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ALL ACCEPTED, NO EXCEPTIONS

LIMITLESS LOVE
COURAGEOUS ACTION
SPIRITED INQUIRY

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Worship With Us this Sunday

Join us for worship at 10am in the sanctuary or on Facebook Live.
Our scripture focus is Acts 3:1-10 as a man who has repeatedly waited outside the Temple for healing is finally noticed, blessed and healed. The disciples (students) are now apostles (sent) and are engaging people with the tender and transformational love of God. How can we allow God to work through us?

Worship bulletin here!

Songs include: *Here I Am, Lord; Sanctuary; Morning Has Broken; Spirit of the Living God; Weave; What A Friend We Have in Jesus; God Gives Us Those Who Love Us; Make Me A Servant;* and *God of Grace and God of Glory.*

Christian Education and Youth News

You can't see
Jesus
without
us

Children Offering Envelopes

In an effort to be intentional about the spiritual cultivation of God's young, PUCC provides offering envelopes on Sunday mornings at the table where the bulletins are for families to take for their children to put a tiny offering in; a dollar or even just a few coins. This money will go towards our fund for Heifer International that will be used to help give an animal to families in need! The kids are able to then give their envelope to an usher on their way down to Sunday School, or Gabriel can collect it during their Opening Session he does with them all as well.

Once we've collected enough money for an animal, we'll see if the kids would like to have it go towards that animal or wait to donate a bigger one. And for any animal we donate to from the kids' offerings, PUCC will match that, living into what I will call our Noah's Ark. Two by two we help the world!

For any questions about this, contact me, Gabriel gabriel@parkwayucc.org.

Join the Children's Ministry Team

We are looking for two additional volunteers to join the team and help teach Children's Ministry in 2024. It's an excellent way to serve in this church, and we have a vibrant Children's Ministry program. So, if you have a joy teaching children from PreK to 5th Grade, we'd love to have ya! It's pretty low commitment, so not too demanding, so if you feel you'd have a couple weeks out of the month free, or even just one week a month, then this could be the right fit for you.
If interested, please reach out to Gabriel Requadt, our Director of Christian Education, for more information: gabriel@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330 x101

Prayer List Updates as of April 12

All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far.
We are Easter people!
Our Muslim family/friends - as they celebrate Eid and look back at Ramadan.

JD Denson – hospitalized in a coma (Ferrell)
David Smith - strengthening at home after a hospital stay (Deb Carter's father).
Stephanie - medical tests and surgery plan (Nick McMillon's daughter).
Jean Mueller's cousin - beginning hospice care.
The continuing war in Ukraine.
War in the Mideast - Israel and Hamas….Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Yemen
Safety and Peace for the people of Haiti.
US Southern Border Crisis and our immigration policies/practices.

PUCC Announcements

Communication Request Forms Back Up!

We were able to fix our communication request form issue. You can now go back to using the form at [www.parkwayucc.org/communications]www.parkwayucc.org/communications 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.

For the privacy of our members, PUCC will only include emails for events. For more information about events contact or questions in general about the eNews announcements, contact gabriel@parkwayucc.org or call 314-872-9330 ext. 101, and we will forward your inquiry to the event coordinator.

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SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am
"Lobbying with Our Better Angels: Working with Congress to Build Bridges," by Cynthia Changyit Levin.
April 14 | 11:15 am | Heritage Room

Author and activist Cynthia Changyit Levin shares real stories from her non-partisan advocacy experiences to illustrate the importance of working with members of Congress even when we don't agree with them. She will also give an update on Bread for the World's advocacy on the Farm Bill and offer a letter-writing action for participants to help bring nutrition to people in poverty in the U.S. and around the world. For more information contact Richard Scherrer 90fivetpr@gmail.com.

AWOL

Adventurous Women Out Late

AWOL: Adventurous Women Out Late
Join us as we make new connections and strengthen existing ones.

Sunday, April 14th: Join us at Laumeier Sculpture Park, Sunday. Bring lunch to church to share during the Speaker Series with Cindy Levin or come after you eat. We will carpool from church at 12:30pm – or just meet us there. Bring your walking shoes! Please RSVP to cfbum@charter.net by Friday, April 12. LSP has been engaging the community through art and nature from almost 50 years on the ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, Missouria, and Illini Confederacy... 12580 Rott Road, Saint Louis 63127

Also—

Friday, May 24th: Dinner at The Wolf Café: 15480 Clayton Road, Ballwin, MO 63011 Meet at the restaurant at 6pm. Please RSVP to cfbum@charter.net by Wednesday, May 22. Their menu is prepared 90% in-house with great care using wholesome foods and the finest fresh, local and real ingredients.

