkwaycc.org if you have questions or would like to serve. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to support your children.

Prayer List Updates as of September 12

Jean Mueller – moved to Capon Alston in Valley Park last weekend. **Pat Downie** – moving to Cedar Crest Village in Washington, MO **Doug and Amy Yakel** – to be baptized on September 18th **Jeff Hall** – Jeff's mother passed away on September 6th. Please keep Jeff and his family in your prayers. More here **Violence across America - including gun violence. Ongoing chaos and hatred in the United States. The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia. Our U.S. elections after the January 6th.**

Drivers Needed

Each month, PUCCers are in need of rides to medical appts when they can't drive themselves. Please contact Kevin@parkwaycc.org if you need help getting to worship. Please let kevin@parkwaycc.org know if you can help drive. Thank you! Here is a list of PUCC members and drivers and will receive an email once we have a request for a ride.

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PUCC Announcements

Fall Friendship Dinners Sign up by September 18

Our fall dinner again is scheduled for Friendship Dinners. You can sign up to be both a host and guest. You can host a dinner or be a guest. Please also indicate if you are interested in driving. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church. There is a sign-up sheet for each dinner. Please sign up by the date provided on the sheet. Please provide your contact information and any dietary restrictions. Contact Kathleen Hamdi at kathleenhurn.hamdi@outlook.com

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Sweet Treats

Sunday, September 14 | 11:15 Fellowship Hour

Please join Council for a light lunch and fellowship following worship. Our Alan Wilding Team is ready to write the next set of goals and we need input from the congregation. This is an opportunity to share a meal, while talking with a Council member and Alan Wilding Team member about your hopes and concerns about your life in this church. Please join us for an hour of good food and conversation. We are looking forward to hearing your ideas for the future.

For more info, contact Lana Brenda Lanabrenda68@gmail.com

Sponsor Needed for Adventurous Women Out Late 2025

We are looking for sponsors for our 2025 OCCAs in the New Year. Sponsorships are $100 each and can be for one or more events.

– Carmen Baumgartner cfbaum@charter.net

Saturday, September 20 *The Grateful Friend of Downtown Kirkwood* Join us for a tour of the Grateful Friend, a gift shop in downtown Kirkwood. The Grateful Friend is a gift shop that is run by and for the homeless and is in operation in case we can get additional tix.

Saturday, September 27 9:30am-1:30pm

Come enjoy live theater with us — Emma the play - based on the novel by Jane Austen at the Kirkwood Civic Center.

Questions? Contact Carmen Baumgartner at cfbaum@charter.net

Interviewing Jesus Intentional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

'Hand We Down Music,' by Cindy Nouri and Rich Raze. Sunday, September 21 | 11:15am | Fellowship Hall

Do you remember a melody or jingle or rhyme that makes you feel happy? Have you ever wanted to play an instrument? Cynthia Nouri and Rich Raze have written a book for children and families that will help discuss the social-emotional benefits of music and playing music.

All programs start after worship service at approximately 11:15am in the Fellowship Room. For questions, kindly contact Richard Scherer at RBScherer@gmail.com

PUCCer Ella Panisca is Rizzo in Grease at SIHO

Saturday, September 27

Take a step forty-odd-ish to Kirkwood Middle School this weekend to see Ella in Grease. We will carpool from church at 10am, and lunch in Cuba afterwards. Please enjoy Grease at 2pm. Click here for more information. Please let Ella know if you are attending with Parkway! Page and then return to St Louis Metro Area Group Hunger Walk. Ella is playing Rizzo in Grease, so we extended her Q+A to include Grease questions! Contact kevin@parkwaycc.org

St. Louis Metro Area Group Hunger Walk

Sunday, September 28 | 2-3pm | Tilles Park, Clayton

Please join and sign up for the walk at 2pm. Do not worry if you don't have time to walk. We will have a rain day volunteer to help us on 2/9th. Parkway's team and donation entry is here. To register, or go to www.crophungerwalk.org/stlouis and click on Parkway's team. Click the upper right search bar. The money raised goes to local organizations that feed people through church World Service. For more info, contact Sue Meiterling suemeiterling@outlook.com

