PARKWAY
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ALL ACCEPTED, NO EXCEPTIONS

LIMITLESS LOVE
COURAGEOUS ACTION
SPIRITED INQUIRY

Visit our Website

Facebook | Instagram

(If Table of Contents doesn't work, click **here** for a version that does.)

eNews at a Glance

- PUCC Announcements
- Recurring Events
- News Around the Bend
- Community Happenings
- Ponder, Video, Jokes
- Taking Care of Business

Happening Before Sunday

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!

Come Support PUCCer Youth Zoe in *Swix*
Friday, January 23 | 6:30-8pm Kirkwood High School

Come show your support for PUCCer's very own Zoe as she stars in the student-led production of *Swix*. They'll be carpooling from the church at 6pm, but you're welcome to meet at the school. Ice Cream at Andy's afterwards!
Liz Lyons is leading this, so please RSVP with her at lizardstifel@gmail.com to let her know you're coming! You can also click here!

PUCCer youth Avery also has a production as well you are invited to attend! *Night of One Acts*. St. Charles West High School; 7pm on Jan 23/24. 2pm on Jan 25

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!)

❄**Authentic Selves Winter Storm Update**❄
The ONA Team after much discussion has decided to postpone the Authentic Selves exhibit events for Jan. 24/25 to next weekend, Jan. 31/Feb. 1. We will keep the times (7 PM, Jan. 31) the same (9 a.m. Feb. 1). Sorry for the inconvenience!

Worship With Us this *Friday, January 23*

With the wild weather forecast for this weekend, we have decided to pre-record Sunday's worship service in the sanctuary at **4pm on Friday**. Please feel free to join us if you'd like! No need to RSVP... just come! The service will go live on YouTube at 10am on our YouTube channel on Sunday -- @parkwayuccstl.........

https://www.youtube.com/@ParkwayUCCStL

After that, it will be on our YouTube Channel for viewing at any time. All of our Saturday and Sunday happenings are cancelled/postponed as well:

AWOL Snacky Crafty Event; Photo Exhibit Opening Night (rescheduled for Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1); Sunday Forum with the Stewardship Commission and Council about our 2026 Budget (will take place on February 1); Sunday Luncheon and Service Project with Marthoma; and Sunday evening Confirmation Class.

So -- join us for worship in the sanctuary at **4pm on Friday** or on YouTube on Sunday at 10am or after ....

As we move toward the end of the first month of this new year, we will remember and refresh God's claim and call on our lives.
We will follow Jesus as he calls some of the disciples while he walks on the shoreline and sees them in their boats **(Matthew 4:12-23). Psalm 27:1, 4-9** will remind us of God's light and strength. It is an invitation to know God's loving intentions and to trust Gods commitments to us – and through us to others.

We are also rescheduling the sacrament of Baptism for Payton Josephine Nienhaus, daughter of Becca Palmgren (our former Nursery care provider) and Justin Nienhaus.

Our Jewish friends from the confirmation class of Shaare Emeth Congregation, one of our Intertwine Interfaith partners, will worship with us later this winter or spring instead of this weekend.

Worship bulletin here!

Songs include: *Called as Partners in Christ's Service; Here I Am, Lord; Spirit of the Living God; This is Where Children Belong; I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry: Cares Chorus: Make Me A Servant; Will You Come and Follow Me?*

Prayer List Updates as of January 23

Carol and Harold Cobb - as she recuperates from hip surgery.
Lewis Burcham - 103 yr old with a serious health problem (Stan's dad)
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).
Clara Zander and family as they prepare for her eye surgery on Jan 30.
Roger - lung failure (nephew/cousin of the Pleis-Eiffert family).
Carl and Marsha Ramey - dealing with his colon cancer diagnosis.
Edward Calcaterra - living with esophageal cancer (Litzinger).
Kate - health challenges including shingles (Borgmann niece).
The grief and groaning of Minneapolis and the nation over the death of *Renee Nicole Good.*
Ongoing chaos/grief in the Middle East - including Palestine, 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.

Return to Top

PUCC Announcements

WITNESSING
WHITENESS
THE JOURNEY INTO RACIAL AWARENESS
AND ANTIRACIST ACTION

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.

MAKE 2024
HERSTORY
his

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.
Rooted in Love
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.

