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Happening Before the Weekend

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

Intertwine Interfaith Initiative Faith 250
Saturday November 14th 6:30-8:30PM
PUCC Fellowship Hall with TASOM, Shaare Emeth, PUCC
Registration (RSVP) is requested | No fee
Google Registration Link
See below for details.

Worship with us this Sunday, November 15

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

Our Hebrew scripture lessons is Judges 4:4-5 which gives us a brief glimpse into the prophet Deborah who would sit under a palm tree and help people settle disputes. We often benefit from a third party who can help us breathe, see, hear and discern our paths forward.
Our Gospel lesson is Matthew 25:14-30 where Jesus tells the parable of the talents - which invites is to ponder how we invest ourselves, what motivates us, and what distracts or hampers us. We operate on a spectrum of risk willingness and tolerance - from reckless to risk averse and everywhere in between - as we balance unique and collective roles, responsibilities, expectations and assessments.

Worship bulletin: **Click here for this week's worship bulletin**.

Our songs include: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing; O God, We Yearn for Safety; Dream God's Dream; The Farmer Plants the Seeds; Lead Me, Guide Me; Here Are Our Hearts; There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

Speaker Series after worship service today: Building Brain Healthy Habits in the Heritage Room.

Prayer Partner Before and After Worship this Sunday
PUCCer Kari Borgmann is available this Sunday in the front left corner of the sanctuary before and after worship - to pray confidentially with individuals. She is a mother, has taken extensive classes at Eden Theological Seminary, and has had years of training in counseling and brings that love into pastoral care. She will call on the presence of God and help create a safe spiritual space with you. Kari 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 November 13

Veterans Day Week - as we remember, grieve, give thanks and pray.
The students from Neuwoehner High School across the street who placed flags on the graves of veterans in our Elm Lawn Cemetery on 11/11.
Brenna Race/Christopher James - married last weekend (Rich/Helen Race)
Karla Shelton & family - as the grieve and give thanks for Peter; funeral arrangements pending.
Skip Larson - hospitalized for tests after a trip to urgent care.
Jo Grove - a number of medical tests this week and next.
Andrea Barnes, Val Detjen, Evelyn Buretta - healing journeys.
Donna - strengthening in rehab after hospital (Dottie Dwyer's sister).
Mike Bassler - medical issues and surgeries (Dodge).
Ongoing chaos in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia.
US military and families - Sera Watkins and Anthony Williams.

2027 Pledge Campaign

THERE
OUR
HEARTS
WILL BE
"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also..."
- Matthew 6:21

Pledge Campaign for 2027 ♥
There Our Hearts Will Be!

The Stewardship Commission continues to be grateful for the response for 2027 pledges from the congregation! As of Sunday, Nov. 8 we are currently at $195,000 which is 45 % of our goal of $425,00. A reminder, this goal supports the 2027 budget.

Our message this week is: Giving is an act of faith. When we give, we place our trust in God rather than in what we own.

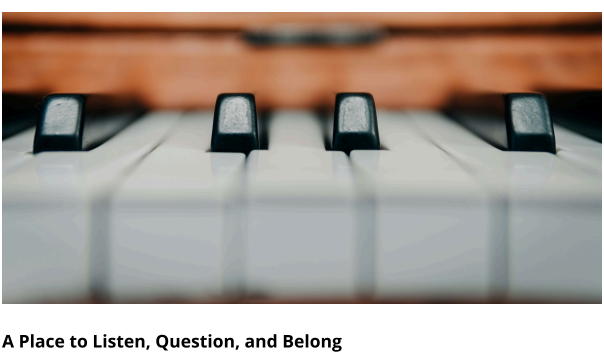
As a reminder - any pledge amount is welcomed!

