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Happening Before Sunday

Hayride and Smores Fall Fun at Queeny Park Saturday, October 11 | 6-8:30pm | Queeny Park

We have room on the wagon for anyone who would like to join us! We will meet at church at 6pm to gather up some chairs and s'mores ingredients and head for Queeny Park for a 45-minute hayride beginning at 7pm and an hour around a private fire. We will be done by 8:30pm. Please register here! For more info, contact Kevin Cameron at kevin@parkwayucc.org

Worship With Us this Sunday, October 12

Worship with us at 10am this Sunday! Join us here at PUCC or on YouTube Live (@parkwayuccstl)... or participate any time later on YouTube.

It's *World Communion Sunday!* We are eager to celebrate with our siblings from Mar Thoma. For over seventeen years, Mar Thoma congregation has made our Historic Sanctuary their home. We are so grateful for this partnership.
(Learn more about Mar Thoma -- https://www.stlmarthoma.org/)

Our Psalm is **Psalm 66:1-12** that celebrates a number of the ways that we can see and feel God's love and commitment.
Our Gospel lesson is **Luke 17:11-19** when Jesus heals the ten men with leprosy... only one of them expresses gratitude to him.

Worship bulletin here!

Songs include: *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace; The Church's One Foundation; Jesus Loves the Little Children; Now the Green Blade Rises; Lord, Make Us More Holy*

We will celebrate the sacrament of communion at our *open table*. All are invited to receive this simple sacred meal. If you are with us remotely, please consider having some bread, crackers, wine, grape juice handy.

Prayer Partner Before and After Worship this Sunday
PUCCer Lynn Mark is available this Sunday 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.

The first batch of PUCC shirt orders are here. If you ordered a shirt for your family by 9/7, you can pick them up on Sunday. I'll put your name on them in the Gathering Space. You can still order shirts (link below in Marketplace section).

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, where they will receive loving care from our Nursery childcare providers. There will be a Speaker Series event after worship, Oct. 12, so if you're parent, please attend! your children will be cared for.
For more info, please contact me at gabriel@parkwayucc.org

Prayer List Updates as of October 10

World Communion Sunday with Mar Thoma siblings this Sunday.
New Members: Alex/Lexi Johnson; Diane Brost; Gabe/Alex Wiseman!
John DeLaporte - ordained in the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ denomination at Millersburg CC-DOC this month (Rogers).
Hispanic Heritage Month - September 15 through October 15 (maybe a visit to Cherokee Street is what you need? Diana's Bakery?!)
María Corina Machado Parisca - Nobel Peace Prize winner for "her struggle to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy" in Argentina.
Henderson Family and other families grieving STL car crash this week
Howard - induced coma after serious car accident (Svenson).
Karen Anderson - healing after shoulder replacement (Davidson).
Ruth Peace - home after a couple of days in the hospital.
Henry Waite – healing after hospitalization earlier this week.
Emi - 5 year-old back at Children's Hospital for chemo (McConnell).
Violence across America - *including gun violence.*
Ongoing chaos/grief in the Middle East - and the *peace talks.*
The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.
Our St Louis neighbors after the tornado in May.
The US Government Shutdown - that compromise will rise.

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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Love Knows No Borders:
Protect the Refugee Admissions Program
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Love knows no borders. The UCC understanding of this clarion call of Christ goes beyond words. Since the Refugee Act was signed into law by Ronald Reagan in 1980, UCC congregations, in partnership with the refugee resettlement agency Church World Service, have supported tens of thousands of resettled individuals.

But UCC churches are losing the freedom to engage in this covenanted work. On January 20, 2025, President Trump's administration froze the United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP), stranding over 12,000 refugees already approved for travel to the U.S. and leaving no pathway and little hope for those seeking safety for their children or reunification with family.

Now the administration is poised to solidify this rupture further. The Presidential Determination on Refugee Admissions (PD), required annually by September 30 to announce the ceiling for refugee admissions for the new fiscal year, has yet to be released. But reports indicate that the coming PD will lower the ceiling on refugee admission to 7,500 and, further, prioritize white South Africans (Afrikaners) and others who the administration has determined face discrimination in their countries. Such a policy change would lower the admissions cap drastically from 2024 when it was 125,000 and deny haven to the over 120,000 displaced Black and Brown refugees who have already been granted conditional refugee status and been waiting in the resettlement pipeline for years.

So, while the administration is failing to complete its work required by law, it is also shifting the welcome of the refugee resettlement programs into a tool of racism, exclusionary in design and cruel in practice.

The UCC stands in opposition to these discriminatory, immoral practices. As Christians, we know that refugees and immigrants are welcome not because they are "the least" but rather because they are beloved, created by God for community and flourishing.

