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Happening This Weekend

Volunteers Needed for the Festival of Nations!
The Festival of Nations is ***this weekend***, and we still need volunteers! Grab a friend and sign up for your favorite festival team. We still need help in the following roles:

- Festival Set-Up and Park Clean-Up
- Info Tables
- Parking Team
- Merch Booths
- The Honey Booth
- Green Team
- Kids' Arts & Craft Pavilion
- Kids' Sports Activities
- And More!

Sign up **here** to help!

Worship with us this Sunday, August 30

eNews leading up to Sunday, August 30
Worship with us this Sunday at 10am! Join us here at PUCC or not YouTube Live (@parkwayuccstl)… or participate any time later on YouTube.

It's a Fifth Sunday and you are in for a treat. It's Youth Sunday! Our children and teens will welcome us into an expression of their VBS (Vacation Bible Summer) where their theme has been immigration and refugees in the Bible, history and today. Our cherished kids will lead everything from prayers, instrumental music and messages.
Their main scriptures for the morning are Psalm 100 (We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture) and Hebrews 11:13-16 (highlights strangers, immigrants, seekers, homelands). We will hear about Abraham and Sarah; Moses and Aaron; Ruth and Naomi; Mary and Joseph. Our teens will also share some thoughts and feelings about the mission week experience.

Stay after worship to celebrate the end of summer with lunch, games and an ice cream truck. Please help continue to weave us together across the generations as you introduce yourself to our youngest if you don't already know them all by name. This will be an amazing Sunday!

Worship bulletin **here**!

Our songs include: *You Are Welcome Here; Here I Am, Lord; God, You Are Our God; Lead Me, Guide Me; This Little Light of Mine; Peace Like a River*

Prayer Partner Before and After Worship this Sunday
PUCCer 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, nurse, wife, mother of 7 adopted children and grandma to many. 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 ask 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.

Prayer List Updates as of August 28

Students, families, teachers, administrators, staff as this new school year unfolds.
Liam, Jo Grove's grandson - settling into Vienna for undergrad work.
Gabriel Requadt - called to be pastor at Immanuel UCC, Sedalia, MO; last day at PUCC 9/13. Ordination here at 3pm on 9/20 – all invited!
Cindy Wessel - memorial service for her mother took place on 8/25.
Changyit-Levin Family - as Yara starts teaching middle school, Summer begins her NASA internship and they all remember Cindy's mother at her birthday 8/24 and the first anniversary of her death on 9/1
Bedo Family - dealing with more than one type of loss (Yakel).
The Requadts - remembering their dog, Beau, with fondness who passed away this week.
The floods in Nepal and Tibet - grief, recovery, healing, hope.
Ongoing chaos in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia.
US military and families - **Sera Watkins** and **Anthony Williams**

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.

We Did It!
Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of congregations and individuals across the Missouri Mid-South Conference, our Christmas in July campaign raised more than $40,000 for Camp MoVal and Shannondale! Thank you to everyone who gave, received special offerings, shared campaign materials, and helped spread the word about these important ministries.
This campaign showed what we can accomplish when we work together. Gifts large and small from across the Conference will make a tangible difference in strengthening Camp MoVal and Shannondale and preparing them for ministry in the years ahead.
This is what it means to be the Conference—we are all in this ministry together.
On behalf of the Conference staff, Camp MoVal, and Shannondale: thank you for your generosity, partnership, and faithfulness!
—Rev. Phil Hodson

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Notes from Aria

Choir season is upon us! **Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30pm starting in September**. Full choir participation will be such that the choir sings on the second and the fourth Sunday of every month. First Sundays will be reserved for the choir and in addition, anyone who cannot make a Thursday night commitment and just want to come and sing. On those days, all music will be learned that morning. Third and fifth Sundays of the month will be reserved for various combinations determine as the ministry organically grows. If you enjoy singing, no matter "formal training", you are welcome! The bar is simply "I love to sing!". Perhaps you play an instrument and want to contribute in that way? Your part can be written according to your musical capacities! If you've ever smiled with joy as you sang 'Happy Birthday' around a birthday cake, email me at aria@parkwayucc.org!

OUR MUSIC MINISTRY
As we continue to welcome Aria Thome as our choir director and accompanist, 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 9 am. We're also gathering names of instrumentalists who'd be willing to share their talents in worship and those interested in joining a hand chime choir. Please reach out to aria@parkwayucc.org today.

