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Worship with us this Sunday, October 11th

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

Our scriptures are Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan) and Acts 8:14-17 (The Early Church and the apostles naming, experiencing and sharing in the presence, power and possibilities of the Holy Spirit – including among the Samaritan people.) We celebrate that the Holy Spirit is in Samaria, Samaritans, everywhere and everyone. God is speaking to all of us. The importance of interfaith partnerships and our energy, receptivity in all directions.

Worship bulletin: https://parkwayucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/10-11-26-FINAL.pdf

Our songs include: *You Are Welcome Here; God is Still Speaking (Jean Lersch); Dream God's Dream; Weave; Standing in the Need of Prayer; The Lord's Prayer (PUCC's beloved version); God is Still Speaking (Robert Lewis)*

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.

Speaker Series After Worship this Sunday

"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,"

Prayer List Updates as of October 2nd

Prayer Update

October foci: Hispanic Heritage; Breast Cancer; Books; Emotional Wellness; LGBTQ+ History; ADHD Awareness

Family/friends of Pat Owens - as they grieve and give thanks for her

Marilyn McDougall - home after being hospitalized all last week.

Nancy & Jack Litzinger - as he settles into care center by *The Willows*.
Evelyn Buretta - healing after fall and multiple broken bones in AZ. Acacia Health Ctr at Sagewood; 4555 E Mayo Blvd; Phoenix AZ 85050
Mark McKenzie - healing and refreshment (Tom's brother).
Gibson Family - grieving two family deaths by suicide (Sieber).
Matthew and Tiffany - as they sort through his many medical challenges and find a path forward with family support (Thomé).
Brady Abel - recent cancer surgery (PUCC friend; now UCC Rev in AZ).
Lindsey - parenting 4 with Brent; lung cancer diagnosis (Schmelig).
Trans inmates in MO prisons who are denied gender-affirming care.
Ongoing chaos in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia.
US military and families - Sera Watkins and **Anthony Williams**

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

Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 17 | 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 15 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. Sign up link: **Trunk or Treat voluneer sign up link**

Rain plan: move inside to Fellowship Hall and Gathering Space. Questions? Karen Mariani ksmariani59@gmail.com Sign up to help here – it takes a village! Thank you/

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**

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

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Align with PUCC!

New Member Sunday Sunday, October 25 | 10am | New Sanctuary

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, new opportunities. It is with joy and gratitude that we welcome new members into our worship, work and witness at Parkway UCC - in person or virtually. Membership at Parkway UCC could be the next step in your ongoing relationship with God and with other people of faith - though membership is not expected and certainly isn't necessary to be 17 involved in worship, baptism, communion, weddings, funerals or other aspects of church life. As a church member, you have the opportunity to more intentionally grow personally, find a sense of belonging, form lifelong friendships, experience the joy of Christ, discover your spiritual gifts, become more intimate with God, develop your personal prayer style, expand your boundaries, become more Christ-like and more. With our congregational democratic polity, as a church member, you have a voice and vote within our church to weigh in on topics such as the annual budget, church vision, building decisions and more.

If this is something you might be interested in, please reach out to Kevin in person, by phone or email kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330.

October 2026 Alzheimer's News:

The "Walk to End Alzheimer's" event is Saturday October 31 at the Chesterfield Amphitheater, 631 Veterans Place Drive. On site registration opens at 8 AM. The Opening and Promise Garden Ceremony is at 10:00 A.M. Walk is to follow in Central Park around the lake. Everything is outside. The Parkway team should meet at the Veteran's Honor Park (under the flags) at 9:30AM so PUCC can do this together.
Parkway team donations can be made On-Line or checks given to Joyce Ruiz and she will send them in. Please make checks payable to: Alzheimer's Association.

Please register on-line at **www.alz.org.** Join our Parkway UCC team.
For more details on current and future Alzheimer's research, visit alz.org/Research. You can learn more by going to **www.alz.org/help-support/resources** or the Alzheimer's Helpline which is accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master's level clinicians to assist with crisis situations, decision making, and disease information. Tools and support are also available in Spanish.