This is why we are urging you to contact your members of Congress to ask them to support the NO BAN Act, to guarantee that the President cannot arbitrarily suspend refugee admissions and to prevent resettlement bans rooted in religious discrimination. We must demand the resettlement program prioritize refugees who have been already processed, who have fled violence and harm in areas acknowledged on the world stage as marked by persecution and war. Together, let us affirm: Love Knows No Borders. TAKE ACTION HERE

PUCC Announcements

PARKWAY
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Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"Unseen St. Louis," by Elizabeth Eikmann, Historian and PhD.
Sunday, October 12 | 11:15am-Heritage Room

When historians visit archives, they often find weird, surprising, and fun material that they rarely get to share with others...but that ends here! Dr. Eikmann shares the stories of a selection of images and objects from various St. Louis archives that reveal an unknown side of St. Louis history. The presentation is fun, upbeat, and conversational spanning from the nineteenth century to today, from newspapers and magazines to photography and phonograph records. Elizabeth Eikmann is an expert in St. Louis history, women's history, and the history of photography. She is a teacher, scholar, and public historian and works as the Assistant Director of Curricular Innovation in the College of Arts and Sciences and as a Lecturer in American Culture Studies at Washington University in St. Louis. She is working on her book project, *In Her Image: Women's Photography in Turn-of-the-Century St. Louis*, which explores the role of white practitioners of photography in the linking of racial identification and vision.

All programs start after worship service at approximately 11:15am in the Heritage Room. For questions, kindly contact Richard Scherrer at 90fivetpr@gmail.com

VISIONWALK
#VisionWalkStrong

Join the VisionWalk Team!
Saturday, October 18 | 9am |
Creve Coeur Park, St. Louis, MO

Join us for a family-friendly walk, resource fair, and activities for all ages. Togther, we're advancing the fight against blinding diseases and building a brighter future, one step at a time. 9am registration. 10:30am walk begins. Let's cure blinding retinal degenerative diseases together!

Please join PUCC's VisionWalk team, the Believers, or make a donation to the Foundation Fighting Blindness and help us save and restore sight to the 10 million Americans living in darkness. Click here to register.

The team is walking in support of someone very dear to us with a blinding eye disease. We hope that you will support the team by making a donation and joining them at VisionWalk!

Join the fight and help us accelerate our mission! For more info, please contact Jo Grove jogrove08@gmail.com

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

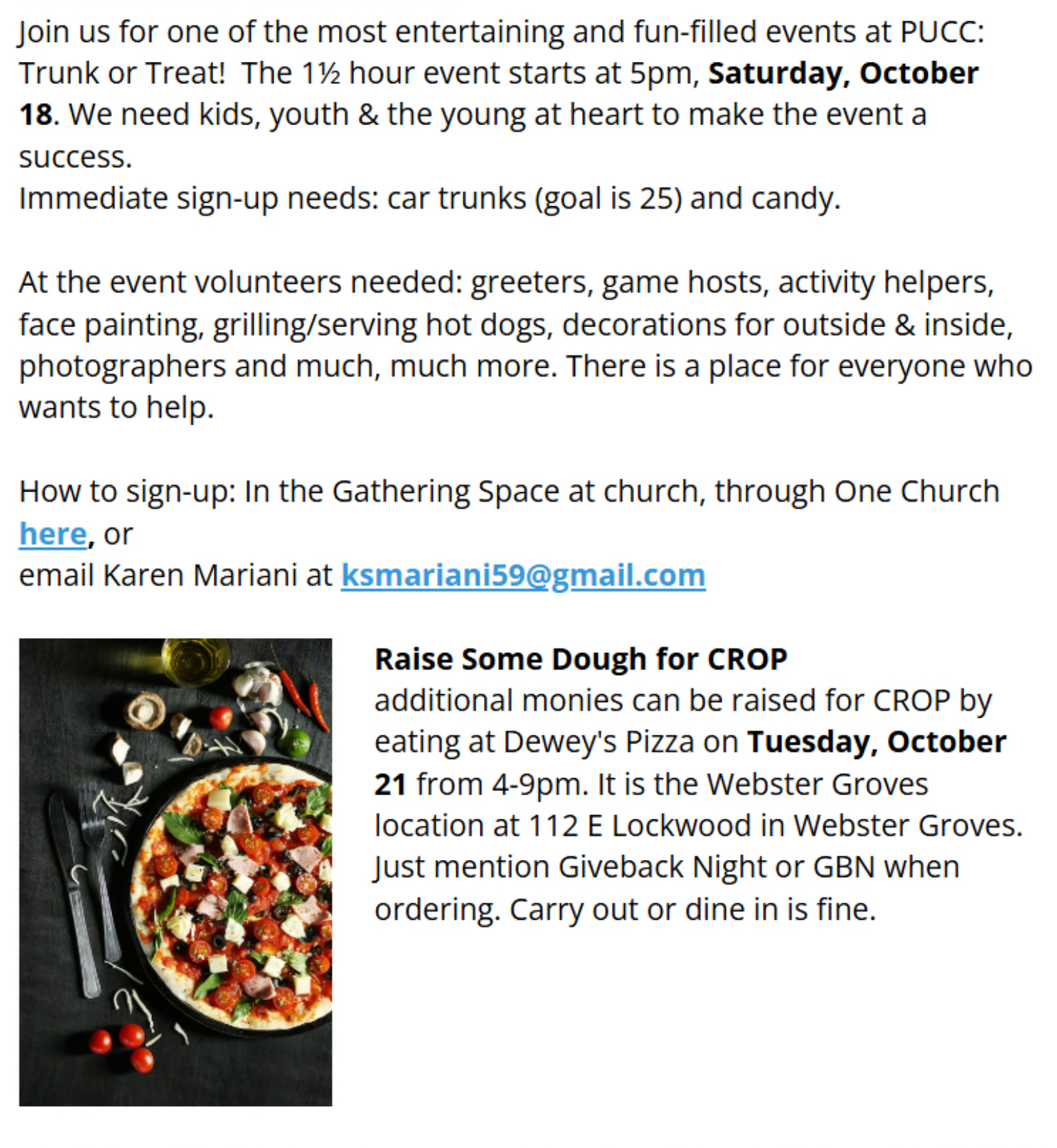
Walk to End Alzheimer's
Sat, Oct 25 | 10am
Chesterfield Amphitheater