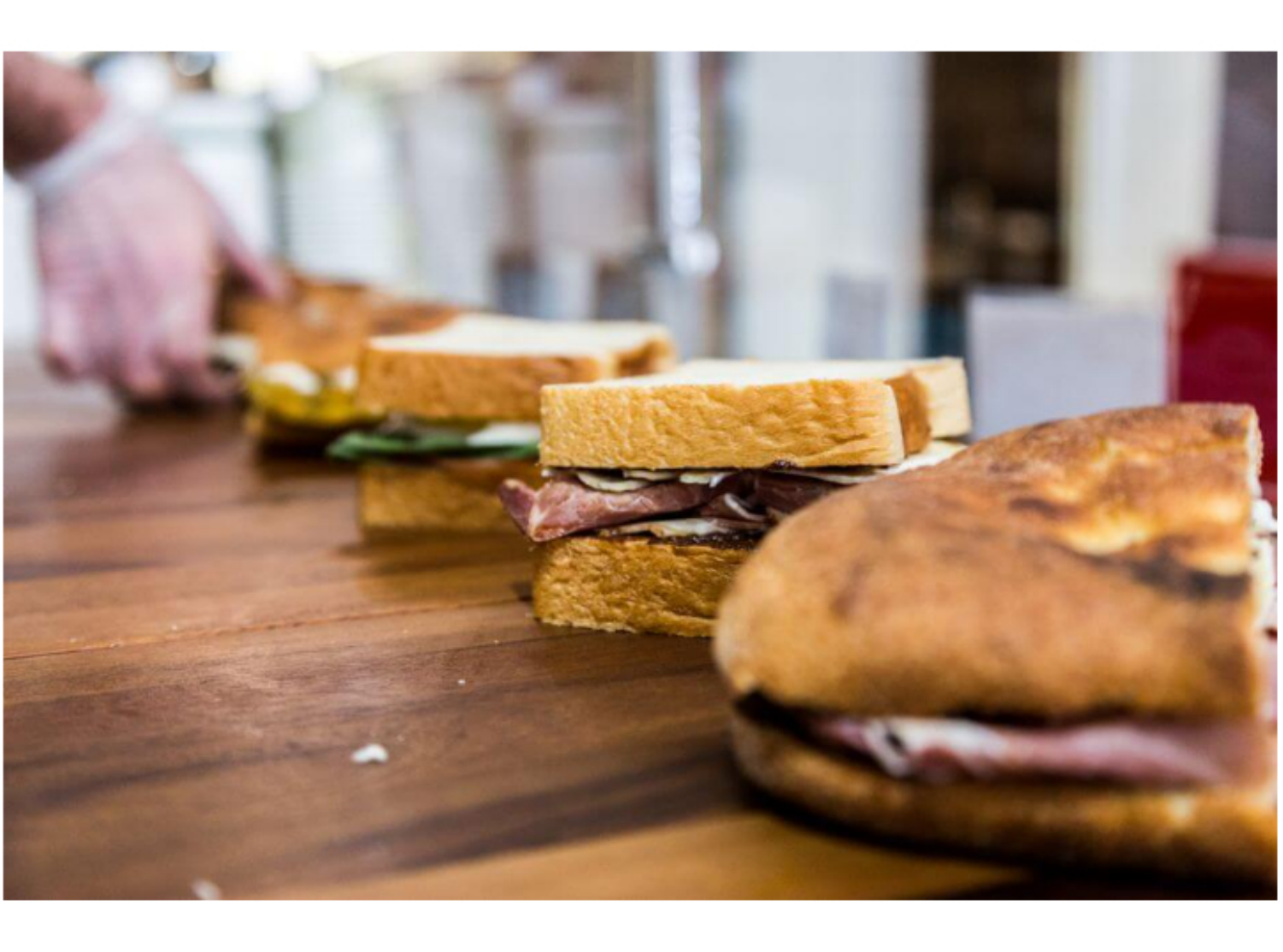
PUCC Announcements

Job Posting Office & Building Administrator
Full-time opportunity for an office and building administrator to partner with Parkway United Church of Christ in fulfilling its mission by working conscientiously with staff, members, visitors, and tenants. This person performs administrative tasks and manages facility usage, exhibiting a helpful demeanor toward all and enthusiasm in supporting the church's goals/core values of limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry. We are a faithful people with a warm heart and generous spirit. We are an intentionally inclusive congregation with a great facility in a prime location. Please contact us soon with a cover letter and resume - employment@parkwayucc.org

Habitat for Humanity We Need Your Help
Habitat St. Louis has committed to the construction of 40 adjacent to the tornado affected area of St. Louis. We need finances to do these jobs and people to come and build them. We need managers to lead. Experience is not necessary. Habitat will find a job for you and train you to do it if needed. Be part of Parkway's long and productive history with Habitat for Humanity St. Louis. For more info on how you can help, contact Tom McKenzie mckenzie1947@att.net or go to https://www.habitatstl.org/

The Greatest Night in Baseball
Sunday, September 6 | 6-9:30pm | 2301 Grizzlie Bear Blvd, Sauget, IL

Grab your baseball hats and rolls of toilet paper (yes, you read that right!) for the greatest night in baseball! The last home game of the season for the Gateway Grizzlies is a fun-filled evening for all. At the end of the game, fans teepee the stadium while fireworks celebrate the end of the season. Everyone is welcome! RSVP **here**. tickets are $20. Liz Lyons will send you your tickets as we get closer to the end event. For more info, contact Liz Lyons **lizardstifel@gmail.com**

