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Worship With Us this Sunday

Join us for worship at 10am in the sanctuary or on Facebook Live.

It's the Sunday after Easter -- and a One Family Intergenerational Worship Service as it is the first Sunday of the month. Our scripture focus is Acts 1:1-14 as we think about Jesus' disciples (students) becoming apostles ('sent') with his words and ways. Jesus spends time with them after the resurrection and promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to equip and guide us in this work.

We will celebrate the sacrament of communion at our open table. All are invited to receive this blessing.

Songs include: *You Are Welcome Here; Christ is Alive!; My Lord, What A Morning; This is Where Children Belong; Guide My Feet; Will You Come* and *Follow Me?*

Sunday's bulletin can be found **here!**

First Sunday Choir! Please come at 9am to learn a song we will sing during the worship service. All ages welcome! Questions? Contact barry@parkwayucc.org

It's a Give-A-Meal Sunday. Please bring gifts of non-perishable food items and/or personal care items for our neighbors in the city and county who need some help.

Christian Education and Youth News

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

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PUCC Announcements

Please email contact@parkwayucc.org for all announcements for our media. Include: Name of Event, Date and Time, Location, Short Description, Best Contact Person, and Any Image you would like for eNews. Worship 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.

eNews Troubleshooting Tips

Parkway UCC has recently begun using a new software called **One Church** in an effort to make the church experience more vibrant and engaging than ever. One of the things we have been using **One Church** for has been to send out our weekly eNews. We have heard how it doesn't always reach everyone we send it to, or it goes into the spam folder. This can happen for a variety of reasons, but something you can try doing is setting a 'rule' in your email that will always accept emails coming from the church. Usually you can right-click on the email to set this up. And if you move your eNews from your spam folder to your inbox enough times, that, too, after enough times, can usually register with your email to accept the eNews and other items coming from the church. If these tips don't work, please reach us at contact@parkwayucc.org.

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TONIGHT
7-9 PM
CANYON COMMONS

Post-Dispatch Trivia Night to Benefit STL 100 Neediest Cases
Fri, April 5 from 6-9pm; Moolah Shrine | 2545 Fee Fee Rd, St. Louis, MO 63146
The Post-Dispatch is back, folks! We need some trivia minded folks to fill out a table for the 100 Neediest Cases fundraiser. Trivia will focus on St. Louis history, music and general knowledge. Cash prize, silent auction, raffles, free beer, BYO food. $35 per person. Contact PUCCer Dan Connors at connorsd@aol.com if interested. One spot remaining!

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SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"Fifty Plants that Changed the Course of History," by Carol Gravens

April 07 | 11:15 am | Heritage Room

Carol Gravens, now retired from a professional career as a microbiologist, is an Advanced Level St. Louis Master Gardener. She became a Master Naturalist in 2007 and has an AAS in Horticulture from STLCC, Meramec. She has volunteered at the Kemper Center for Home Gardening at the Plant Doctor desk, and the MBG orchid range.

Her presentation will discuss the remarkable interconnection of plants and human existence; that includes the obvious ones like food, shelter, fuel, medicines, clothing, oxygen, and carbon dioxide. But there is more. Carol focuses her talk on a subset of the 50 plants that are detailed in Bill Laws' book, Fifty Plants that Changed the Course of History. For more information contact Richard Scherrer 90fivetpr@gmail.com.

"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.

TED

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

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2nd & 4th Tuesday | 6:00pm potluck | 7:00pm discussion | Heritage Rm

Please join us on Tuesday April 9 for our first session on the book The Accidental President by A.J. Baime. This book is a historical account of Harry S. Truman and his first four months as president at a time that "changed the world". This book goes into depth about the events during that time period involving WW II including the decision to drop the atomic bomb.
For our first session we will be covering up to Part III April-May 1945 (page 115).
We meet every second and fourth Tuesday at 6pm for potluck dinner and book discussion. For more info, contact Helen Race raceh@att.net

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

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about 15 minutes early for fellowship. The Reading List is a heartwarming novel about how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people in a London suburb. It address themes of loneliness, loss, friendship, building community, and the value of reading as an individual as well as shared experience. Contact

Jackie Eiffert for more information: jeiffert2@gmail.com

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.

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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.

Spring Clean Up in the Garden

If you wandered over to our pollinator garden last summer and fall, I hope you were as excited as I was about the success of our little garden. The flowers were beautiful and attracted lots of bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

If you have wandered over recently you may be thinking “Why isn’t this garden cleaned up for spring?”. The garden is not neglected, it is providing cover and protection for our overwintering pollinators.

The insects that we worked hard to attract last year haven’t yet awakened from their winter slumber. Some of our native bees lay their eggs in old plant stems and some butterflies and moths overwinter in chrysalids that are hiding under the dead leaves. If we clean up the garden too soon we will discard our pollinators with the dead leaves and garden debris.

So, when should we clean up the garden? The Xerxes Society for Invertebrate Conservation has put out some easy to remember guidelines that can help us remember when it is ok to clean up.

- Have I put the away the snow shovel, mittens and winter coat?
- Would I plant tomatoes now?
- Is the lawn growing tall?
- Have I paid my taxes?
- Are the apples and pears finished blooming?

When the guidelines above are met then it is time to work in the garden. Summer will be here soon enough and the memories of the untidy garden will be lost under the summer blooms.