Want 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 Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at **joyceruiz7@gmail.com**

St. Louis STORYTELLING Festival

StL Storytelling Festival: A Boy and a Diva with Archy Jamjun
Friday, November 13, 2026 | 7-8pm | Gathering Space at PUCC

PFLAG and the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance partner to present an evening with Archy Jamjun, curator of Outspoken LGBTQ stories at Sidetrack in Chicago. Archy will share a funny and heartwarming look at his coming-out story and the iconic divas who provided the soundtrack. The performance is for adults and will be followed by Q&A and refreshments.

RSVP is appreciated but not required.
Questions? Ready to RSVP? Contact Debbie Reinhardt
deborahreinhardt@att.net

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

TED
Tuesday Evening 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 20, as Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD) continues its discussion of 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. We'll discuss chapters 12 - 25 then.

We'd love to have you join us on Zoom on October 20! Feel free to stop in at 1:45 for fellowship before the book discussion starts. For more info, reach out to Jackie Eiffert **jeiffert2@gmail.com**

Tuesday Evening Dialogue
2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 6-8pm | Heritage Room
Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731;
Passcode: 792617

Please join us on Tuesday Oct 13 for our first session on our next book How to Read a Book by Monica Wood. This novel follows the journey of three characters ,Violet, Frank and Harriet and their converging paths. The author explores the effects of incarceration, the healing power of books and the importance of forgiveness of self and others. We will cover this book in three sessions and will be discussing up to Chapter 13 "Harriet" (pg 94) on October 13.

TED meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the Heritage Room. Pot luck dinner starts at 6 pm and the book discussion starts at 7pm. If you can't join us in person you are welcome to attend on Zoom which starts at 6:45 pm. Please join us at 6pm for Pot Luck Supper followed by Book Discussion at 7pm.

ZOOM LINK:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84944039731?

For questions contact Helen Race at **raceh@att.net** or 314-401-4382.

Speaker Series **Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am**

"I Hike, Therefore I Am; Chapter 3," by Savannah Bluejski.
Sunday, October 25 | 11:15am | Heritage Room
Welcome back Savannah. Our youthful trekker returns to the Speakers Series podium to recount her thrilling hiking adventures. Our faithful subscribers will remember her last visit, when she spoke about her adventures on the Appalachian Trail. The "Big Three" long-distance hiking trails in the United States, often called the Triple Crown of Hiking, are the Appalachian Trail, the Pacific Crest Trail, and the Continental Divide Trail (CDT). Savannah's quest for adventure has now taken her on the CDT, which is 3,100 miles long and runs from the Mexico border to Canada through New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana, follows the Rocky Mountains, and is the longest of the big three.
All programs are held in the Heritage Room following worship from 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM. Grab a cup of coffee and a pastry and join us.
Questions or comments, please see Richard Scherrer

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!

Friday 10/23: Movie Night in the Heritage Room

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

Ask us about our Signs
You will notice signs in front of PUCC encouraging people to "Vote No on 3." This decision was unanimously approved by our Church Council.

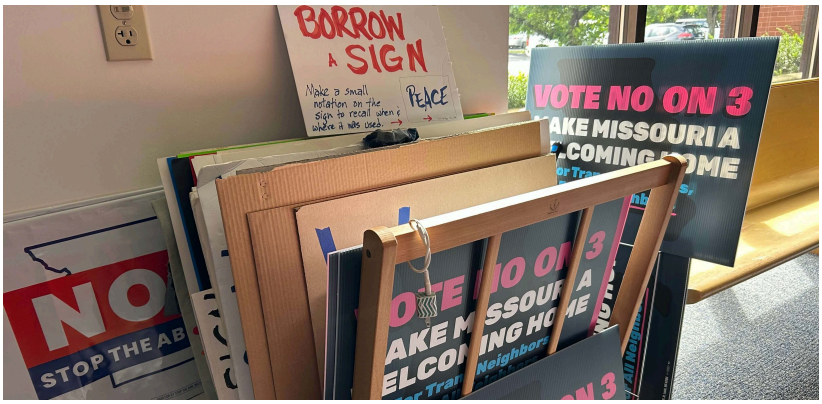
The United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting reproductive freedom and access to healthcare, including abortion. It comes down to the belief that people should be trusted to make deeply personal healthcare decisions with their doctors, their families, and according to their own faith and conscience.
Amendment 3 goes beyond abortion. A “yes” vote would repeal the reproductive healthcare protections Missouri voters approved in 2024. It would also impact gender-related care for minors.