If you would like to pledge, you may do so either by using the included QR code which will take you to the PUCC website, or go to the http://www.parkwayucc.org website, then select Worship & Giving, then select Pledging. Or you are welcome to use a Pledge card available on the Bulletin table.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Tossing at ltossing@att.net or Kari Borgmann at Kari_Borgmann@yahoo.com
Thank you,
Linda Tossing for your Stewardship Commission

Pledge Now

Notes from Aria



A Place to Listen, Question, and Belong
Life brings different challenges at every age. Whether we're navigating uncertainty, loneliness, changing relationships, loss, or simply the demands of everyday life, or one more mid-term advertisement, we all need places where we can connect with others and feel that we belong. At Parkway, our shared experiences of music, worship, and community invite us to explore life's deeper questions together, without expecting everyone to have the same answers or beliefs. Sometimes the questions themselves are enough. Our choir is one expression of this community, where listening matters more than singing, and participation matters more than perfection. With our upcoming **Lessons and Carols service on December 13 and Christmas Eve worship**, consider joining the choir for the season. It's an opportunity to experience the joy of creating music together, with no expectation of continuing beyond Christmas. Come discover viscerally, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually what it feels like to be part of something so sacred and shared. There's room for your voice, your questions, and especially...your ineffable presence.

Questions? Contact Aria **aria@parkwayucc.org**

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PUCC Announcements

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

INTERTWINE
Interfaith
Initiative

Intertwine Interfaith Initiative Faith 250
Saturday November 14th 6:30-8:30PM
PUCC Fellowship Hall with TASOM, Shaare Emeth, PUCC
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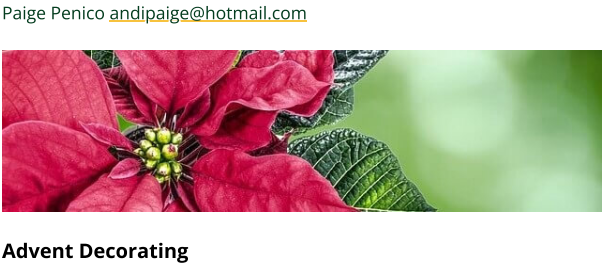
Google Registration Link

How have our faiths shaped America?
Join Intertwine Interfaith at Parkway United Church of Christ 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 (Jewish candle ceremony that closes the Sabbath), a discussion on Faith 250 and faith contributions to America, perspectives from different faith communities, and small-group table conversations. We'll also enjoy 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.

Our own Mark Sableman, Carol Russell and John Russell will share some UCC thoughts on this subject!

Questions?
Lisa Mason lmason624@sbcglobal.net
Paige Penico andipaige@hotmail.com



Advent Decorating
Sunday, November 22| 11am | Sanctuary

Hanging of the Greens for Advent and Christmas will take place after worship on Sunday, November 22, as Advent begins on November 29! Help us celebrate the holidays by decorating the Sanctuary, Gathering Space and out front! Questions? Carol Cobb ccjcobb@aol.com

Advent Poinsettias
Sign up to sponsor a beautiful poinsettia to grace our sanctuary December 15 through Christmas Eve. Please sign up for only one to give other members a chance to participate. They may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.

The cost is $10.00. Deadline is November 29, 2026. **Click here to sponsor.**

Sanctuary Team: Kris McKenzie, Sue McMillon, Carol Cobb, Linda Tossing

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Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 26| 1pm | Fellowship Hall

If your family doesn't have plans for Thanksgiving, join fellow PUCCers at church for a meal and an afternoon of fun and fellowship! We'll provide turkey, ham, lemonade, water, and coffee. Bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share!

We'll gather around 1pm and plan to eat at 2pm. Enjoy crafts, games, and good company. Everyone is welcome!

Please RSVP to Pam Walker at **pamw12102@gmail.com**.

Jesus Has Left the Building
JHLTB provides the church numerous opportunities to be Jesus to our community on the fifth Sunday of the month. Check here for updated opportunities to share the love of Christ with others.