FUNDrive—Help Support Two Causes!
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.

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/**]

Back to Top

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. 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.

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 one more session on **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

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
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.

Look for other upcoming events:

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
IN FAITH AND JUSTICE
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 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

STOP THE BAN

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.

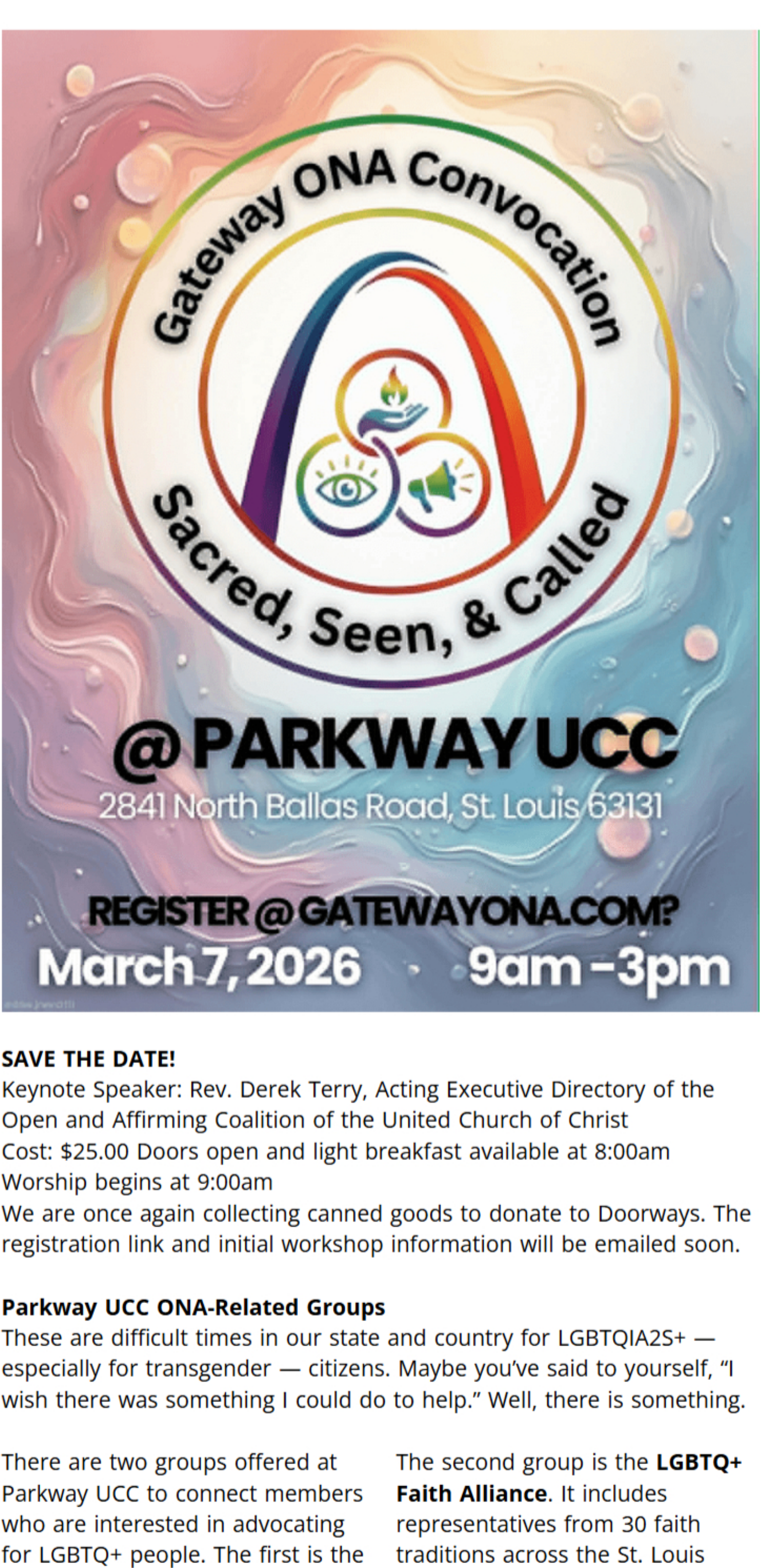
We believe individual health choices should be individual rights. We ask that you read an excellent summary of the struggle in the state of Missouri today by clicking here. The Missouri Independent, a non-profit state newspaper reported on 1/9/26 about a trial, started Monday in Kansas City, litigating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

Return to Top

Other PUCC News

January ONA News
In 2026, this column will include advocacy opportunities, storytelling, and ideas for our congregation to further lean into its Open & Affirming covenant.