As an Open and Affirming congregation, we believe that caring about dignity, personal autonomy, and access to appropriate healthcare includes our transgender neighbors and young people, too.

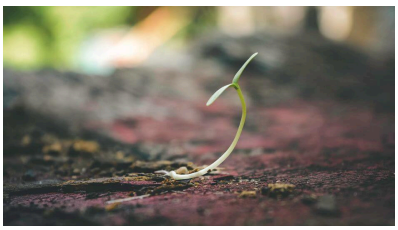
Putting signs in front of our church is one way we can make our values visible in our community. It isn't about telling everyone what they must believe. It's about being honest about what we believe and what we feel called to stand for.

And separation of church and state doesn't mean churches have to remain silent about public policy. It means the government doesn't impose the beliefs of one religion on everyone else. In fact, an interfaith partner approached us with the request to put up the sign. As people of faith, we can speak about the values that guide us and advocate for the policies we believe reflect those values while respecting that others may come to different conclusions. This is part of what it means for us to live out our faith through ***Limitless Love, Courageous Action, and Spirited Inquiry.***

Please contact Barb Harris, Council President (barbharris@charter.net) or Kevin Cameron, Pastor (kevin@parkwayucc.org) if you have questions or comments.



FREE SIGNS -- *signs, signs, everywhere there's signs*
The folks from PROMO Missouri and Stop the Ban have provided free yard signs to the congregation. These are located in the *Sign Library* in the Gathering Space and will be available through Nov. 3 (or until supply runs out).
Thank you,
Deborah Reinhardt
Pronouns: She/Her
Organizer, LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance



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 to **employment@parkwayucc.org**

Job posting Christian Education and Youth Director
A great opportunity for a part-time (up to) 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 have a skilled and compassionate network of volunteers who need coordination, guidance, inspiration and support. We are eager to partner with someone who has experience with both children and teens. We want to become even more vital and relevant to our families. Please send a cover letter and resume to **employment@parkwayucc.org**

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.

Tenant Relations Committee
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 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

PORK SAUSAGE DINNER | Sunday, October 11, 2026
St John's United Church of Christ
11333 St Johns Church Rd 63123
All are welcome!
11:30-3PM (or until we run out)
Featuring Schuberts Port Sausage
Dinner also includes sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes (with milk gravy), applesauce, drinks & dessert
Dine in & carry outs available
Adults $16 Children 6-12 $8 5 & under free

Voter Education Event

Manchester UMC | Monday, October 12th at 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm | Rm 141

The Social Justice Team at MUMC has invited Nancy Miller, former president of the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan St. Louis to put on these two 1 hr sessions (same content, 2 convenient times) to go over the Amendments and Propositions that will be on the ballot on Nov 3rd.

Our goal is simple - Provide well-researched, non-biased, apolitical information to ensure that everyone leaving these sessions are better equipped to make well-informed decisions when they go to the polls on Nov 3rd.

The following is a link to some additional information along with a sign-up form that you can share with the Parkway UCC congregation.
https://manchesterumc.org/events/election/

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the work of social justice and willingness to partner with others in our faith community to support our democratic process.

With Gratitude,
Moe
Maurice "Moe" Parisien

Turkish Food & Culture Festival
Saturday October 17, 2026 10am to 6pm

Interfaith Partnership STL Annual Dinner
Thursday, October 22 | 6-8:30pm | St Nicholas Family Life Center, S Forty Dr

Since 1992, thousands of people have gathered at our Annual Dinner and Celebration to magnify our region's vibrant interfaith community, renew commitments to one another, and invest in the bridge-building efforts of IPSTL. Each year IP honors one or two members of the interfaith community for their steadfast commitment to deepening relationships across lines of difference. As awardees, these individuals are recognized for bravely bringing people together, for actively building an interfaith community that is responsive and resilient, for working towards collective transformation, and for being a friend to many. This year's theme: Woven Together ~ Threads of Compassion and Hope. All proceeds support the activities and service projects of Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis who has earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency. For more information or to register today, please visit IP's website: **https://interfaithstl.org/annual-celebration/**

[FYI: Our Kevin Cameron serves on the IP Board in his elected seat and on the IP Cabinet of religious leaders - representing Phil Hodson, our Missouri MidSouth's Intentional Interim Conference Minister.]

