

JESUS has Left THE BUILDING

Thank you to everyone who made the effort to share God's love on such a rainy weekend! We know how tempting it was to stay dry and cozy at home.

The Christian Services Commission sincerely hopes that the fifth JHLTB provoked you to be more connected with God, our congregation and our community. Leaving the sanctuary stretches our comfort zone, engages our talents, and introduces us to new people, organizations and ideas...in the best possible way: sharing Jesus' compassion with others.

JHLTB early...

A huge thank you to everyone who was not available on April 30 and chose to still participate in the JHLTB spirit by donating cookies in advance for the Big Brothers/BigSisters Party!

Projects on Sunday, April 30, 2017:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Party

Bigs and Littles enjoyed a chance to make memories in our fellowship hall. Music, games, volleyball, activities, pizza, and cookies made the day fun. *BB/BS exists to ensure that children grow up with love, hope, and opportunity. More Big Brothers and Big Sisters are always needed –interested in this wonderful opportunity to make a difference? Learn more at <http://www.bbbsemo.org/>*

Thank you so much for welcoming us into your space for the match party! I know we were hoping for a few more attendees, but I think the matches that came had such a great time. We really appreciate you offering this opportunity to us, and I hope that we will be able to work together again in the future.

Best,
Madeline Sowatsky
Resource and Support Manager
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri





Cookies of Appreciation

The cookie crew baked 25 dozen cookies and brownies, then delivered them with notes of appreciation to the police and fire departments in Ladue, Des Peres, Kirkwood, and Town & Country. *The group worked together as a well-oiled crew. The police officers and fire crews were all surprised and delighted with our cookie deliveries.*

Sharing our Love with PUCC's Homebound and/or Ill

Pam Manning and Ellie Svenson visited Milford Talyn, Pearl Sellenrick and Nancy Brown. Ruth Murray and Sue Mollering visited Lorine Collins, Anna Lee Grone and Ellen Surber (and her daughter who was visiting). Sue made tiny prayer shawls in advance for those visited. *Thinking of You* cards from Parkway were sent to Mary Jo Cannon, Sue Houser, The Herpel family, Gail Haack, Andrea Barnes, Marilyn McDougall. John Williams, Doug Watson and Nancy Wessinger as visits were not possible.

...reminds me once again how privileged we are in so many ways and what blessings we take for granted.

Today's visits were so good and I think so appreciated. We took time and listened to and learned from just 3 of our community who have lived, loved and lost so much over their lives. What a gift. Thanks so much for encouraging and guiding us toward them. What comes to my heart is how do we continue to reach out to them from time to time. As you challenged us - it's not just for today... Peace.

Ellie Svenson was my JHLTB partner (nice to get to know her also) on our adventure and this was our shared experience. In fact, she made offers to each that we visited to help with rides to church (if needed), rides other places and to visit and have coffee and turtle watch with Nancy in her new home, once she is settled. So if that happens, then the outreach will continue.

We learned so much 'history' yesterday, including about worship in the old sanctuary.

-Pam Manning & Ellie Svenson



Missouri Veteran's Home Musical Program

Members of Parkway United Church of Christ presented a Musical Program at the Missouri State Veterans Home. The veterans, guests, and staff were entertained with four trumpet and piano jazz selections by Kevin Rauscher and Paul Ohlman; three oldies but goodies by soloist Donald Wandless; two cello numbers composed and played by Q Watkins; two singing solos by Lucia McKenzie; a classical cello piece by Sarah Stolze; two solo pieces by Mike Stolze; piano accompaniment and sing-along selections led by Sue Stolze; poetry reading and MC by Evelyn Buretta; and performance support by Gerry Rogers. We had a larger audience this year and a longer program. Veterans and guests listened intently, tapped their feet, and sang along. The Missouri Veteran's Home is located at 10600 Lewis & Clark Boulevard mvc.dps.mo.gov/homes/stlouis.php

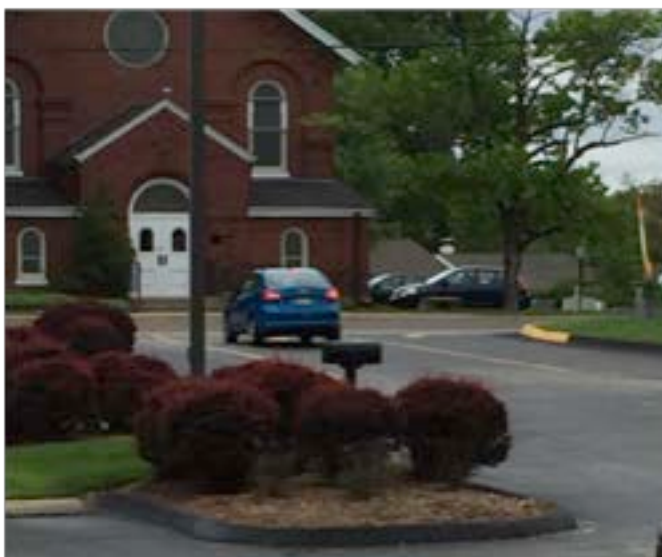
The veterans and families seemed to especially enjoy the '30s music – the music of their youth. There was even some dancing! The group enjoyed the opportunity to make connections and express appreciation to the veterans.





Sandwich Making Station at PUCC

The sandwich crew prepared and packaged 225 bologna sandwiches in the Heritage Room to be shared with those served by the St. Patrick Center downtown. Ruth Murray then delivered the sandwiches on Monday, reporting that the Center and the recipients of the sandwiches always look forward to this delivery. stpatrickcenter.org



Emmaus Homes

Several PUCCers spent some time with our Emmaus Homes friends: Doris, Natalie, Lola, and Lolita. The ladies were won over with some fun songs that helped them relax with their guests. Everyone enjoyed coloring, reading books, laughter and conversation! UCC's Emmaus Homes serves adults with developmental disabilities that live in homes in many neighborhoods all around the metro. emmaushomes.org



Caroline Mission Early Childhood Education Center

Director Denise Carter provided a very informative tour and explanation of the Center's educational initiatives and special family programming, including weekly family meals, cooking classes, and breastfeeding support. The weather interfered with some of the planned projects at the Center, so PUCers sterilized toys (a never-ending job at a preschool!), put away tables and chairs from an event the previous night, and photographed incoming playground equipment donations, etc. Caroline Mission is part of our UCC's Neighborhood Houses and strives to overcome the obstacles low income families face in meeting the developmental needs of their children. Learn more about volunteer opportunities and needs at neighborhoodhouses.org





Sustainability Seekers of PUCC

Due to the rain, most of our group joined other groups around PUCC. The rest put up our banner from the *People's Climate March* in the church to create a "Sustainability" corner, where we will continue to offer meatless main dish recipes and literature and sample letters and websites to advocate for environmental issues. (We do not yet have the latter ready.) The flowers had to be planted a bit later!

