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Happening Before Sunday

Social Justice Ministry Presents Christian Nationalism & It's Impact on Democracy

Saturday, September 21 | 10am-11:00 am | Parkway United Church of Christ

St Louis UCC is hosting a viewing of *Christian Nationalism & Threat to Democracy and Christianity*, a talk by Rev. John Dorhauer. He is the former General Minister and President of the UCC. Rev. Dorhauer is a dynamic speaker and this video is from a question and answer session.

Adventurous Women Out Early

Saturday, September 28 "The Grand Finale of Downtown Hiking! We will attend the early afternoon showing at the Marcus Theatre in Ballwin. Then we will head to Lunch at Lou's Lunch in Downtown Ballwin. Interested in Join me in Lawn chair. Contact Lana Bondera at lanabondera@gmail.com

Interfaiths: Elvis Forth - Blessings of Belonging

Saturday, September 28 | 6:30-8pm | Parkway United Church of Christ

In **90 years old**, Shawnee Smith member, author, and mystic, **Elvis Forth** has been a lifelong seeker of spiritual wisdom and practices from all religions and compassion. This evening, Elvis will share the journey of how she has helped secure the long-overdue **Medal of Honor** for her father, Elvis Forth, who was killed in action in World War II. Elvis will also share her spiritual practices and wisdom. Come and receive Elvis's blessing of belonging and compassion. Hope. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP here has passed, but if you're interested, please contact lanabondera@gmail.com or lanatolmie@gmail.com

Worship With Us this Sunday, September 21

Worship with us at 10am this Sunday! Join us here at PUCC or on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/parkwayucc. Hope to see you soon!

We will share two different translations of Luke 16:1-13 where Jesus tells a story about his man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that the manager was squandering his property. The rich man fires the manager. The manager is worried. Jesus and Lord wealth. We will unpack this parable.

Worship bulletin here!

Songs include: Kumbaya, Lean on the Murmur of the Dove's Song, Spirit of the Living God, Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands, Sweet Hour of Prayer, Jesus Loves Me, Amazing Grace, Let There Be Peace on Earth, and more.

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. Please feel free to drop off your children during these times. Our nursery has infants and kids through 5th grade, where they will receive loving care from our nursery attendants. Please contact Lana Bondera at 314-954-2274 or lanabondera@gmail.com with any questions. Please let the nursery attendants know if you have any special needs. We will prepare for them to support your children.

Nursery Volunteer Sign-Up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA4AA2CA5FB6-nursery

Drivers Needed

Pat Owens - moved within Mason Pointe Senior Living Community last week. Her new address is:

Margaret Kay Hall has entered into hospice.

Douglas Hermitage Woods - September 10 through October 15.

Jim Hall - Hospital Chaplain Rotation

Cindy Changell Lusin and family are they grievance thanks for her husband, Jim Lusin's memorial service. Jim's memorial service can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ej0Ow-Ec-Ew

Kate Moran - seven pain (one disease (Bongonon).

Mary Faith Bowles - recovered from her heart surgery (she's).

Violence across America - continue to pray for our nation.

Pray for Ukraine - Pray for peace in Ukraine.

Pray for Ukrainians fear with Ukraine and Russia.

Our St Louis neighbors after the tornado in May.

Drivers Needed

From time to time, PUCCers are in need of rides to and from worship. If you are willing to help out in this way, please let Lana know. Lana will need help getting to worship. Please let lanabondera@gmail.com know if you are willing to help out. Thank you for your consideration.

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Prayer List Updates as of September 19

PUCC Announcements

September Council Highlights

Our latest reporter on the Council is reviewing the General Synod Resolutions.

Council met on September 8 in the Round 1 of the Goals have been reviewed and the Council is working on how to work to achieve the new Goals.

The Stewardship Committee is meeting to outline a plan to fill Committee vacancies.

Property Committee, Grounds and Vitality Groups.

The Finance Committee is involved in the Fire to Conserve Fund. Ideas that groups holding events at church make them as green as possible. The Harbor passed. Thanks to Jeff Hall for all he has done in outlining how to have a green event.

Council discussed committing a $5k volunteer to help us of Council from representing Property Committee. Council heard Communications Team will continue to work on the Church Directory. Contact Lana Bondera at lanabondera@gmail.com

QUESTIONS from LAST SUNDAY'S TOWN HALL

1. Why is the Church Directory not available?
2. Why is the Church Directory presented 6 questions for confidentiality and not available? It is not all 12 goals, and before the Church Directory is published, the Council will review the 12 goals. Please see your input on these goals. Please contact Lana Bondera at lanabondera@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you.

September 26 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Lanatolmiebond@gmail.com

Please bring a card for Pastor Lana Bondera to sign before worship. Cards will be under the bulletin board.