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)

DEWEY"S PIZZA GIVE BACK NIGHT TO BENEFIT CROP
AT PIZZA RAISE DOUGH!
Keep donations going to CROP and eat Dewey's Pizza
10/27 4-9pm
Dewey's Pizza 736 N Ballas Road Creve Coeur MO 63141 314 779 3010

Dewey's Pizza Creve Coeur offers dine in space and also accepts online or call in carry out orders. Mention Giveback Night when dining in or placing a call in carry out order. 20 percent of the sales will be donated to CROP/CHURCH WORLD SERVICE to address hunger and poverty, globally and locally. **All orders must mention GBN**, Give Back Night

Unleashing Potential: Art & Soul XVI Costumes & Cocktails
Friday October 30, 2026 | 6-PM-10PM
Third Degree Glass Factory

You are invited to this year's Fall-fundraiser event: Art & Soul XVI. This year's theme is Costumes or Cocktails. Attendees will have an opportunity to observe, and purchase Art created by the very children you've helped support! This year you will also be able to mingle with some of the children and families we work with!

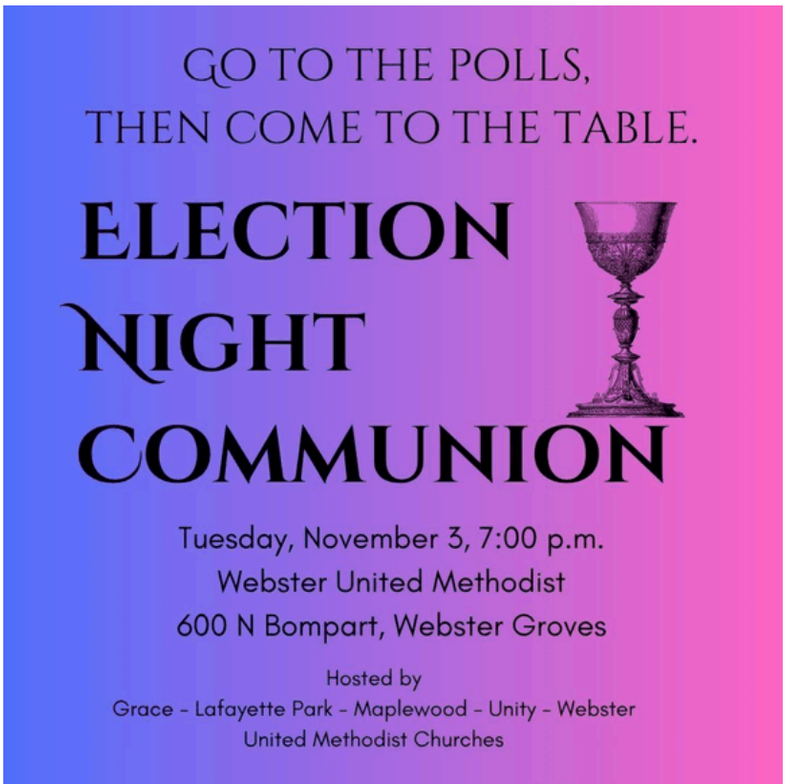
We would be so thrilled for you to join us! Individual tickets are $200, and tables are $1,500. You can visit our website at **Upstl.org/events** to purchase tickets and view our sponsorship information! Whether you choose to come in your festive costume, or your best cocktail attire, we know you'll dress to impress!

Tanyell "Shaye " Jackson
Unleashing Potential
Main Office: (314) 383-1733 Ext. 341

A Taste of Turkey - Cooking Class
Sunday, November 1 | 1-4pm | TASOM - 9201 Watson Rd, Crestwood 63126

Cooking Classes are back! Cooking classes were temporarily paused while they completed their move into their new TASOM building. Now that the move is complete, they're excited to restart classes and welcome interfaith friends into their beautiful new space! Come experience their new home, where food, culture, and community come together. Menu: Beyti Kebab, Salata and Baklava! Spaces are limited, so reserve your spot today and be part of this for $25
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/authentic-turkish-cooking-class-a-culturalexperience-tickets-2002852452601?aff=oddtdtcreator

Questions? Reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org



Election Night Communion
Tuesday November 3rd 7PM | Webster United Methodist

On election night, Tuesday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m., all are welcome and encouraged to gather at Webster United Methodist to worship, and to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion together. This service is a collaboration of Maplewood, Unity, Webster, Lafayette Park, and Grace United Methodist Churches, and it is open to all.

