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Happening Before Sunday

Intertwine Interfaith: Speed Faithing and Soup Slurping
Saturday, Jan 17 | 5:30-7:45pm | Shaare Emeth at Ballas and Ladue Rd

It's not too late…. for an interesting evening of delicious soups and meaningful conversation with our Jewish friends from Shaare Emeth Congregation and our Muslim friends from TASOM – the Turkish American Society of Missouri). We will have the opportunity to really intertwine as we engage in brief conversations around a variety of topics. This will be a very meaningful and memorable event that you don't want to miss! Click here for more information about the unique evening: Intertwine Interfaith Program - Form - Congregation Shaare Emeth
For more info, contact Lisa Mason **lmason624@sbcglobal.net** or Paige Penico **andipaige@hotmail.com**. RSVP date has passed, but feel free to still see if you can come if interested.

Worship With Us this Sunday, January 18

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 MLK Jr Weekend and we will focus on the hope we have for a better tomorrow for all people! We will ponder what we have accomplished in the work of justice and equity, lament the backsliding and intentional dismantling of diversity and community happening today and recommit ourselves to being Christ-like in the quest for beloved community where everyone belongs and flourishes.

Our scripture passages from **Psalm 40:1-11** and several passages of lament paired with passages of hope will help us with our truth telling and forward thinking. Join us for honesty and optimism.

Worship bulletin **here**!

Songs include: *You are Welcome Here; Make Me A Channel of Your Peace; Spirit of the Living God; Jesus Loves Me; Sweet Hour of Prayer; They'll Know We are Christians; God of Grace and God of Glory*

Prayer Partner Before and After Worship this Sunday
Pam Walker is available this Sunday in the front left corner of the sanctuary before and after worship 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. Pam 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 asking 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.

Nursery Sunday Hours in Room 6
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 this Sunday. Please attend! Your children will be cared for.
For more info, please contact me at **gabriel@parkwayucc.org**

Sharing your Time & Talents
We shared our 2026 Time & Talent Sheet last Sunday in worship, asking you to fill it out prior to leaving. It asks you about areas of PUCC life that interest you. It is not a signup sheet but records your current interests. This information is helpful to church leaders as we strive to be a more organized, faithful and effective community. If you didn't have a chance to fill it out and would like to -- or you'd like to spend some more intentional time looking it over -- please do so by clicking **here**. If you'd like to (re)submit it, feel free to email it to **contact@parkwayucc.org,** drop it in the mail or bring it with you to worship and hand it to an usher.

Prayer List Updates as of January 16

MLK Jr Birthday
Diane Doty - cancer diagnosis; care plan being created (Grant's mom).
Jaden - born premature on 12/8; healing from lung surgery (Diane Brost's grandson).
Carol and Harold Cobb - as she prepares for hip surgery on Jan 20.
Clara Zander and family as they prepare for her eye surgery on Jan 30.
Carl and Marsha Ramey - dealing with his colon cancer diagnosis.
Edward Calcaterra - living with esophageal cancer (Litzinger).
The grief and groaning of Minneapolis and the nation over the death of *Renee Nicole Good.*
Ongoing chaos/grief in the Middle East - including Iran.
The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.
The people and leaders of Venezuela.
Our St Louis neighbors finding their way after 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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PUCC Announcements

🍪Girl Scouts Cookie Sale🍪
Alright PUCC Family, *ready to purchase your favorite Girl Scout Cookies?* Now it's easier than ever! You can order these delicious, purpose-filled cookies through the Digital Cookie site. We've got several PUCCer who are Girl Scouts, and it would be mighty fine of us as a faith community to support them.

The best part? When you order Girl Scout Cookies from one of them, you're helping them learn essential life skills—all while supporting the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world.

Cookie proceeds stay local, so your purchase helps them and their Girl Scout troop experience amazing adventures all year long.

If you've already bought Girl Scout Cookies this year, thank you! There's still time to place another order. Consider stocking up for yourself, buying for friends and family, or donating to Project Thank You. You can also consider purchasing extra cookies for the collegian care packages we send in the Spring. Just purchase those cookies like the other ones, but when your cookies arrive, we will have a basket in the Gathering Space you can place them.

Please let **gabriel@parkwayucc.org** know if there are other PUCCers selling cookies:
Evelyn Tallyn **here**
Avery Delannay **here**
Kacey Brueggemann **here**
Paige Brueggemann **here**
If you'd like to add your child to this list, please reach out to **gabriel@parkwayucc.org**

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Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am
"Bletchley Park; the Home of WWII's Codebreakers," by Parks Smith. Sunday, January 18 | 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 speakers, Parks Smith, is a retired St. Louisan historian, who often speaks at the St. Louis History Museum.

Mr. Smith 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 mighty effort included breaking the German Enigma and Lorenz codes and developing the Colossus computer.

Questions? Please email Richard Scherrer at **90fivetpr@gmail.com**

NAMI St. Louis'
Trivia
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NAMI St. Louis Trivia Night
Friday, January 23 | 6-10pm | Maryland Heights Community Center

Join us for a night of brainy fun at our Trivia. We need to build a team of 8 and to pick a table theme. Get ready for raffles, prizes, and bragging rights! Support mental health education and advocacy in the St. Louis area. $35 a seat for a team. Contact Dan Connors to let him know if you'd like to attend at **connorsd@aol.com**. You can pay him at the event or if you see him beforehand. Open to Table theme ideas!

Authentic Selves: Celebrating Trans and Nonbinary People & Their Families
Saturday, January 24 | 7-8:30pm | Gathering Space

Join the Parkway ONA Team and the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance in welcoming the Family Diversity Project's photo exhibit, "Authentic Selves," presented at Parkway UCC from **January 24 through February 8**. Opening Night Reception features guest Jordon Braxton, a longtime St. Louis advocate for trans rights and a member of the St. Louis City HIV Health Services Planning Council. Refreshments will be served.

A second opening will be the next morning, **January 25** from 9-10am with the opportunity to view the exhibit and enjoy a continental breakfast before worship.

Please RSVP by **Jan. 23** **here**.

For more info, contact Debbie Reinhardt
deborahreinhardt@att.net

Potluck Dinner with Marthoma and Parkway UCC
Sunday, January 25 | 11:45am-12:45pm | Fellowship Hall

We hope you are planning to come to our Potluck next weekend.

Items can be dropped off in the kitchen before our individual worship services begin. (The oven will be on low in case anyone wants to place something in there to stay warm.)