Registration opens at 8am. The opening and Promise Garden Ceremony is at 10am. Walk is to follow in Central Park. Everything is outside. The Parkway team should meet at the Veteran's Honor Park (by the flags) at 9:30am so PUCC can do this together.

Parkway team donations can be given to Joyce Ruiz and she will send them in. Please make checks payable to: Alzheimer's Association.

For more details on current and future Alzheimer's research, visit alz.org/Research. You can learn more by going to www.alz.org/help-support/resources or the Alzheimer's Helpline which is accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master's level clinicians to assist with crisis situations, decision making, and disease information. Tools and support are also available in Spanish.

Want to learn more about the Alzheimer's Association and what they do here in St. Louis? Visit www.alz.org and/or contact PUCC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at joyceruiz7@gmail.com

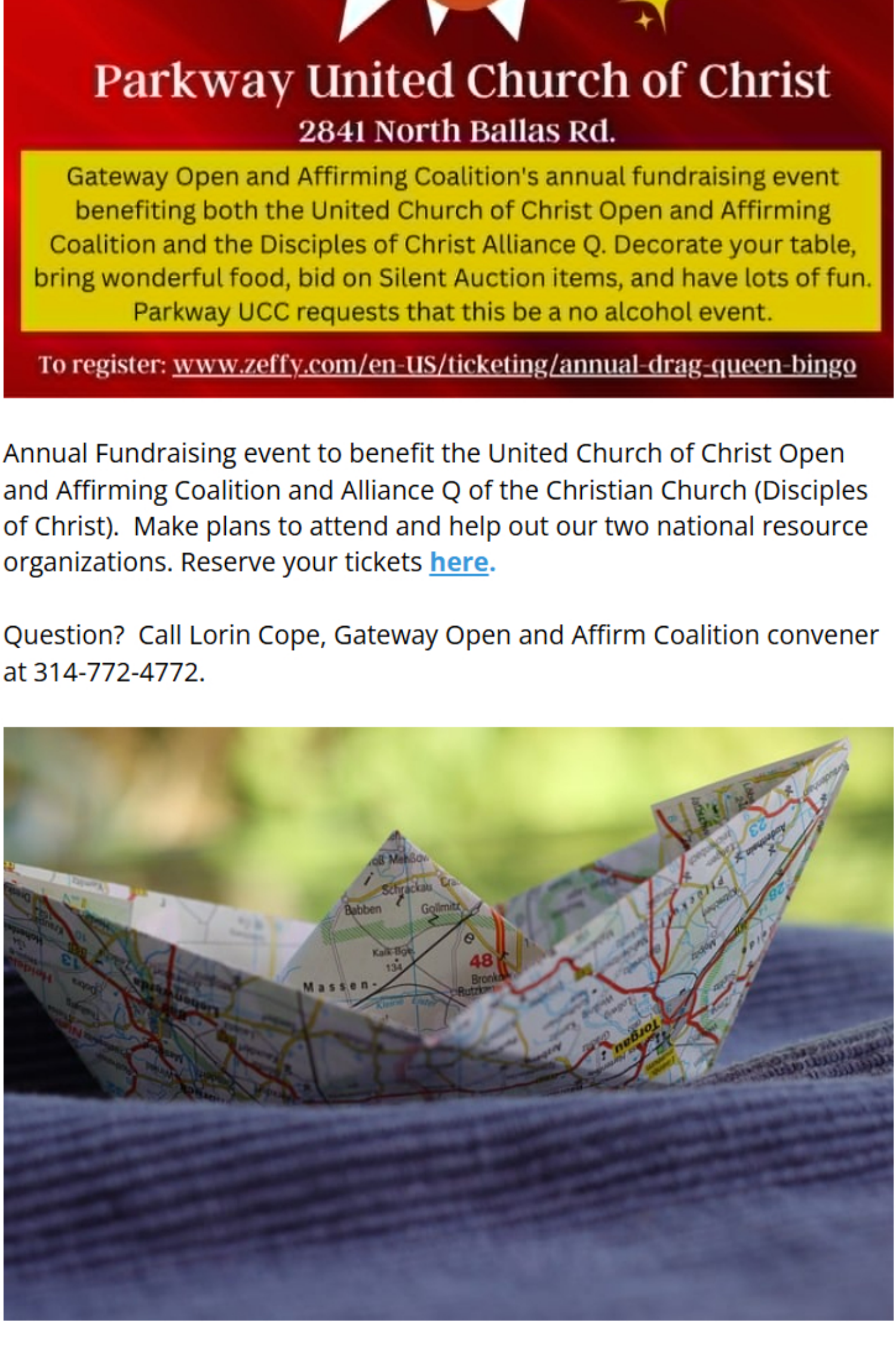


Trunk or Treat Next Weekend
Join us for one of the most entertaining and fun-filled events at PUCC: Trunk or Treat! The 1½ hour event starts at 5pm, **Saturday, October 18**. We need kids, youth & the young at heart to make the event a success.
Immediate sign-up needs: car trunks (goal is 25) and candy.

At the event volunteers needed: greeters, game hosts, activity helpers, face painting, grilling/serving hot dogs, decorations for outside & inside, photographers and much, much more. There is a place for everyone who wants to help.

How to sign-up: In the Gathering Space at church, through One Church here, or
email Karen Mariani at ksmariani59@gmail.com

Raise Some Dough for CROP
additional monies can be raised for CROP by eating at Dewey's Pizza on **Tuesday, October 21** from 4-9pm. It is the Webster Groves location at 112 E Lockwood in Webster Groves. Just mention Giveback Night or GBN when ordering. Carry out or dine in is fine.



Parkway United Church of Christ
2841 North Ballas Rd.
Gateway Open and Affirming Coalition's annual fundraising event benefiting both the United Church of Christ Open and Affirming Coalition and the Disciples of Christ Alliance Q. Decorate your table, bring wonderful food, bid on Silent Auction items, and have lots of fun. Parkway UCC requests that this be a no alcohol event.
To register: www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-drag-queen-bingo

Annual Fundraising event to benefit the United Church of Christ Open and Affirming Coalition and Alliance Q of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Make plans to attend and help out our two national resource organizations. Reserve your tickets here.

Question? Call Lorin Cope, Gateway Open and Affirm Coalition convener at 314-772-4772.

Parkway UCC Adventurers!