The Church is called to be a community of resistance and refuge, and the unity of the sacrament is stronger than the toxic animosity of an election.

So go to the polls, then come to the table.Questions? Contact: Debbie Reinhardt **deborahreinhardt@att.net**

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 **deborahreinhardt@att.net**

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 **Oct 1** 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

A Statement Regarding the repeated rape of Jane Doe by seven Cornell Frat brothers ... by John Dorhauer, friend of PUCC and former General Minister and President of our United Church of Christ – now serving a church in Illinois.

I want to make a statement in light of information that has been reported regarding the allegations of repeated sexual assault of a young women by seven students at Cornell, the text messages they sent, the responses of the University leaders and the local police force, and the broader cultural context. I am speaking to all who identify as male present here and listening online.
What I say now I say as a leader in the church, a person of deep faith with a belief that all persons are created in the image and likeness of God, and one who is very aware of his obligation to speak about and give shape to the moral questions of our time.
Women are not objects of men's desire. They are not property we have any right to control. Their bodies belong wholly and fully to them. They are not ever subject to whatever you think you have a right to in order to satiate your desires.
Under no circumstances are men to engage in sexual contact with a woman without her full knowledge and consent - both of which must be given at every moment of any sexual encounter with her.
How any of that is not taught to us throughout our lives with that kind of clarity is beyond me. Men, we all have a duty to mentor and teach our heirs, offspring, and progeny how to properly honor the dignity of any woman and to be an active role model for that behavior.
At a time when two Supreme Court Justices and a President occupy their seats of power after very public debates about their reported sexual abuse of women ended with their complete exoneration, and at a time when men in power refuse to make public and punish anyone found guilty of the horrific sexual crimes recorded in the Epstein files, now more than ever we need to double down on our efforts to condemn any type of sexual abuse and harassment, insisting that all men who abuse women are brought to account for their crimes - not excused, not forgiven, and my God not rewarded for them.

I am outraged at what happened to the young woman at Cornell. I am sickened by it. I am disillusioned by the response of those to whom she told her story - including the administrators at Cornell and the local peace officers. Having students accused of such horrible crimes write essays in order to stay enrolled at Cornell utterly dismisses their crimes and the trauma they inflicted. Every young man who was included in the text thread should also be dealt with harshly. To be sent those texts and know what they mean and say nothing, worse yet to respond the way many of them did, makes them guilty of her abuse as well and they should be dealt with accordingly.

As a pastor, I have sat with too many women who are processing the trauma of their sexual abuse and violence not to speak up at a moment like this. The church itself is compliant by perpetuating a patriarchal faith that affords men the arrogance necessary to deem themselves somehow superior to and dominant over what they have long called the weaker sex. It is why you never hear me refer to God using male pronouns. My refusing to do that is an active rebellion against a theology that cannot be justified, perpetuates and rationalizes the subjugation of women, and that quite simply does not reflect the true nature of the God we worship.

For God's sake - yes, for God's sake and for the sake of every woman living in fear of what men give themselves permission to do to them and their bodies, I call upon all men to take a more active role in ensuring that the boys we nurture into adulthood come to see women as their equals and their partners and not the object of their every desire, toys with which they can play at their leisure, or property over which they have complete control.

Video

A couple of depictions of Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan:

https://youtu.be/ZVLxKnWw9uk?si=sxrqUZX90dm4W99
https://youtu.be/FcRWg5po05E?si=0TwEtTun4qGaFGm4

And Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman at the well:
https://youtu.be/ukwdIfOMMSw?si=4yq0qNkTg--Tg84F

Jokes

"Dad. I want to play the guitar really badly."

"Anyone can play the guitar really badly. Playing it well is what takes practice."

Did you hear about the quarry that went out of business?

It hit rock bottom.

"Hey, I got you an elephant for your room!"

"Thanks, Dad!"

"Don't mention it."

Questions of the Week

Who have been good Samaritans for you?

What is your love language?

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Taking Care of Business

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Livestream Worship services at PUCC YouTube Channel HERE
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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.

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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.

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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!
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