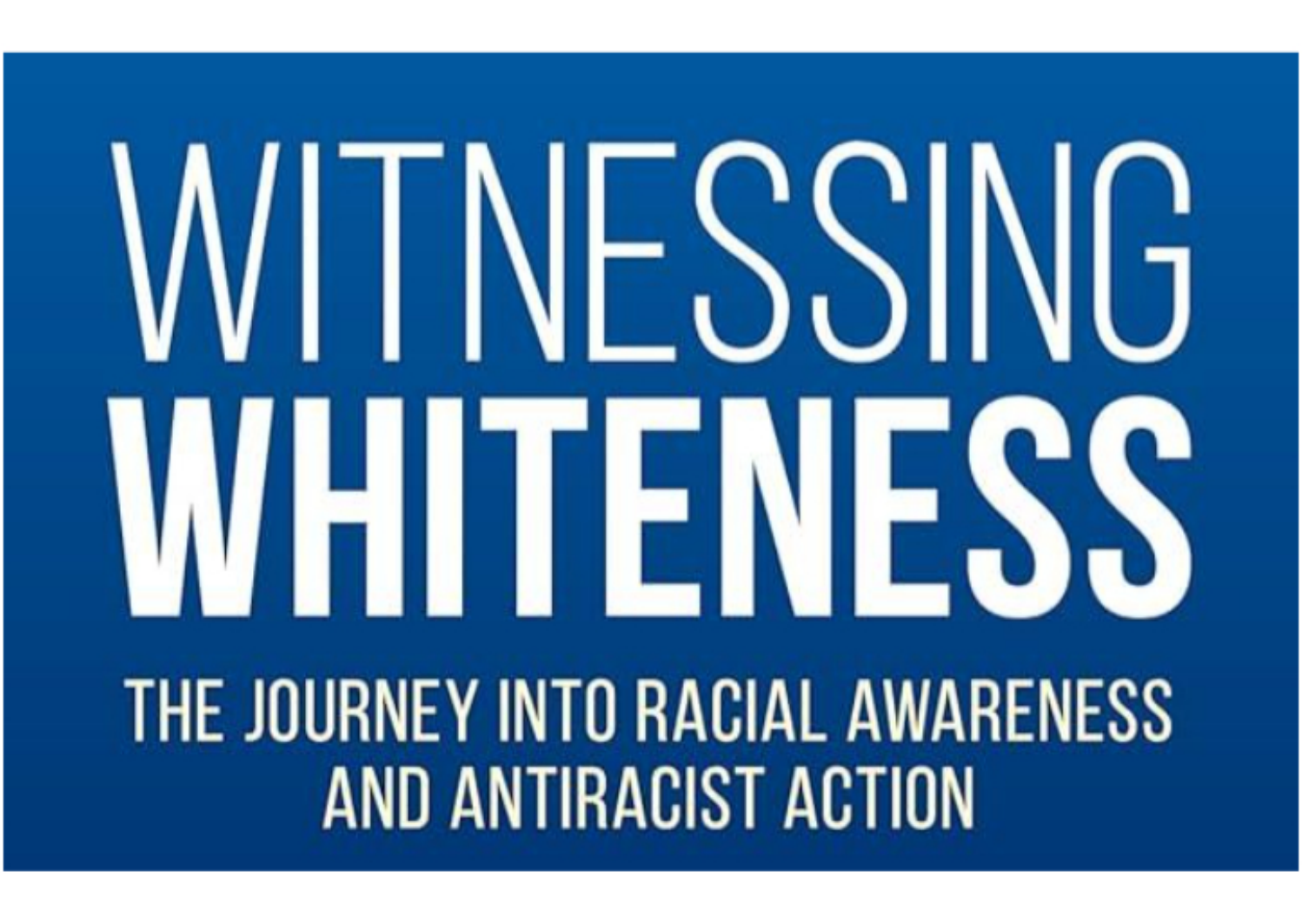
We will encourage 'mixed' seating for the meal.

Kevin will offer a welcome and explain how the meal, table conversations and simple outreach project will work.

Achen will lead us in a blessing over the meal.

After the meal and table conversations, we will engage in the outreach project and then clean up. Thank you! We are looking forward to sharing this time together.

If you are interested in helping coordinate, please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org today. Thank you!



Witnessing Whiteness PUCC Study Group begins in January on Zoom

We're forming a *Witnessing Whiteness* learning circle using Shelly Tochluk's book *Witnessing Whiteness: The Journey into Racial Awareness and Antiracist Action* as our framework. This approach was created here in St Louis through the YWCA and become timelier and more necessary after Michael Brown was killed over ten years ago.

It's a supportive, no-shame space where white-identifying people can explore identity, grow in self-awareness, and practice showing up with more courage, compassion, and clarity in our diverse and hurting world. White people need to learn what black, indigenous and people of color already know about their history and the systems that effect then every day in America.

No expertise is needed - just curiosity and a willingness to reflect in community. This will take place on Zoom - Mondays 6:30-8:30pm - so it doesn't matter where you live or if you travel.

There are examples of racist, xenophobic and deeply rooted prejudice in the news every day. Unfortunately, some of the most powerful people in our land are attempting to rewrite our nation's racial history and are continuing to create and sustain systems of bias. We cannot allow this to happen. This is not what love does.

We have the right and duty to do what we can to understand the roots of this behavior and to be very intentional about being as antiracist as we can be. Our faith calls us to rise to this opportunity and responsibility. This group will help you find critical insights and guide you into being a more aware and justice minded/hearted person.

If you're looking for a space to deepen your understanding, build stronger relationships, and align your actions with your values, we'd love to have you.

This experience is free. We just ask that you purchase the book – let me know if you need help with that. More guidance will be provided by our three trained volunteer facilitators that have been assigned to shepherd our PUCC group.

Zoom sessions: Jan 26; Feb 2, 9, 23; Mar 2, 9, 23, 30; Apr 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11.

This is a big commitment that I believe is worth every moment in our efforts toward the common good.

We invite you to engage in this unique opportunity that supports our core values of limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry. The purpose of this group is to gain thought-provoking information and engage in meaningful conversations surrounding how White people can, and should, play an important role in the fight for racial justice.

I have participated in a *Witnessing Whiteness Group* in the past and will not be a part of this one. Please reach out to me with any questions or to sign up -- **kevin@parkwayucc.org**

We have our minimum of a dozen people committed and have room for three more to sign on.

Thank you for giving this serious consideration for the new year.

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Speak Out: A Banner Party Create signs for future protests, vigils, etc.
Sunday, February 1 | 1:30-4pm | Fellowship Hall

This is a drop-in event; come with ideas, materials (if possible*), and as many hands as possible; we will spread out on the tables and create signs and banners to be used at public gatherings.
•Children and friends are welcome.
•Participants take their signs and banners with them for future events.
•One or two fabric banners will be left at PUCC for use by anyone who wants to borrow them.