For more information: https://xerces.org/blog/dont-spring-into-garden-cleanup-too-soon

Julie Harms

Intertwine Interfaith Initiative Tour of Holocaust Museum

Sunday, April 28 | 1:15-4:15pm | 36 Millstone Campus Dr, STL, MO 63146

Join our Muslim, Jewish and Christian Intertwiners from Shaare Emeth, TASOM and PUCC for a tour and discussion led by our friend and Museum Board Member Vera Emmons, the daughter of a Holocaust survivor. The cost of the tour is $6.00/Young Adult (10-17), $12.00/Adult (18-64), and $10.00/Senior (65+). 1:15-1:30 **Please allow time to purchase tickets at the Welcome Desk 1:30-1:45 Security including bag check (large bags are prohibited!) 1:45-3:15 Tour 3:15-4:15 Vera Emmons shares the testimony of her mother, a Holocaust survivor The exhibition was designed for ages 10 and up; parent and guardian discretion is advised due to the graphic and intense subject matter. RSVP here or please contact Lisa Mason ~ lmason624@sbcglobal.net The St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum is dedicated to using the history and lessons of the Holocaust to reject hatred, promote understanding, and inspire change.

The St. Louis Association Spring Fellowship Gathering
Thursday May 2 | 5:30-9:00p | St. Lucas UCC

A non-delegate, no-business, fellowship gathering, will be held on May 2 with dinner between 5:30 - 6:30 PM at St. Lucas United Church of Christ in Sunset Hills. The registration fee is $20.00 here. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Thompson was elected at the 2023 General Synod held last summer in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her theme is: *The Outpouring of God's Spirit: Spirituality and the Church based on Joel 2:28.*

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.

Looking for More Singers for PUCC Sanctuary Choir

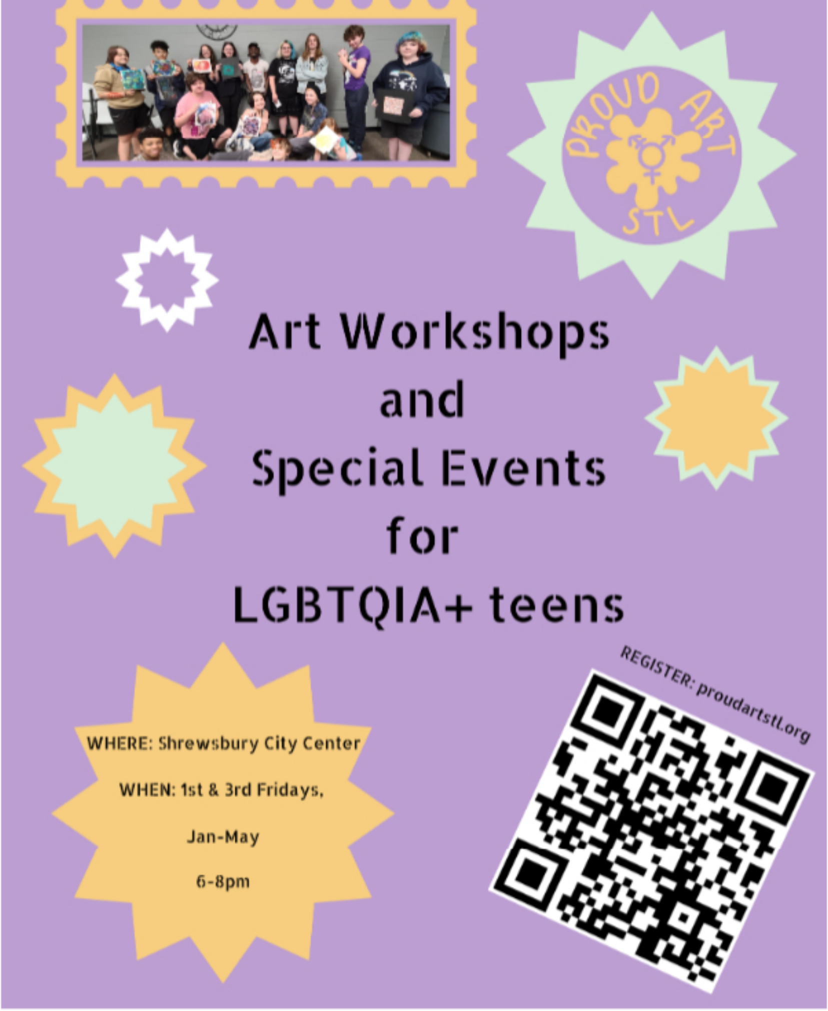
If you've always imagined singing in the choir—or the thought is just occurring to you for the first time right now, why not give it a try? We're needing extra singers right now—reach out to barry@parkwayucc.org to let him know!

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.

Friday, May 17th 6-8pm: Tyler Harris art workshop. Shrewsbury City Center, Mtg rm 2.

Proud Art STL is a non-profit organization for LGBTQIA+ middle and high schoolers. They provide art workshops and special events for creativity, fun and community. For more information to register for events, visit proudartstl.org

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

The proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the *full hearts of his transformed disciples*. The crowning evidence that he lives is not a vacant grave, but a *spirit-filled fellowship*. Not a rolled-away stone, but a *carried-away church*. ~Clarence Jordan

Video

As we move toward Earth Day, experience this 3.5 minute video about the History of Environmental Justice

https://youtu.be/30xLg2HHg8Q

Jokes

When do monkeys fall from the sky? **During APE-ril showers**

How do you make a waterbed bouncier? **Fill it with spring water.**

Why is Yoda such a good gardener? **He has a green thumb.**

What season is it best to go on a trampoline? **Springtime**

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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