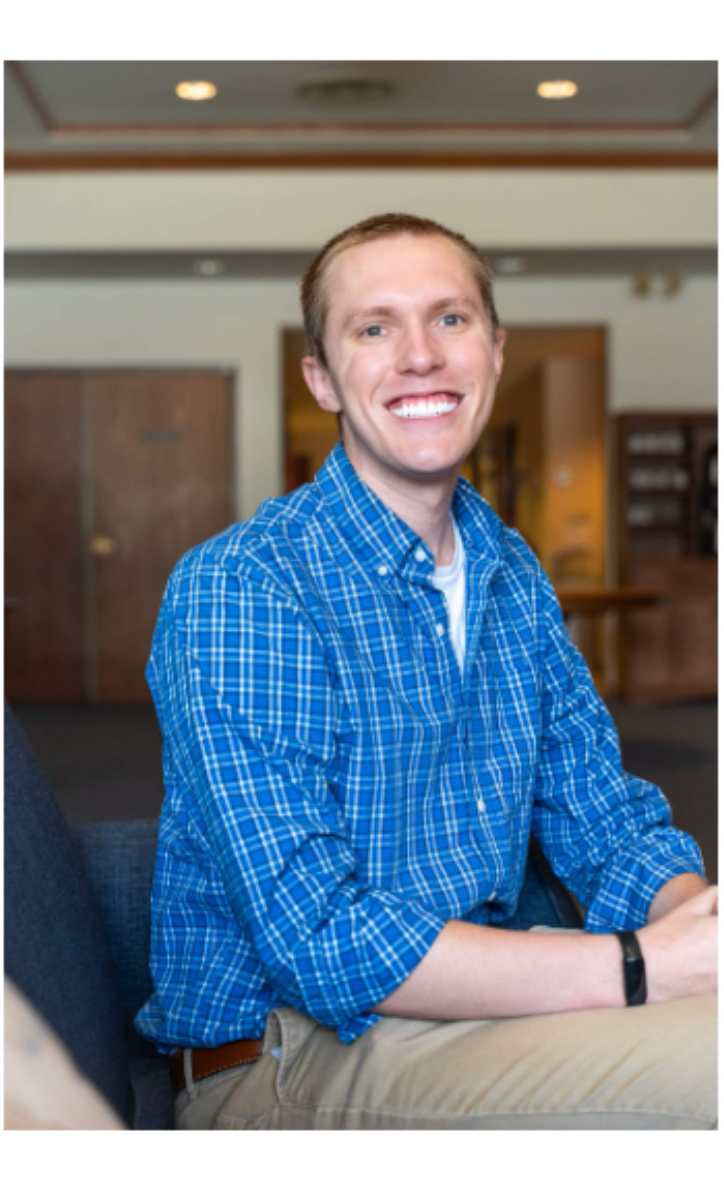


Parkway Cooks to the Swing into Action
As you may remember, after the May 2025 Tornado, many St. Louis residents in North St. Louis were made homeless. A group called 314 Oasis was formed through grants to help citizens with home repair advice, housing, and food. A group of Parkway UCC members volunteered to assist with some lunches for forty clients this fall. Including Linda Tossing, Kris McKenzie, Deborah Reinhardt, Diane Brost, Harold Cobb and myself. Our first day to provide a meal is **September 11**. We will gather at 9:30am in the Parkway kitchen to assemble some hearty sandwiches, sides, fruit, and, of course, brownies from our own Sweet Bakers.

Please feel free to join us in the assembly line of making sandwiches, slicing tomatoes, and putting lunches together in brown paper bags. A group will head down to their offices on Delmar to help serve around 10:50am. If you wish to help, we will need a case of bottled water, 40 bananas, 40 apples, 48 case assortment of chips. If you can assist with any of these donations, please contact Carol Cobb **ccjcobb@aol.com**. We have some donations from Parkway members, but appreciate additional help. Other lunch prep days include Nov 13 and possibly Dec 11.

Special Olympics Bocce Tournament
Saturday, Sept 12 | 11am-3pm | 123 Leon Hall Parkway, Hillsboro, MO

Four volunteers are needed to join Kevin in facilitating the games they will be at Hillsboro High School. We will facilitate the games, cheer for the athletes, and keep score of the matches. We will assist with the breaking down and loading up the equipment into SOMO vehicles. Training will be provided by Bocce experts and T-shirts will be given to volunteers. Contact Kevin to volunteer **kevin@parkwayucc.org**



Ordination Service of Gabriel Requadt!
You are cordially invited to the Ordination Service of Gabriel Requadt on **Sunday, September 20, at 3pm**, here at Parkway UCC. *All are welcome!* The service will be streamed on YouTube for those unable to attend or geographically separated.

Gabriel has accepted a position as the Senior Minister at Immanuel UCC in Sedalia, MO. There will be a reception following the service. Please be sure to RSVP **here** by *Sept 17!* For any questions, or if you'd like to help, please reach out to Gabriel or Kevin Cameron **gabriel@parkwayucc.org** or **kevin@parkwayucc.org**

St Louis Metro CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, September 27 | 2-3pm | 475 E Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves

The annual SL Metro CROP Hunger walk is rapidly approaching. Parkway UCC has consistently been a leading supporter of the walk which is greatly appreciated. CROP Hunger Walks are held in over 500 communities raising millions to eradicate hunger and poverty in over 35 countries. 25% of the funds raised stay locally to fight hunger and this year will be donated to Circle of Concern, Webster Rock Hill Ministries and a new organization, Growing Food Growing People. The remaining 75% supports the global mission of Church World Service (CWS) which is used to reduce hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Please join us either in person or virtually to walk, give and change the world, one step at a time. Donate or join the Parkway UCC team **here**. For more info, reach out to Pam Manning **pmanning5078@gmail.com**

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Recurring PUCC Events

AMOE Invitation
Featuring an exotic coffee brew we just call "a cup of coffee," Adventurous Men Out Early gather this **Thursday, September 3**, in the Heritage Room at 9:15am. As Jim Nantz says, it's "a tradition unlike any other." All are welcome. For more info, contact Richard Scherrer **90fivetpr@gmail.com**