Touring the Old Courthouse - A Site of Past Resistance
Thursday, October 30 | 10am
11 North Fourth St., St. Louis

Please join with the Adventurers on a trip to the Old Courthouse. We'll meet at the church at 9:30am for carpooling or around 10am at the Courthouse. We'll explore the newly renovated and accessible museum at our own pace. Afterward, the group will head to O'Connell's for lunch (4652 Shaw). Come join in on the fun and meet some other PUCCers!

The Old Courthouse in Downtown St. Louis, part of Gateway Arch National Park, was built between 1839 and 1862. It hosted landmark cases, including the Dred Scott and Virginia Minor trials, and over 300 freedom suits by enslaved African Americans. Beyond its history, it's a beautiful site to explore. Visit archpark.org to learn more. Prepurchase parking ($10) here.

The only cost for the Old Courthouse is a small, shared contribution for carpool parking. Please RSVP to Jackie Eiffert by **Friday, October 24**, so that we can make sure we have enough drivers and can secure parking in advance for the carpool cars at jeiffert2@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: Parkway Adventurers go to The Kitchen Conservatory
Wed, Nov 19 | 11am-1:30pm
9011 Manchester Rd

Parkway Adventurers can enjoy a Plymouth Thanksgiving Meal and Demonstration at The Kitchen Conservatory. Enjoy a Thanksgiving-inspired meal, as Audrey Scherrer prepares a velvety pureed carrot soup topped with ginger raisin chutney, pan-seared and roasted chicken used in a flavorful chicken salad with the drippings, topped with a red wine vinaigrette and fresh croutons served with a crisp white wine, plus caramelized honey pumpkin pie with fresh whipped cream. There are only 16 available seats. The cost is $55 a person. Please register and pay online with Parkway's One Church, or by clicking here, as soon as possible, as there is a 16-person limit. Questions- Carol Cobb ccjcobb@aol.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, 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

Join us for a concert at the Focal Point!
Friday, November 7 | 8-10pm

STRIKE! STRIKE! Support Special Olympics Bowlers
Sunday, Nov 9 | 12:30-4pm | 1254 Dougherty Ferry Rd, Valley Park,

Friday, November 7 | 8-10pm
2720 Sutton Blvd Maplewood, MO 63143

Please join Rich & Helen Race, Cindy Nouri & David Eagleton for a concert at the Focal Point. Kentucky Music Hall of Fame members and recipients of the International Bluegrass Music Association's Distinguished Achievement Award, the McLain Family Band are internationally known as one of the most spontaneous, creative, and spirited groups performing original and traditional bluegrass music. Parking is across the street. Please contact Cindy at cynthianouri@gmail.com if you would like to carpool. Tickets are $26 in advance or $31 at the door. Register here.