Original Cemetery Cleanup
Sunday, November 29 | 11:30am – 1:30pm | 1930 Windmoor Place
German Evangelical Protestant Cemetery (first burial in 1849)

Join us as we honor our ancestors and care for their resting place just down the street off Clayton Road and the overpass at 270. Bring leaf blowers, trimmers or rakes you might have handy. Please bring gloves and a water bottle. We will have our church shredder there too. All ages welcome.
Questions? RSVP? Please contact Joe Biondo, **jjbiondo@gmail.com**.

Know What to Do in a Medical Emergency
Sunday December 6th | 12PM - 2:30PM | Heritage Room
Provided by: West County EMS
Link: **SIGN UP Here by Nov 20th**
Limit: 16 | **1 spot remaining!**

A Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) plus Automated External Defibrillator (AED) plus Stop the Bleed (STB) plus First Aid certification class presented by West County EMS will be onsite in Parkway's Fellowship Hall on Sunday December 6th from noon to 2:30. Emergency procedures are included for both adult and pediatric victims. The certification is good for two years (This class was last held at Parkway in 2024). The class is for participants in the Parkway and Marthoma congregations. You must register by name and home address in advance. Class size is limited to 16 participants.

Why is this important? There is a chance that victims of choking, heart failure, or serious external bleeding may die before an ambulance arrives. The real first responders are the people in the building that know what to do. Parkway UCC will cover the cost of the class. Register in One Church or by contacting Richard Race at racerichardg@gmail.com.

Cost for class is $55/participant. There is no charge for residents of West County EMS Fire Protection District. Thus home address is required in the registration. Parkway paid for the class in 2024 so I hope that Parkway will pay again. The class is open to participants of the Parkway UCC and the Marthoma congregation attendees.

If you have questions or want assistance signinig up please contact Richard Race at racerichardg@gmail.com

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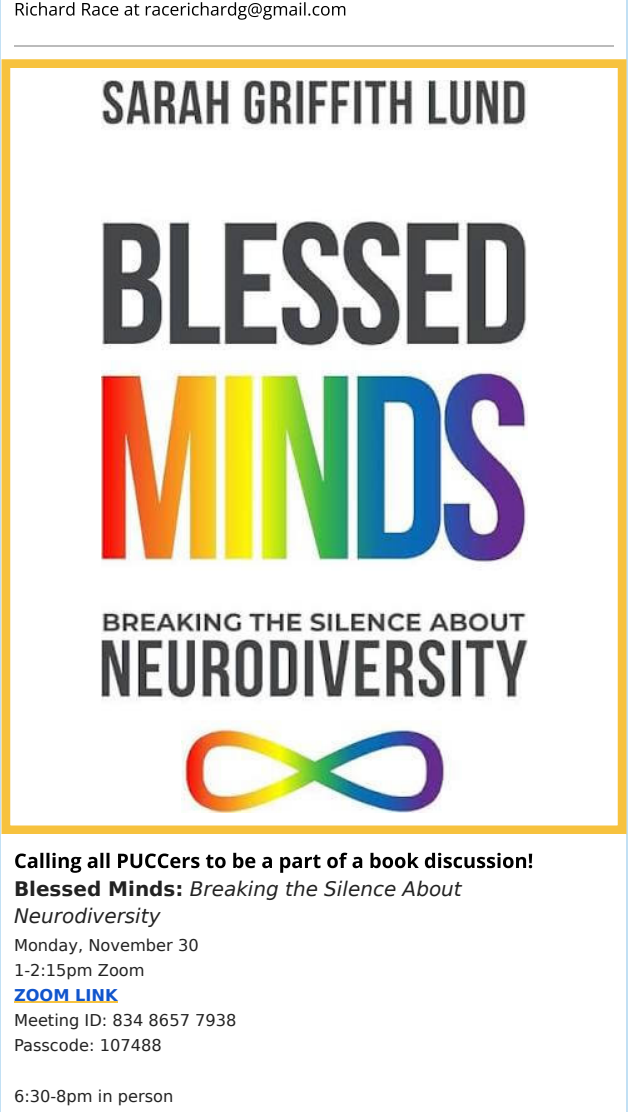


Calling all PUCCers to be a part of a book discussion!
Blessed Minds: *Breaking the Silence About Neurodiversity*
Monday, November 30
1-2:15pm Zoom
ZOOM LINK
Meeting ID: 834 8657 7938
Passcode: 107488

6:30-8pm in person
Heritage Room

From time to time, we come upon a book that we would like as many PUCCers as possible to read. Blessed Minds: Breaking the Silence About Neurodiversity is such a book.

