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Worship With Us this Sunday, February 8

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

Our **Psalm 112:1-9** echoes with the light, mercy, compassion, joy, generosity, and righteousness that we see in Jesus. We are called to be like Jesus, and this psalm gives us a picture of what that looks like. And into reality in the corners of the world we inhabit. When we do this, we are "light in the darkness" for those around us. Matthew 5:16 and **Matthew 13:23-24** gives inspiration to be and do strong, shining things. Paul encourages us, he says, "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world."

Worship bulletin here!

Calling all SCOUTS! We will recognize and celebrate all SCOUTS... so feel free to wear your uniform, sash, or anything else **memorabilia**, **whether you are a current or former Scout.**

Scripture: Psalm 112:1-9, Matthew 5:13-16, Psalm 119:105, Christ the Light, Christ the Living God, This Little Light of Mine, Be Still and Know that I Am God, Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World, Amazing Grace

Our 2026 Lent/Holy Week/Easter Planning Team is forming now. Please contact us if you are interested in this short-term leadership team. We are looking for 4-6 people. Contact Pastor Kelly at kellyb@parkwayucc.org and we will find a time for an initial meeting.

Prayer Partners Before Worship this Sunday
Jacqueline Hoffman, Jeff Hoffman, Jonathan Hoffman, Jonathan Hoffman, Jonathan

Come on by if you'd like to pray together. Please text Valerie (314-703-0026) when you arrive.

Upcoming dates:
Wednesday, March 26 at 2pm, Wednesday, April 23 at 2pm, Monday, May 12 at 2pm

Questions? Contact:
kevin@eastwestucc.org 314-872-9330

Sanctuary:
Sunday, March 24 from 5-7pm; Wednesday, April 3 from 4-6pm; Monday, May 19 from 5-7pm; Saturday, June 13 from 1-3pm

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

Adventurous Women Out Late

Go #AWOL this Winter – Adventurous Women Out Late
Sunday, February 22 @6pm Primary Trust at The Repertory Theater

Join us as we experience the winner of the 2024 *Pulitzer Prize for Drama*, Stephen Adly Guirgis' *Between Riverside and Crazy*. It's the modern, life-hit homage to stories of Americana such as *Our Town*, *Harvey*, and it's a Wonderful Life. Kenneth's predicable life - Mr. Fab to his friends - is turned upside down when his landlord, Lieutenant Caldwell, unravels, forcing him to confront a childhood loss and the uncertainties of his present circumstances. Filled with humor, heartbreak, a dash of mystery, 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 and can be found here.

Look for other upcoming events:

Thursday, March 20 @5:30pm
Location: Bridgeway Community Church
Join us for a night of fellowship, food, and fun! Sign up here and bring a dessert to share with the group. Questions? Contact Jane Bumgarner at awolcrew@gmail.com

Sunday, April 18 @12pm Lunch
Location: TBD
Join us for a delicious lunch together after worship and adult education. Please sign up in the planning something to celebrate Earth Day. Questions? Contact Jane Bumgarner at awolcrew@gmail.com

Sign Spot is enjoying the spring flowers! Feel free to meet us there if it better fits your life. We will put up an admission ticket for anyone who wants to join the adventures. Sign Spot so Carmen knows how many are coming.

Sunday, May 17 @6pm Community Choir Concert. Enjoy one another's company and a great concert with our own Michele Brueggeman at the renovated Powell Hall! Ticket prices TBA – it is a special concert, so prices will be higher. Click here to sign up.

Questions? Contact Carmen Bumgarner – cfbumgb@charter.net

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Other PUCC News

February Alzheimer's News
There are positive results from the U.S. POINTER Study - The Alzheimer's Association U.S. Study to Protect Brain Health Through Lifestyle Intervention to Reduce Risk. The POINTER study showed that structured lifestyle changes can help protect brain health in older adults at risk of cognitive decline. More than 2,000 older adults from diverse communities across the U.S. participated in this groundbreaking study investigating how a lifestyle program can benefit brain health. Participants were 60 to 79 years old. They had normal thinking skills or mild memory problems. Researchers found that both groups improved their overall health, but the structured group improved even more – demonstrating the importance of support and accountability. At the end of the study, participants in the structured program performed like people who were one to almost two years younger.