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The annual STL Special Olympics Bowling Tournament is around the corner. We are looking for three people to join Kevin at Bowlero to be lane assistants who will greet athletes assigned to their lane, help athletes in bowling in the correct order and make sure athletes are on the correct lane for league style bowling. Lane assistants will also record final scores on sheets provided, cheer on the athletes, and most importantly HAVE FUN TOGETHER! If you have always wanted to volunteer with Special Olympics this is your chance! Register here. Maximum capacity for event is four, so sign up fast! For more info, contact Kevin Cameron kevin@parkwayucc.org

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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 for friendship and lively book discussions. We will start our next book, *Solito* on **Oct 14**. *Solito* by Javier Zamora is a 2022 memoir that recounts his 3,000-mile solo journey at age nine from El Salvador through Guatemala and Mexico to the United States to reunite with his parents. The book details the harrowing, treacherous, and lengthy journey that was expected to take two weeks but lasted two months, revealing both the dangers faced by migrants and the acts of kindness and humanity encountered along the way. We will be discussing the first 100 pages.
We read a variety of books in TED related to social justice, spirituality, different faiths, history, relationships, current events and nature. We also may choose some random books just for fun. Most books take three or four sessions to complete. Newcomers are always welcome! Bring a dish to share for the pot luck & join us for our next conversation!

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, October 21**. *To Life: A Celebration of Jewish Being and Thinking* by Harold Kushner (author of When Bad Things Happen to Good People) awakens non-Jews as well as Jews to the exuberance and enjoyment, the rewards and relevance of Judaism today. We'll discuss the first 3 chapters. We'd love to have you! Fellowship starts at 1:45pm and the book discussion is from 2-3pm. For more info, please contact jeiffert2@gmail.com

Coffee and Conversation at Panera
Mon, Oct 20 | 10am | Panera on Manchester Rd, Des Peres

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

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

Questions? Contact kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with someone
Wed, Oct 29 | 7-9am | New Sanctuary

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.

Upcoming dates:
Thu, Nov 13 from 6-8pm;
Tue, Dec 9 from 8-10am;
Sat, Jan 10 from 7-9am.

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

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Other PUCC News Around the Bend

Prayer Chaplain Ministry at Parkway UCC
You have seen a prayer chaplain up front in the sanctuary many Sundays lately - both before and after worship. You may have availed yourself of the opportunity to pray confidentially one on one - or maybe you've *almost* come forward... or maybe you have *wondered* what it's all about.

Join us for a conversation on prayer and about the particular practice of *affirmative prayer*.

We are launching this *Prayer Chaplain Ministry* so that we can be more supportive of one another, more encouraged to lean into the Holy and to recognize that none of us is alone. Our intention is to have a variety of prayer chaplains who will listen to you as you talk a bit about your prayer request. This pray-er will then offer an affirmative prayer out loud, reminding you of your inner strengths rather than asking God for a specific outcome. The prayer will focus on you being guided by God's infinite and unconditional love, presence and support... and that any joy or gratitude would be multiplied and any fear or doubt be transformed into peace and confidence.

This after-worship conversation on **October 19** is for anyone and everyone. While it is our hope that some who attend this may be nudged by the Spirit to go a step further and discern whether they may be called to be a PUCC prayer chaplain, that is not our main goal. We want to talk and listen with one another about prayer. Please join us in the Heritage Room.

Questions?
Please reach out to Lynn Mark (synkop8@aol.com)
or Kevin (kevin@parkwayuc.org)

Autumn Opportunities for Good Samaritans

Isaiah 58 Ministries. To help complete Thanksgiving dinners, our church is asked to donate 150 cans of cranberry sauce for clients in Midtown and South St. Louis. Please place cans of cranberry sauce in marked containers in the lobby. This food drive ends **November 7**.

North St. Louis Tornado Relief, food. Please add extra nonperishable food items on Give-a-Meal Sundays and throughout the autumn season for Sunday give-aways to people affected by the St. Louis tornado. Please place items in marked containers in the lobby. Suggested items are canned green beans, corm, fruit, sweet potatoes, soups, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, meats, packages of spaghetti, mac n' cheese, rice, mashed potatoes, and baking items.

North St. Louis Tornado Relief, nonfood. Our church is a collection point for Planned Parenthood as they gather diapers, baby wipes, formula, and other baby and personal hygiene items for mothers and babies affected by the St. Louis tornado. We are also asked to contribute any such items throughout the autumn season. Please place items in the marked containers in the Gathering Space library area.