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PUCC Adventurers at The Soda Museum & Main Street Arcade
Thursday, April 18 | 10am-1pm | 126 North Main Street, St. Charles, MO

Please join the PUCC Adventurers on Thursday, April 18th, as we tour The Soda Museum & Main Street Arcade downtown St. Charles. The tour may last an hour and we'll have time to wander around.

On November 30, 2023, The Soda Museum and Main Street Arcade opened and is devoted to more than 100 years of soft drink history and marketing and offers a selection of drinks — in glass bottles, naturally — of brands both forgotten and obscure: Moxie, Teem, Bubble Up, Brownie Root Beer, Kickapoo Joy Juice. Each bottle of Mr. Cola proclaims it is "the aristocrat of colas."

Enjoy reminiscing about when Coke only came in a glass bottle or perhaps the advent of the first soda vending machine? A new museum in St. Charles will quench the thirst of soda enthusiasts with an immersive journey through the history of these carbonated beverages. The museum will be split into two sections. The main floor, mezzanine and top floor will have all the soda memorabilia, while the basement will be home to a full arcade that includes dozens of classic video games, pinball machines, 14 bowling machines, air hockey and more. The museum is accessible with a ramp at the back entrance, an elevator, and a chair lift.

Museum and Arcade Tour is $15 per person. Payment (Cash or Credit Card) due the day of the event. Please RSVP by April 15th to Diane Tallyn (314) 910- 2032 (email: diane_tallyn@hotmail.com) or Kent Tallyn (314) 303-5606. Let us know if you plan to meet at The Soda Museum or carpool from church at 9:30 a.m. Lunch (Noon) will be at Lewis & Clark Restaurant, 217 South Main Street, St. Charles, MO 63301

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Sustainability Seekers Earth Day Announcement Sunday
April 28 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Please join the Sustainability Seekers in the Heritage Room on April 28th, following the service. We will be watching the documentary, Common Ground. Although Earth Day is and should be Every Day, in honor of Earth

Day/Week/Month, we will be viewing this enlightening, educational environmental film. The running time is 87 minutes so we will be offering a light lunch and snacks to enjoy during the movie and brief discussion. Stay tuned for more information regarding the movie each week.

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Initiative

Intertwine Interfaith Initiative Tour of Holocaust Museum
Sunday, April 28 | 1:15-4:15pm | 36 Millstone Campus Dr, STL, MO 63146

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Vacation Bible School
June 8 | 9am-2pm | Parkway UCC

What is justice?
[God] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

For VBS this year, we're going to be digging into the concept of justice that we see in the Bible. This unit breaks down this complicated topic into easily understood pieces with a focus both on the smaller (personal) and larger (systemic) aspects of justice. Register here! It will be a $25 donation for the first camper and $20 for additional campers. For more information contact Gabriel R. gabriel@parkwayucc.org 314—872-9330 ext. 101

Join Us for a Fun Day of Building with Habitat for Humanity!

On June 22, we're excited to team up with Habitat for Humanity for our annual Parkway Workday, but the location is still to be determined. We're looking for 10 enthusiastic volunteers to join us from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Whether you're a master builder or a complete novice, we welcome you with open arms! Habitat will provide all the tools and supplies you need. Just remember to wear your sturdy work clothes, closed shoes, and pack a lunch.