Will a Great Parkway UCC Be Us?

Well? How do you describe Us to your neighbors and friends?

1. How can you imagine worship?
2. What is important to you about Parkway?
3. What are the needs of members and families in Parkway?
4. What are the needs of people in the community around the church?
5. What are the needs of others?

Please write down your answers.

1. How can we better serve our members and families?
2. How can we better serve others?
3. How can the church support you in your ministries and volunteering using DiscoTurn?

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"Avoid We Down Words," by Cindy Nouri and Rich Race.

Sunday, September 21 | 11:15am Heritage Room

Do you remember a remedy or recipe or rhyme that makes you feel better when you're sick? Maybe a play on instruments? Cynthia Nouri and Rich Race will present "Avoid We Down Words" where they will play and discuss the social origins of remedies, recipes, and rhymes.

"The Economics of Immigration," by Jon Haveman, PhD

Sunday, October 5 | 11:15am Heritage Room

Jon Haveman is an economist specializing in economic benefits – a more flexible labor force, increased trade, and increased productivity and a greater diversity of innovation. However, immigration is also controversial. It is argued immigration can cause unemployment, increase competition, and place pressure on public services. There is also a perception that immigration is an expert on the economics of immigration. He has been a Senior Economist at the Congressional Budget Office, an Associate Economist with the Federal Trade Commission and an Economic Policy position in the Business School at Purdue University.

Join me anytime as about the true, economic impacts of immigration, helping to dispel myths and untruths about this controversial issue.

All programs start after worship service at approximately 11:15am in the Heritage Room. If interested in leading, kindly contact Richard Scherer at MPhoran@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Baskets for Circle of Concern

Fall starts next week and it is time to think about changing leaves, cooler weather and fall activities. The Circle of Concern Committee and the Circle of Concern is one that our 750 Circle families love. Parkway and 6 other area churches support the Circle of Concern. Each year, we provide Thanksgiving baskets for 30 families and Christmas gifts for 30 children and an Adults gift Card. We begin collecting the 10 items and the boxes that will be delivered to the Circle of Concern on Nov. 13th. Please watch for more information in the bulletin and Lana will place a note in the weekbite and the list of items can be found on the Parkway website. Please consider helping with this project. We are participating in this important outreach activity.

Please bring non-perishable food and health care items with this bag or box of stuffing mix Can of cranberry sauce Can of pumpkin pie pf gravy – Turkey Can of corn Can of green beans Can of sweet potatoes Can of fruit Can of tuna

St. Louis Metro Area Crop Walk Sunday

Sunday, September 28 | 2pm Registration | 2:30 pm Walk starts at 675 E. Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves

This year's Crop Hunger Walk is in Webster Groves and Kirkwood Groves. Registration begins at 2pm and the walk starts at 2:30pm at 2pm. Be sure to worry if you don't want to walk. You can gather that day, volunteer to help or just cheer on the walkers. Proceeds from the walk benefit Church World Service. For more info, contact Sue Warnhoring sueswarnhoring@charter.net

Align with PUCC Meet Member Sunday

Sunday, September 28

Parkway is a welcoming church. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Sometimes they move away. Sometimes they die. Parkway is a community that is always changing. Because of this, we are always moving away to new places, new experiences, new opportunities. It is important that we continue to grow in our understanding of who we are, our work and witness at Parkway UCC - in person or virtually. Membership at Parkway is not a static thing. It is a living, breathing relationship between God and with other people of faith - though membership is not expected and certainly isn't necessary to be involved in worship, baptism, communion, weddings, funerals, or any other ministry of the church. Please join us for a discussion about what membership means to you personally. Think of it as a time of fellowship, form lifelong friendships, experiencing the joy of God's love and sharing that love with others. Invite someone to come with you. Invite someone who is not connected to a church. Invite someone who is connected to a church. Invite someone who is connected to a church. Invite someone who is

Recurring PUCC Events

Tuesday Evening Dialogue
2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 6:45pm | Religious Education Classroom
Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us at TED for friendship and dialogue. Our discussion for current book is *Mind-Wide Open: Gratefully* by Lynda Hollander. It is inspired by the incredible true story of two sisters who were separated at birth and the hearts of Depression-era America. We will be discussing the chapters through the month and the book at our next session on 10/28.

We read a variety of books in TED that include social justice, spirituality, different faiths, history, relationships, current events, and nature. We also may choose some lighthearted fun books for the summer. Come for one session or four sessions to compete. Newcomers are always welcome!

Bring a dish to share for the potluck that follows us for our next session.

For questions, please contact Helen Race at race4@att.net.

