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EQUALITY IN MISSOURI

Canvass in West County with PROMO Missouri
Volunteer canvassers needed to help people understand what they are voting on in November concerning Amendment 3. Join PROMO for our 2026 canvass power weekends. We'll connect with neighbors, share stories, and shift hearts and minds - one honest conversation at a time. It's powerful, and it works! Light breakfast is served at 8 a.m. Training begins at 9 a.m. with a canvass near Parkway UCC to follow. Lunch is served following canvass during the session wrap up.
Please RSVP **https://www.mobilize.us/promomissouri/event/900548/**
Questions? Debbie Reinhardt **deborahreinhardt@att.net**

Worship with us this Sunday, September 27

*Join us this Sunday for worship at 10am in the sanctuary or on YouTube Live (**https://www.youtube.com/@ParkwayUCCStL**) anytime.*

Our gospel focus is Matthew 21:23-32 where Jesus was teaching in the Temple and was asked about his authority. Jesus then tells a story about two sons who each say one thing, but do another. We are left wondering about sincerity, initiative, intention. Where does our authority come from? How might we use/misuse it?

Worship bulletin: https://parkwayucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/9-27-26-FINAL.pdf

Our songs include: *You Are Welcome Here; Great is Your Faithfulness; Lead Me, Guide Me; Weave; Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil; They'll Know We are Christians; Sounds of Living Harmony*

We will have a guest trumpeter, Tim Osiek.

Prayer Partner Before and After Worship this Sunday
PUCCer Lynn Mark is available this Sunday in the front left corner of the sanctuary before and after worship this Sunday to pray confidentially with individuals. She is a trained prayer chaplain who is gentle, kind, rooted and good humored. She will call on the presence of God and help create a safe spiritual space. Lynn 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 September 25

Reverend Gabriel Requadt - ordained here last Sunday. He and Shaine moved Wednesday as he becomes pastor at Immanuel UCC, Sedalia on Monday.

Nancy & Jack Litzinger - as they prepare for him to move to a care center.
Evelyn Buretta - healing after fall and multiple broken bones in AZ. Acacia Health Ctr at Sagewood; 4555 E Mayo Blvd; Phoenix AZ 85050
John/Joyce Ruiz Family - mourning his oldest brother.
Jean Mueller - healing after eye surgery.
Brady Abel - cancer surgery 9/30 (PUCC friend now UCC Rev in AZ).
Sharon Thiemann - cancer surgery last week (Litzinger).
Fam/friends of Barb McGrew - grieving/giving thanks (McMillon)
Ongoing chaos in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia.

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Notes from Aria

Choir season is upon us and regular practices are on **Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30pm**. The choir sings on the second and the fourth Sunday of every month. First Sunday Choir is for 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 are reserved for various combinations determined 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!

PUCC Announcements

Fall Friendship Dinners
The Family Friendly (kids-included) Fall Friendship Potluck will be held **Sunday, October 4th, from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.** on the Playground (weather permitting). In the event of inclement weather, we will move activities to Fellowship Hall.
For additional information or to sign up, please contact Kathy Burcham directly so that we know how many to expect... 314-707-1545 or kathleenburcham@sbcglobal.net

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK

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**

AMOE – Adventurous Men Out Early

Thursday, October 1, 2026 | 9:15am |Heritage Room
Some of the best conversations start with a cup of coffee. Confirm that's true and join the men of Parkway at AMOE this week.
Questions? Richard Scherrer **90fivetpr@gmail.com**

Interfaith Intertwine – Faith 250, Havdalah and BAKLAVA!

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 7pm | TASOM – 9201 Watson Rd Crestwood 63126
Mingle with our Muslim and Jewish friends at TASOM (Turkish American Society of Missouri) for an evening of conversation, learning, and community as we explore the role that different faith traditions have played in shaping America.
The evening will include Havdalah, a discussion on Faith 250 and faith contributions to America, perspectives from different faith communities, and small-group table conversations.
We'll also enjoy baklava and refreshments together during the discussions.
People of all faiths and backgrounds are warmly welcome. We hope this evening creates an opportunity to learn from one another, build friendships, and celebrate the diverse faith communities that are part of the American story.
Please complete this form to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you!
Questions? Lisa Mason **lmason624@sbcglobal.net** or
Paige Penico **andipaige@hotmail.com**

There is a **Turkish Cooking Class** from 4-7pm at TASOM.
During this 3-hour hands-on cooking experience, we'll prepare, cook, and enjoy a delicious traditional Turkish meal together.
Menu: Beyti Kebab, Salad and Baklava
$20 per person - collected the day of event, cash preferred.
Space is limited. Please contact **kevin@parkwayucc.org** for registration.