Prayer Partner: an opportunity to pray with someone
Monday, Aug 31 | 7-9pm
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:
Saturday, Oct 10 from 7-9am
Tuesday, Nov 17 from 3-5pm
Monday, Dec 14 from 7-9pm
Friday, July 31 from 1-3pm
Friday, Sept 25 from 6:30-8:30am
Tuesday, Nov 17 from 3-5pm
Wednesday, Jan 13 from 10am-12pm

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
Tuesday, October 20 | 2pm
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, Nov 11 at 10am
Monday, December 7 at 2pm
Wednesday, July 15 at 2pm
Monday, September 21 at 2pm
Wednesday, November 11 at 10am Wednesday, January 20 at 10am

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

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue

Join With Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue for Atmosphere
1st & 3rd Tuesday | 1:45pm fellowship | 2:00-3:00pm discussion
Zoom Link (312) 626-6799;
Meeting ID: 898 7822 0593;
Passcode: 393204

Please join us on Tuesday, **September 1**, for fellowship, learning, and fun with TAD as we continue our discussion of *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid, pages 111 - 221 (up to Summer 1983). Atmosphere is an epic novel set against the backdrop of the 1980s space shuttle program, about the extraordinary lengths we go to live and love beyond our limits. An ambitious young woman named Joan Goodwin is content with her life as a professor of physics and astronomy until she comes across an ad seeking the first women scientists to join NASA's space shuttle program. Joan is selected for the program, and through her experiences begins to question everything she thinks she knows about her place in the observable universe.

We'd love to have you join us on Zoom on September 1! Feel free to stop in at 1:45pm for fellowship before the book discussion starts. For more info, reach out to Jackie Eiffert jeiffert2@gmail.com

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 for our next TED session on **Tuesday, Sept 8**, as we continue our discussion on the novel The Measure by Nikki Erlick. It starts with what seems to be an ordinary day, however, everyone in the world opens their front door that day to find a small wooden box. This box holds your fate inside: the answer to the exact number of years you will live. In an instant, the world is thrust into a collective fantasy. The author introduces complex characters whose decisions and lives interweave with one another. This book is described as an enchanting, uplifting and invigorating story about family, friendship, hope and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest. We will be discussing the second third of this book which is up to page 230 Chapter Jack.

Please join us at 6 pm for Potluck Supper followed by Book Discussion at 7 pm. If you can't make it in person, please join us on Zoom.

For questions contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net

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Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am
"The Eads Bridge, a Revolution in American Bridge Building," by Chris Naffziger.
Sunday, September 13 | 11:15am | Heritage Room
Chris Naffziger is a historian of the built environment in St. Louis. His background is in Italian Renaissance and Baroque art. He has worked in various museums including the National Gallery of Art and the Saint Louis Art Museum. He currently writes for his blog St. Louis Patina and St. Louis Magazine. He gave a lecture last year at Parkway UCC Church. The Eads Bridge is one of the most recognizable landmarks in St. Louis and one of the oldest spans across the Mississippi River. But its story also figures into the broader architectural and engineering trends that were developing throughout the world. In this lecture, Chris will explain how the Eads Bridge revolutionized bridge building in America, while transforming the city of St. Louis at the same time.

"Making a Home: Art, Design, and the Life You Choose," by Renee Flanders.
Sunday, September 20 | 11:15am | Heritage Room
This is our second "This Old House" speakers series program. Our speaker, local artist Renee Flanders, tells the story of transforming a neglected house into a personal sanctuary through art, design, and an openness to possibility. Illustrated with renovation images and personal narrative. Ms. Flanders is an artist and interior designer whose work emphasizes authenticity and thoughtful design. Her approach reflects a belief that beauty, when taken seriously, can shape how we live and experience our homes.

All programs are held in the Heritage Room, following worship and ending around 12:15pm. Grab a cup of coffee and a pastry and join us. Questions or suggestions for a program? Richard Scherrer at 90fivetpr@gmail.com

AWOL
Adventurous Women Out Late

Go AWOL This Fall--Adventurous Women Out Late
Come build connections with women this fall with some fun upcoming events!

Saturday 9/26: "Little Women" at The Rep - Carpool from church at 3pm (show at 4pm). $30. Ten tickets total available here!

Sunday 10/18: Harvest Festival at Tower Grove Park - Carpool after church.

Friday 11/13: Dinner out

Sunday 12/13: Allegro—More details to come in early November.

More details to come. Contact Carmen Bumgarner for more info cfbum@charter.net

POLLINATOR GARDEN The Eco Stewards often tend the Pollinator Garden on Monday nights. Anyone is welcome, but with weather and summer vacations we aren't there every Monday night, so please contact Polly Rutherford before planning to at pollyrutherford@gmail.com

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Other PUCC News

Job posting Christian Education and Youth Director
A great opportunity for a part-time 20 hours/week Christian Education and Youth Director. We are a faithful people with a warm heart and generous spirit. We are an intentionally inclusive congregation in a great facility in a prime location. We want to become even more vital and relevant to children, teens and adults. Please contact us if you would like to know more – employment@parkwayucc.org Parkway United Church of Christ ~ 2841 N Ballas Rd, St Louis, MO 63131; parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Flowers & Refreshments needed at Parkway!
Flowers and Refreshments needed at Parkway Pretty Please! Two Vitality teams provide people to help promote our limitless love and welcoming to Parkway UCC. From hot, warming coffee to a variety of refreshments provided by weekly donors and welcoming ushers, to our friendly greeters we provide an excellent environment. Another team provides care for our beautiful sanctuary with candles, flowers and communion preparations, lay readers, and decorations of various holidays in the sanctuary. Flowers are donated by members and friends and pay $35 online or by check to the office. Team members purchase the flowers for the donors, arrange them and either ready them for the donor to take home or cut them up in small vases for home-centered and other bound friends. Refreshments are provided by members or friends and purchase treats as they wish. We ask donors for about one hundred small items. Check the sign-up poster in the Gathering Space and sign up by signature or at the website here. To learn how you can be involved with these teams, contact Carol Cobb cobster70@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

Two Ways to Get Involved at PUCC!
The Leadership Commission is looking for members who would like to share their experience and help support the work of the church.