Right out of the gate, the Missouri Legislature has begun its attack on trans youth and athletes in the early days of its 2026 session. Of the 44 antiLGBTQ+ bills that have been filed so far, seven aim to make our laws permanent that ban trans young people from accessing healthcare and playing sports. There also are bills that ban social transitioning in schools and force teachers to out trans students. Please sign up at PROMO Missouri to track these harmful bills and use your voice to testify in person or submit written testimony. There is, however, a spot of good news for LGBTQ+ youth! Amplify the Arch is a conference (Feb 8) by and for queer youth. Held at the Renaissance Airport Hotel, the full day will include workshops, artists, performances, a human library experience, resource booths and more. Volunteers are needed. Consider attending and supporting Amplify the Arch.



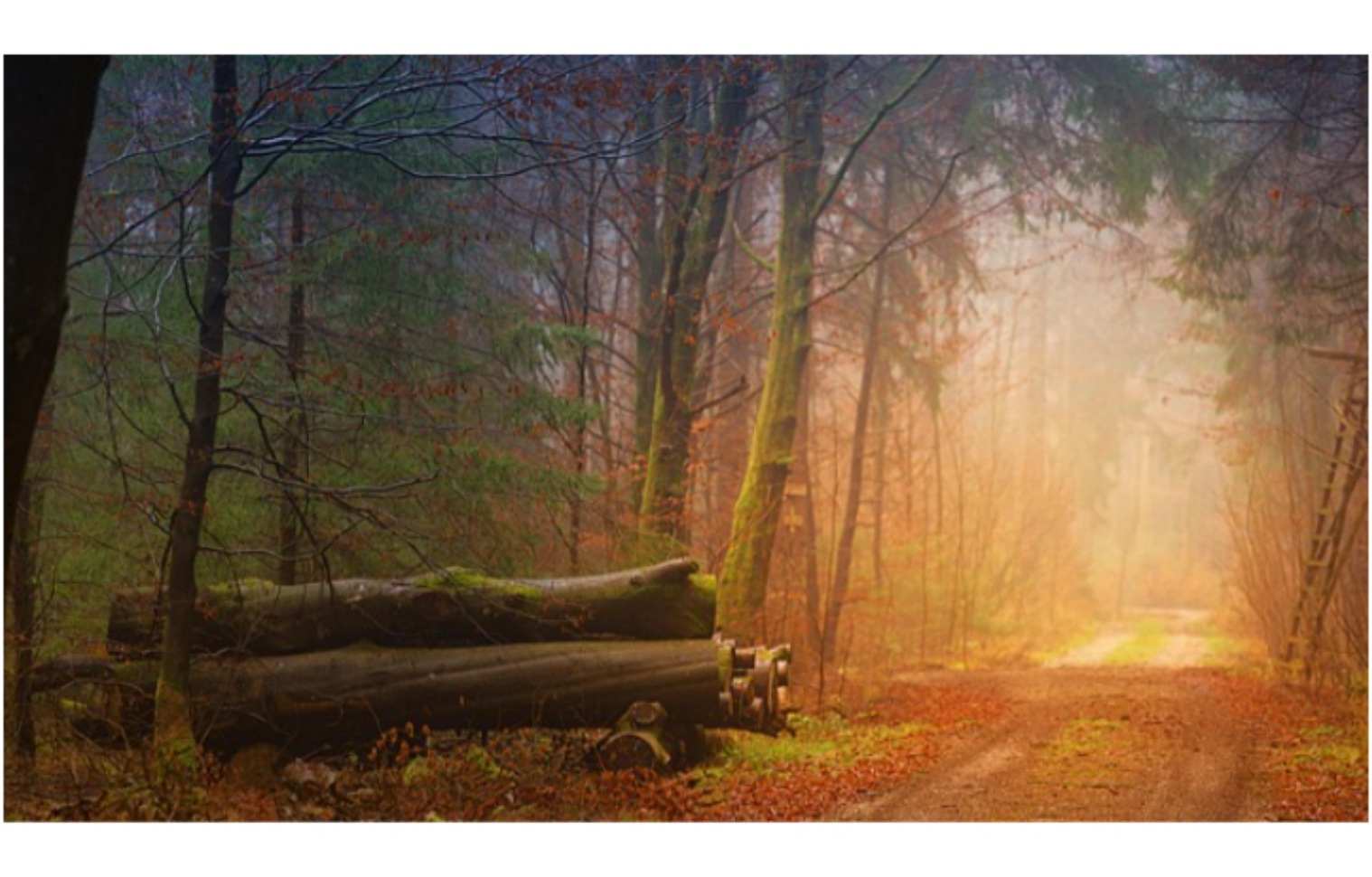
SAVE THE DATE!
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Derek Terry, Acting Executive Directory of the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ
Cost: $25.00 Doors open and light breakfast available at 8:00am
Worship begins at 9:00am
We are once again collecting canned goods to donate to Doorways. The registration link and initial workshop information will be emailed soon.