Trunk or Treat ~ Save the date!

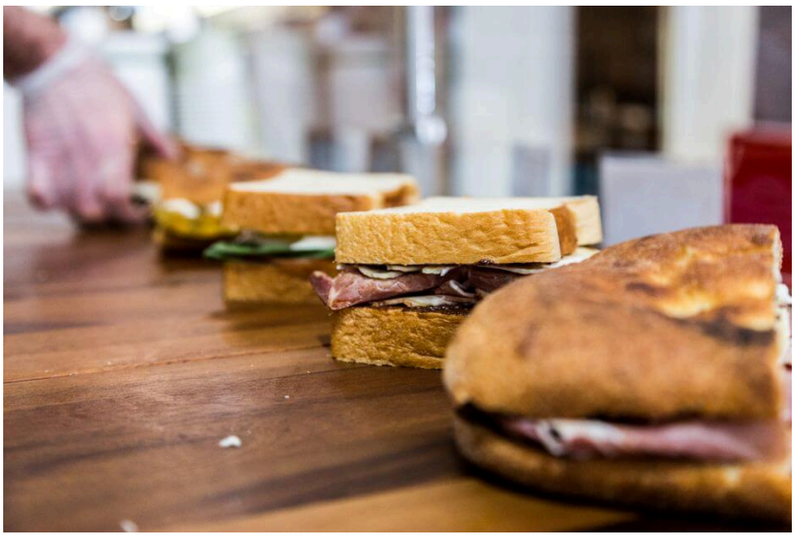
Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 5-6:30pm|Parkway UCC front parking lot
Join us for one of the most entertaining and fun-filled events at PUCC: Trunk or Treat! We need kids, youth & the young at heart to make the event a success. The goal is to have 25 car trunks and lots of candy. Volunteers needed: greeters, game hosts, activity helpers, face painting, grilling/serving hot dogs, decorations for outside & inside, photographers and much, much more. There is a place for everyone who wants to help.
Rain plan: move inside to Fellowship Hall and Gathering Space.
Questions? Karen Mariani **ksmariani59@gmail.com**

Parkway Adventurers Off to Melvin Price Lock and Dam
Come join the Parkway Adventurers going over the river to the Melvin Price Lock and Dam on **Tuesday, September 29**. The free tour begins at 11:00 am and we need to arrive around 10:45am. Since it is about an hour drive at that time of the morning we will need to leave the church around 9:45 am The tour itself takes about 45 minutes and there is some walking involved. We will dine at a fine dining establishment near by. We need to make reservations as soon as possible so rsvp as quickly as possible. Carol Cobb Cobster70@gmail.com

*Please note that due to increased security measures, no bags or purses are allowed. All adults will need to show a valid driver's license, state id or military id**

The Longest Table Dinner
This fall, on **Wednesday, September 30** from 6:30-8pm during Good Neighbors Week, we are joining St. Louis Anti-Violence Project in their region-wide Belonging Campaign by participating in The Longest Table. Check in begins at 6pm. This coordinated community dining event is designed to encourage neighbors to sit down together for a catered meal, leave politics and professions at the door, and focus purely on shared humanity and mutual support. While adults engage in small-group discussions facilitated by trained volunteer table captains, children and teens will receive curated belonging kits.

Are you interested in learning more about this free event? Check out this website to learn more and register: www.stlavp.org/the-longest-table. We hope to see you there!



Parkway Cooks 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 **October 9**. 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.

Thanksgiving Circle

Hello Parkway! The weather is changing and we are starting to think about the fall holidays. Five area churches are collecting 10 different food items as part of **Circle of Concern's Thanksgiving Program**. This year, however, instead of packing each of the items in individual boxes, we are displaying all products in a special corner of our Pantry and allowing clients to make their own choices. The need is great in west St. Louis County, SNAP services are being cut, grocery prices are extremely high and Circle is currently serving the highest number of families ever!
I am hoping for 100 of each of the items listed below, to be available to clients the week of November 8th. Therefore, all items will need to be brought to church by Saturday, November 7th! I will have plastic crates, marked COC Thanksgiving, by the food bins in the Gathering space.
Thank you for once again for helping our neighbors in this way.
Items Requested: Canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, canned fruit (pineapple, peaches, applesauce, mandarin oranges), chicken, turkey or vegetable broth (32-ounce carton), boxed stuffing mix, jar of turkey or chicken gravy, cornbread mix, box of instant potato flakes, canned green beans, canned corn.
Questions? Lana Biondo **lanabiondo66@gmail.com**