Did you know? Parkway has been part of this wonderful initiative for about 40 years. In fact, we played a significant role in introducing Habitat to St. Louis. Interested in joining us? Contact Tom McKenzie to get on the notification list: mckenzie1947@att.net

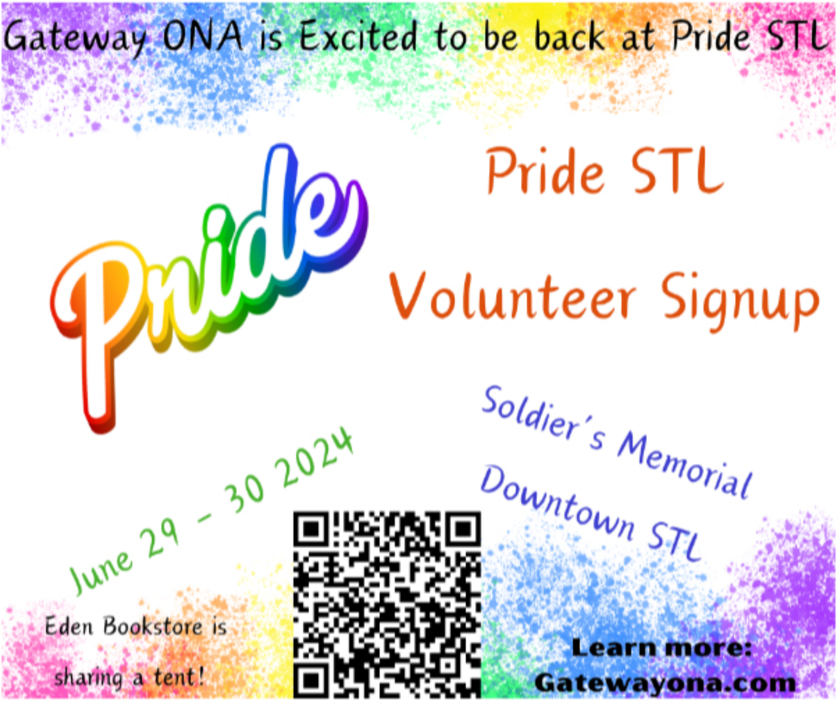
Your generosity can make a difference! If you'd like to support us, feel free to send your donations to: Habitat For Humanity St. Louis 3830 South Grand Blvd St. Louis, MO 63118

Let's build something amazing together!

PUCC Town Hall Meeting

[POSTONED from April 21 to sometime later this spring!]

Please join the PUCC Church Council for a Town Hall Meeting and light lunch after church some time in the future. When it does happen, Council will provide salads and attendees are asked to bring a dessert. As we meet in small table groups, Church Council would like your input on a few questions we have regarding your thoughts about, and experiences with, Parkway UCC.



Gateway ONA is Excited to be back at Pride STL

Pride STL

Volunteer Signup

Soldier's Memorial

Downtown STL

June 29 – 30 2024

Eden Bookstore is sharing a tent!

Learn more: Gatewayona.com

St. Louis Pridefest – GONA Booth Volunteers

10am-7pm June 29th | 10am -6pm, June 30th

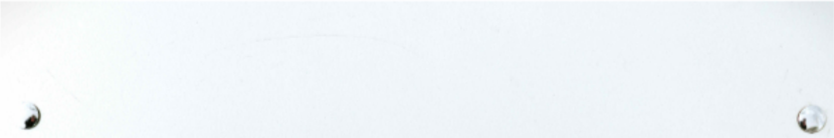
Gateway Open and Affirming Coalition needs your help by volunteering time in our booth at LGBTQIA+ Festival in St. Louis, PRIDEFEST 2024. Please use the QR code to join us! Questions? Reach out to Greg Schmelig greg_schmelig@hotmail.com