Good Reads invites us to explore ~
"Many churches are unintentionally exclusive toward people whose brains work differently. Blessed Minds: Breaking the Silence About Neurodiversity helps churches embrace the gifts of neurodiversity and become a place of belonging for all. In this book, we will learn
• What neurodiversity is (and isn't)
• How to create neuroinclusive worship
• Practical tips for welcoming
  neurodivergent families.
• Theological insights into neurodiversity
  as part of God's good creation."

Look for a print or audio copy through your favorite provider. We have ordered a few copies for anyone who needs one as we don't want purchasing the book to be a stumbling block. Hope you will join us for this *All Church Read*.
Questions? kevin@parkwayucc.org

PUCC Cooks Swing Into Action-Lunch for Tornado Victims
Friday, December 11 | 9am | Kitchen

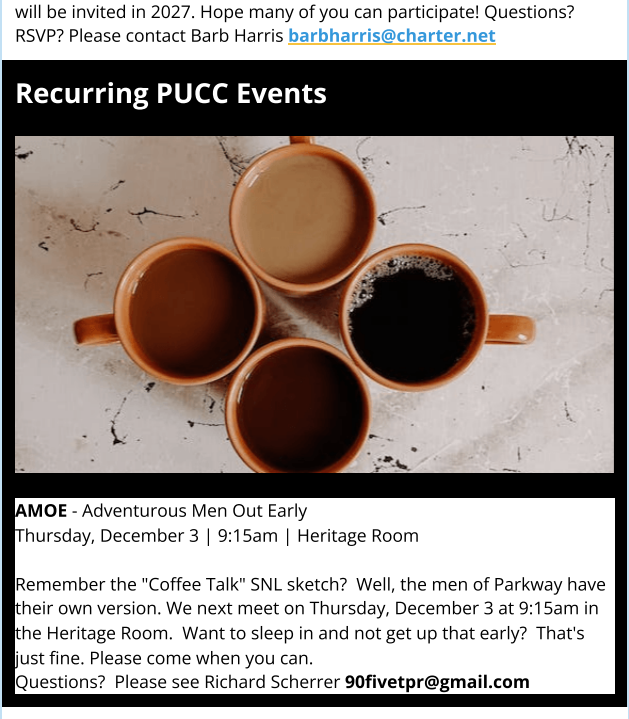
As you may remember, after the May 2025 Tornado, many St. Louis residents in North St. Louis became homeless. A group called 314 Oasis was formed through grants to help citizens with home repair advice, housing, and food.
A group of PUCCers volunteered to help provide lunches for fifty clients this fall and winter, including Linda Tossing, Kris McKenzie, Deb Reinhardt, Diane Brost, Harold and Carol Cobb. Our first day providing a meal was October 9, and another was Nov. 13. We will gather again on Friday, 12/11, at 9:00 am in the Parkway kitchen to heat donated brunch casseroles, make a festive fruit salad, and bake muffins for a holiday brunch.

