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Happening Before Sunday

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

Trunk or Treat this Saturday!
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.

Rain or shine, we are planning to have the event happen, but the trunks may be inside!

We need many more trunks, so if you can please give Karen the support she needs by signing up to be a trunk, she would greatly appreciate it. Let her know today!

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

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.

Worship With Us this Sunday, October 19

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

Our psalm is **Psalm 119:97-104** where the author is proclaiming their love and commitment to God and God's ways that make them wise and understanding.
The gospel lesson is **Luke 18:1-8** where Jesus talks about a woman who shows up at a judge's door seeking justice and is knocking, knocking, knocking....

Worship bulletin here!

Songs include: *You Are Welcome Here; Sweet Hour of Prayer; Spirit of the Living God; Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands; They'll Know We Are Christians; It is Well with My Soul; Lead On, O King Eternal*

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* at 11:15am in the Heritage Room.
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@parkwayucc.org)

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 an event after worship, Oct. 19, so if you're parent, please attend! your children will be cared for.
For more info, please contact me at gabriel@parkwayucc.org

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).

1946
THE MISTRANSLATION THAT SHIFTED CULTURE

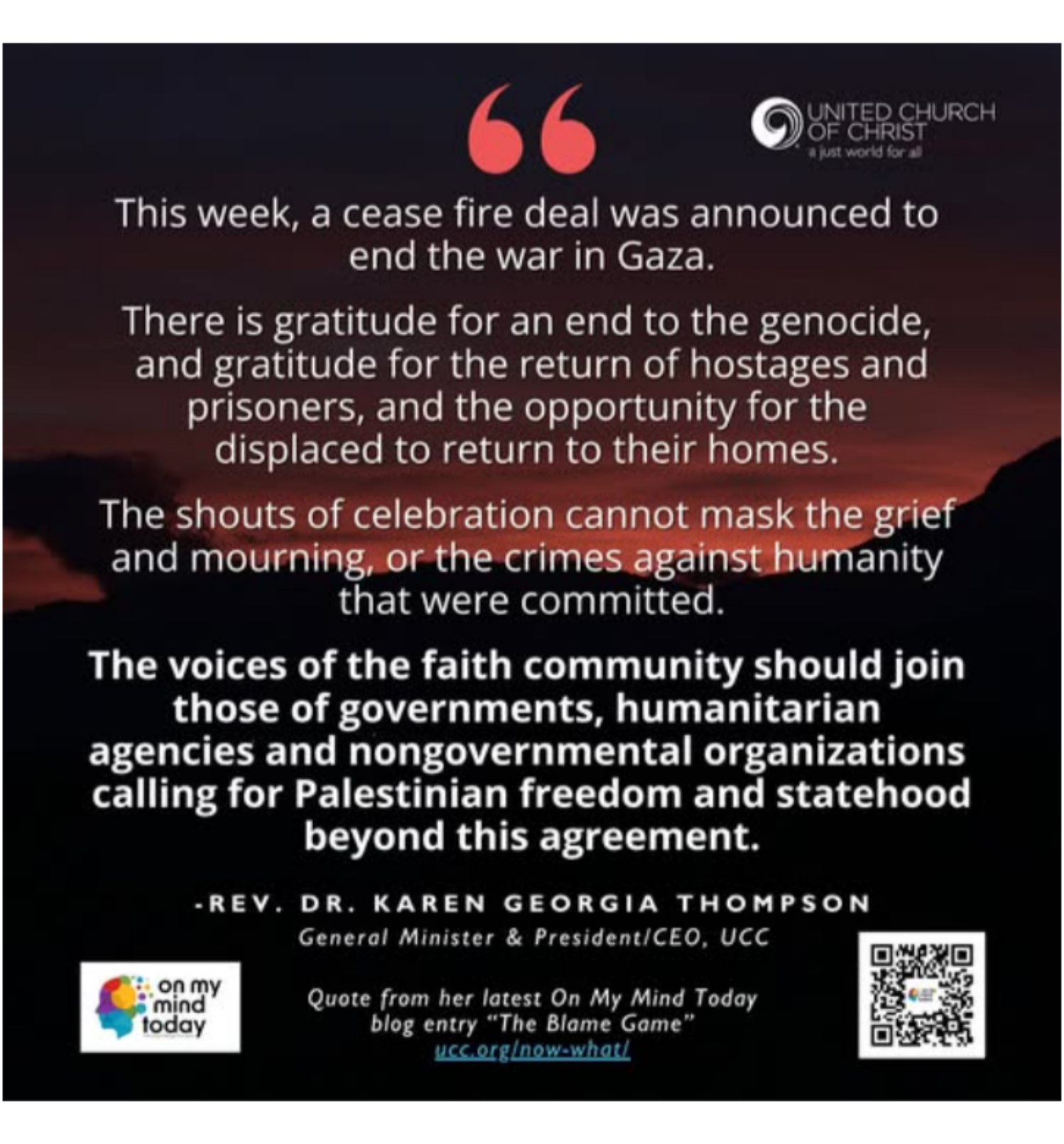
Enjoy a Potluck Dinner & 1946 the Movie
Sunday, October 19 | 5-8pm | Fellowship Hall

