Annual Theme: Exploring the Human Condition

We are closed Sunday, September 3, for Labor Day.

September 10, 11 a.m.  
**Fall Gathering**
Platform – Interim Director Amy L. Miller, MSW  
Music: Justice Choir STL, The Ethical Band, and Ethical Voices

Fall Gathering is returning this year, and we hope that you will all join us! This is a celebration of member anniversaries and a time to reconnect, both after the summer and a hiatus brought on by the pandemic. There will be no Forum and a slightly different format for Platform. During Platform we will take time to celebrate member anniversaries and share information on membership, music, and the youth education program.

Afterward, several activities will commence both indoors and outdoors. We will have a professional photographer on site so please come by the Becker Room to sign a photo release, but mostly to get a “Tour of the Ethical Society” booklet. The booklet has five stations where you can learn or revisit information about the Ethical Society. Once you receive a stamp from each station, you can return to the Becker Room to add your back page to the raffle basket. This can be found at the same table you picked up the booklet. **Raffle winners will be announced at 1:30 p.m. outside on the patio.** Other activities include indoor games in the Hanke Room, cake and refreshments in the Becker Room, live music on the patio, and outdoor games and a bounce house in the parking lot. Because this event is from 12-2 p.m., please bring a sack lunch. Please consider bringing a cooler and dropping it off in the Becker Room. If it is a small item, you may place it in the fridge in the kitchen.

Childcare will be provided as follows: For children in Kindergarten or older, childcare/open play will be in the Becker Room from 10:45 a.m. to noon. Childcare/open play for ages 5 and under will be in the Nursery from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. If your child(ren) will be staying in the Nursery the entire time, please provide a sack lunch for them at drop-off and the childcare providers will feed them at noon. (Refrigeration will be available for lunches.)

This Platform will also feature the Justice Choir STL, The Ethical Band, and Ethical Voices. The music programs at the Ethical Society of St. Louis aim to advance our organizational mission to create a more just, loving, and sustainable world for all.

September 17, 9:45 a.m.  
**Ethical Society Board Q&A – Forum**

Please join your Board for this Q & A session! A panel of Board members will be present to lead discussions and answer questions about whatever our members wish to discuss. We look forward to sharing this time with you! As a reminder, the Board welcomes everything from general feedback to detailed questions.
Emiel's presentation delves into the intricate dynamics of code-switching and implicit bias, and explores how people with marginalized identities navigate diverse environments, including adapting their communication styles to fit cultural expectations. It sheds light on the subtle yet powerful impact of implicit bias on our perceptions and interactions. Emiel's presentation will encourage critical self-reflection and equip community members with strategies to foster more inclusive and equitable interactions.

As a leadership and professional development practitioner, Emiel specializes in developing and coaching executives, teams, and emerging leaders. For more than 26 years, he has successfully facilitated the untangling of interpersonal and organizational complexities that plague team dynamics. His work is grounded in research and experience in the fields of leadership development, executive presence, “the habit of coaching,” and diversity, equity and inclusion. Dr. Barrett served in the US Navy for 21 years; during this time, he crafted a focused, direct, and warm approach that wastes no time in engaging with leaders to discover the most equitable solutions for their organizations.

He earned a doctorate of education from the University of New England and an M.B.A. from Texas A&M University. He is a professional certified coach with the International Coaching Federation and a certified practitioner of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and the Hogan Assessment.

This Platform will feature music by Eimear Arkins and Eileen Gannon. The duo has been lighting up the Irish music scene in St. Louis for the past several years. They have played numerous sold-out shows across the Midwest and beyond. Together they will perform a beautiful blend of haunting harp melodies, sean-nós songs, and plenty toe-tapping dance tunes!

Eimear is an award-winning singer and fiddle player from County Clare with eleven solo Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann (World Irish Music Championships) titles to her credit. She has performed throughout the US and Ireland with acclaimed bands like Cherish The Ladies, Téada, and The Paul Brock Band. She has toured extensively with Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann in Ireland, Britain, North America and Canada. Eimear’s debut CD, What’s Next? was released in summer 2019 to great acclaim and she was named “Best Newcomer” by LiveIreland 2019. Most recently, Eimear has been awarded an artist fellowship from the Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis.