A group will head down to their offices on Delmar to help serve around 10:50 am. We will accept donations of brunch casseroles and fruit we can cut up for a festive salad. If you can assist with any of these donations, please contact Carol Cobb **ccjcobb@aol.com**

Meet and Greet our Newest PUCC Staff Member
Tuesday, December 15|10-11:30am | Heritage Room

Barb Harris, Council President, is hosting a series of meet and greets to allow members to meet our new staff member, Jennifer Wassenaar. The first seven people who respond will be invited for December 15. Others will be invited in 2027. Hope many of you can participate! Questions? RSVP? Please contact Barb Harris **barbharris@charter.net**

Recurring PUCC Events



AMOE - Adventurous Men Out Early
Thursday, December 3 | 9:15am | Heritage Room

Remember the "Coffee Talk" SNL sketch? Well, the men of Parkway have their own version. We meet next on Thursday, December 3 at 9:15am in the Heritage Room. Want to sleep in and not get up that early? That's just fine. Please come when you can.
Questions? Please see Richard Scherrer **90fivetpr@gmail.com**

Coffee and Conversation with Kevin
Monday, December 7| 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, January 20 at 10am

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

Prayer Partner: an opportunity to pray with someone

Drop-in Prayer Time.
Kevin will be at church in the Prayer Corner.
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
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
Meeting ID: 898 7822 0593;
Passcode: 393204

Please join us on Tuesday, November 17th, as Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD) begins the book The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. Set in a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to solve cold cases and investigate unsolved murders. The book is a blend of witty humor, clever puzzle-solving, and a warm-hearted look at aging and deep friendship. We'll discuss this book over three sessions. We'd love to have you join us on Zoom on November 17th! Feel free to stop in at 1:45 to visit and share what's happening in our lives, and get to know one another better, before the book discussion starts.

We'd love to have you join us on Zoom on November 17th. 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**

TED
Tuesday Evening Dialogue

Tuesday Evening Dialogue
Zoom Link
2nd & 4th Tuesday | 6:00
Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731;
Passcode: 792617

Please join us on Tuesday November 24 for Pot Luck at 6:00 pm in the Heritage Room and book discussion starting at 7:00 pm. Our next book is currently in the process of being selected and will be included in next week's eNews and Sunday bulletin.

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.

For questions and to RSVP contact Helen Race at **raceh@att.net.**

PARKWAY
SPEAKER
SERIES

Sunday, November 15 | 11:15am-12:15pm | Heritage Room
"**Building Brain Healthy Habits**," a Presentation of the Alzheimer's Association, St. Louis Chapter
Research shows there are everyday habits you can build today to help protect your memory and thinking as you get older- even reducing your risk of cognitive decline and possibly dementia. Join us to learn about healthy habits for your brain; the brain-heart connection; why brain health is important at all ages, and how to build your personalized action plan for brain-healthy habits.

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 12/13: Allegro Choir has a home here as they rehearse weekly in our sanctuary and we have a connection with a good number of singers.

Contact Carmen Bumgarner for more info **cfbum@charter.net**

Adventurers 11/20 Weldon Springs
Head to Weldon Spring and Beyond With the Adventurers
10-2 meet at church to carpool 9:30am
RSVP Required by Nov 16th

Have you ever wondered what that big hill is on Highway 94 near Francis Howell High School? Come find out! Please join the Parkway Adventurers as we head to the Weldon Spring Site and Interpretive Center (opened in 2022), followed by lunch at Defiance Ridge Vineyards, on Friday, November 20th. If you'd like to carpool, please meet at the church at 9:30 and we'll tour the facility starting at 10. There will be a short talk by a docent followed by self-guided exploration of the museum and site. The Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center delves into the history of the area and details the cleanup process that resulted in construction of the 41-acre engineered disposal cell related to the Manhattan Project. The surrounding gardens, prairie, trails, and disposal cell viewing platform are open to the public to explore. It's a beautiful site and a fascinating museum. The disposal cell is open to the public during daylight hours via a staircase and crushed gravel walkway. A viewing platform allows a panoramic view of St. Charles County and surrounding Howell Prairie.

The Interpretive Center is located at 7295 S Highway 94, Saint Charles, MO 63304, and Defiance Ridge Vineyards is at 2711 S Hwy 94 Defiance, MO 63341. Please email Jackie Eiffert if you are attending, **jeiffert2@gmail.com**.
RSVP is required. By 11/16

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Other PUCC News

PUCC Council News

The PUCC Council wants you to know that giving has been down in September and October. If you can fulfill your 2026 pledge or add an additional gift, that would help us cover expenses and carry our mission forward as we finish the year.