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

Prayer List Updates as of October 17

World Communion Sunday with Mar Thoma siblings last Sunday.
John DeLaporte - ordained in the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ denomination at Millersburg CC-DOC this weekend (Rogers).
Prayer Chaplain Ministry at Parkway UCC
Ruth Peace and Henry Waite - healing after hospitalizations last week.
Howard Price - healing after serious car accident (Svenson).
Jackie - hospitalized with pneumonia; moving to care center (McMillon)
Karen Anderson - healing after shoulder surgery (Davidson).
Emi - 5 year-old back at Children's Hospital for chemo (McConnell).
Grace - healing of a broken ankle; receiving hospice care (Svenson).
Kate Moran - severe pain from Lyme disease (Borgmann).
Debbie Sutcliffe - potentially facing another cancer diagnosis (Akers).
All grieving lethal blast at military explosives plant in Tenn.
Afghanistan and Pakistan border - deadly clashes.
Typhoon Halong clean up.
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.

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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This week, a cease fire deal was announced to end the war in Gaza.

There is gratitude for an end to the genocide, and gratitude for the return of hostages and prisoners, and the opportunity for the displaced to return to their homes.

The shouts of celebration cannot mask the grief and mourning, or the crimes against humanity that were committed.

The voices of the faith community should join those of governments, humanitarian agencies and nongovernmental organizations calling for Palestinian freedom and statehood beyond this agreement.

-REV. DR. KAREN GEORGIA THOMPSON
General Minister & President/CEO, UCC

on my mind today

Quote from her latest On My Mind Today blog entry "The Blame Game"
ucc.org/now-what/

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PUCC Announcements

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.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S™
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®

