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Attending online or in the Sanctuary? Click here if PUCC is not on YouTube Live @sunnyvalepucc, or participate any time later on YouTube.

Join us this Sunday in person or online for Pentecost! It's the day the Spirit descended on the disciples and they began to speak in the languages of others. We will hear the story, sing the songs and make room for the Spirit to move among us.

Our scripture passages are the Story of Pentecost from **Acts 2:1-21** *&* **1Corinthians 12:26-13** *where we are reminded that "if one part suffers, all suffer together; if one part is honored, all rejoice together." Our sermon is titled "Pentecost: Speaking Truth to Power" and we are looking to your stories of how you have seen the Spirit at work in your life. What do we see in the Spirit that is helping to bring about God's kingdom? What do we see in the Spirit that is helping to bring about God's kingdom? We welcome - come as you are and we belong to one another.*

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Interfaith Partnership

of Greater St. Louis

Interfaith Partnership STL Cabinet Statement on our desire for safe and secure movement and belonging

The Cabinet of Interfaith Partnership STL stands in solidarity with the Muslim community after the violent act that targeted worshippers at the Islamic Center of Saint Louis on Sunday, May 17, 2026.

Violent attacks and expressions of hate against an Islamic Center and Mosque have no place anywhere in our societies and communities. The Cabinet condemns violence and hate in all of its manifestations.

Islamophobia, antisemitism, bigotry and any other form of hate aimed at any faith community.

We are grateful that the suspect in this attack was recognized by the tragic event in San Diego contributes to the painful reality of interconnectedness. We are all vulnerable to violence in our religious communities and neighborhoods here in St. Louis.

As the Muslim friends and community members gather in prayer, support and care. You are not alone, we stand and walk with you. Your presence here in our region is a blessing. We are grateful you are here.

We pray for a day when all our places of faith, prayer and community can be safe sanctuaries where people of all faiths can gather in peace as a common good. We believe that through our interfaith relationships and collaborations we can help to build a more peaceful, just and compassionate community for all people.

The Interfaith Partnership represents 30 religious communities of faith and conscience within the St. Louis region.

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PUCC Announcements

PHOTO DP- Affordable Photos for Families, Couples, or Individuals

Mother's Day is the holiday portrait photographers dread in our community.

Families with parents working North America, creating reward, and children in multiple activities focus on real connection.

On Saturday, May 30, we'll be hosting Photo DP for outdoor mini sessions for individuals, couples, and families. These sessions are simple, affordable, and a fun way to catch up as a group.

On Sunday, May 31, we'll also offer a limited number of headshots available after service (great for job searches, profiles, or anyone needing an updated photo).

Mini Sessions Saturday, May 30

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Join Maureen in one of these 10 Town and Country, MO — just eas

Internship 270 and south of Parkway

Join Maureen in one of these 10-minute mini sessions for a fun, affordable way to get updated photos. Perfect for families, couples, or anyone needing a quick refresh.

To schedule a session, contact Tom here

Learn more about Tim and see his latest photos (there are 27 examples of his work)

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Sunday, May 3 | 9:15am | Gathering Space

We will hold our Annual Bread for the World Offering of Letters event during the Sunday, 9:15 am Faith Exit Building (FEB) service on Sunday, May 3rd. Bread for the World is a nonpartisan Christian movement that seeks to end hunger at home and abroad by urging members of Congress about nutrition programs in the U.S. and around the world. We will write letters to our members of Congress, as well as other Missouri churches, our voices are amplified! There will be many letters to choose from, and we will have a "Kid's Corner" for children to write letters with their parents or other adults.

Then, we can include your letters in our personal delivery to congressional offices!

1. Write Before Sunday: Hand-write letters from home and bring them to church on Sunday.

2. Come early to write!: Arrive at 9:15 AM to write letters in the Gathering Space before worship and service programs.

3. While during the service: Place your letters in the collection bags or hunger on a pre-printed letter template provided at church and submit them during the offering of letters at 9:15 AM service.

4. Pray for the letters: Please remember to pray for the success of the gathering space as you participate in 24/7B service.

5. Write after Sunday: Bring in your handwritten letters on Sunday, June 7 and put them in the basket in the gathering space Online letters can be sent to Carol Cuello.

For more info or how to help, contact Ruth Hudner: ruthhudner@hotmail.com

Parkway Adventurers headed to National Museum of Transportation

Parkway Adventurers

Wednesday, June 3 | 9:30am

Meet at the Parkway Church Parking Lot

Join us for Planes, Trains, and Automobiles, plus much more. The National Museum of Transportation is a free museum that has a huge collection of trains housed in historic train cars, all types of transportation vehicles, a steam locomotive, steam, diesel, and electric locomotive cabs, railroad freight cars, aeronautics, cars, streetcars, buses and aircraft. The museum is open 9:30 AM to 4 PM and admission and a donation can be obtained with Groupon. There is free parking, and we will be doing a self-guided tour. Lunch will be on your own. Please RSVP to Jeff Procter at 314-749-1646 or jeff@parkwaychurch.org

ALS Walk 2026 - Loving the Petrices and Efforts

Saturday, June 27 | 10am | Forest Park

Too many of us have been touched by the tragedy of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, and so it is our awareness and funds for ALS research and patient/family support at this walk honoring those impacted by this disease. The Petrices and Efforts are a PUCC family who have been part of the ALS Walk Social. Come 'Join a team' and support the **PUCC Loving the Petrices and Efforts**. The direct link to the PUCC team and walk begins at 10am. **NOTE**: Children of all ages can participate in the walk. For more info, contact Lisa Mason lmason2000@sbcglobal.net