Eimear, a St. Louis native, is one of the top Irish harp players in the world. She has won numerous accolades including the highly coveted Senior Harp title at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. She has a bachelor’s degree in Music Performance from Saint Louis University and a master’s degree in Ethnomusicology from University of Limerick. Eileen launched her debut solo CD, The Glory Days Are Over, to great acclaim in the summer of 2017.
September 24, 9:45 a.m. Senior Sexuality with Kendra Holliday – Forum

Journey through the experience of how relationships, intimacy and sex can change (or not change) over the lifespan into later years in this guided conversation with Kendra Holliday, a professional who has seen it all. Kendra is an expert facilitator and creates a comfortable and trusting environment for people to talk about things that can feel awkward or private. She will help us challenge negative stereotypes about sexuality and intimacy in older adulthood. (You can also just come observe/listen.)

September 24, 11 a.m.
The War of Intersections: Fighting The Cause of Our Division
Platform – Heather Fleming
Music: CHARIS, The St. Louis Women’s Chorus

Heather Fleming is the founder and director of In Purpose Educational Services (IPES), author of the book My Black Friend Says...: Lessons in Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Competency, and founder and director of the MO Equity Education Partnership (MoEEP). Prior to her work in organizing and equity training, she started her career working eight years in the public service sector. She then moved into education and served as an English Language Arts teacher for 14 years before becoming a full-time equity and inclusion training and program design professional. Her goal for her work in this field is to promote healing, understanding, and equity for all.

Music for this Platform is by CHARIS, a diverse group of singers united in our mission to perform music that celebrates and encourages women and the LGBTQ+ community. CHARIS prides itself on the diversity of its membership, program, and audience. The chorus is 40 to 60 people strong, varying in age from 16 to 70, and represent a variety of ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, economic situations, abilities, and disabilities. Its programs include a wide repertoire including pop, classical, spirituals, and world music, as well as Broadway reviews with full choreography and scripted performances for Women’s History Month with historical and contemporary roles played by local Equity actors.
Cultivating ethical relationships is at the core of Ethical Humanism. The practices articulated below can bolster our efforts to live and act in harmony with our beliefs. They can help us enjoy caring and compassionate interactions with one another, individually and as a community. The Board of Trustees, in collaboration with the interim director and staff, and in response to member feedback, has adopted these guiding principles for communication within the Ethical Society community.

These will be listed on our website and other places as Ethical Communication Guidelines*, so that visitors and potential members may know what they can expect from us, and we can know what to expect from each other.

Members, visitors, and staff members of the Ethical Society of St. Louis choose:

• To consider and apply the most charitable interpretation when intentions are ambiguous or unclear;
• To act in good faith and assume others are acting in good faith;
• To listen with respect and curiosity to other community members;
• To speak for myself and from my own experience;
• To do my best to attend and participate in meetings I have agreed to;
• To avoid the use of judgmental or inflammatory language;
• To criticize issues, not people, and disagree respectfully;
• To refrain from using email or social media to address interpersonal or intergroup conflicts and instead to address concerns face-to-face;
• To handle differences collaboratively and, if necessary, to seek mediation if an intractable problem arises;
• To respect confidentiality when it is requested and agreed upon;
• To accept responsibility for the impact my words, actions, and choices have on others.

For more information and specific descriptions of Guiding Principles, please visit www.ethicalstl.org/our-congregation/governance/communication-guidelines. We are grateful to be in community with you and appreciate the feedback we received as we compiled these standards! Thank you for your contributions to our Ethical Society.

*These have been adapted with permission from The Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture.
Member Milestone Anniversaries

Due to Covid restrictions and transitions of all sorts, we have not adequately acknowledged the major milestones of many of our members. Some of our 30+ year members have submitted bios and photos which we’ve run in the weekly emails and are posted on the bulletin board downstairs. (They are very cute! Check them out if you haven’t yet.)