Isaiah 58 Thanksgiving Donations
Thanksgiving donations 2026: Parkway has chosen to donate to Isaiah 58 of 25 can openers and 350 Gravy Packets (Turkey, chicken, etc). We need to collect them by **November 8**. Thanks for your support! Questions? Contact Sally Dodge at **s.dodge@hotmail.com**

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Recurring PUCC Events

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

Prayer Partner: an opportunity to pray with someone
Saturday, Oct 10 from 7-9am in the 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, 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**

TAD
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, October 6,** when Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD) starts its next book, The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick. The book follows four suburban housewives in 1963 Northern Virginia who form an impromptu book club called "The Bettys" after reading Betty Friedan's The Feminine Mystique. Let's discuss the first 11 chapters then.

We'd love to have you join us on Zoom! 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**

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 for our next TED session on Tuesday, October 13. That day will be our first session with our new book *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. It's an interesting novel with great characters and moves along quickly.

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**

PARKWAY SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"An Insider's Insights about Asbestos Litigation," By Attorney Ray Fournie.
Sunday, October 11 | 11:15am | Heritage Room
Asbestos litigation is the longest-running mass tort in U.S. history, dating back to the late 1960s. Today, there are 600,000 asbestos claims pending and more than 40,000 new claims filed every year. While the vast majority of workers exposed to asbestos may never contract an asbestos-related illness, when illness does occur it can arise decades after exposure. It is estimated that asbestos claims may continue for another 50 years.
You've seen the TV commercials featuring lawyers beseeching victims of asbestos exposure to call them and realize justice through compensation. But beyond that what is the straight scoop, the real truth? Our speaker, attorney Ray Fournie, has the answers and has developed a deep understanding about the subject as a decades-long insider, defending industry in asbestos litigation. He knows the history, the legal landscape, the medical diseases attributed to asbestos, the economics, and everything in between. This is history brought to our Speakers Series audience in the first person. Now retired, Ray's legal skills have been recognized through such awards as "Best Lawyer in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions," and The Best Lawyers in America (2007-Present, and Who's Who in American Law.

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!

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

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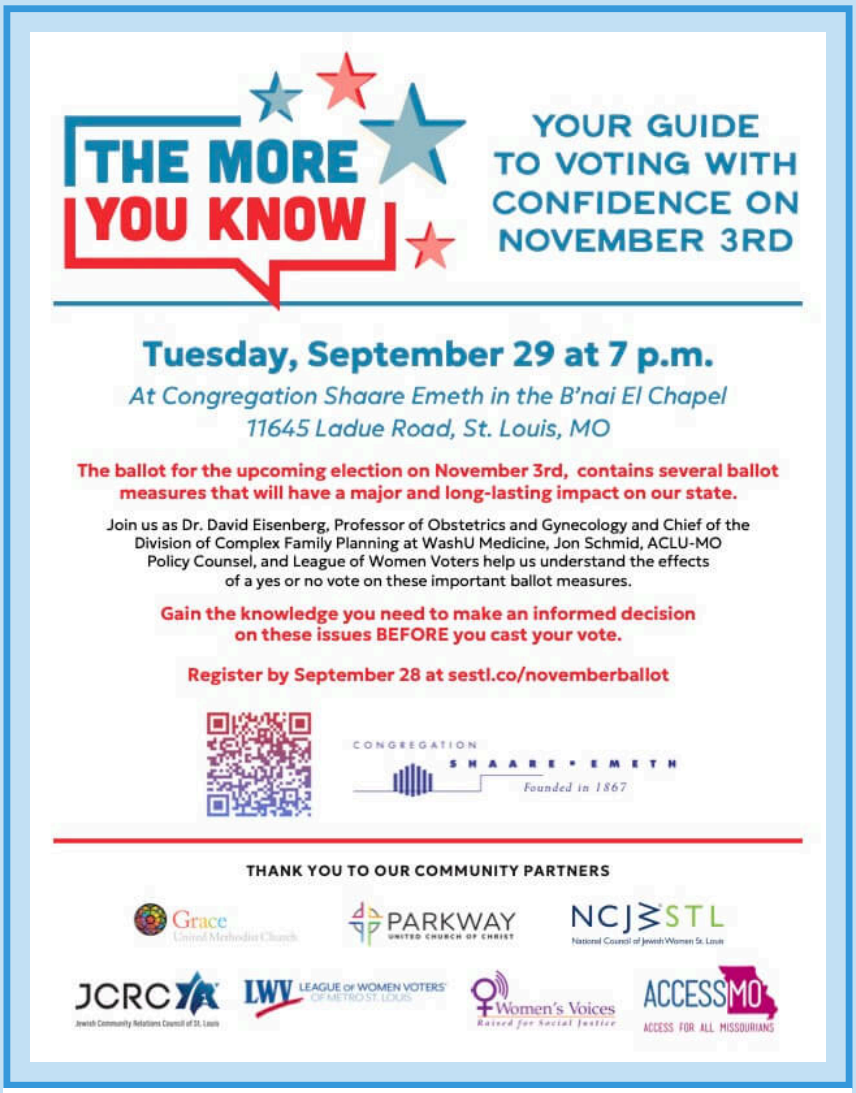
Other PUCC News