Seeking donations (or loan) of materials: ideas for slogans/messages, cardboard (corrugated and/or poster), markers, large-letter stencils, rulers, pencils, acrylic paint, inexpensive brushes, newspapers (to protect tables), sharp scissors, box cutters, masking/painter tape (for almost-instant lettering!), duct tape, packing tape, sturdy cardboard rolls or wooden pickets, one staple gun and staples… No fabric donations needed- I have plenty! Also snacks and drinks!

However, SEEKING iron-on adhesive cloth (NOT interfacing; must adhere on both sides), and loan of fabric scissors and 1-2 irons/ ironing boards.

If you want to put a (muted color) tattered family quilt or bedspread to a new use, though, it would make an awesome banner… or two, if cut in half. DONATIONS RECEIVED between Jan 25 and the February 1.
Please contact Karla Beck with questions or to donate at **Madamebeck@yahoo.com**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.
Psalm 1: 3a
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If you would like to make a financial pledge toward our mission and ministry for 2026, please visit **https://parkwayucc.org/giving/** *Your involvement helps keep our passion for limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry rooted in love and moving forward. We appreciate your support! Parkway UCC strives to be an inclusive community embracing spiritual nourishment, open-mined inquiry, courageous action and interfaith partnerships to fulfill God's calling to create a just world for all.*

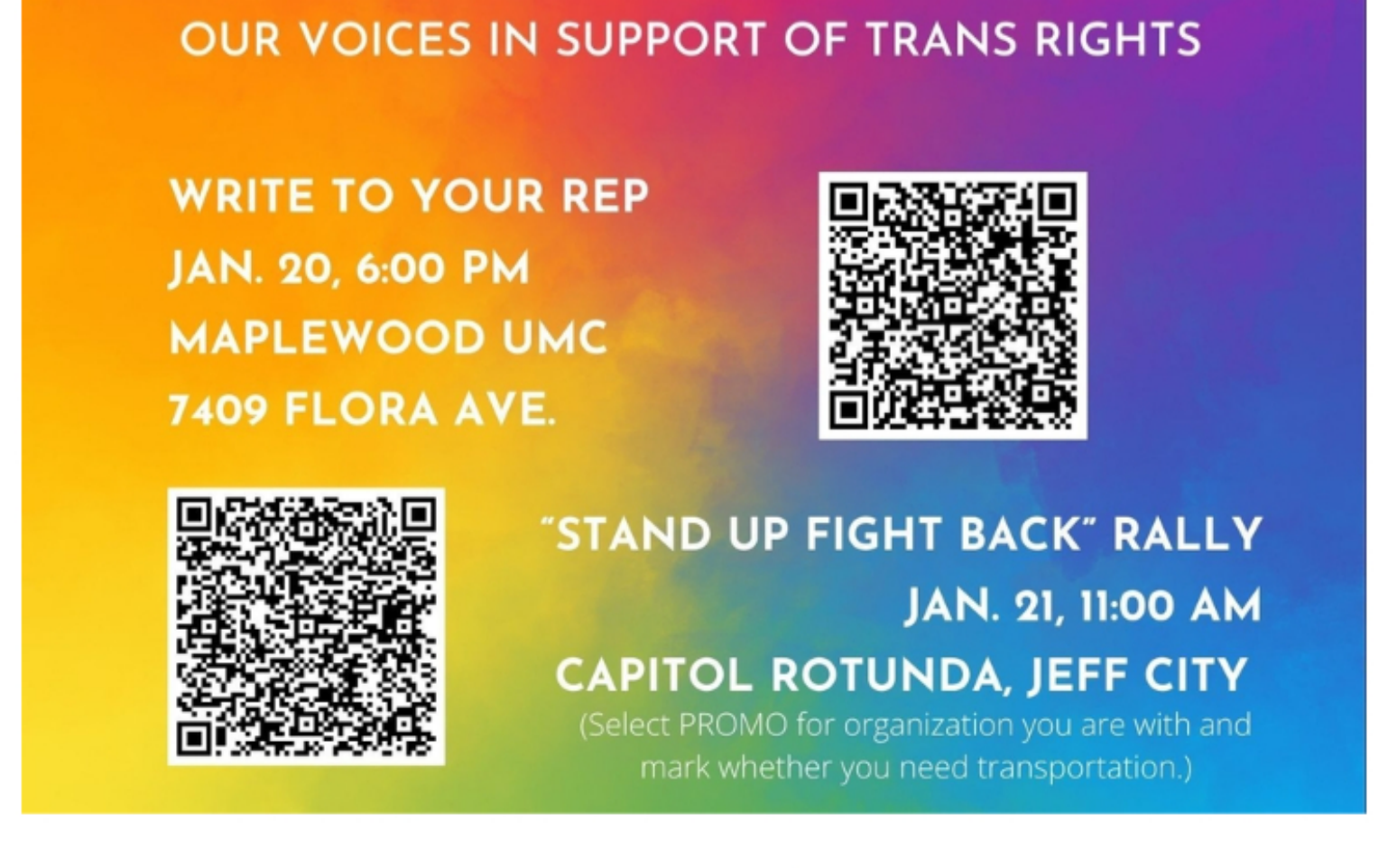
Reminder about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)
As the year begins, many retirees will be required to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from their Individual Retirement Accounts 2026. You may give up to $111,000 in 2026 from your IRA to qualified charities, including Parkway, and these Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) have tax advantages. Your gift may satisfy all or part of your RMD, resulting in less taxable income. In addition to reducing taxes, making QCDs may in some situations lower Medicare premiums or even cause less taxation of Social Security.

To make a QCD, the donation must go directly from the custodian of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to Parkway UCC, as the charitable recipient. That is, you may not make a personal withdrawal from your IRA and then pass that on to Parkway; only contributions made directly from the IRA to Parkway qualify as QCDs. Generally, the procedure for making a QCD is to contact the administrator of your IRA and ask that a gift be made directly from the IRA to Parkway.

If you have check-writing features on your IRA, you can write a check on the IRA directly to Parkway. The funds must be removed from your account and deposited by the recipient by December 31. Parkway will provide you with a written receipt for your gift made through your IRA. You can consider establishing a continuing QCD over a series of years. For example, you might wish to create a QCD of $3000 in each of five years. This would result in a contribution of $15000 over the five years with the tax advantages described above.

If you wish to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution, we recommend that you consult with your tax or legal advisor to make sure you have followed the proper procedures, and that the QCD fits with your tax and estate planning objectives.

Advocacy
Week
LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance
JOIN US AT THESE EVENTS AS WE UNITE


OUR VOICES IN SUPPORT OF TRANS RIGHTS
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MAPLEWOOD UMC
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"STAND UP FIGHT BACK" RALLY
JAN. 21, 11:00 AM
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Recurring PUCC Events

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 with TAD as we read and discuss *Tom Lake*, a novel by Ann Patchett, in 2 more sessions on **January 20, and February 3**. We'd love to have you!