We want to celebrate everyone who has been with us for ten or more years, and say thank you for being part of our community. Here’s to many more years together! Please join us for Platform on September 10 so we can acknowledge you; we will also have cake in the Becker Room afterwards to celebrate together. (Plus the Fall Gathering will be happening, which will be fun! Bring all your friends and family!)

60 years
Paul Doudna

50 years
Joy McConnell
Dorothy & Dick Lockard
Ginger Harris
Alan Ranford

40 years
Judy & Chuck Kulczycki
Norm Eisenburg
Eileen Pacino
Allison & Matthew Hile
Jackie Simms
Claire Anderson

30 years
Claude Bernard
Joyce Best
Kayla Vaughn & Dennis Roach

20 years
Laura Klein
Vita O’Hare
Jackie Juras
Bobbie Marks
Nellie Brown

10 years
Bradley Tolpen
Anita Hagerman & Kit Young
Joe Ogle
Cy Henningsen
Randall Holmes
Fred Stopsky
Krystal White & Eric Compton
Jane & Tom Draney
Jim Jordan
Heidi & Jim Johnson
Travis Williams
Lisa Manzo-Preston & Ray Preston
Dorothea Bruschke
Cindy & Kent Krimmel
Nikki & Kyle Nienhaus
Linda Rymarquis & John Beck
Join Jennifer Harvey, author of *Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America*, for **Raising Antiracist White Kids: A Conversation for All of Us** Saturday, October 7, from 3–6 p.m. This workshop is free and open to the public. However, **reservation is required** for the event. Please register below.

Powerful conundrums exist when it comes to raising white children in a society full of racial injustice. Should we teach white kids to be “colorblind” or to notice race? What roles do we want them to play in addressing racism when they encounter it? How do we do that? On top of it all, to talk about race honestly we have to talk about white privilege and racial injustice. How do we teach about race honestly, without making our children feel bad about being white?

Important public discussion exists about the impact of race and racism on children of color. But, we’ve talked much less openly about the impact of racism on white children, let alone strategies for raising antiracist white kids.

In this workshop we'll draw on Harvey's work in *Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America*, to identify race- and justice-conscious strategies for nurturing antiracist white identity. How white people raise white children impact adults of all racial identities, as much as it does all of our young people. So, whether you’ve been a white kid, are helping raise white kids, have relationships with people who used to be white kids, or have children in your life who are friends with white kids—this conversation and workshop is for everyone.

*Note: This event and the Platform talk on Sunday are made possible by the generosity of an endowment in memory of the late Nick Pacino, past president of the Board of Trustees and Society member for 13 years. Nick served the Ethical Society in ways large and small because of his belief that here and nowhere else, his values could be nurtured, challenged, shared, and passed on. In his memory and in recognition of ongoing ethical challenges like navigating antiracism work in a culture that overvalues whiteness, we welcome Dr. Jennifer Harvey to our community. Thank you to Nick’s wife, Eileen, who worked with our interim director to bring this programming to life.*

**Register Now**

**RAISING ANTIRACIST WHITE KIDS: A CONVERSATION FOR ALL OF US**

A workshop with **Jennifer Harvey**, author of *Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America*

**SAT., OCT. 7, 3–6 P.M.**

Free and Open to the Public.
Registration Limited to 100.
**NEW SERIES: Saturday Sessions at the Society**

This series is an extension of the work we are doing and will continue to do in Forum, but with a bit more time and a slightly different format. No one will be required to speak, but these are dialogue-based sessions. These sessions are open to any adults interested in and willing to engage in the work and agree to the group norms. Group norms regarding respect for others, the appropriate sharing of space, and honoring confidentiality will be introduced and lovingly enforced. All of these sessions have a shared intention of personal and community benefit. A community gets healthier when the humans within it are healthy.