DRAG Bingo for ONA Mission and Ministry

Saturday, October 24, 2026 | 6pm | Wydown United Church This event raises funds for the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ and Alliance Q of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Open and Affirming Churches are invited to prepared gift baskets to donate to the Silent Auction - proceeds from the baskets will go to scholarship those attending the National Gathering of both organizations.
Register here: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/drang-queen-bingo--2026. Cost: $25.00 per person.
Please register each person individually with a distinct email address, as bingo cards will be emailed in advance. You may print your cards or bring them on your electronic device. Doors open at 6pm and program begins at 6:30pm.
(Wydown United was formerly, First Congregational Church UCC and is located at 6501 Wydown Blvd in Clayton 63105)



September 2026 Eco Steward News
A monthly piece from our PUCC Team committed to sustainability of our earth.

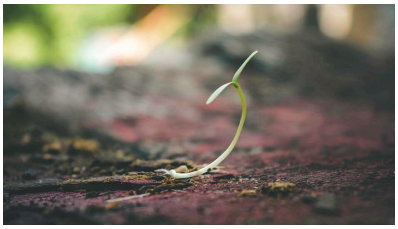
Eco Stewards would like to bring your attention to Starbucks cold cup recycling. Starbucks is the world's largest coffee chain, serving millions of customers at more than 40,000 stores worldwide. About 75% of Starbucks' U.S. beverage sales are cold drinks, most often served in polypropylene (No. 5 plastic) cups, generating an enormous amount of waste.

A little background info: On February 2, 2026, Starbucks published a press release with WM (the country's largest waste hauler, formerly known as Waste Management) and three recycling groups announcing that polypropylene (No. 5 plastic) was now considered "widely recyclable" in the United States - a designation issued by How2Recycle that is not vetted by state or federal regulators. "Recycling your Starbucks cold cups just got easier," Starbucks said, noting that the designation meant that over 60% of U.S. households can now recycle the company's cold to-go cups in their curbside recycling bins.
FACT: The U.S. recycling rate for plastics is under 6%, and the bulk of the plastic material making up that number is PET (No. 1 plastic) bottles and HDPE (No. 2 plastic) bottles and jugs.

Despite Starbucks claim, upon further investigation:
Beyond Plastics conducted a three-month nationwide tracker investigation (January to March 2026) to test Starbucks' claim that its single-use polypropylene (No. 5 plastic) cold beverage cups are recyclable.

Not a single tracked cup ended up at a recycling facility.
Ultimately, Beyond Plastics placed 53 Bluetooth-enabled trackers inside Starbucks' in-store recycling bins in 35 Starbucks locations across nine states and Washington, D.C. Thirty-six of the 53 trackers provided data, which is typical for tracker investigations. The rest were likely damaged in the trash bin or en route. None of the 36 trackers pinged from an actual recycling facility. Instead, the trackers ended up in landfills, waste-transfer stations, incinerators, or materials recovery facilities (MRFs).
The coffee company said it couldn't control the entire process or what happens after customers leave the store. But suddenly, it announced that it would start using compostable cups for cold drinks. Both the cups and lids are made of fiber-based paper board with a bioplastic liner. The new cups were rolled out across 14 states. There are no immediate plans to expand the rollout to the rest of the country.
In the meantime, environmentalists say the best thing to do is bring your own cup and Starbucks will make your drink in it.