Align with PUCC! Next Membership Class: September 22nd

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow into adulthood. Adults become parents. Parents become grandparents. Some of the best parts of the church are the individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, sometimes for new adventures and sometimes unexpectedly. We are a city and a global church and we welcome members into our worship, work and witness at Parkway UCC – in person or virtually. Membership at Parkway UCC could be the next step in your journey of deepening faith with God and other people of faith - though membership is not expected or required to participate in the life of our church. Membership is a commitment, reflecting a specific relationship with the church life. As a church member, you have the opportunity to more intentionally grow spiritually, to serve in leadership roles, to vote in congregational decisions, to financially support your spiritual gifts, to receive more intimate with God, develop your personal prayer style, expand your boundaries, become more Christ-like and more. With our congregational democratic polity, as a church member, you have a voice and vote within the life of the congregation. If you are interested in membership, or desire building blocks and more information, or if you are interested in baptism, or if you are interested in becoming a member, please reach out to kevin@parkwaycc.org

Join the Visionwalk Team!

Saturday, October 18 | 9am | Creve Coeur Park, St. Louis, MO

Join us for a team walk to raise funds for the Foundation Fighting Blindness. Together, we're advancing the fight against blinding diseases and building a community of support for all those affected by vision loss. Let's join the fight and raise funds. Let's cure blinding retinal degenerative diseases together!

Please join PUCC's Visionwalk Team to raise funds for the Foundation Fighting Blindness and help us save and restore sight to those affected by retinal degenerative diseases. Click here.

The team is walking in support of someone very dear to us with a blinding eye disease. We would love your support. Please click here for donation and joining them at Visionwalk!

Please stop by our table in the gathering space before or after Sunday services. Take some information about the Visionwalk, consider joining the movement, and sign the petition. For more info, contact Michele Steiger msteiger77@gmail.com

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Recurring PUCC Events

Tuesday Evening Dialogue 2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 7:45pm Parkway Library Book Meeting 9/24 and 10/8 Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. It is a beautiful story about a young girl who grows up in a family of giraffes who made headlines and changed the way we understand America. We will be discussing Chapters 1 through the end of Chapter 11 for our meeting on Sept 23.

We had a variety of books in TBD related to social justice, immigration, refugee stories, human trafficking, and more and nature. We also may choose some books from that list. Most books take three or four sessions to discuss. Suggestions welcome. Bring a dish to share for the potluck. Join us for a time of conversation!

For questions, please contact Helen Kane at kanehl@att.net

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue 1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 1:45pm Parkway Library | 2:00-3:00pm Meeting ID: 847 6264 4765 Zoom Link (312) 626-6799, Weekly Theme: Faith & Spirituality

Join the book jaunt. Dynamic in the best in recent scholarship and fiction. Discussions are informed by contemporary issues and our favorite Bible stories and characters. Interpretations are grounded in historical-critical scholarship, poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and diverse commentaries. Conducted by the Bible's most ardent fans, we explore the Bible through the prisms of scholarship, imagining, and debating Scripture's relevance.

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Respect MO Voters

Join us for a letter writing campaign for Respect MO Voters. It's a cross-partisan, volunteer group dedicated to getting an amendment on the ballot in 2024 to restore voting rights to people with felonies. We will be writing to people who have had their voting rights restored to encourage them to vote. This was also done in the past regarding payday info, check cashing, and the minimum wage. Please join us at 1:30pm on the first Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Room. Contact Kevin Bond for more cross-partisan. Whichever side of the aisle you identify with, the majority of the issues are nonpartisan.

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Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with someone

Mon, Sept 22 | 4-6pm | New Haven

Drop-in Prayer Time. Anvin will be in the Prayer Corner in the Sanctuary. Come on by if you'd like to pray.

Tues see someone every hour 9:30-3:30 and 6:30-8 the Gathering Space

Upcoming dates:
Mon, Oct 5 10am-4pm;
Thu, Nov 13 from 6-8pm;
Sat, Dec 9 from 8-12pm;
Sat, Jan 10 from 7-9am.

We can arrange a phone call or Zoom meeting if you'd like. Email me at kevin@cvbaywucc.org

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PUCC Marketplace

Looking for another way to support refugees and refugee families?