In the spring of 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of her life years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. Fellowship starts at 1:45pm and the book discussion is from 2-3pm.

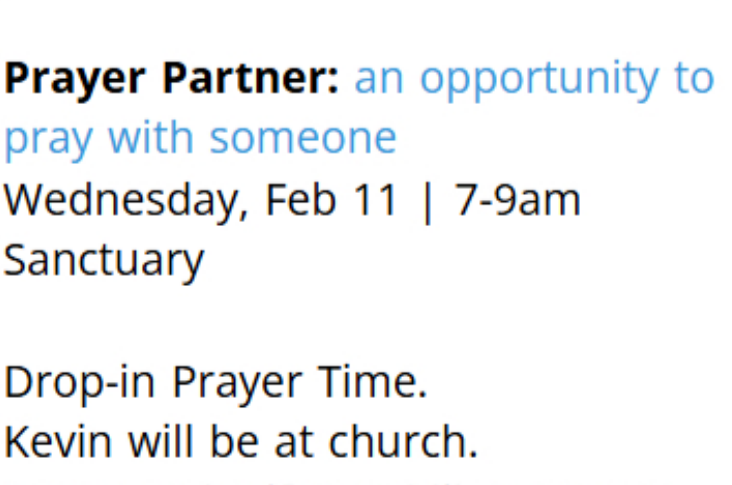
For more info, please contact jeiffert2@gmail.com

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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, Jan 27**. This will be our second session on the book *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller and we will be discussing Chapters 12 to 24. This novel will make you laugh out loud but it also brings to life how much books can change how you think and look at life. The author works in pertinent issues of our times including censorship, racism, homophobia and misogyny among others. We read a variety of books in TED related to social justice, spirituality, different faiths, history, relationships, current events and nature. Bring a dish to share for the potluck & join us for our next conversation! Newcomers are always welcome.

Please join us in person at 6pm or on Zoom starting at 6:45pm. Contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net for questions.

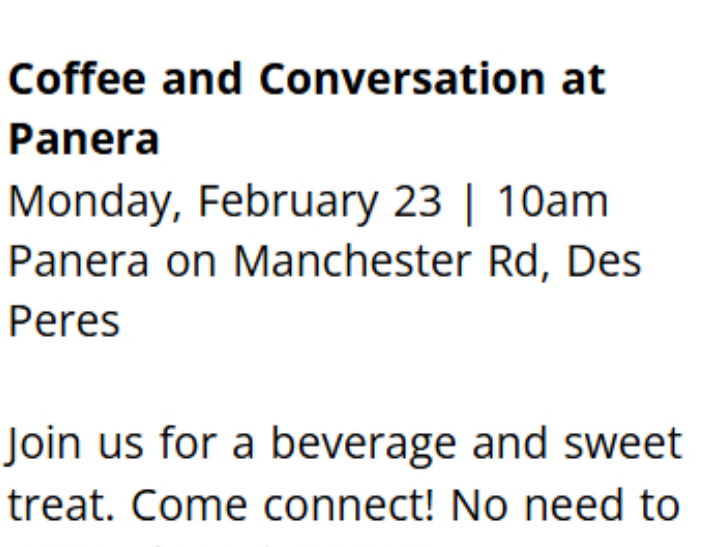


Prayer Partner: an opportunity to pray with someone
Wednesday, Feb 11 | 7-9am
Sanctuary

Drop-in Prayer Time.
Kevin will be at church.
Come on by if you'd like to pray together. Please text Kevin (314-330-0629) when you arrive.

Upcoming dates in the Sanctuary:
Tuesday, March 24 from 3-5pm;
Wednesday, April 29 from 6-8pm;
Monday, May 18 from 1-3pm;
Wednesday, June 17 from 9-11am

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



Coffee and Conversation at Panera
Monday, February 23 | 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:
Wednesday, March 25 at 2pm;
Friday, April 17 at 10am;
Tuesday, May 12 at 2pm;
Monday, June 29 at 7pm

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

AWOL
Adventurous Women Out Late

Go AWOL this Winter – Adventurous Women Out Late
Saturday, January 24 | 4pm | Heritage Room

Join other PUCC women for a crafty/snacky late afternoon! PUCC will provide an 18" wire heart frame and some craft items to peruse. Please bring other craft items to share: cloth, old clothes to cut up, felt, baubles, ribbons, fake flowers, or anything else you have cluttering up your house and you might picture on a heart wreath… and a glue gun if you have one!) $10 donation requested for supplies when you sign up via One Church. Click here to register. Please bring an appetizer or finger food to share also! (Stay afterwards for the ONA photo exhibit kick-off beginning at 7pm that same evening!)

Look for other upcoming events:

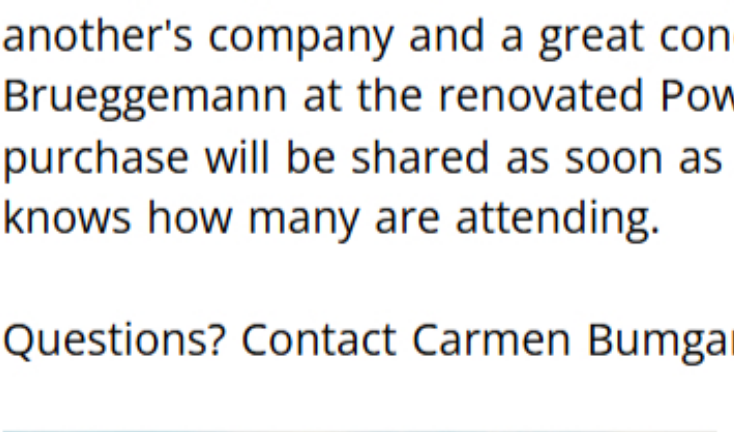
Sunday, February 22 @2pm Primary Trust at The Repertory Theater. Join us as we experience the winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Eboni Booth's hilarious and heartwarming play offers up a modern, tiki-lit homage to slices of Americana such as Our Town, Harvey, and It's a Wonderful Life. Kenneth's predictable life - Mai Tais at his favorite bar and a steady job at a local bookstore - begins to unravel, forcing him to confront a childhood loss and the uncertainties of adulthood. With guidance from an imaginary friend, a kind waitress, and a splash of liquid courage, he discovers that trust, love, and friendship - much like the perfect Mai Tai - are best mixed in unexpected ways. Tickets are $40. Click here to register.

Friday, March 20 @5:30pm Dinner and Oscar-nominated Film. Dine at Pierce Creek (menu here) then enjoy an acclaimed movie (TBA) around the corner at AMC Crève Coeur. Please RSVP here so we know how many tickets to purchase. (Carmen will purchase tix and you can Venmo her or give her cash.)