For more details on current and future Alzheimer's research, visit www.alz.org/research. Click here to learn more about the Alzheimer's Association's clinical trial matching service. It's accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master's-level professionals who can answer study questions, describe trials and provide information. Tests and support are also available in Spanish.

Click here 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 Formation Coordinator Kelli Schmidt, the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Pull at jmeyerpull@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE! Gateway ONA Convocation 2026
Sacred, Seen, and Called – Gateway Association of Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ and Open and Affirming Ministries of the United Church of Christ Conference, Ohio. He is a nationally known pastor, artist, and activist committed to justice, inclusion, and spiritual renewal.

Doors open and light breakfast available at 8:00am. Worship begins at 10:00am.

We are once again collecting canned goods to donate to Doorways. We will be collecting canned goods at the Gateway ONA Convocation. Each church is encouraged to bring a can of food as a symbol of their commitment to refreshment during the day. Please complete a separate registration form for each person attending. Registration is $20 per person. Registration link here!

Questions, contact Lorrh Cope @ buckeyewidow@hotmail.com or 314-713-4772.

Parkway UCC ONA-Related Groups
There are 3 ONA groups at PUCC open and country for LGBTQIA2S+ – especially for transgender — citizens. Maybe you're said to yourself, "I wish there was a group for me." Well, there is! Here are the 3 groups:

There are two groups offered at PUCC for transgender citizens who are interested in advocating for their rights. The first is the **Mission Ongoing—ONA Open and Affirming Group**. This group focuses on legislation pertaining to LGBTQIA2S+ resources and related actionable items, notices of meetings/events, and other pertinent information. It also sends news updates from transgender citizens from around the country. In 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 communities in the St. Louis metropolitan area and meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. Learn more here.

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

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Opportunities for Good Samaritans
St. Louis Transit Network – Our church supports homeless relief efforts by collecting representative food items and baby and personal hygiene products for distribution by the St. Louis Transit Network. Please bring your donations to the Gathering Space.

OUR MUSIC MINISTRY
Our music ministry is on our sponsorship with Amy Freeman as our organizer/pianist, we're seeking more people to be a part of our music ministry. If you're interested in singing with a group of people, or if you like to sing with a group and/or to sing with the First Sunday Choir each month, please reach out to Amy at amy@parkwayucc.org. We're also looking for a guitarist to lead us on occasion. 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 PUCC shirts are now available for sale, featuring everything from Sunday worship to Pride Month. Visit the **Mystore** purchase! Not sure which size you can wear your faith out loud. Shirts are just $15 each in a variety of sizes. Purchase your PUCC shirt today!

For any questions, contact Gabriel gabriel@parkwayucc.org

New Book! *Advocacy Made Easy* by Rev. Dr. Jeff Hedgepeth
Rev. Dr. Jeff Hedgepeth, Advocacy Work Co-Chair, has written a book titled *Advocacy Made Easy: A Practical Guide*. It's now available on Amazon. This concise, 70-page guide offers practical, accessible strategies for faith leaders and laypeople to effectively engage with elected officials at every level of government. It includes updates on legislative tracking, tips for navigating Act 4 advocacy, and crafting persuasive messages for the 119th Congress. Autographed copies with personal dedications are available for $20 through Venmo. For more information or to join the conversation, email revjeffhedgepeth@gmail.com.

Community Happenings

Support the Immigrant Community at a Faith Rally at the MLK Bridge on Monday, February 16 (Presidents' Day)
Meet at 10:00 AM at the MLK Bridge, Broadway and Gratiot, and walk together to City Hall for a prayer vigil. Bring your signs and voices as we witness to the values of love, welcome, and justice that our faith traditions call us to live out.