Jennifer Owens founded the Forai initiative 14 years ago. Forai, Inc., partners with local refugee and immigrant communities to provide culturally appropriate educational, and social goods through training and peer support, and by expanding market opportunities for artisans to help refugee women developmentalize their skills and earn a living wage to support their families and loved ones. The faith-based, Christian 501(c)3 organization recently opened a store in Kirkwood at 211 S. Kirkwood Road. For more info, go to here or feel free to email Lisa Mason, lmason@3dproduktet.net

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

Happy Hunger Action Month! Registration is open and we spread a little love wherever you go. Join us as we walk, run, roll, stroll, saunter, soft, or perfect for everything from Sunday worship to community events. This fun-filled, family-friendly event is open to all ages and abilities. Come as you are, bring your pets and let's raise a ton of coins. Purchase your PUCC shirt today here!

For any questions, contact Gabriel gabriel@pucckirkwood.org

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Tuesday, September 30: Hunger Action Month Kick-off Luncheon | 12:30 | Fellowship Hall

Walking Event July, meets St Louis locations! Raising funds as 15% of proceeds benefit Pucc's foodbank with code **KCYJ2ONL** You must mention/use the code when registering.

Will you join them at one—or all of them? Bring your family and friends, share the events widely, and help us fill the pews and fund our community. Thank you for being the heart of the work this Hunger Action Month.

Social Justice Ministry Presents Christian Nationalism, A Threat to Democracy

Saturday, September 20 | 10am | 11735 Denny Rd, Saint Hills, MO

Pucc's UCC is hosting a viewing of *Christian Nationalism: A Threat to Democracy and Christianity*, a talk by John Dorhauer. He is the former President of the Presidents of the UCC, after the talk, there will be a discussion group on the Zoom for a question and answer session.

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Teams and solo players welcome! Join for 10 rounds of trivia, raffles, and fun competitions. Bring your own food, snacks, and non-alcoholic supplies laid, and you can bring along your own favorites too. Doors open at 6pm; trivia starts at 6pm.

Tables are going quickly. Don't miss out!

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Missouri Mid-South Conference

Your Mary's Musings for MMSC **September 5, 2025** Read the rest here.

Hold the Date Announcements for events in the St. Louis Association Hold the Date for the Women's Retreat

Fall Association Business Meeting, Saturday, **October 4** at Samuel Wolfe United Church of Christ in Glendale at 9:30am. Worship will begin at 10AM the meeting will begin at 9:30am

Installation Service for Rev. Angie Miller at St. Lucas United Church of Christ in Sunset Hills on **Sunday, November 2** at 3:00pm

Ordination Service for Rev. Jeremy Hall at Samuel Wolfe United Church of Christ in Glendale on **Sunday, November 16** at 2:00pm

Save information will be coming this fall with details about these events.

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Other PUCC News Around the Bend

Helping Mothers and Babies affected by the tornadoes In cooperation with Mothers and Babies Fund

Working as a donation location to collect diapers, baby wipes, formula, baby food, baby bottles, plus hygiene items for mothers and babies. We are collecting items to help mothers and babies affected by the tornadoes this weekend. Please contact Kevin Carnes at kevin@cvbaywucc.com. There will be a container in the gathering space library area.

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SAVE THE DATE: Tower Grove Pridefest

Sept 27-28 | Tower Grove Park

Primarily we need tubes to help inflate the Gateway Dome and Affirming (GDOA) Booth on Saturday, Sept 27th. Secondly, there are a few slots on Saturday, Sept 27th and Sunday, Sept 28th. For information, contact Greg Schimedl greg.schimedl@hotmail.com

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Community Happenings

Virtual Program Living Well With Pain

Tuesday, September 15 | 6:30pm | Virtual

Presented by the Arthritis Foundation. Learn practical strategies to manage arthritis pain and improve your quality of life with expert insights from Ann Carroll, Arthritis Foundation Program Director. Join us to discover this virtual program will be posted to YouTube within three business days.

Circle of Concern Food Pantry Hosting Open House

Saturday, September 13 | 12-2pm 1000 Lemay Ferry Rd, St. Louis, MO

The Circle of Concern Food Pantry invites the community to its **Open House** on Saturday, September 13th at 12pm location.

This special event offers a unique opportunity to learn more about the organization's mission and the many ways it serves families in need. Guests can enjoy **complimentary snacks**, have a chance to win **attendance prizes**, and see firsthand how the food pantry operates.

The Circle of Concern team encourages attendees to RSVP in advance by scanning the QR code provided in the event flyer or click here. For more information, email Lanadoondel@gmail.com

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