Sunday, April 19 @12pm Lunch and Spring Stroll. Bring your lunch to church and we'll eat together after worship and adult education (ECO Stewards are planning something to celebrate Earth Day), then carpool to the Missouri Botanical Garden to enjoy the spring flowers! Feel free to meet us there if that is better for you. We will pay our admission at the door since some people have memberships. Sign here so Carmen knows how many are attending.

Sunday, May 17 @6pm Community Choir Concert. Enjoy one another's company and a great concert with our own Michelle Brueggemann at the renovated Powell Hall! Ticket prices TBA -- link to purchase will be shared as soon as available. Sign up here so Carmen knows how many are attending.

Questions? Contact Carmen Bumgarner - cfbum@charter.net


ROOTED
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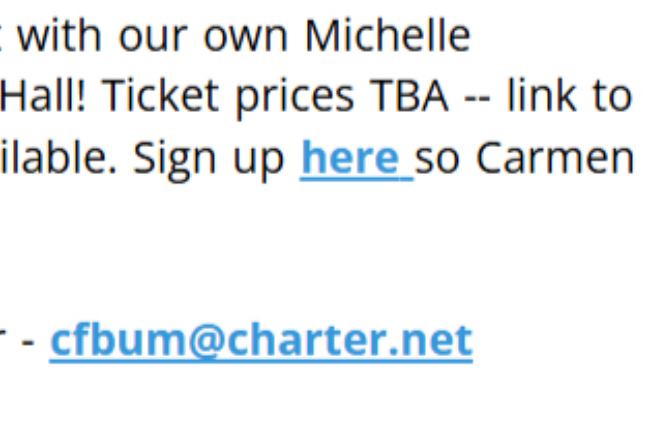
Christian Calls to Conscience & Cries for Peace in Palestine

Rooted in Faith and Justice: Christian Calls to Conscience & Cries for Peace in Palestine
Thursdays, starting February 5
6pm | Zoom Meeting ID: 852 4980 9914 Passcode: 886683

In the December, the Church Council adopted a motion to the affirmation of certain principles from the General Synod 35 Resolution "Declaration for an End to Genocide in Palestine." We affirm that all are made in God's image and are deserving of life free from oppression, persecution, and violence. We reject any theology or ideology including Christian Zionism, Supercessionism, antisemitism, anti-Arab, anti-Palestinian, or anti-Islam bias that would privilege or exclude any one nation, race, culture or religion within God's universal economy of grace.

Parkway United Church of Christ is encouraged to receive this Resolution as a prophetic call and commit to: Stand in solidarity with oppressed people, domestic and abroad, and to denounce any atrocities whether that be through the context of public witness, legislative advocacy, legal action, or non-violent direct action; and denounce hate and violence in all its forms including that rooted in Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian and anti-Arab bias, and antisemitism, as contrary to the teachings of Jesus and the love of God for all humanity.

In an effort to live into this, we'll be offering a five-week reading club of Rooted in Faith and Justice over Zoom. The book offers a powerful and enlightening perspective through the eyes of Palestinian Christian leaders and thinkers, helping us to understand the complexities and injustices of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Each week, we'll cover a different section, starting with section 1. Click here to get your copy! Let Gabriel Requadt know you'll be attending by emailing him at gabriel@parkwayucc.org



Standing with Women's Reproductive Rights

Parkway UCC has a proud history of standing with people who have been negatively affected by the prevailing sentiment and/or political climate. In late 2024 Church Council voted to support several Synod resolutions to focus on making a difference in our community. A small group met this week-end to discuss how we can live into "Resolution: Denouncing the Dobbs Decision and Proclaiming Abortion as Healthcare." We are planning several small group events in February and March. There will also be an after-church presentation on March 1. If you want to be a part of planning the community events, please contact Nancy Litzinger or Karen Mariani at nancywlitzinger@gmail.com or ksmariani59@gmail.com.

We believe individual health choices should be individual rights. We ask that you read an excellent summary of the struggle in the state of Missouri today by clicking here. The Missouri Independent, a non-profit state newspaper reported on 1/9/26 about a trial, started Monday in Kansas City, litigating the parameters of Missouri's new reproductive rights amendment.

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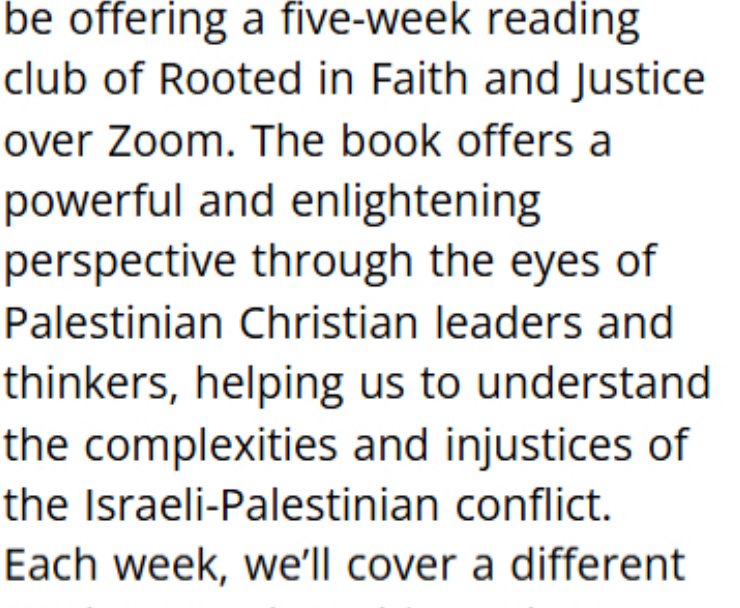
Other PUCC News