Please consider this petition that asks Starbucks to implement a nation-wide switch from plastic to fiber based compostable cups.
https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/starbucks-cups?clear_id=true



Planting Seeds Initiative
Hopefully, you have had a chance to review the materials for this inititive on contributing to Parkway's future. Materials about all of this are in the Gathering Space.
Questions: See **Mark Sableman**, **Kris Impastato**, or **Sally Dodge** or click on their name to email them.

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/**

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**

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 with a cover letter and resume – **employment@parkwayucc.org**
Parkway United Church of Christ ~ 2841 N Ballas Rd, St Louis, MO 63131; parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

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.

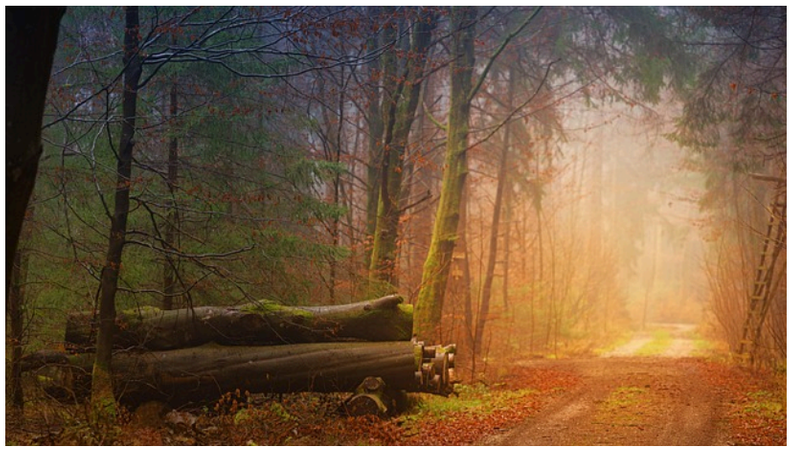
Personnel Committee
Help connect our non-pastoral staff, Council and congregation, including assisting with job descriptions and interviews. Experience in HR or working with staff is helpful.

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®
Welcoming • Inclusive
Supportive • Engaged

WISE Team: A United Church of Christ Ministry
Our church is on the road to becoming a WISE congregation as set forth by our UCC (WISE = Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) Our team has formed and was commissioned in worship. Stay tuned for more from the WISE Team! Questions? Contact **jogrove08@gmail.com** or **kevin@parkwayucc.org**Thanks!



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**

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

Pen Pals Needed to Write LGBTQ Inmates in Missouri
The LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance is starting an initiative to write LGBTQ+ inmates in Missouri state prisons. The interfaith coalition, in response to news of trans inmates no longer having access to hormone replacements (HRT), this summer partnered with Black & Pink- description - an organization that advocates on behalf of incarcerated queer, trans, and HIV-positive individuals-and PROMO Missouri to write messages of encouragement. Dozens of inmates have asked for a pen pal. Learn more about becoming a pen pal to an LGBTQ+ inmate by reaching out to our own Deb Reinhardt -

St. John's UCC Presents: KinShift in Concert
Sunday, September 27 | 2pm | 15370 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO

You are invited to join St. John UCC for a selection of uplifiting songs that promote unity, justice, mercy, and humility directed by Rev. Monty Jackson. Free will donations for Circle of Concern will happen. For more info, go **here**!

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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 **contact@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**

Christian Education Updates

CEnews Link
You can find the **September 10** Christian Education newsletter **here**! If you'd like to be included in the CEnews mailing list, please email **contact@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? Please talk with a Sunday school teacher or email **contact@parkwayucc.org**

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Ponder

I think it only makes sense to seek out and identify structures of authority, hierarchy, and domination in every aspect of life, and to challenge them; unless a justification for them can be given, they are illegitimate, and should be dismantled, to increase the scope of human freedom. ~Noam Chomsky

Video

Thanks to Barb Harris for pulling together this meaningful 3-minute video for Gabriel's Ordination Week: **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyeYZgmpBSE&feature=youtu.be**

Jokes

I've been hit by the same bike three times this week. *It's a vicious cycle.*

What did the duck say when it bought lipstick? *"Put it on my bill."*

I'm Buzz Aldrin, the second person to walk on the moon. *Neil before me.*

I bought a wig at the dollars store. *It was a small price toupee.*

Questions of the Week

Our questions are from PUCC friend and PROMO staff member, Atem.