Monday, Feb 16 • 10AM-12PM • MLK Bridge

The clergy and faith community call on people across our region to join us for a Rally to Bridge Faith & Justice at the Broadway entrance to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge. Join us as we lift a moral voice and witness to the values of love, welcome, and justice that our faith traditions call us to live out. We are living in a time when these values are under attack. We are facing. This gathering will be a peaceful and prayerful witness, rooted in our faith traditions, to the violence, fear, and death that immigrants in Illinois are grounded in community, compassion, and care.

We will meet at the Broadway entrance of the bridge and walk up the middle to meet with those from the other side of the bridge. The rally will end with a prayer vigil. Please bring signs and voices. Faith shines in action.

Together, we will call for an end to violence and intimidation and for meaningful immigration reform. The blood of our sins cries out from the ground. We must not be silent. We must not look away. We must not be afraid to act. We must not be afraid to love. We must not be afraid to resist. For your own safety, please be mindful of weather conditions. Additional information will be sent out. Questions? Please contact us here

Olivia June is a message about logistics: parking will be coordinated in a lot (tentative) with buses shuttling folks to the front of the bridge. There are also efforts trying to get a MetroLink stop (Metro Link.)

28 Days of Black History
Hello and welcome to 28 Days of Black History! Each day we will read each evening for the month of February. Contact Nicole at nicole28daysofblackhistory@gmail.com if you would like to receive the daily readings. Nicole is in her Years of Communication, honoring that Black History Month did start a century ago. To explore what other forms of communication Black people have endured the time. From slave and statues to holidays and practices. Learn how black culture has been preserved and celebrated.

Commemorations, no matter how significant or mainstream they may be, are always a reflection of the present moment.

Ask yourself: How are you honoring and how are you using commemorations to bring more presence and celebration into your life? Are you overwhelmed with other prompts for you to celebrate your own history, too! Remember, this is a free newsletter made possible by the generosity of PUCC. Please feel free to share with your friends and family and invite them to sign up for the newsletter!

Questions, comments, or concerns? Please contact Nicole at nicole28daysofblackhistory@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: Stallah Sá Groundbreaking Celebration
Stallah Sá Missionary Baptist Church is excited to announce an important milestone in the life of Isaiah 58 and Saint Louis. They have been selected to receive a new church building in the historic Old North St. Louis, Missouri 63116, to enable them to expand services and ministries to the community. The new facility will be a beacon of hope and a safe haven for all who enter its doors. It will meet the pressing need of food assistance and basic necessities continues to rise at an alarming rate. Stallah Sá is committed to serving not only the people of their guests now live.

So, you are invited to join Isaiah 58 for a Groundbreaking Celebration and the beginning of new possibilities for St. Louis communities.

Save the Date: When: Tuesday, February 24 at 10am. Where: At their new location, 4500 Delmar Blvd.

More details will be shared soon! They are deeply thankful for the support of their congregation, friends, and partners as they take this next step in their ministry. Isaiah 58 Missionary Baptist Church represents more than bricks and mortar; it is a commitment to being present where it is greatest and growing alongside the community they serve.

Camp Mental Trivia Night
Friday, March 6 | 6pm - 9:30pm
Location: Bridgeway Church

Get your tickets on Rosie Kiss at a Camp Mental Trivia Night! Join us for a night of fun, food, and friendly competition at Parkway UCC, Washington, MO. Grab your friends and form a team (or go solo!) for a quiz night filled with laughter, surprises, and plenty of prizes. Hosted by the Grape Country Cluster of UCC Churches, this event supports mental health awareness and resources in our community.

Tickets are $25 per person and can be purchased at the door or online. Doors open at 6pm, and the trivia begins promptly at 6:30. Don't miss out—grab your tickets today!