Eco Stewards January Newsletter Live Lightly For the Planet

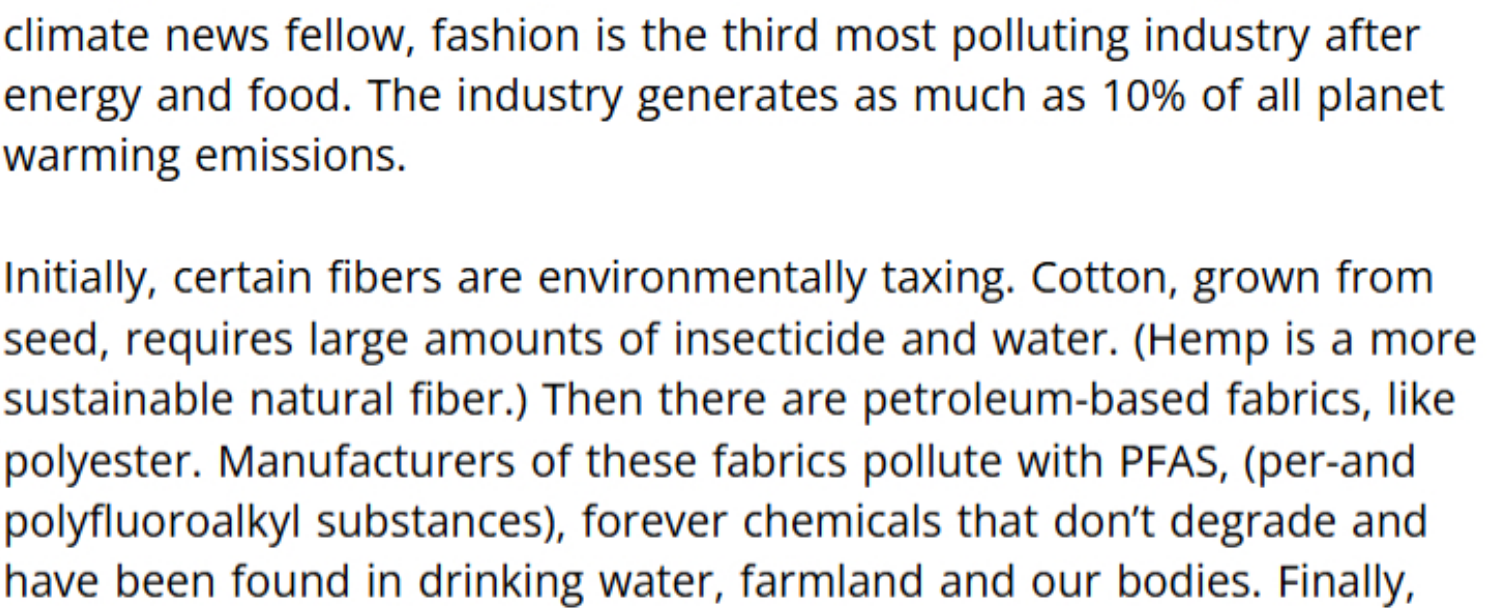
We encourage Parkway members and friends to join the Parkway Eco Stewards' FUNDrive, which is collecting clothing and household items. By participating, you will recover space, shoppers will find bargains, and the world will benefit from lower carbon emissions.

It helps the environment to donate used clothing. According to Sachi Mulkey, a climate science journalist, and Rebecca McCarthy, a Grist climate news fellow, fashion is the third most polluting industry after energy and food. The industry generates as much as 10% of all planet warming emissions.

Initially, certain fibers are environmentally taxing. Cotton, grown from seed, requires large amounts of insecticide and water. (Hemp is a more sustainable natural fiber.) Then there are petroleum-based fabrics, like polyester. Manufacturers of these fabrics pollute with PFAS, (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances), forever chemicals that don't degrade and have been found in drinking water, farmland and our bodies. Finally, fabric dyeing and processing causes shedding of micro plastics and toxins, such as heavy metals, into our waterways.

Clothing production also creates waste from overproduction. Particularly as stores shift to fast and hyper fast fashion, fashion cycles accelerate, manufacturers overproduce to keep expenses down, stores are encouraged to overorder. The clothing trade generates some 170 billion garments per year, half of which wind up being thrown out within that year. This waste despoils the world's land, air and seas.

What can we do about this? Participate in Parkway's FUNDrive! We accept the following materials: clothing, household textiles, small household goods, books, and media. Bags and boxes will be accepted until March 7, with funds going towards the Youth Group Mission Trips and EcoStewards Pollinator Garden. Drop off bags and boxes in the Fellowship Hall, to your right, when you walk in on Sundays. If dropping off items during the week, please coordinate with Gabriel at gabriel@parkwayucc.org for a time that works. Questions-contact Polly Rutherford, pollyrutherford@gmail.com
[Some have asked about donating furniture. This drive does not include furniture, so contact Home Sweet Home - https://homesweethomestl.org/]



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.

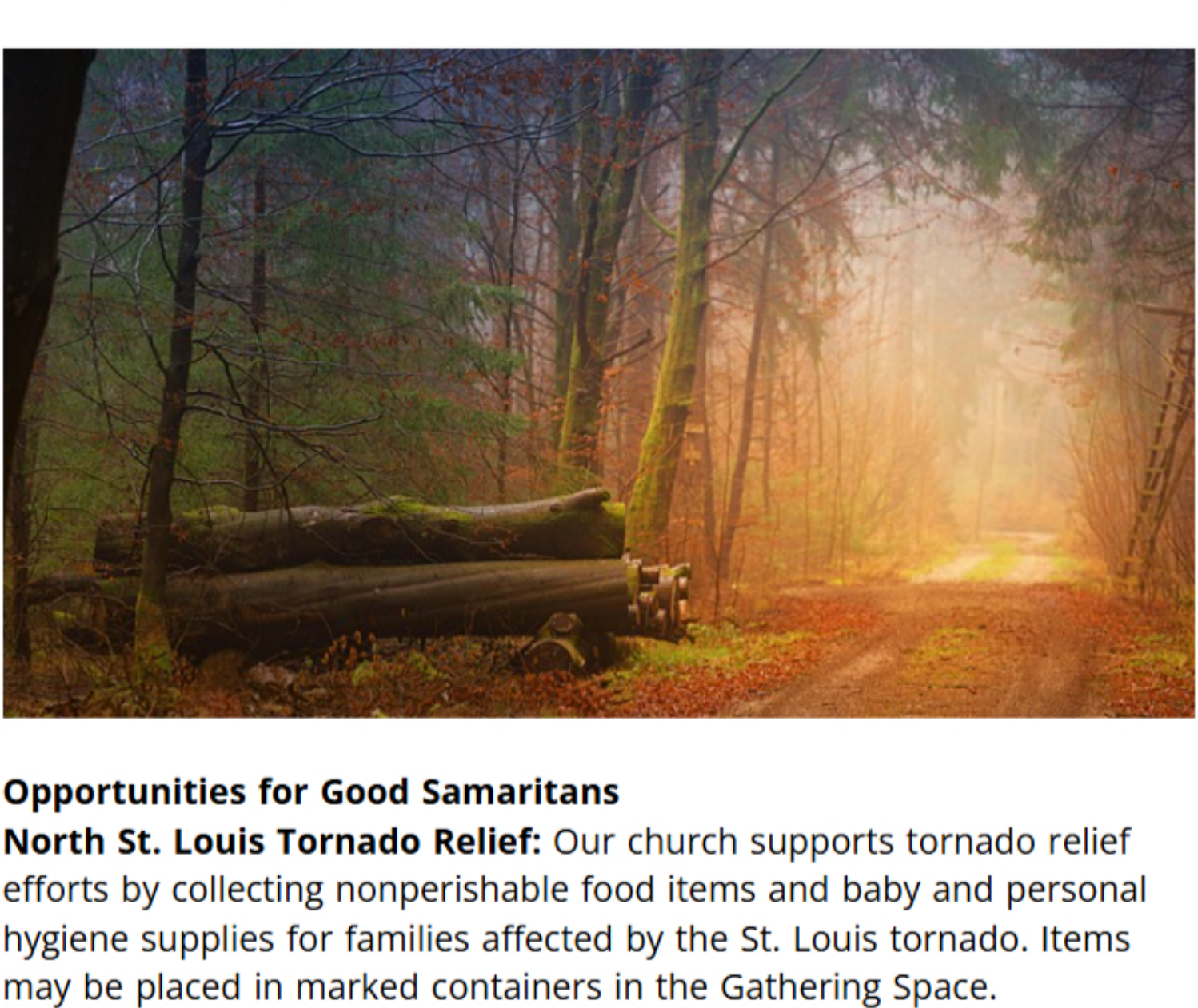
There are two groups offered at Parkway UCC to connect members who are interested in advocating for LGBTQ+ people. The first is the **Mission Ongoing—ONA Open and Affirming Group**. Members of this group will receive updates on legislation pertaining to LGBTQ+ Missourians and related actionable items, 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