PUCC Youth Need Your Help!

The PUCC youth are looking for a few items for their annual Christmas program on December 20th!
Items we need:

Small white Christmas tree
A piece of shag carpet or a small shag area rug
A piece of wood paneling
A small batch of pinecones
A long strand of multi colored Christmas lights (preferably the larger bulbs)
A shorter strand of white lights
Tinsel

Now that we've piqued your curiosity, plan to be here on the 20th to enjoy the final production!

If you are able to help with any of the needed items, please contact Amy Yakel or Karen Mariani.

Thanks for your help!!

Shine Your Light! The Election is Over ~ Now What?
The recent election results were truly remarkable. Regardless of how each of us voted, we proudly exercised our voice and shone our light on issues that matter. Together, we strengthened the initiative petition process, rejected gerrymandered maps, protected the public's right to vote on tax increases, preserved reproductive freedom, and approved critical funding for the Parkway School District.
After such significant victories, it may be tempting to take a well-deserved break until the next election cycle. Yet the months ahead present an important opportunity to focus on strengthening the political systems that influence fairness, representation, and social justice. With pre-filing of legislative bills for 2027 beginning on December 1, now is the time to stay informed, build momentum, and work together to understand and advance policies that reflect our shared values and vision for a more just and inclusive Missouri.

Our Next Steps:

- Post information about current state and local legislative actions as they arise.
- Concurrently post analyses of ideas designed to modernize our democracy and strengthen social justice. For example, we plan future postings on the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, and the psychological, social and financial implications of Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Missouri.
- Meet with new team members in November or Early December.

Suggested Action: Consider volunteering to serve on this team with 4-6 meetings per year. Watch the worship bulletin and eNews for more information.If interested contact Ruth Huebner at **ruthhuebner@hotmail.com** or **314-296-2197**

Sign Up

Eco Stewards-November
Hello from your Eco Steward Team. As we are enjoying the fall colors from our Pollinator Garden, we are excited about a new project in the works. This area is the ravine grounds on the north side of the parking lot, bordering Jennifer Lane. In this area, as well as all around the church, dead trees have now been removed, and others have been trimmed up. The ravine area has sunny, as well as shady, spots and we are envisioning a natural habitat area that would include shrubs, bushes, pollinator plants, etc. to offer color and peacefulness to the area that would also support wildlife health. We are not experts, but want to do it right, so we are partnering with Nick and Sue McMillion's granddaughters, who work in Habitat Restoration and Design. They've offered to help us redesign this area to improve our church's aesthetics. The project and partnership could create opportunities to strengthen our educational and environmental efforts within the church and the community. This includes identifying invasive and beneficial plant species on site as well as utilities, drainage, sun patterns and potential new plant material, along with a newly programmed design. We will be hosting a few all-church workdays and will announce them as they are determined. This would be a great opportunity to involve our youth as well, for many obvious reasons, so parents please keep this in mind when the time approaches. We look forward to making progress on this project and appreciate your support in elevating our connection to the natural world and our community.
A reminder from last month's article: This fall, if you have seeds from natives in your own garden and would like us to use them for future plantings, please put them in a container and label them and give them to one of the Eco Steward committee members: Polly Rutherford, Lynn Sablemann, Michelle Singer, Kris McKenzie, Cindy Nouri or Linda Tossing.
Thank you,
THE ECO STEWARD TEAM

Christian Education and Youth Director Search
Our Search Team for a Christian Education Director and Youth Director consists of Kari Borgmann, Karen Mariani, Ashley Milam, April and Evelyn Tally, Laura and Henry Waite, and Kevin Cameron. We have begun Round Three of our searches after ending up without good matches the first two rounds. Please share these job postings with people you think could be a good fit for PUCC. Reminder: we have a policy not to employ church members.
Thank you for your help getting the word out about these team positions. Questions? Please connect with Laura Waite
steigerwaldlaura@gmail.com

A great opportunity for a part-time (8 hours/week) Youth Director. We are 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 working with teens. We want to become even more vital and relevant to our families. Please send a cover letter and resume to **employment@parkwayucc.org**
[We are also seeking a (12 hours/week) Christian Education Director to work with our children. We are open to the possibility of a qualified person filling both positions.]