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue
1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 1:30pm-3:00pm (Occasionally)
Discussion
Zoom Link (312) 626-6799; Meeting ID: 824 7525 5620; Passcode: 480007

Please join Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue, TAD, on **October 7** for the discussion of the last third of the book Inspired: Saying Giants, Walking Miracles, and Other Bible Stories by Rob Bell. Inspired: Bible Stories for Dreamers and Doubters Even was a progressive Christian writer, blogger, and speaker known for challenging conservative evangelical beliefs and advocating for women and LGBTQ+ rights within the church. Join us as we read, reflect on, evaluate and questioning approach to faith. Please join us for fellowship and discussion. We'd love to have you! Newcomers are welcome. We will be the book discussion is from 2 pm-3 pm. For more info, please contact leiffer2@gmail.com.

Prayer Corner - an opportunity to pray for someone
Mon, Sept 22 | 4-6pm | Irene Schweitzer

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 are someone else there, please feel free to pray with Kevin.

Upcoming dates:
Weds, Oct 29 from 7-8pm
Mon, Nov 17 | 4-6pm
Tues, Dec 16 from 7-8pm
Sat, Jan 10 from 7-8am.

We can arrange a phone call or Zoom meeting if you'd like to but just reach out to kevinb@pathwaysucc.org.

Coffee and Conversation at Panera
Wed, Sept 24 | Join 1 Panera on Hendersonville Rd, Des Peres

Join us for a beverage and sweet treat. Come connect! No need to RSVP, just show up.

Upcoming dates:
Wed, Oct 22 | 1-2pm
Wed, Nov 19 at 10am
Tues, Dec 16 | 7-8pm
Mon, Jan 12 at 1pm

Questions? Contact kevinb@pathwaysucc.org or 314-872-9330.

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Other PUCC News Around the Bend

Autumn Opportunities for Good Samaritans
Sunday, November 16 is Homeless Thanksgiving Dinners, our church is asked to donate 100 cans of cranberry sauce for clients in Midtown and Grand Center. Please bring your donations to the table in the Narthex.

Sunday, November 23 is Feed the Hungry Sunday. Suggested items are canned green beans, corn, fruit, sweet potatoes, soups, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, meals, packages of sugar/jello, mac n' cheese, rice, mashed potatoes, and baking items.

North St. Louis Tornado Relief, overhead. Our church is a collection point for Planned Parenthood as they gather diapers, baby wipes, formula, and clothing. Angela and Jeanne are looking for other sources of information. The New York Times recently touted independent sites with a list of items that are needed. Please contact Angela Schmidt-Wilson if you have items for any who wish to sell them.

If not successful information the Vaccine Education Center click here.

Celebrating for 25 years by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Sponsored by Merck Health here, maintained by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Info/consultation on the vaccine the Cleveland Clinic Health Library here.

Vaccine Information statistics click here from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

5. To receive timely information about rapidly moving outbreaks, The Outbreak Report click here from the Brown University School of Public Health.

– submitted by John Russell vdrchy@swbell.net

Health Information
Each day, for years, relied on various federal government websites for evidence-based recommendations to make choices in managing our health. Now, we're finding that many of those sites have been taken down, altered, or removed, leaving people are looking for other sources of information. The New York Times recently touted independent sites with a list of items that are needed. Please contact Angela Schmidt-Wilson if you have items for any who wish to use them.

River Clean Up at the Arch: National Public Lands Day
Saturday, September 27 | 9am-1pm | Arch Grounds
Join us at the Arch for the first below. You need to create an account with the Gateway Arch Park Foundation to register here. For questions, reach out to Grace Tortillo Hilken, Volunteer Manager at grace.tortillo@gatewayarch.org

SEPTEMBER ECO-STEWARD EVENTS

Join us September 21 for SUNday at Eden Seminary
All 4pm a multi-faith service will celebrate creation, the sacredness of energy, and the gifts of the earth at the Interfaith Service and Interfaith Convocation of Eden Seminary (near the fountain) and parking in the Webster Place CLC and the Eden Bookstore. Contact info to info@eden.edu

You're Invited to a Watch Party on September 30
Monday, September 30 | 6:45pm | Missouri Botanical Gardens United Join us for the Keynote Address of Faith in Place's 2025 Annual Gathering, featuring Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, Chief Scientist at The Nature Conservancy, a world-renowned, decorated professor, and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass* and *Indigenous Knowledge*, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants, which has earned Kimmerer many accolades. *Braiding Sweetgrass* was a book read and enjoyed by PEO this year. At the keynote, we will discuss how we can give and receive healing to the earth around us and how we can be part of the solution. Faith in Place is also offering a snack to share. Sign up to attend in person at: **314-241-2444**

Tower Grove Pridefest Next Weend
Sept. 27-28 | Tower Grove Park

Primarily we need folks to help volunteer for the Gateway Open and Affirming (GOA) Booth on Sunday, Sept 28th...however, there are a few shots on Saturday. Sept 27th. For more information, contact Greg Schmeig at greg_schmeig@hotmail.com

Sign up here!