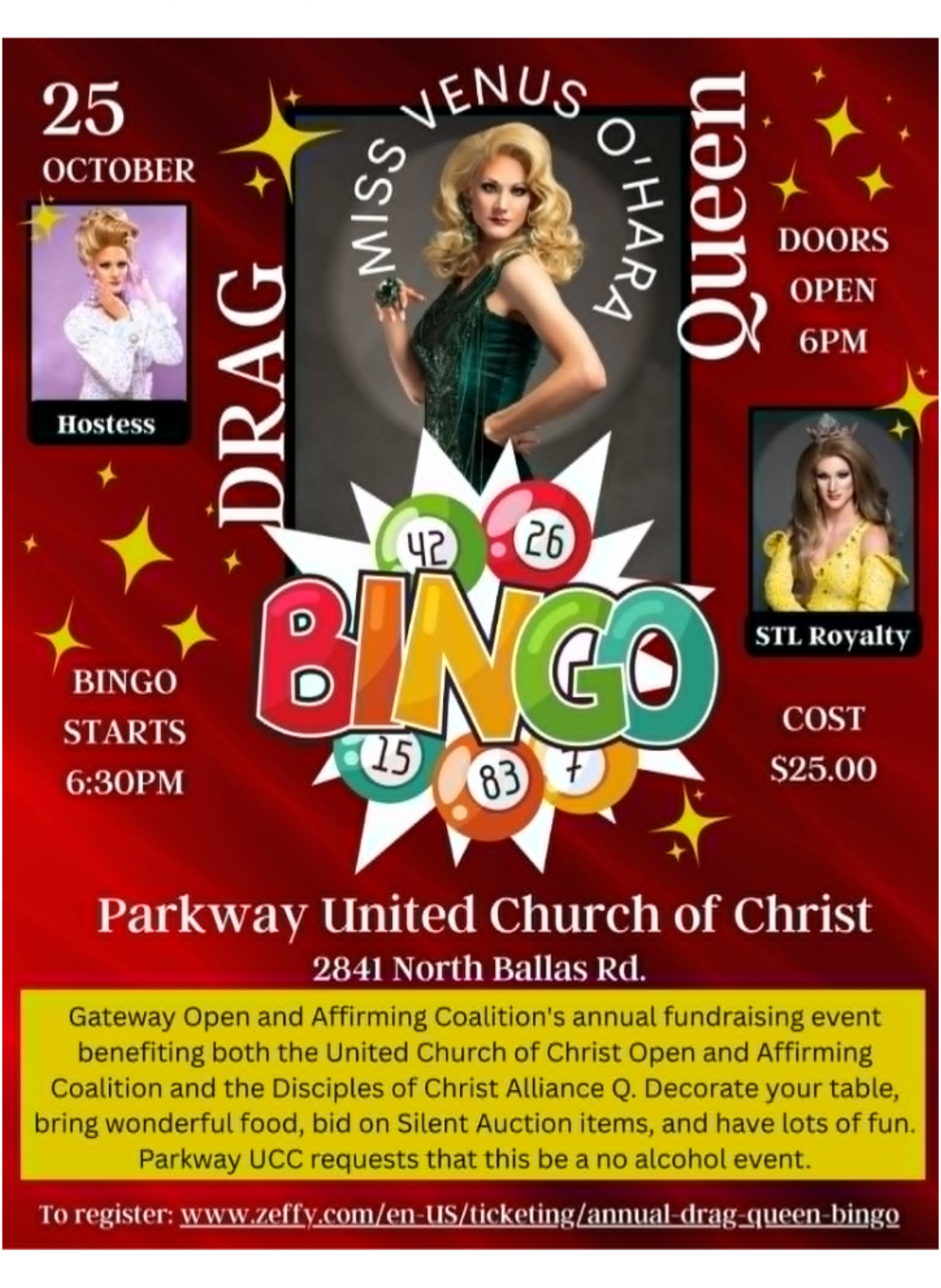
Walk to End Alzheimer's
Sat, Oct 25 **|** 10am | Chesterfield Amphitheater

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



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

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Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"Bletchley Park; the Home of WW II's Codebreakers," by Parks Smith.
Sunday, November 2 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Bletchley Park, in England, was the top-secret home of the World War II "Codebreakers." a term for the over 9,000 men and women who intercepted and cracked German war messages. Winston Churchill referred to the Bletchley staff as "the geese who laid the golden eggs and never cackled" Our speaker will explore Bletchley Park's history from 1939 to 1946, sharing stories of those who worked there and detailing how German messages were captured and decoded during the Battle of the Atlantic. This included breaking the Enigma and Lorenz codes and developing the Colossus computer. Parks Smith is a retired St. Louisan historian, who speaks at the St. Louis History Museum. Given his wide variety of interests, some have said he is a true "Renaissance Man."