Personnel Committee
Help connect our non-pastoral staff, Council and congregation, including assisting with job descriptions and interviews. Experience in HR or working with staff is helpful.

Facilities & Rentals
Help coordinate with the groups, individuals and organizations who use our church space and match their needs with our available facilities. Experience with real estate or rental contracts is helpful.

Interested in getting involved? Please reach out to Lana Biondo, Nancy Litzinger, Deborah Reinhardt or Emma Zyriek-Rhodes on the Leadership Commission in person or by clicking their names to send them an email.

WISE
Congregations for Mental Health®
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Supportive • Engaged

WISE Team: A United Church of Christ Ministry
Our church is looking at the possibility of becoming a WISE church as set forth by our UCC (WISE = Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) Our ten-member team has formed and will be commissioned later this month. Thanks! Questions? Contact kevin@parkwayucc.org

Give-A-Meal Sundays ~ Sharing our abundance with those who are in need
Thanks to your generous donations to our two partner food pantries, Isaiah 58 and Circle of Concern, on the first Sunday of the month. Please continue to add extra nonperishable food items as you are able for the North St. Louis Tornado Relief collection. Suggested items are canned green beans, corm, fruit, soups, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, meats, packages of spaghetti and pasta sauce, mac n' cheese, rice, mashed potatoes, and baking items. Also needed are diapers, baby wipes, formula, and other baby and personal hygiene items for mothers and babies requested by Planned Parenthood for the North St. Louis Tornado Relief and other nearby agencies.

Questions? Please contact Sally Dodge s.dodge@hotmail.com or Evelyn Buretta burettaevelyn@gmail.com

Isaiah 58 School Supply Drive
Thank you, Parkway UCC! We have met the goal for washable markers, in one weekend! If you still have some to bring, Isaish 58 will be happy to use them. However, to meet another need, you could bring jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly. Questions contact Sally Dodge at s.dodge@hotmail.com

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. Well now you can! Check out how our church is involved in supporting LGBTQIA2S+ people. For more information, contact Deb Reinhardt deborahreinhardt@att.net