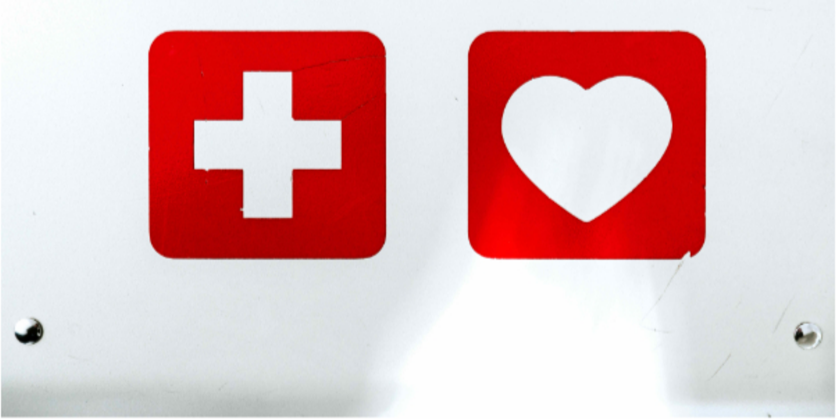
April Alzheimer's News

The Alzheimer's Association Announces New "Dementia Care Navigation Roundtable" (DCNR)" The DCNR convened experts from across the healthcare industry to share best practices and disseminate resources. The goal is to help people living with dementia achieve improved outcomes, reduce hospital stays and emergency room visits, shorten delays in long-term care placement, as well as address the needs of caregivers. The DCNR will develop strategies and solutions that would allow these benefits to be implemented in more communities across the country. Guiding principles have been published in the journal "Alzheimer's & Dementia:" Translational Research & Clinical Interventions (TRCI). The new paper provided the cornerstone of the DCNR's work to create a national framework for dementia care navigation. For more information on care and support services, visit alz.org/Help-Support.

You can learn more by going to [www.alz.org/help-support/resources]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. You can find virtual dementia caregiver resources online at alz.org/covid19help. 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 alz.org and/or contact PUCC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at joyceruiz7@gmail.com





Safety at Church

With the unfortunate rise of violence towards some churches in the news, a PUCC Council member formed a team to establish security precautions for Parkway UCC. This group started by working with vendors and a consultant. There is a federal grant program to fund security at church facilities. However, these grant programs are highly competitive, and the team learned that, if awarded, receiving the funds could take three to four years. While the team applies for a grant, our Council agreed to a plan to start with core capabilities now that can be expanded if grant funds are received and/or the Council deems appropriate. The first steps to establish security precautions have been taken.

The team focused first on protecting the Sunday morning experience. The approach is to install precautions, learn how to use them, then develop procedures and training to increase effectiveness. There are six steps. Here is what has been installed so far:

- Call 911 Buttons. Alerting first responders is crucial. Emergency buttons are more effective than calling 911 from a phone. Three permanently mounted 911 call buttons have been installed and activated. Portable call buttons may also be utilized on Sunday mornings and for groups that use the facilities and want this capability.

- Security Cameras. While it would require many cameras to secure the entire facility, three cameras that cover the pathways through the Gathering Space to get to the sanctuary have been installed. These views can be monitored on Sunday mornings. More cameras can be added as a need is established and funds are available. 17
- Front Door Keypad. The front door code is widely known and, therefore, less effective for security. A new front door code system has been installed that can provide unique entry codes to individuals and groups. The current push-button unlocking mechanism will continue to be in service until the procedures for the new system are developed.
- First Aid. Triage for those wounded during an incident must be received as soon as possible. In a violent situation, medical first responders are not allowed into the building until the police have cleared the building of any danger. Therefore, people in the building who are not wounded must give aid to those in need. “Stop The Bleed” emergency kits have been purchased. Training for using these kits, and first aid training in general is needed.

There are two other steps that are in progress:

- Public Address System. PA system is necessary to provide an emergency alert to the people in the nursery, the Heritage Room, and the youth rooms on the lower level. This will be accomplished using the current phone system.
- Secure Doors. Appropriate doors for the Nursery, the Heritage Room, and the rooms in use on the lower level must be capable of being locked from inside the rooms, and each room needs an escape route. Other doors into the facility should be locked during the Sunday morning worship service.

The team will continue to focus on establishing security precautions and effectiveness.

We are looking for volunteers to join our team as we consider utilizing formal training sessions to develop comprehensive safety procedures. If you are interested in participating in this endeavor, please contact Council member Lisa Davidson.

Looking for More Singers for PUCC Sanctuary Choir

If you've always imagined singing in the choir—or the thought is just occurring to you for the first time right now, why not give it a try? We're needing extra singers right now—reach out to barry@parkwayucc.org to let him know!