Questions? Please contact Sally Dodge s.dodge@hotmail.com
or Evelyn Buretta burettaevelyn@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 Thanksgiving Basket program at Circle of Concern is one that our 750 client families love. Parkway and 6 other area churches will again provide shelf stable food that can be boxed and distributed to clients, along with fresh fruit and vegetables, a frozen pie and an Aldis gift card. We will begin collecting the 10 items and the boxes will be packed and then delivered to Circle on **November 8**. We will again be responsible for filling 100 boxes. The items needed are listed below. Lana will place a crate in the vestibule and the list of items can be found on the information table under the bulletin board. Many thanks for participating in this important outreach activity.

Items for Thanksgiving Basket: Cornbread muffin mix Bag or box of stuffing mix Can of cranberry sauce Can of pumpkin Jar of gravy - turkey or chicken Broth - chicken or vegetable Can of corn Can of green beans Can of fruit Box of dried mashed potatoes

For more info for how to help, contact Lana Biondo lanabiondo66@gmail.com

"For Such a Time as This" Advocacy Panel
Monday, October 27 | 7pm | 201 W. Adams

As the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance closes its program year, our October meeting will equip faith communities for effective advocacy. We'll gather at **Kirkwood United Methodist Church** for the panel *"For Such a Time as This."*

Panelists include:
• **Jeanette Mott Oxford**, former Missouri House Representative, longtime advocate for equity, and organizer of public witness at this summer's UCC Open & Affirming convention.
• **Rev. Meagan McLaughlin**, pastor at Christ Lutheran (ELCA), who testified against anti-trans bills in Jefferson City and works with Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries to support LGBTQIA+ clergy.

PROMO will also be with us - Missouri's statewide LGBTQ+ public policy and advocacy organization that confronts systemic inequities to liberate the full spectrum of the LGBTQ+ community from discrimination and oppression.

They will share advocacy stories, tips for organizing, and practical next steps. Attendees will receive handouts and on-site action items. We will also collect food for Metro Trans Umbrella Group's pantry (preferred: pop-top canned goods, shelf-stable milk, and snacks).

Please RSVP by **Oct. 24** to lgbtfaithalliance@aol.com
Questions? please contact PUCCer Deb Reinhardt in person at the email above.

1946
THE MISTRANSLATION THAT SHIFTED CULTURE

Enjoy a Potluck Dinner & 1946 the Movie
Sunday, October 19 | 5-8pm | Fellowship Hall

1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture is a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. The ONA Team at Parkway UCC is sponsoring this screening and potluck supper in observance of LGBTQ+ History Month. Bring a simple dish to share for our meal at 5 p.m. and we'll move into the Gathering Space after at 6 p.m. to watch the film. Dessert and discussion, led by Pastor Kevin, will follow the film. RSVP here and let Debbie Reinhardt know what potluck item you'll be bringing. For more info, contact Debbie at deborahreinhardt@att.net

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

RESPECT MO VOTERS

Respect MO Voters
We are 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 mrsinger71@gmail.com

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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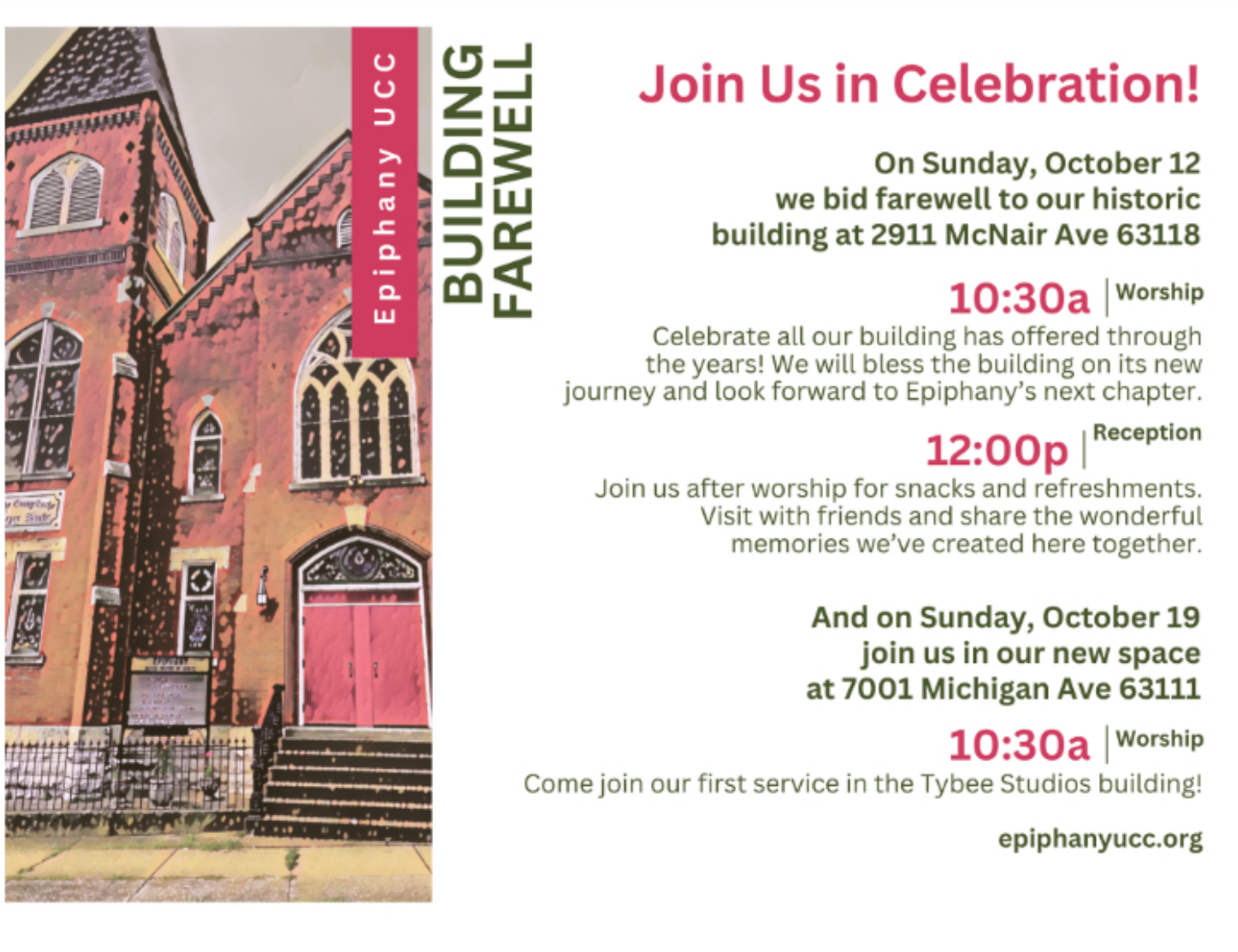
PUCC Marketplace