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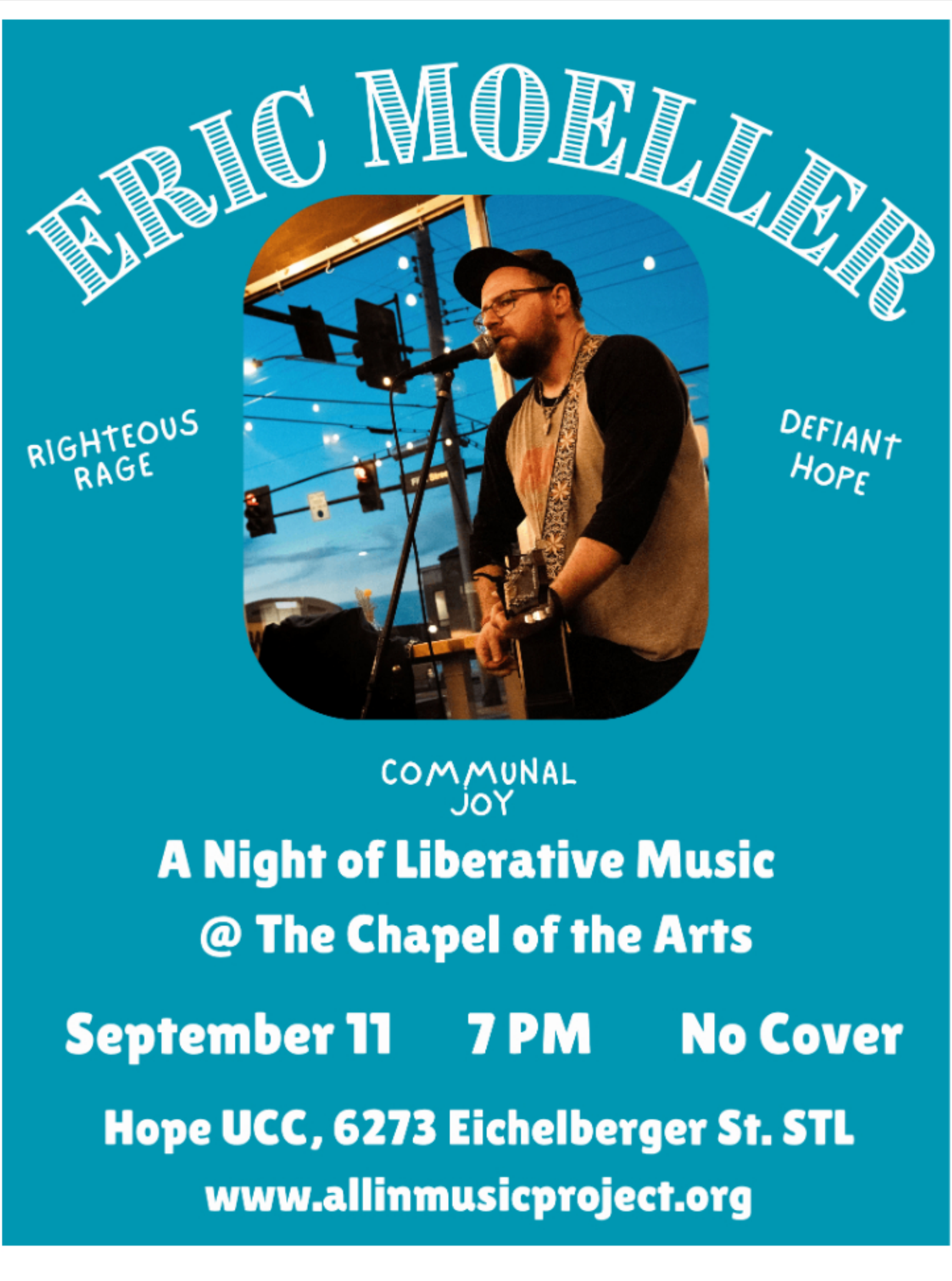
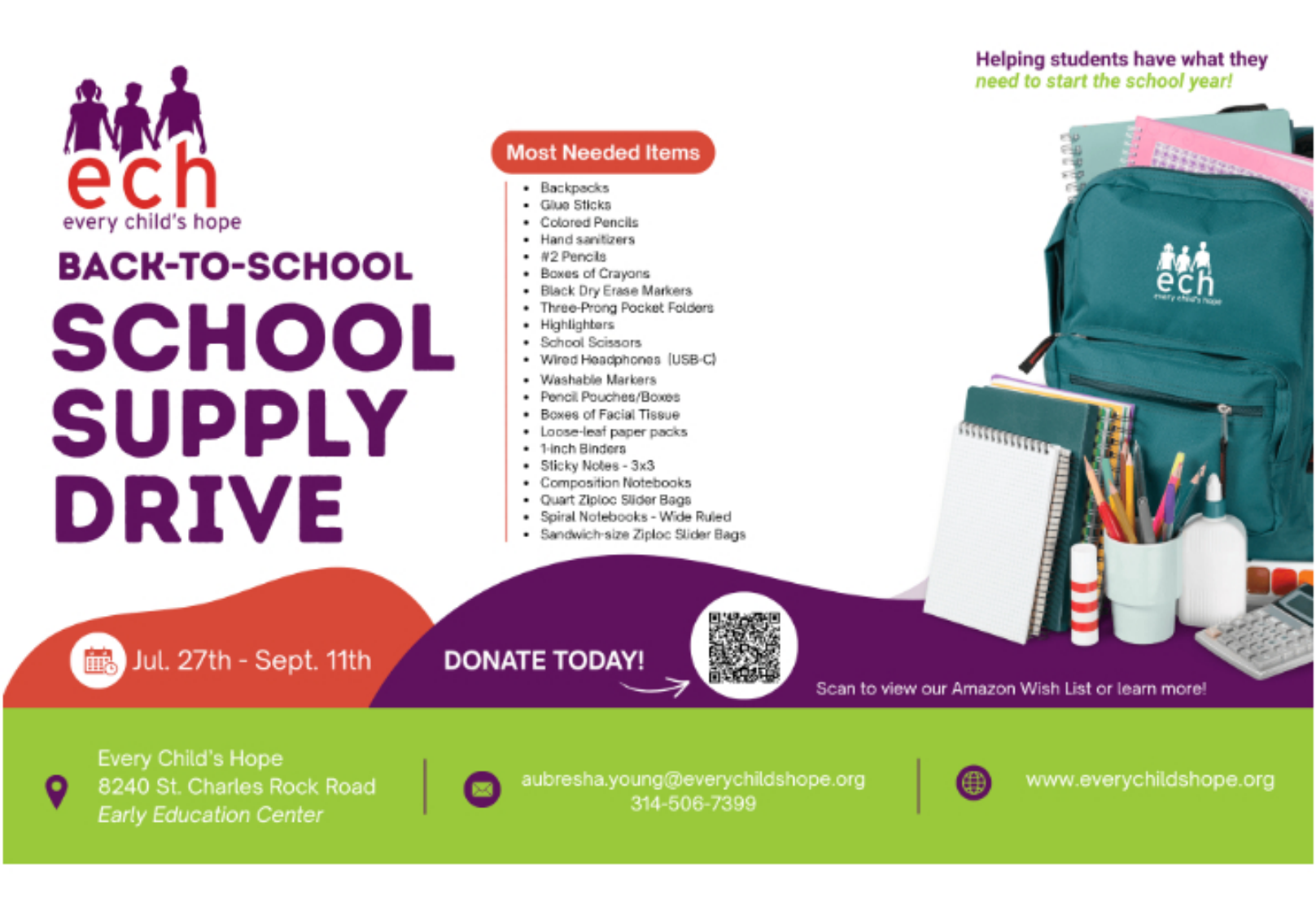
Community Happenings



ERIC MOELLER
RIGHTEOUS RAGE
DEFIANT HOPE
COMMUNAL JOY

A Night of Liberative Music
@ The Chapel of the Arts
September 11 7 PM No Cover
Hope UCC, 6273 Eichelberger St. STL
www.allinmusicproject.org



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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Helping students have what they need to start the school year!