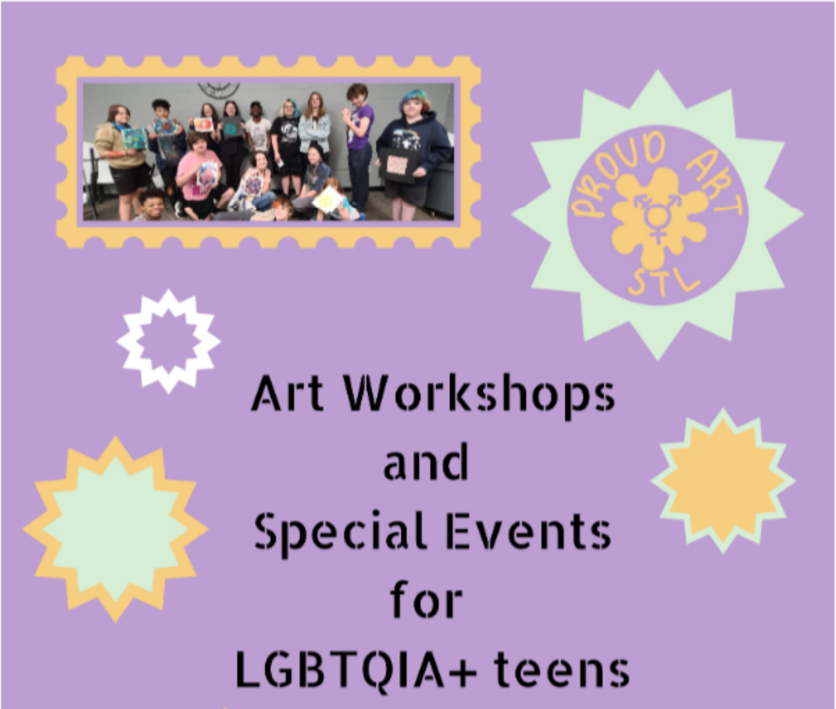
We have an intergenerational choir called First Sunday Choir that gathers at

9am on the first Sunday of each month to learn a simple song or two to sing that morning in worship.

The Sanctuary Choir sings on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from September – May and practices on Thursday evenings.

Our Children's Choir sings on the third Sunday of each month.

Community Happenings



Art Workshops
and
Special Events
for
LGBTQIA+ teens

WHERE: Shrewsbury City Center

WHEN: 1st & 3rd Fridays,

Jan-May

6-8pm

REGISTER: proudartstl.org

Proud Art STL has some fun events on the horizon!

Friday, April 19th 6-8pm: Decorations and Masks for Masquerade prom. Shrewsbury City Center, Mtg rm 2.

Saturday, May 4th 7-10pm: Proud Art Masquerade Prom.

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FREE TURBAN TYING, FOOD & DRINKS, FREE HEALTH CAMP, SIKH HISTORICAL EXHIBITION, PHOTOBOOTH, MULTICULTURAL ACTIVITIES, FREE GIVEAWAYS, LIVE DJ, DANCE & LIVE BAND PERFORMANCES

Meeting Our Neighbors: Congregation Temple Israel

Friday, April 26 | 6-8:30pm | Congregation Temple Israel

Join us as we gather with Congregation Temple Israel as guests for their Passover Shabbat followed by a presentation and discussion. Address: 1 Rabbi Alvan D Rubin Dr.St. Louis, MO 63141
Space is limited & registration is required here.

Things to Ponder

Kudzu of the Cosmos by Todd Jenkins

What if we realized
that boundaries, borders,
societies, cultures,
economies, nationalities, and war
are all (hu)man-made hooey,
designed to stroke our
individual and collective egos,
and turn humanity into
an invasive species?

What if we examined the world around us,
realized and recognized
how all creation's existence,
survival, and even our mutual thrival
is interdependent;
that each element of the universe
is but a thread in a grand tapestry
that is beyond our comprehension?

Would that make us

more aware of our need
to care for
and support one another,
and less inclined to become
the kudzu of the cosmos?

I sure hope so!

If not, maybe
we need to start over.

Video

2.5 minutes on Earth Care as we head toward Earth Day

https://youtu.be/5KxAXK1i-Uc

Jokes

Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team? **She always ran away from the ball.**

What's the difference between spring rolls and summer rolls? **Seasoning.**

What did the dirt say to the rain? **You'd better stop or my name will be mud!**

Why couldn't the flower ride a bike? **It lost its petals.**

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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:

Gabriel is in the main office from 8:30am-2:30pm Monday thru Friday as he focuses on Christian Education and Administrative Support.

Kathy, our Office Assistant, is our building and calendar guru and is in the front entry office from 7:30-11:30am Wednesday - Thursday and available via email and phone other mornings.

Mona works on the website and helps all of us with graphic design from home up to ten hours per week.

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

Barry can be found at the organ/piano or in his office several times during the week - Thursday and Sunday are his long days at church.

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