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 Sunday worship to community events. They feature our church name/logo so you can wear your faith out loud. Shirts are just $15 each in a variety of sizes. Purchase your PUCC shirt today here!

For any questions, contact Gabriel gabriel@parkwayucc.org

New Book Pre-Order: *Advocacy Made Easy*
PUCCer Cynthia Changyit Levin's new book, *Advocacy Made Easy: How to Turn Civic Frustration into Powerful Action,* is now available for pre-order. This concise, 70-page guide offers step-by-step instructions to help both new and seasoned advocates effectively engage with elected officials at every level of government. It includes updated guidance on writing op-eds, navigating AI in advocacy, and crafting persuasive messages using the "EPIC" format. Autographed copies with personal inscriptions are available for $15 through her website here, with official launch day set for **October 29**. For more information or to join her launch team, email cynthia@changyit.com

Community Happenings



Epiphany UCC
BUILDING FAREWELL

Join Us in Celebration!

On Sunday, October 12
we bid farewell to our historic
building at 2911 McNair Ave 63118

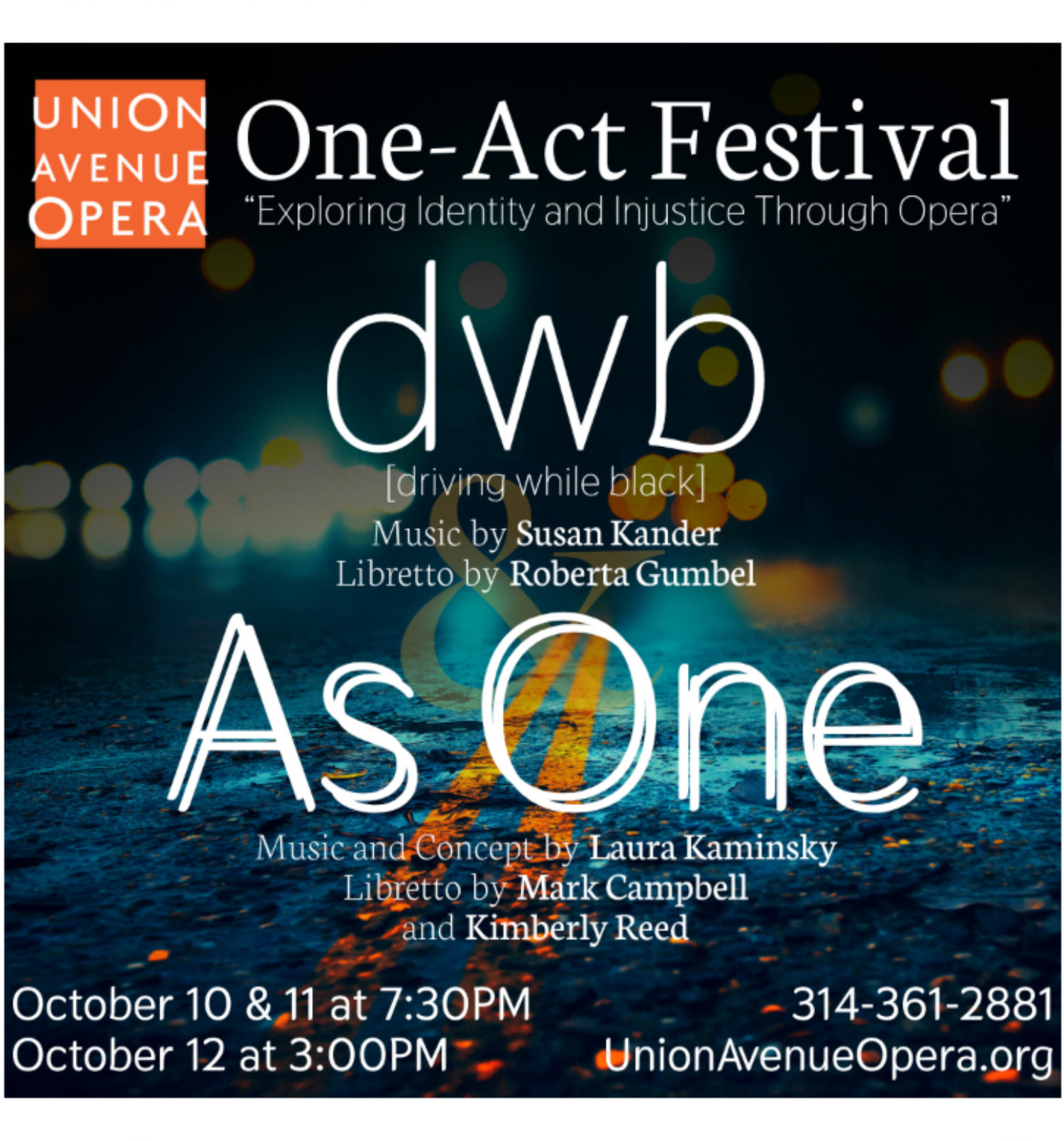
10:30a | Worship
Celebrate all our building has offered through the years! We will bless the building on its new journey and look forward to Epiphany's next chapter.