Most Needed Items
- Backpacks
- Glue Sticks
- Colored Pencils
- Hand sanitizers
- #2 Pencils
- Boxes of Crayons
- Black Dry Erase Markers
- Three-Prong Pocket Folders
- Highlighters
- School Scissors
- Wired Headphones (USB-C)
- Washable Markers
- Pencil Pouches/Boxes
- Boxes of Facial Tissue
- Loose-leaf paper packs
- 1-inch Binders
- Sticky Notes - 3x3
- Composition Notebooks
- Quart Ziploc Slider Bags
- Spiral Notebooks - Wide Ruled
- Sandwich-size Ziploc Slider Bags

Jul. 27th - Sept. 11th
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Scan to view our Amazon Wish List or learn more!

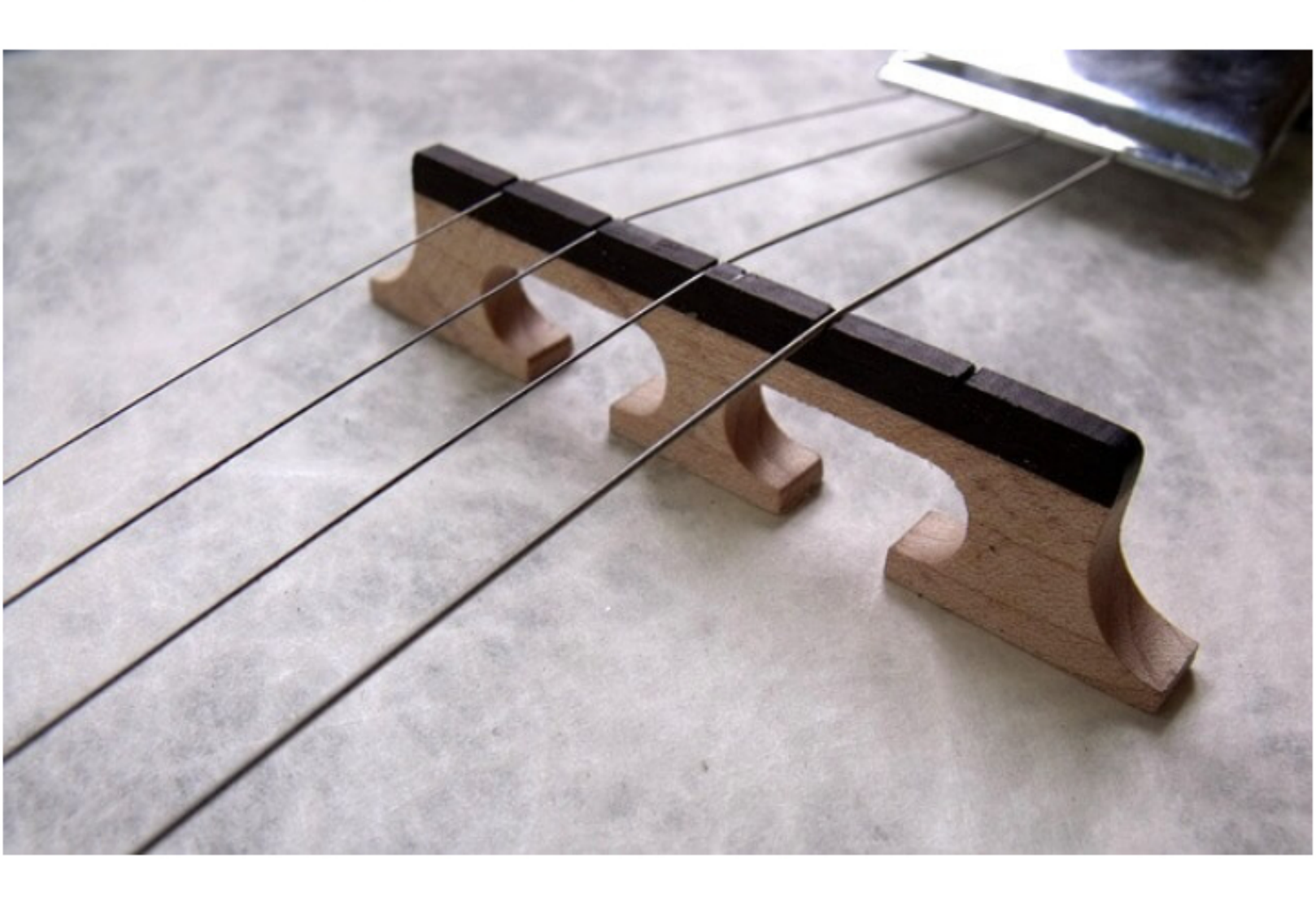
Every Child's Hope
8240 St. Charles Rock Road
Early Education Center

aubresha.young@everychildshope.org
314-506-7399

www.everychildshope.org

Back-to-School Supply Drive, and Golf Classic for ECH
Back-to-School Drive (Now–September 11)
Every Child's Hope is currently collecting school supplies and backpacks to help children and families begin the school year with confidence. Whether you're able to donate supplies, share the drive with friends or coworkers, or simply help spread the word, every act of support has an impact. Click here containing most needed items and Amazon Wish List.