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.

Return to Top

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! *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

Amendment 3: Know the Truth. Protect Abortion!
Monday, February 9 | 7pm | B'nai Amoona, 324 S. Mason Rd., St. Louis, MO

Join Congregation B'nai Amoona and the NCJWSTL Path Coalition to hear our very own Dana Sandweiss speak about the new Amendment 3 and what you need to know to protect abortion rights. Sign up by February 5 by emailing jkbernstein314@gmail.com

Faith Perspectives An Interfaith Conversation about Reproductive Justice
Sat, Feb 14 | 9am | Shaare Emeth, 11645 Ladue Rd., St. Louis, MO

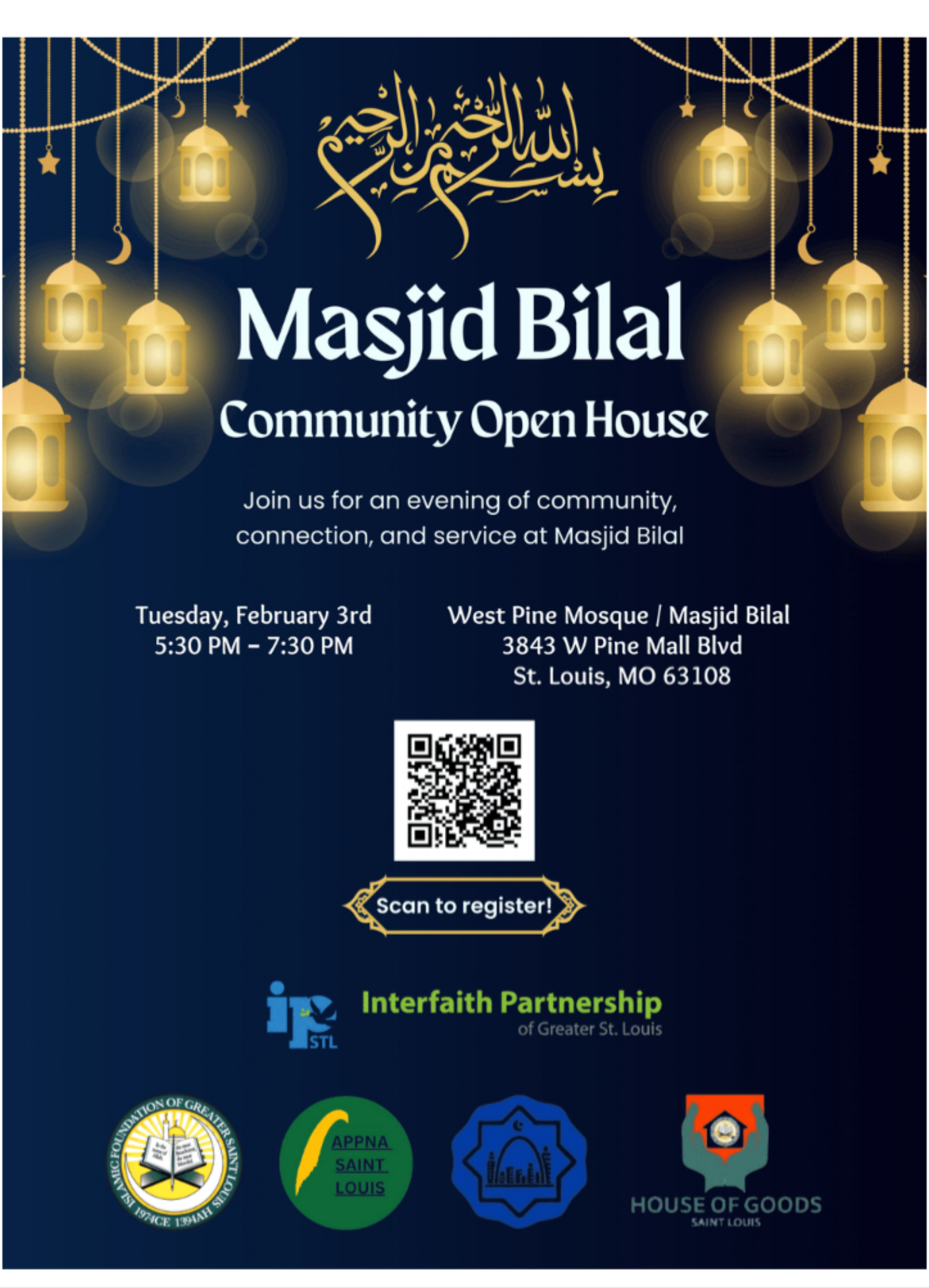
Join members of the Access MO Clergy Advisory Board for an interfaith panel discussion about reproductive rights and beliefs from different faiths. The panel will include Rev. Kevin Cameron, Rabbi Andrea Goldstein, and Rev. Deborah Krause, and will be moderated by Access MO President & Co-Founder Dana Sandweiss. Please park in the north parking lot and enter through the North Lobby. Coffee, tea, and light breakfast snacks will be served at 9am. Conversation begins at 9:30am. Click here to register.