All sessions will be facilitated by ESSL Interim Director Amy L. Miller except when noted otherwise. Amy has a background in social work, counseling, relationship coaching, mediation, and communication and loves doing group work like this!

**September 9, Noon to 2 p.m. Becker Room – Nonviolent Communication, Healthy Conflict, & Courage**

The principles and practices of nonviolent communication and healthy conflict all require great deals of courage. Together, we will revisit, expand upon, and further explore the conversations we’ve been having about healthy communication, being assertive, kind, and direct, and the importance of "doing conflict well". (Please note this is at a different time and space than the rest to accommodate anyone who also wants to attend Justice Choir rehearsal in Hanke at 2 p.m.)

**September 23, 1-3 p.m. Hanke Room – Boundaries & People-pleasing**

What I’ve learned from my work (and just life/being a person) is that most people are really quite unskilled/uncomfortable at setting and maintaining boundaries. A lot of times people don’t even KNOW THEY HAVE THE RIGHT to do so, much less how to go about it. People-pleasing and difficulty setting boundaries tend to go hand in hand. Let’s sit down and talk about what it means to engage in "people-pleasing" and to normalize how challenging and necessary boundary-setting is.

**Saturday Sessions (Tentative Schedule)**
- September 9- Nonviolent Communication, Healthy Conflict, & Courage (noon to 2 p.m.)*
- September 23- Boundaries & People-pleasing (1-3 p.m.)
- October 7- Raising White Kids (3-6 p.m.) w/ Dr. Jen Harvey
- October 14- Antiracism and “White Folks’ Work” (1-3 p.m.) also w/Courtnie Scott-Cammarata
- October 28 – Healthy Relationships of All Kinds (1-3 p.m.)
- November 11- Authenticity, Freedom, & Belonging (1-3 p.m.)
- November 18- Aging, Grief, & Death (1-3 p.m.) also w/Kelly Karavousanos
- December 9- Shame, Vulnerability, & Intimacy (1-3 p.m.)

*All in Hanke Room except as noted

**September 27, 6-8 p.m. Becker Room – Please Join Us for a Clothing Swap!**

Our first Clothing Swap will take place in the Becker Room on Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 6-8 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to give and get new (to you) clothes, meet new people, connect with friends, talk about clothes, and generally enjoy the Ethical Society community. Bring your own clothes and beer/wine/soda/whatever you want to drink. You are also welcome to bring food to share if you would like. This is an introvert-friendly event where you can talk or not talk to people. You can just come swap out clothes if you’d prefer that.

Any and all sizes of clothes are welcome, just like any and all humans are welcome. All remaining clothing will be donated to The International Institute's Anti-Trafficking in Persons Program. Hope to see you on Sept. 27!
In a heartwarming display of generosity, the Ethical Navigators recently led a Society-wide collection for the Humane Society.

During the month of September, we are focusing on the challenges faced by adolescents aging out of foster care in Missouri. As they step into adulthood, these young individuals often encounter significant obstacles that hinder their transition to independent living. By donating essential items, we can make a profound impact on their lives and offer much-needed support during this crucial phase. The youth we seek to assist are between the ages of 18 and 21, currently living in independent living or apartments, and are part of the fostering agency "Bringing Families Together," which is non-religious and pro-LGBTQ+.

When foster youth reach the age of 18 or 21, depending on the state, they "age out" of the foster care system, which means they are no longer under the legal care of the state. This transition is often fraught with challenges, and without the safety net of foster care, many young adults find themselves at a disadvantage as they navigate the complexities of adulthood. Missouri is no exception, and the adolescents in question encounter several hurdles as they begin this new chapter.

To support these youth, we kindly ask you to consider donating items that can make a significant difference in their lives. The items needed include personal care products like tampons, pads, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste, as well as essential household items like toilet paper, washcloths, towels, soap, lotion, and shampoo and conditioner specifically designed for Black/African hair. Additionally, cleaning supplies such as paper towels, dish detergent, cleaning rags, bathroom cleaner, hard floor cleaner, and dusters, as well as laundry essentials like clothing detergent and dryer sheets, will be greatly appreciated. The donation box will be located near the Hanke Room.