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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! Click the button below to sign up. Questions? Contact Jo Grove at **jogrove08@gmail.com** or Kevin at **kevin@parkwayucc.org**
Thanks!

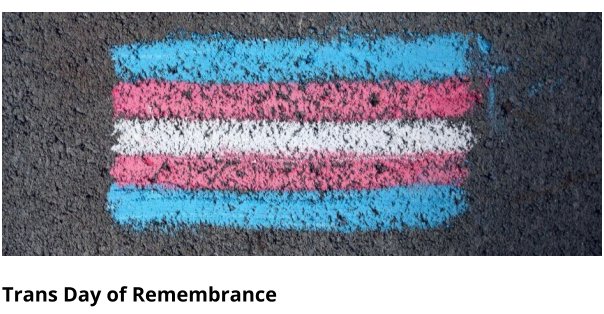
WISE Team

Learn the Art of Sourdough
Saturday, November 21 | 1pm | Heritage Room

Join us for a hands-on Sourdough Workshop to discover the secrets to baking your own delicious bread from scratch. Learn about the history of sourdough, basic sourdough terminology, and basic techniques to establish your own sourdough tradition in your own kitchen. Each participant will go home with their own live sourdough starter and a loaf ready to bake later that night! Light refreshments will be provided.

• Cost: $20 per person - proceeds will benefit the PUCC Outreach Ministry.
• Bring: A large mixing bowl (preferably not metal) and a mixing spoon.
• Tools beneficial to have at home for afterwards: digital scale, dutch oven
• RSVP Deadline: Saturday, November 14
To reserve your spot, please contact Michelle Brueggemann
michellebrue82@gmail.com

Community Happenings



Trans Day of Remembrance
Friday, November 20 | 4-7pm | MTUG and the Transgender Memorial Garden **3133 Oregon Ave, St. Louis, MO** 63118

Join Metro Trans Umbrella Group (MTUG) for Transgender Day of Remembrance. Event opens at 4pm with food, drinks, and community. At 5:30, after the sun goes down, we'll walk together to the Transgender Memorial Garden for a service led by Nokie Rae, MTUG's Executive Director, with words from Eli Anthony, Outward Pastor at Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis and Blessings from the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Afterward, MTUG stays open until 7pm for anyone who wants to stay, eat, and be together. Please start with us so we can walk to the garden as a group. If walking a few blocks is hard for you, let us know and we'll give you a ride. If you'd like to help set up, please email **info@stlmetrotrans.org**

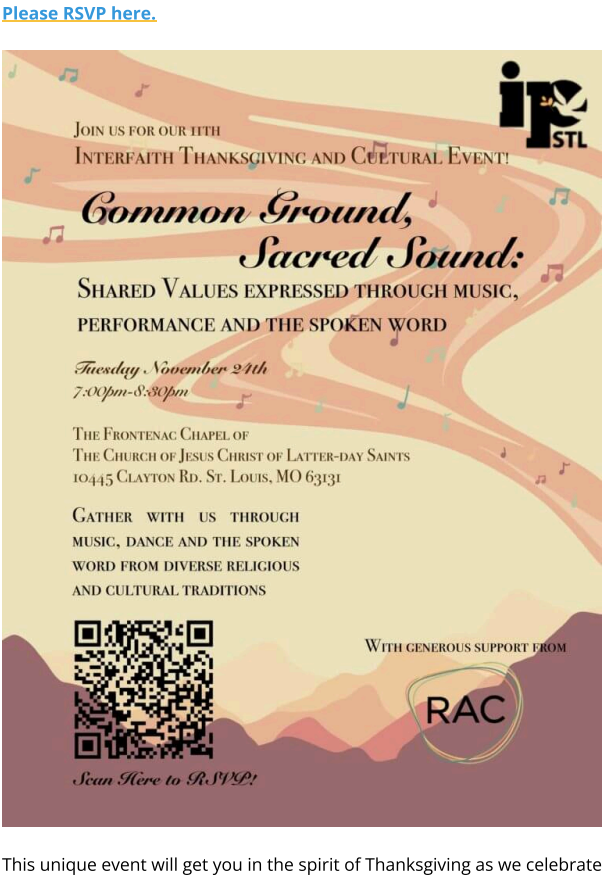
TASOM Thanksgiving: Annual Friendship Dinner
Monday, November 23| 6-8pm | 9201 Watson Rd, St. Louis, MO