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

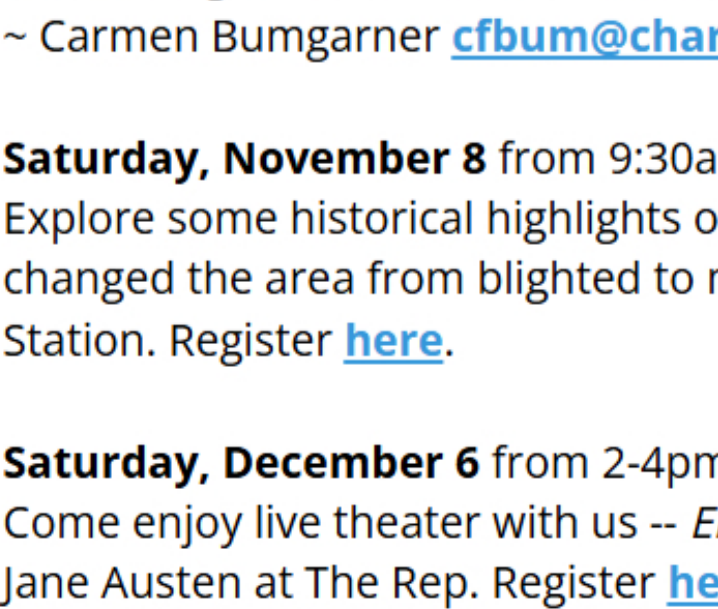
AWOL
Adventurous Women Out Late

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

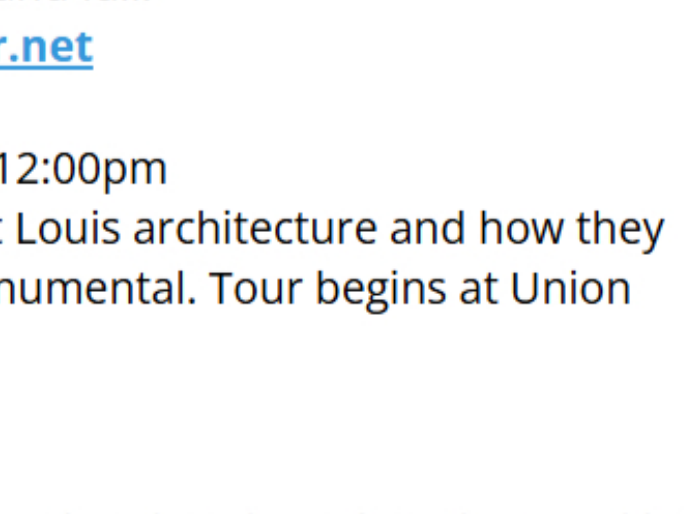
Saturday, November 8 from 9:30am-12:00pm
Explore some historical highlights of St Louis architecture and how they changed the area from blighted to monumental. Tour begins at Union Station. Register here.

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
2720 Sutton Blvd Maplewood, MO 63143



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

The annual STL Special Olympics

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.

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

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

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 be discussing the book, *Solito* by Javier Zamora on **Oct 28** and will be covering Chapters 5 though the end of Chapter 7.

Solito 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 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 at 6 pm & join us for our next conversation!

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

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

Give Me That Old-Time Country Music
On September 21, Rich Race and Cindy Nouri shared the stories of how each discovered and came to love old time music. If you weren't able to attend—or would like to relive the fun of listening to their lively tunes—you can enjoy their program on YouTube, using this link: https://youtu.be/EGFvkxbIdzo