Your contributions will ensure that these young adults have access to basic necessities, allowing them to focus on other aspects of their lives, such as education and employment, without worrying about their daily needs.
Welcome to Our Newest Members

Daniel Wilson (they/them, he/him is also fine) grew up in the South County area of St. Louis, youngest of four siblings. An early interest in the brain and human behavior mixed with a desire for practical career application led to an education in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. Now they find themselves just across the river in St. Charles with their partner and two needy but well-loved dogs, generally wondering how anyone is able to successfully maintain a house. Daniel spends much of their time either at the gym, playing piano, or reading about religions that mostly don’t exist anymore. They love a good tabletop RPG, but those typically require three or more people to show up at an agreed upon time which is historically unlikely. They come to the Ethical Society to learn from, engage with, and contribute to a community of open-minded individuals from all walks of life.

Blake Marduk (he/him) is a graduate of Truman State University, where he honed his passion for community service and helping others. He has been actively involved in volunteering with local libraries, dedicating his time to assisting individuals in rebuilding their credit and developing essential job and interview skills, thereby empowering them to re-enter the workforce after periods of unemployment.

Outside his altruistic endeavors, Blake finds joy in various hobbies that allow him to explore his creativity and inner self. Dungeons and Dragons offers him a realm of imagination and camaraderie, where he can embark on thrilling adventures with friends and spend time building community. Writing haiku and sedoka has become a cherished outlet for Blake, especially during his solo camping trips to the wilderness, where he seeks to reconnect with nature and his innermost thoughts. Beyond that, Blake has an eye for aesthetics and takes pleasure in making beautiful flower arrangements, adding a touch of elegance and tranquility to his home.

With an attitude that bursts at the seams with love and curiosity, Blake embraces his passions, personal growth, and dedication to helping others in attempts to make a positive impact on the lives of those around him. It is these same attributes that Blake has identified in many of those he’s met at the Ethical Society of St. Louis. Embracing the values of compassion, reason, and social justice, Blake finds solace and meaning in this community of like-minded individuals. The Ethical Society’s focus on authentic living and fostering a sense of responsibility towards others resonates strongly with Blake’s core beliefs, motivating him to join and contribute his efforts to making the world a better place for everyone.

Scott VanderWerf (he/him) was born in Illinois to an Air Force father and local mother. His first few years he grew up in Virginia but spent most of his life in Illinois. He has held various positions as a truck driver, golf course maintenance worker and now works for the St. Louis County Library system. He has close ties with his grandmother who lives in Freeburg, Illinois and his mother who lives in Creve Coeur. His main hobbies are reading and golf. He is interested in the Ethical Society because of its mission to affirm the worth of every person and advocate the primacy of ethical behavior above any creed. He hopes to be a part of rich discussions as a part of this unique Society.
The Inaugural Justice Choir STL Season Kickoff is Fast Approaching!

Join us for three short rehearsals, and one exciting performance:

- Wednesday (8/30) 6-7:30 p.m. rehearsal
- Wednesday (9/6) 6-7:30 p.m. rehearsal
- Saturday (9/9) 2-4 p.m. rehearsal
- Sunday (9/10) 11 a.m. to noon performance

Our full 2023-2024 season will take place at the Ethical Society of St. Louis (9001 Clayton Rd, near the Galleria). You are welcome to perform in as many or as few performances as you are able. Add us to your calendar to save the dates!

The music selections for our first performance are linked below. We will have printed sheet music and lyric sheets for singers at rehearsal. Feel free to peruse the rehearsal materials below as desired, but please know that practice outside our normal rehearsals is not expected or required in any way.

What can you do next?

- RSVP for our Facebook event and share the event with your people!
- Like/follow and share our socials. This helps spread visibility for our programs!
  - Facebook
  - Instagram
  - Linktree
- Sign up to participate if you haven't already. This ensures you are included on important communication.
- Mark your calendars for our full 2023-2024 season.