12:00p | Reception
Join us after worship for snacks and refreshments. Visit with friends and share the wonderful memories we've created here together.

And on Sunday, October 19
join us in our new space
at 7001 Michigan Ave 63111

10:30a | Worship
Come join our first service in the Tybee Studios building!

epiphanyucc.org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One-Act Festival
"Exploring Identity and Injustice Through Opera"
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Music by Susan Kander
Libretto by Roberta Gumbel
As One
Music and Concept by Laura Kaminsky
Libretto by Mark Campbell
and Kimberly Reed
October 10 & 11 at 7:30PM
October 12 at 3:00PM
314-361-2881
UnionAvenueOpera.org

IGNITING
JOY!

Folk Concert Benefitting Peace Community Building
Sat, Oct 18 | 7pm | 475 E Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves

Join the music at **Eden Theological Seminary** for an inspiring evening of folk music featuring **Wendy Bruner, Merry Keller, Susan Drake, and Julie Jennings**—with special remarks from **Dr. Starsky Wilson, CEO of the Children's Defense Fund**, on empowering children through literacy and leadership.
Suggested donation: **$20 at the door**. Proceeds benefit **Eden Theological Seminary**.
Learn more here.

Celebrate Children's Sabbath
Sun, Oct 19 | 10am | Wehrli Chapel, Eden Theological Seminary 475 E. Lockwood Ave

The service celebrates the work of Peace UCC toward child well-being. Peace UCC hosts Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools enrichment summer, after-school and winter break programs.

The Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson will be preaching. Dr. Wilson is the CEO of the national Children's Defense Fund. The service will be live-streamed.

Grace UCC Book Sale
Sunday, October 19 | 12-3pm | 4025 Wilmington, St. Louis, MO 63116

Come down to Grace United Church of Christ for books & snacks: decorative gourd season edition!
Paperbacks $1
Paperbacks $.50
Mysteries 5/$1
More info on facebook.com/soutcitygrace

2025 Ubuntu Gala
Friday, November 7 | 6:00 pm
The Franklin of Soulard
816 Allen Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri 63104

33rd Annual Interfaith Dinner & Celebration 2025
Tuesday, October 28 | 6-8pm | 4970 Oakland Ave, STL, MO

Since 1985, hundreds of people have gathered at the Annual Dinner to celebrate our region's vibrant interfaith community, renew commitments to one another, and invest in the bridge-building efforts of IPSTL.

Each year the Interfaith Partnership honors one or two members of the interfaith community for their steadfast commitment to deepening relationships across lines of difference. As awardees, these individuals are recognized for bravely bringing people together, for actively building an interfaith community that is responsive and resilient, for working towards collective transformation, and for being a friend to many.

All proceeds go to supporting the activities and service projects of Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis. Register **here**. Seats sell out fast!

Please join the International Institute of St. Louis as they celebrate the region's multicutural heroes and raise funds to support immigrants and refugees in our community. For more info and to get ticket, click **here**.