Opportunities for Good Samaritans
North St. Louis Tornado Relief: Our church supports tornado relief efforts by collecting nonperishable food items and baby and personal hygiene supplies for families affected by the St. Louis tornado. Items may be placed in marked containers in the Gathering Space.

Questions? Please contact Sally Dodge s.dodge@hotmail.com or Evelyn Buretta burettaevelyn@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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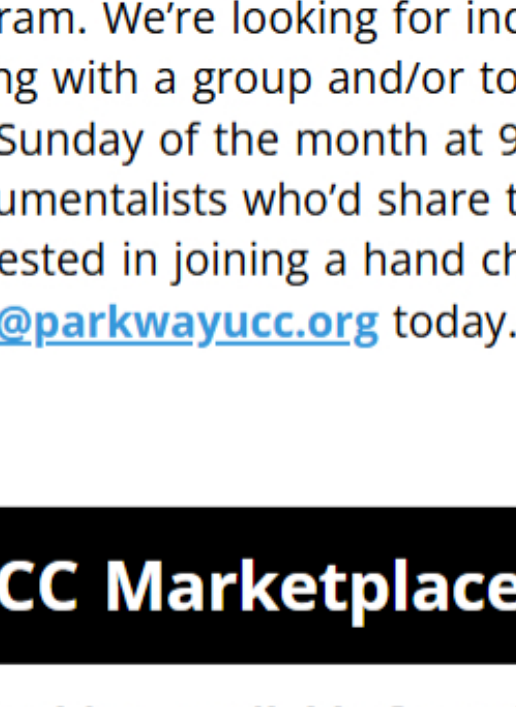
PUCC Shirts Available for Sale!
Show your church spirit and spread a little love wherever you go! Our new church t-shirts are comfortable, soft, and perfect for everything from Sunday worship to community events. They feature our church name/logo so you can wear your faith out loud. Shirts are just $15 each in a variety of sizes. Purchase your PUCC shirt today here!

For any questions, contact Gabriel gabriel@parkwayucc.org

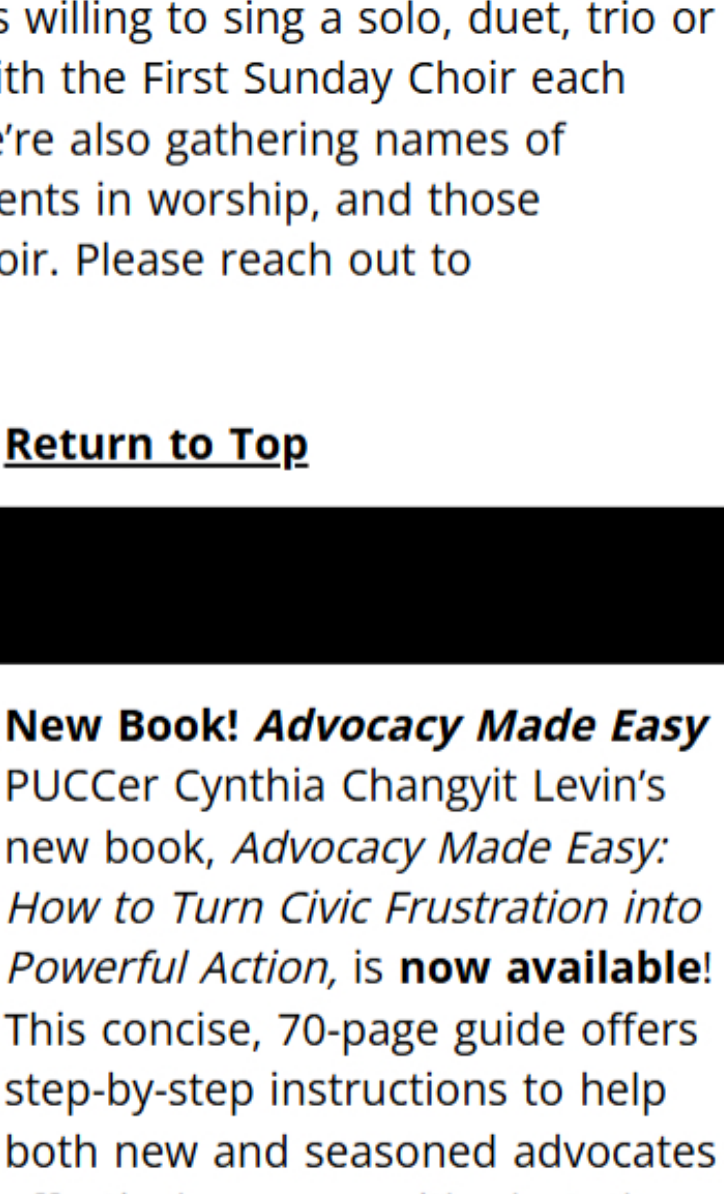
New Book! *Advocacy Made Easy*
PUCCer Cynthia Changyit Levin's new book, *Advocacy Made Easy: How to Turn Civic Frustration into Powerful Action,* is **now available**! This concise, 70-page guide offers step-by-step instructions to help both new and seasoned advocates effectively engage with elected 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. For more information or to join her launch team, email cynthia@changyit.com