Support Music with SWAG

- Every order provides financial support to our programs.
- But MOST IMPORTANTLY, each item helps to spread the word about our music programs.
- Please consider purchasing to raise the visibility of our music programs throughout the Saint Louis area.
Ethical Education Classes Start Sunday, September 17!

Our website now has all the latest info on our Youth Programs and Ethical Education classes for the year. To find out about what we offer, our hours, and how to enroll, please visit our Youth Programs page.

Teachers and Childcare Providers Still Needed

Our Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) has paid part-time positions open for three different age groups:

- Sunday Childcare Worker – Nursery/Preschool
- Sunday Ethical Education for Kids 3rd-5th Grade Teacher
- Coming of Age/Middle School Teacher

Interested and qualified applicants can email Youth Education Director Megan McCarthy at mmccarthy@ethicalstl.org to apply. Please help spread the word!
Check Out the Book Cart

Remember to visit the book cart every Sunday in the Becker Room and peruse the bookshelves in the hall by the name tags. During the week, the book cart is in the hallway outside the kitchen. You'll find a variety of titles and also lots of children's books, CDs and DVDs. We have recently added great books donated by members and friends of the Ethical Society. All are only one dollar. Contributions go to support the Ethical Society. You can pay in the drop box on the cart or you can pay Jo-Ellen or Kent Forrest.

We are always looking for more great books to sell. Please contribute books you know others would enjoy. Leave them on the table by the freezer in the hallway outside the kitchen.

Visit the Ethical Society Adult Library

Several books in the HUMAN EVOLUTION Category IV raise all-important questions about our ancient human past and what it means to be human!

New books are: 
Almost Human, the Astonishing Tale of Homo naledi and the Discovery that Changes Our Human Story, by Lee Berger and John Hawks, 2017; 

Other related exciting books are: 
Our Beleaguered Species, by Ethical Society member Dr. Liz Zelman, 2015; 
The First Signs, by Genevieve Von Petzinger, 2017; and 

The E-3 (Earth, Evolution, Ethics) Adult Library functions on an honor basis. Check-out information and the category list are available in the library. Several books in the HUMAN EVOLUTION Category IV raise all important questions about our ancient human past and what it means to be human!
Ethicyclists: Riding the Riverfront Trail into Illinois

On Saturday, September 23, Ethicyclists will have the seventh ride of the season. We haven't cycled this route on the Riverfront Trail into Illinois for about five years, so we are due. We'll start in the Laclede’s Landing area at the western entrance to the Metro Station and go north on the Trail past the Musial Bridge to the McKinley Bridge Bikeway and over the Mississippi River into Illinois. Riding through an Army Reserve Training campus, we’ll come to the Confluence Trail and go through a residential area and over Chouteau Island to the Chain of Rocks Bridge. Then it’s a straight shot back to Laclede’s Landing and lunch at one of the restaurants there. The ride is a little longer than average at 32 miles, but we have done this distance before and we’re in better shape towards the end of the season.

It’s a relatively flat ride with one or two short hills. A few riders may choose to leave from Lafayette Park at the corner of Mississippi Ave. and Park Ave. in South St. Louis, but this will add six miles to the 32-mile round trip leaving from Laclede’s Landing. There are secure and unsecured parking areas also in Laclede’s Landing. We have used the parking lot at Lewis St. and Biddle St. (pictured here), but it is unsecured. My recommendation is to take a Metrolink train from west of downtown to the Laclede’s Landing stop. The meeting time at the western entrance to the Metro Station is 9:15 a.m. with a 9:30 departure so we can arrive back for lunch before noon. Don’t forget to bring the usual: helmet, extra tube, sunscreen, water, and snack if you like.

Contact Joe Corrigan, 314-753-5538, japplecorr@att.net or David Brown, 314-703-6945, david@thebrowngreens.com.