HAPPY RAMADAN
Family Iftar Dinners
be a guest of a Muslim family to experience a fast-breaking together

Family Iftar Dinners be a guest of a Muslim family to experience a fast-breaking together

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!


بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
Masjid Bilal
Community Open House
Join us for an evening of community, connection, and service at Masjid Bilal
Tuesday, February 3rd
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
West Pine Mosque / Masjid Bilal
3843 W Pine Mall Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63108
Scan to register!
Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis
APPNA SAINT LOUIS
HOUSE OF GOODS SAINT LOUIS

Christian Education Updates

🍪 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

CEnews Link
You can find the **January 22** Christian Education newsletter here! If you'd like to be included in the CEnews mailing list, please just contact gabriel@parkwayucc.org

Taking the Story Home
Want to take the story home to go deeper with the lesson or your family missed last Sunday? Click here! We'll also have ample photos from events that the children & youth do through the year.

Join the Sunday School Ministry Team
We're looking for two volunteers to help teach Sunday School! If you enjoy working with kids and youth, this is a great way to serve—low commitment, just one or two Sundays a month.

Interested? Contact Gabriel Requadt, Director of Christian Education, at gabriel@parkwayucc.org or 314-872-9330 x101.

Return to Top

Some Quotes to Ponder

If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality. ~Desmond Tutu

I will not stop until I become the land without cages, fences of chasms or divisions of any kind. ~Sue Ring deRosset

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty. ~Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

If I were to remain silent, I'd be guilty of complicity. ~Albert Einstein

Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official. ~Theodore Roosevelt

Nothing strengthens authority so much as silence. ~Leonardo da Vinci

I love America more than any other country in the world and, exactly for this reason, I insist on the right to criticize her perpetually. ~James Baldwin

Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights. Get up, stand up, don't give up the fight. ~Bob Marley

A patriot must always be ready to defend their country against their government. ~Edward Abbey

It was civil disobedience that won them their civil rights. ~ Tariq Ali

Video

Jesus calls Matthew, the tax collector, as expressed in this brief scene from 'The Chosen'. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IUL9yq0We8

Winter Puns

I am just chilling my way through winter.

Snow much to do, snow little motivation.

Winter really brings out my cool side.

My seasonal vibe is 90% blanket, 10% productivity.

I am just a snowflake trying not to melt under pressure.

Questions of the Week

When should you have spoken up?

When should you have kept silent?

Return to Top