Our Muslim friends from the Turkish American Society of Missouri (TASOM) have invited us to their new home! This year's annual Thanksgiving gathering is especially meaningful because after a long journey of planning, building, and dreaming, their new TASOM building is finally ready to host events and dinners, and they would be honored to welcome you for this special evening.

They are grateful for our friendship and support throughout the years, and they look forward to celebrating this occasion together.
The evening will feature:

- A traditional Thanksgiving dinner with vegetarian options.
- Opportunities to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.
- Stories of gratitude, community, and friendship.
- A special reflection on the journey to their new community center.

As TASOM begins this new chapter, they would be honored to share their table and their gratitude with you.
Please RSVP here.



JOIN US FOR OUR 11TH
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING AND CULTURAL EVENT!
Common Ground,
Sacred Sound:
SHARED VALUES EXPRESSED THROUGH MUSIC,
PERFORMANCE AND THE SPOKEN WORD
Tuesday, November 24th
7:00pm-8:30pm
THE FRONTENAC CHAPEL OF
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
10445 CLAYTON RD. ST. LOUIS, MO 63131
GATHER WITH US THROUGH
MUSIC, DANCE AND THE SPOKEN
WORD FROM DIVERSE RELIGIOUS
AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS
Scan Here to RSVP!
WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM

This unique event will get you in the spirit of Thanksgiving as we celebrate our diversity and unity with Imam Sabry; Sikh Punjabi dancers; a Christian Science reading; a song from Cantor Dan Brodsky from Temple Emanuel; Darius Savage and the New Northside Missionary Baptist Gospel Choir; Greek dancers; a Druid reflection; a Bahai reading; the Krishna children and youth performance and more.
Questions? Reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org
Please RSVP on the IPSTL website - **https://interfaithstl.org/**

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- 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 **November** 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
There exists in our heart an interior land where we are alone, to which no one finds the way but God. This innermost, unfrequented chamber of our heart is really there - the only question is whether we ourselves avoid it foolishly... because no one and no familiar things of this earth can accompany us if we enter it. ~Karl Rahner

Video

Sharing this because someone passed it along to me and it feels like a two-minute breath of fresh air
https://youtu.be/MmC3jIoZgMo?list=RDMmC3jIoZgMo

Jokes

To the person who stole my copy of Microsoft Office, I will find you. *You have my WORD.*
What do you call a retired vegetable? *A has-bean.*
What is the most important rule in ZEBRA baseball? *Three stripes and you're out!*

Questions of the Week

Who has invested in you across your lifespan?
When have you been a risk taker and when have you been risk-averse in your life? What were the outcomes? What might you tell your younger self about risk?

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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:
Cindy Nouri **cynthianouri@gmail.com**
Barb Harris **barbharris@charter.net**

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(314) 872 9330 **contact@parkwayucc.org**
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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: **contact@parkwayucc.org**

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:
Jennifer is our Administration and Facilities Director, and can be reached at **jennifer@parkwayucc.org**

Aria is our Music Director, and can be reached via **aria@parkwayucc.org**

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 at 314-330-0629. **kevin@parkwayucc.org**