Join the New Social Justice book group

The Social Justice book group has chosen the book “How to be an Anti-Racist” by Ibram X Kendi for its next book to read and discuss. People who are interested in participating should contact Jim Rhodes at jamarhodes@gmail.com for more information. The book group currently plans to meet every other month and the next meeting will be in October.
September 5, 10:30 a.m. Book Review
The Witness Wore Red by Rebecca Musser

September 12, 10:30 a.m. The Impact of Informed, Collective Women’s Giving
Speaker: Ally Melvin, Spirit of St. Louis Women’s Fund. TWA Host – Elaine Miller. Since its founding in 2006, SOS has awarded over $3.3 million in grants to over a hundred small nonprofit organizations in the St. Louis area. Members contribute an equal amount annually, and have an equal vote in the selection, after a rigorous vetting process. This allows SOS to identify unmet needs and act as an incubator for small nonprofits in the community. Becker Room.

September 19, 10:30 a.m. The Majesty of the Osage
Speaker: Jim Duncan, past director of the Missouri State Museum, anthropologist, archaeologist, author, teacher, and part Osage and Cherokee ancestry. TWA Host – Elaine Miller. When Europeans came to Missouri, it was already occupied by other cultures, principally, the Osage. Duncan will review a brief history of the Osage. Their unique oral traditions will be explored in relationship to their environment and the artifact record. Forced to move from their homeland beginning in 1808, they have managed to surmount the hardships of forced acculturation and retained their identity. Becker Room.

September 26, 10:30 a.m. Easyish: Keys to a (Relatively) Easy Relationship
Speaker: Amy Miller, MSW, licensed clinical social worker, interim director Ethical Society of St. Louis. TWA Host – Elaine Miller. Amy will discuss her book about healthy relationships and how to stop making the same mistakes, mainly in regards to poor communication and conflict skills.

Join the Virtual Travel Club
You are invited to join the Virtual Travel Club on Friday, September 29, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Linda Locke will share her trip to Bhutan, which was once ranked as the happiest country in the world. She will share highlights from her trip, including traversing the Himalayas by auto, seeing rare cranes, visiting Buddhist temples from the 7th century, and talking with many Bhutanese.

NOTE: We had originally planned for Linda’s presentation to be held simultaneously in person and via Zoom. Unfortunately, Linda has to be out of town for a family medical issue, but she has agreed to do the presentation via Zoom. Because she will be on Zoom, we will skip the in-person meeting in the Hanke Room. So please join us via the new Zoom ID. Invite your friends; everyone is welcome.

Zoom ID 395 547 1091

Humanist Hangouts - Social Night
Join us for a social evening with friends from the Ethical Society Saturday, September 9, from 7-10 p.m. in the Becker Room. See Facebook Event for more information. Contact Mandy Sullivan with questions, 314-642-0268.

Humanist Hangouts - SLSO Forest Park Concert
Join us for the annual FREE concert with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra on Art Hill in Forest Park Thursday, September 21, from 6-8 p.m. See Facebook Event for more information. Contact Mandy Sullivan with questions, 314-642-0268 –OR- Sean O’Hara with questions, seanwoharago@gmail.com.
On September 17, the play will be “Laundry and Bourbon,” by James McClure. (Dangerous gossip…) We gather in the Becker Room at 5:30 p.m. for appetizers. Act I begins a little before 6:00. After Act I we eat dinner. Then we watch Act II; then have dessert. The actors will have had one “rehearsal,” which is a read-through. Everyone else is the audience.

Everyone should bring one of the following: appetizer, main dish or salad, dessert. Also BYOB. If you can, please RSVP to Andie Jackson at andreajackson568@gmail.com. If you can’t RSVP, come anyway!

---

**Science Fiction Book Club**

For September, the Science Fiction Book Club will be reading *Burn-In: A Novel of the Real Robotic Revolution* by P.W. Singer and August Cole. We will meet Monday, September 25, from 7-8 p.m., via the Society’s NEW Zoom ID.