PROMO: https://promomissouri.org/ -- Missouri's statewide LGBTQ+ public policy and advocacy organization

Looking Inward is the Key to Self-Awareness
My people, my village. I am glad to be back at my desk. I took some extended time off and decided to practice what I preach: rest. That time gave me space to examine myself, my past decisions, and more importantly, my motivations. As I reflected on the past year and some change, I realized how deeply fear has taken root.

I came back with more questions than answers. Am I too attached to the comforts of the system I live in? If my freedom requires letting go of some of those comforts, am I truly willing? But what if it hurts? Has the system conditioned me to believe I cannot survive without it? I don't have the answers, but maybe there is value in sitting with what those questions bring out of us.

We are facing an all-or-nothing win or loss in November with this new Amendment 3. I am grateful for the growth and work we have done. I have seen more new faces in PROMO's office than ever before. Is it enough? This isn't about guilt or disrupting the rhythm of your life. But if others are willing to disrupt our lives, I think we have to ask ourselves: what are we willing to disrupt in pursuit of our own freedom?

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Taking Care of Business

Please use the form at **https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/pucc/forms/13** for all announcements for our media. Best practice can be to type your details in a Word document and then copy those details into the form. Bulletin and eNews deadline: noon Monday. You should receive a confirmation email when you have successfully submitted your request.

Livestream Worship services at PUCC YouTube Channel HERE
There is also a subscribe button under the main heading and brief description of our church. Thank you! Questions? Please contact **barbharris@charter.net** or **cynthianouri@gmail.com**

PUCC Scam Alert

Important Notice: We understand that a fresh batch of scam/phish messages are being sent to PUCCers. Ugh! No staff member of Parkway United Church of Christ will ever reach out via email, text or social media to ask for financial help. If you receive a request appearing to be from PUCC staff requesting financial help or other personal information – or any suspicious message – please don't click on any links or engage with the sender. You may want to report this to your email service provider or the appropriate social media service. Block texts from scammers/phishers. Also, keep your antivirus/anti-malware software up to date for protection. Questions? Concerns? Need clarification? Reach out to our staff via contact@parkwayucc.org or 314-872-9330.

PUCC GOOGLE REVIEW
Love our church? Want people to know how great it is and how welcome they would be here? Help spread the word by writing a Google review.

Here's how to submit your review:
1. Make sure you are logged in to your Google account. You can do this on the upper right-hand side of the page.
2. Do a Google search for Parkway United Church of Christ. Among the search results should be a separate listing for PUCC on the right side of the page. Look down this section to find and click on the "Write a Review" button.
3. You will be prompted to rate PUCC and write a review. You can add photos of PUCC if you'd like though this is optional. When finished, simply click the "post" or "submit" button.

DOWNLOAD OUR PUCC APP TODAY!
For Android, click here!
For Apple, click here!

Parkway UCC's App is a robust tool that helps us connect and communicate easily. One Church is a gamechanger that will help us to be more vital. Click **here** to see the instructions for downloading the app.

Our online member directory is a feature many of you have been waiting for! We take your privacy seriously. The directory is accessible only to PUCC members and staff who use their password to login.

We have also begun using our new front door keypad installed on the brick wall to the right of the doors by our Safety Team. Please select your own unique 4-digit code and send it to **contact@parkwayucc.org** so we can load it into the keypad and troubleshoot as needed.

We are happy to help you with anything and everything One Church – including taking your profile photo on Sunday mornings!

One Church Support
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:
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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:
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PUCC eNews is published weekly in order to broadcast Parkway UCC events and happenings - and items of interest to the Parkway UCC community of faith. Please submit all communications requests, by noon Monday.

Staff Configuration and Hours:
Aria is our Music Director, and can be reached via
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Katie and *Lakita* are our Nursery Childcare Providers, giving loving care to all of God's young on Sundays from 8:50am-12:20pm.
contact@parkwayucc.org

Dawn, our Bookkeeper, is in the office a few days each month and is available via email and phone from her home in Florida.
dawn@parkwayucc.org

Kevin is around each day but Thursday. He is available for emergencies 24/7/365 at 314-330-0629; kevin@parkwayucc.org