SAVE THE DATE Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build

On both of Parkway's UCC Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build sites, we continue Parkway UCC's hands-on support of all years of Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build sites. Contact Jeff Procter at jeff@parkwaychurch.org

Click here to register. For more info, reach out to Tom Nebbeker at mcknoxchef1@att.net

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Recurring PUCC Events

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

6:30 pm-8pm Tuesday Evening Dialogue Heritage Room

Contact Person: Jeff Procter 314-749-1646 Phone: 7502

Please join us on **May 26** for our Tuesday Evening Dialogue with Lab Girl by Hope Jahren. This book is a 2016 memoir by geobiologist Hope Jahren, recounting her journey from a childhood in rural Georgia to a career in science, and exploring her career, her friendship with fellow scientist and winning the National Book Critics Circle Award and becoming a best seller. Hope Jahren will be joining us for a conversation of scientific insight, personal reflection, and the art of winning the National Book Critics Circle Award and becoming a best seller. Hope Jahren will be joining us for a conversation of scientific insight, personal reflection, and the art of storytelling. Please join us for our first session on **May 26**.

Bring a dish to share for the pot luck dinner. Please contact Jeff Procter if you have questions about this event. Contact Person: Jeff Procter Also, a calendar invite will be sent.

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue

1:30 pm-3:00 pm Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue Meeting ID: 836 7061 7428, Passcode: 480807

Please join with TAD as we read and discuss **Dune: Messiah** on **June 2** and **June 16.** We'd love to have you join us for one or both. Dune: Messiah is the sequel to Dune, and is a fascinating, challenging, and thought-provoking science fiction novel. Dune: Messiah is more traditional and the modern. On May 19, we'll discuss Part 1 of Dune: Messiah.

Fellowship starts at 1:45pm and the discussion begins at 2:00pm. For more info, please contact Jeff Procter at jeff@parkwaychurch.org

POLLINATOR GARDEN Weeding and maintenance will happen on Saturdays at 9:30am, and will continue throughout the summer every Monday. Come and join us anytime! All are welcome! Check back for updates on the garden. Contact Person: Jeff Procter Email: jeff@parkwaychurch.org Phone: 314-749-1646

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Prayer Partner: an opportunity to pray with someone
Wednesday, June 17 | 9-11am
Sanctuary
Drop-in Prayer Time.
Come for 5 minutes or stay for 2 hours! Be its prayer together. Please text Kevin (720-935-0282) with questions.

Upcoming dates in the Sanctuary:
Friday, July 31 from 1-3pm
Wednesday, Aug 12 from 9-11am
Saturday, Oct 15 from 1-3pm
Monday, Dec 14 from 9-11am
Friday, Jan 27 from 1-3pm
Friday, Sept 20 from 6:30-8:30pm
Monday, Nov 11 from 9-11am
Saturday, Jan 13 from 1-3pm
-Kevin

We are arrange a phone call or Zoom for another time if you'd like to connect.
Email to kevin@pueconnect.org

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Other PUCC News

May OHA News
Missouri's 2024 General Assembly is over, and, once again, the goals of Missouri Faith for Equality (MFE) and Missouri Jobs with Justice (MJWJ) were not met. The faith's 71 Action Team's legislative session for LGBTQ+ Missourians and advocates but they are not discouraged. Over the next months, PROMO Missouri and Missouri Faith for All LGBTQ+ Faith were successfully defeated by their legislative team, Kevin Corbin.

Sheri, PROMO's public policy director, said Republican legislators "think they've won" but that they've "actually lost ground." Sheri said, "We've been successful in defeating every single anti-LGBTQ+ bill that's been introduced."

Please take a moment and send a hand-written thank you note to Sheri at sheri@promomo.org. Let her know how much you appreciate her work and encourage her to make sure that a more equitable place for LGBTQ+ Missourians is created in the next legislative session. PROMO Missouri, 3200 Gravois Ave., Suite 201, St. Louis, MO 63118-3317.

A few weeks ago, PROMO and the LGBTQ+ faith network held a successful Lobby Day in Jefferson City. Over 100 people met with their legislators to advocate for LGBTQ+ Missourians, including issues such as keep back reproductive choice and gender affirming care for Missouri youth, and to oppose anti-LGBTQ+ bills. Sheri said, "It's a great opportunity with PROMO to bring their whole [selves](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/selves) here, and sign up to pledge your support. Sheri said, "Our community is resilient. We've been through worse and we're going to continue to survive and [thrive](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/thrive)." To follow their work or volunteer [here](https://promomo.org/).

Pride Fest St. Louis Booth
Volunteers Needed

Saturday June 27 | 10am-7pm
Downtown St. Louis near Soldiers Memorial

Volunteers are needed to staff the ecumenical booth at this year's Pride Fest St. Louis. Several shifts are available (see [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ge_Ou-Ed_Ou-Ed_Ou-Ed

Join us with your phone, tablet or laptop as our One Church Team offers support, shortcuts and strategies to make your experience with our software and app more fruitful and enjoyable. People with all levels of experience with One Church are welcome to stop by the large bulletin board in the Gathering Space before or after worship this Sunday. Cindy will be there!
Questions? Please reach out to:
Cindy Nouri **cynthianouri@gmail.com**
Barb Harris **barbharris@charter.net**
Gabriel Requadt **gabriel@Parkwayucc.org**

Parkway United Church of Christ
(314) 872 9330 **contact@parkwayucc.org**
2841 N Ballas Road,
St. Louis, MO 63131

We appreciate your submissions of jokes, quotes, photos, videos, weekly opportunities, scriptures that are important to you, hymn/song suggestions, poetry, etc. We would love to hear from you:
contact@parkwayucc.org