Zoom ID 395 547 1091

---

**September Good Eatin’ Veggie Potluck**

The September Good Eatin’ Veggie Potluck will be held on Friday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. Maxine Stone is the host. It will be at her Central West End condo overlooking the Cathedral Basilica of St Louis. Please bring a veggie dish for eight people, serving utensils and a beverage of your choice (BYOB). Email Maxine at verymaxine@aol.com for reservations and directions. There is a limit of 30 people so get your reservation in early if you want a spot.

---

**Finding Connections Book Club**

The Finding Connections book group seeks to explore ethics through faith, philosophy, and personal growth. We meet weekly on Sundays after Platform at 12:30 p.m. in the Butterfly Room. The participants select the reading material. We will continue with the book *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt. All are welcome to join this book group. Contact: Alan Easton ameast89@yahoo.com.

---

**Third Sunday Dinner Theatre**

On September 17, the play will be “Laundry and Bourbon,” by James McClure. (Dangerous gossip…) We gather in the Becker Room at 5:30 p.m. for appetizers. Act I begins a little before 6:00. After Act I we eat dinner. Then we watch Act II; then have dessert. The actors will have had one “rehearsal,” which is a read-through. Everyone else is the audience.

Everyone should bring one of the following: appetizer, main dish or salad, dessert. Also BYOB. If you can, please RSVP to Andie Jackson at andreajackson568@gmail.com. If you can’t RSVP, come anyway!

---

**Monthly Board Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is September 12 at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room. All members are welcome (with advance notice preferred so that seating space can be accommodated). Non-members may request an invitation to attend.

---

**Tai Chi for September**

Tai chi resumes its weekly meetings Friday, September 22, at 9 a.m. We meet via Zoom. We have a new Zoom ID. Tai chi is a wonderful practice that gets better and better over the years. Research shows a wide range of health benefits. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. Class is appropriate for beginners and the more experienced. We will continue the sequence in our recent classes: Chi Kung warm-ups and then emphasize one or two movements. We always ground our practice in tai chi fundamentals. Over the next few months, we will learn movements taught by Gabriel Chen. You do not have to be an Ethical Society member to take part. There is a tai chi email list. If you would like to get notices and information, please email beere1db@cmich.edu. Don Beere is the teacher. He has been learning, practicing and teaching tai chi for over 50 years, and depending on how one counts, 60 years. All previous Zoom classes are available on the tai chi page of his website, www.donaldbeere.com. Anyone who would like to learn tai chi can use those videos.

Zoom ID 395 547 1091
Contact Us

Amy Miller, Interim Ministry Team Director 314.991.0955 x210  amiller@ethicalstl.org
Nancy Jelinek, Operations Manager 314.991.0955 x214  njelinek@ethicalstl.org
Joe Koepke, Building Manager 314.991.0955 x211  jkoepke@ethicalstl.org
Claire Minnis, Music Director 314-991-0955 x218  cminnis@ethicalstl.org
Courtnie Scott-Cammarata, Membership + Program Manager 314-991-0955 x242  cscottcammarata@ethicalstl.org
Megan Bezdek McCarthy, Youth Education Director 314-991-0955 x216  apresswood@ethicalstl.org
Adam Presswood, Rental Coordinator 314-991-0955 x213  ljett@ethicalstl.org
Louise Jett, Creative Director and Leader Intern
Matthew Hile, Web Admin
Connection Announcement Submission
Platform Announcement Submission
Board of Trustees
Caring Team
Stacie Zink-Duda, Nursery School Director 314-991-1353  staciezd@gmail.com

Board of Trustees

Trish Cowan-Williams, President
Scott Wright, President-elect
Lance Finney, Past President
Rachel Jones, Secretary
Kitt Rogers, Trustee
Mary Murphy-Overmann, Trustee
Samantha White, Trustee

Officiants

Louise Jett

Online

Website  www.ethicalstl.org
Social Media  @ethicalstl #ethicalstl

Submission deadline for the Ethical Connection newsletter is the 15th of the preceding month.
Email items to connection@ethicalstl.org.