October Thoughts and Tips from Eco-Stewards
Make Your Stuff Last Longer
We hear a lot about reusing and recycling things, but what about the reduce part of reduce, reuse, recycle? It gets the short end of the stick sometimes because most of us are ingrained consumers and getting more stuff is just what we do. What if you could make everyday things just last longer so that you don't need to purchase them as frequently? You could save money and reduce your consumption, which is healthy for the planet. Here are some tips to make your stuff last longer.
Clothing - Line dry your clothes as much as possible. That lint filter you clean out all the time is full of bits and pieces of your clothes! Use cold water to reduce dye loss (and fading) even more. No need to wash your clothes every time you take them off. (This is often a problem with kids throwing everything in the laundry basket). Check them first. Over washing not only wastes resources, but wears down the fabric.
Jeans - wash them inside out so any dye lost goes back into the fabric, wash in cold water and air dry them as often as possible.
Mattress - Use a mattress pad to protect the mattress and make sure to flip and rotate it regularly.
Cars - perform regular maintenance including oil changes, air filter changes, keep tires inflated properly and occasionally wash and wax to protect the paint job.
Shoes - untie them before taking them off, if they get wet let them dry out before wearing them again and don't wear the same pair every single day. Rotate shoes for more even wear and longer life (like tires!).
Fridge and freezer - vacuum the coils every few months for better efficiency and to make them last longer.
Green Thanksgiving Shopping Tips
Consider purchasing a free range natural/grass fed Turkey, chicken, ham, etc.
Purchase local over buying non-local items in your store
Use cloth napkins over paper
Bring reusable bags when you shop
Buy organic spices for your holiday treats
Combine trips when you're shopping for food and home
Think about purchasing fair trade/shade grown coffee

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.

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
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

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

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!

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

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

Awaken the Grateful HeART
Sunday, November 2 | 2-5pm | 8918 Manchester Rd, Brentwood, MO

Join PUCCer Angela L. Chostner at Joy of Yoga for an afternoon of joyful creative activities that unleash your inner child and increase your sense of gratitude. We will express ourselves through simple engaging art activities that anyone can do, and explore the messages of our own heart. The focus is on self expression, not the acquiring of skills. No experience necessary, this workshop will not include painting or drawing.

Bring a water bottle and a sense of play.

About the Facilitator: Angela L. Chostner is a meditative painter and poet. Her artwork is collected nationally and can be seen around St. Louis at several locations including The Mercy Conference and Retreat Center and Acupuncture St. Louis.

In her Creative Expression Workshops, Angela enjoys sharing her creative process and helping others tap into the inner joy that results from creating with heart. Sign up here!

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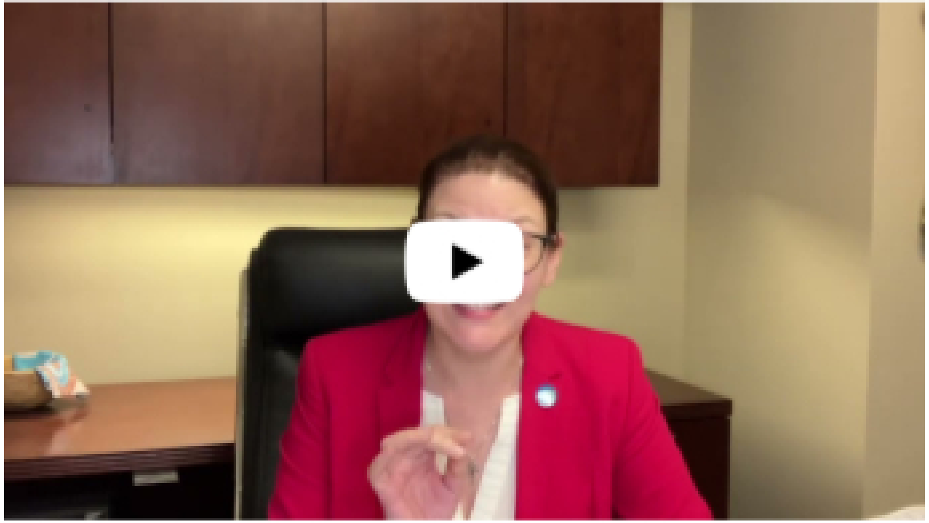

Hold the Date Announcements for events in the St. Louis Association
Hold the Date for the following events:

Installation Service for Rev. George Miller at St. Lucas United Church of Christ in Sunset Hills on **Sunday, November 2** at 3:00pm
Ordination Service for Sylvie Bowen-Bailey at Samuel United Church of Christ in Clayton on **Sunday, November 16** at 2:00pm