"A Conversation with Ben Greene"
Author and activist will speak at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, Sept. 25**, at Kirkwood UCC, 140 East Jefferson Ave. in Kirkwood. Greene is Founding and Developing Four Advocacy Superpower. Sponsored by PFLAG of Greater St. Louis. For more information, visit pflagstl.org.

LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance's Coffee House at First Unitarian Church of St Louis
First Unitarian Church of St Louis
Sunday, October 12 | 2:30pm | 5007 Waterman Blvd

Join a reception, musical, poet, writer and artist! You're invited to participate in an open mic for the LGBTQ+ community to celebrate National LGBTQ+ History Month. The event is at Unitarian Church of St. Louis. We're creating a space to celebrate LGBTQ+ history and heritage. Refreshments/snacks are being a part of the event. Questions, please contact Rebecca Ferguson at faith@pflagstl.org.

Parkway UCC DNA-Related Groups
These are difficult times in our state and country for LGBTQIA2S+ people. Parkway UCC continues to be a safe space for LGBTQIA2S+ people and their loved ones. Especially now, it is safe. And, there is something.

There are two groups offered at Parkway UCC to connect members who are interested in advocating for LGBTQIA2S+ people. The **Mission** group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. This group will receive updates on legislation pertaining to LGBTQIA2S+ individuals and related actionable items, notices of meetings (virtual or in-person) happening around the area, news updates from organizations and individuals and writers, and other resources. This group is intended to help organize and to be advocates. Learn more here.

The second group is the **LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance**. It includes representatives from PFLAG and other LGBTQIA2S+ groups in the metropolitan area and meets monthly in-person or virtually. Learn more here.

For more information, contact Deb Reinhardt debreinhardt@att.net.

OUR MUSIC MINISTRY
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 ministry. Whether you're looking for groups willing to sing a solo, duet, trio to sing with a group and/or to sing with the First Sunday choir each first Sunday of the month. Rehearsals are the 3rd Sunday gathering names of interested participants and we'll work with them. Please reach out to amy@backstreetjazz.org | Kelly

Helping Mothers and Babies affected by the tornadoes in cooperation with Planned Parenthood/NCNW/ELO

Working as a donation location to collect diapers, baby formula, and other baby items, plus hygiene items for mothers and babies, we are collecting items to support mothers and babies affected by the tornados this summer. For more info, contact Sally Dodge s.dodge@hotmail.com. There will be a container in the gathering space for items.

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PUCC Marketplace

PUCC Shirts Available for Sale!
Show your church spirit and spread a little love wherever you go! Our new church t-shirts are comfortable, soft, and perfect for everything from casual days to church events. Grab one for yourself or as a thoughtful gift—nothing says you love your faith out loud. Shirts are just $15 each in a variety of sizes. Purchase your PUCC shirt today here!

Looking for Volunteers Contact gabriel@pathwaysucc.org

Community Happenings

Prayer Vigil - for an end to gun violence
Wednesday, September 21 | 6pm | 8838 N Maiden Rd, Creve Coeur, MO

Please join St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and their interfaith siblings for a vigil in memory of Sweet, Hope, and Hosiah as we endure gun violence survivors, remember gun violence victims, and call for meaningful action to save lives.

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

Happy Hunger Action Month Volunteers! Saint Louis Area Foodbank has lined up 4 awesome events to make a difference—and have a blast doing it!

Tuesday, September 23:
Kohn's Pizza & Pasta (all 3 locations): A slice of the day's proceeds helps feed local families.

Tuesday, September 30:
Raising Cane's (ALL metro St Louis locations): Raising funds so 15% of qualified sales supports the Foodbank with over **KOTHUSIN**. Hou Hoot mentionsone the code when ordering.

Join us for any/all them at one—or all of them! Bring your family and friends, share the events widely, and be part of the fun that fuels our community. Thank you for being the heart of the Feed the Hungry movement!

READY READERS Trivia Night is right around the corner! Don't miss out!
Saturday, October 4 | 6pm | John Burroughs School Field House

Make it a night to remember with Ready Readers—fun competitions, community spirit, and a chance to support literacy programs in Ballwin, Kirkwood, Ferguson, Valley, and Affton. Tickets are $30, individual tickets for $30. Register here.

Teams and solo players welcome! Join for 10 rounds of trivia, raffles, and a silent auction. Bring your own food, drinks, and snacks to share. Prizes will be awarded for the top-scoring team and one non-beginning team.