Community Happenings



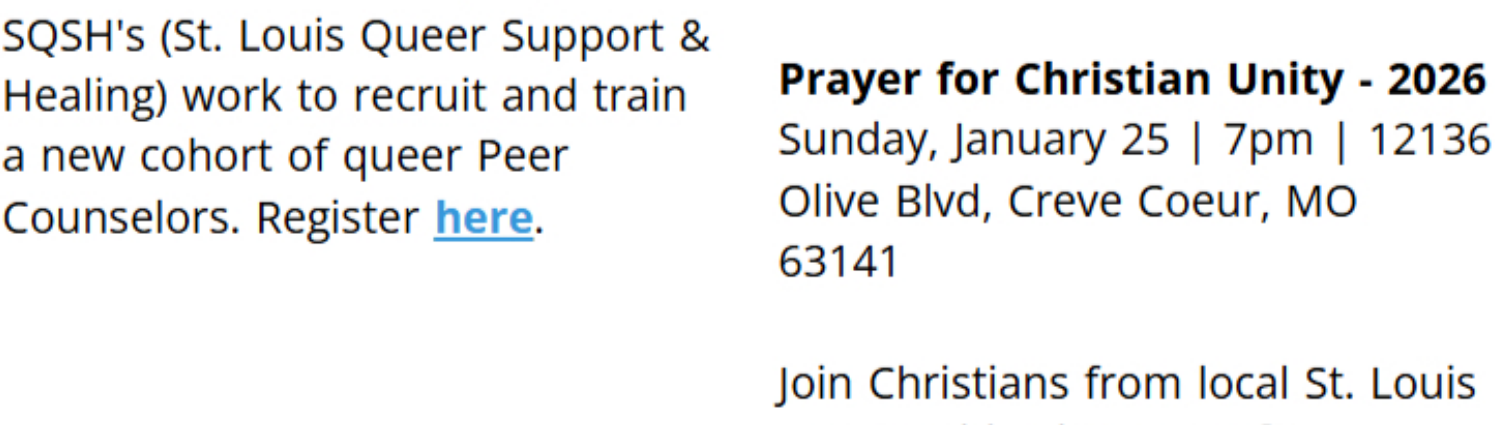
Ahsa-Ti Nu Music Concert
Thursday, January 22 | 7pm
2525 S Jefferson Ave, St. Louis, MO 63104

Come enjoy a dynamic blend of soul, jazz, and intimate storytelling by queer artist and musician AhSa-Ti Nu – while helping to fund SQSH's (St. Louis Queer Support & Healing) work to recruit and train a new cohort of queer Peer Counselors. Register here.



Prayer for Christian Unity - 2026
Sunday, January 25 | 7pm | 12136 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Join Christians from local St. Louis communities in prayer for Christian unity at St. Monica Catholic Church. Drawing from the Christian Churches of Armenian, this year's prayer highlights the story of Noah and the covenant made between all people and God. The theme for the Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 is taken from Ephesians 4:4, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." This hope of salvation in Jesus unites all believers. RSVP is optional but appreciated by clicking here.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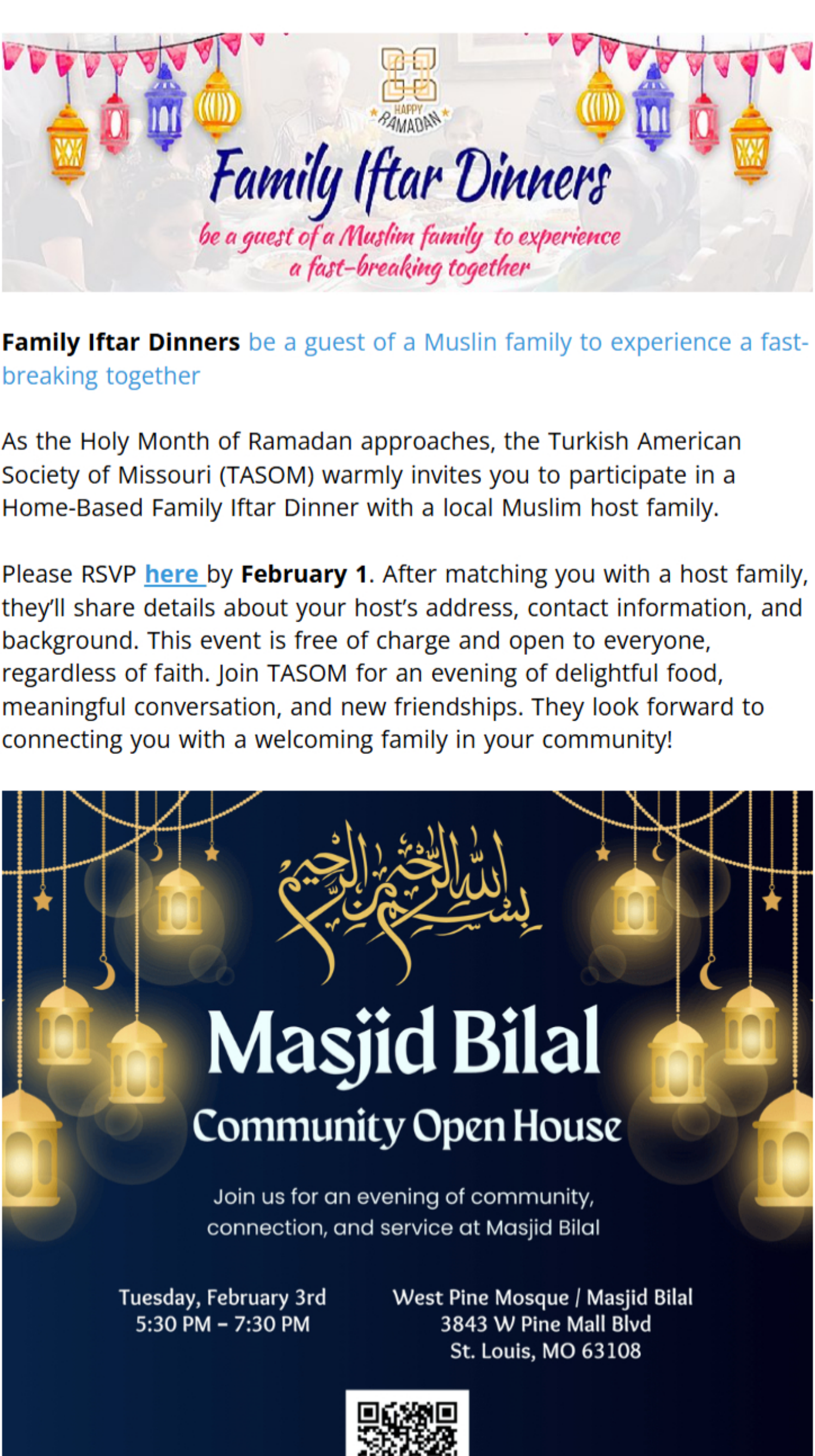
As the Holy Month of Ramadan approaches, the Turkish American Society of Missouri (TASOM) warmly invites you to participate in a Home-Based Family Iftar Dinner with a local Muslim host family.

Please RSVP here by **February 1**. After matching you with a host family, they'll share details about your host's address, contact information, and background. This event is free of charge and open to everyone, regardless of faith. Join TASOM for an evening of delightful food, meaningful conversation, and new friendships. They look forward to connecting you with a welcoming family in your community!



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