Every Child's Hope Golf Classic – September 14
ECH's annual Golf Classic is one of their signature fundraising events. While they have enough volunteers for the day-of, they need support in sharing the information for in-kind donations and sponsorships Thank you for the countless ways you support Every Child's Hope. They look forward to meeting many of you soon and working together throughout the year. If you ever have questions or would like to get more involved, please don't hesitate to reach out. For more info, reach out to Ashley Milam aviehmann@gmail.com

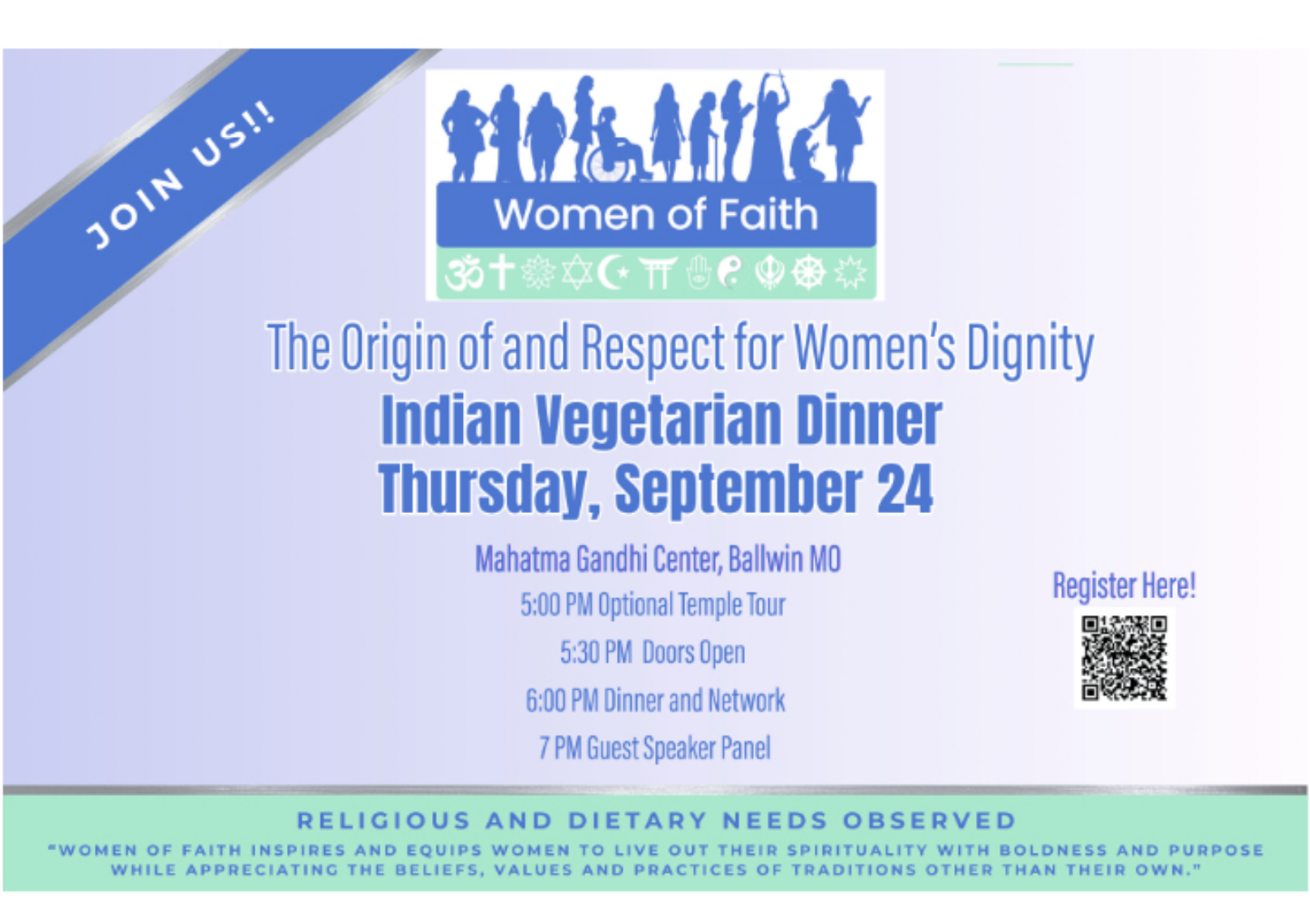


Shaw Neighbors for Neighbors: Supporting Immigrant Families
Sunday, September 13 | 2-4pm | 4200 Blaine Ave, St. Louis

Join MaTovu for an afternoon of live music, community, and solidarity at a benefit concert supporting our immigrant neighbors.

Enjoy performances by:
- Greenwood Trio
- Wild Mountain Thyme Machine with Lukas Simpson

Every dollar raised will be donated to Abide in Love STL, a local organization that supports detained immigrants and their loved ones. Snacks and drinks will be available by donation throughout the afternoon. Silent auction featuring your favorite local visual artists. Tickets are available on a sliding scale from $20-$40, or you can make an additional donation through the QR code. For more info, contact Dawn Jones-Goldstein dawn.michelle.jones@gmail.com



JOIN US!!
Women of Faith

The Origin of and Respect for Women's Dignity
Indian Vegetarian Dinner
Thursday, September 24
Mahatma Gandhi Center, Ballwin MO
5:00 PM Optional Temple Tour
5:30 PM Doors Open
6:00 PM Dinner and Network
7 PM Guest Speaker Panel

Register Here!

RELIGIOUS AND DIETARY NEEDS OBSERVED
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