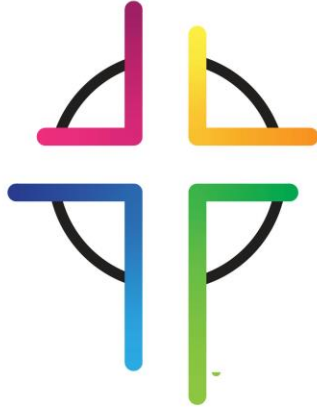


**Limitless  
Love**

**Courageous  
Action**

**Spirited  
Inquiry**



**PARKWAY**

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**ALL ACCEPTED, NO EXCEPTIONS**

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Help me love kindness  
in all I do and say  
Help me walk humbly  
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Every step of the way.  
Every step of the way.*

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### Congregational Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ, with God’s grace, seeks to be a congregation that includes all persons, regardless of race, ethnic, or socio—economic background while respecting differences of gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, and mental and physical ability. We aspire to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. We invite all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our open and affirming congregation.

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# Welcome

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**Thank you for joining us this morning.** Please let us know you are here by commenting in the chat.

**Welcome Children.** We invite children to full participation in worship.

**Bell Rung During Lord's Prayer.** A tradition begun when farmers working in surrounding fields would stop their work and join in prayer.

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## Anniversaries

8/23 TALLYN, Jameson & April (12)

8/24 RUSSELL, John & Carol (52)

8/26 DETJEN, Val & Douglas (48)

8/29 COBB, Harold & Carol (56)

## Birthdays

8/23 SCHATZ, Dave

8/27 SHELTON, Kelly

8/23 SCHOWALTER, Todd

8/28 YAKEL, Lauren

8/24 POUNDS, Madison

8/29 STOLZE, Mike

8/26 LYONS, Summer

8/30 RUNTZ, Naomi

8/27 RACE, Helen

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday *after* Pentecost

August 23, 2020 | 10:00am

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**Meditation** “So, I guess we are who we are for a lot of reasons. And maybe we'll never know most of them. But even if we don't have the power to choose where we come from, we can still choose where we go from there. We can still do things.” ~Stephen Chbosky, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

## Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

**Prelude** *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*—Arlen Harburg

Performed by Greg Schmelig

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

**Welcome Song** *Here in this Place*—Christopher Grundy

<https://youtu.be/V9LZURdBJxE>

**Holy One, may your presence here open our minds.**

**May your Spirit among us help us to find You are rising up now like a fountain of grace from the holy ground.**

**Here in this place. Here in this place.**

**Holy One, may your presence here open our minds.**

**May your Spirit among us help us to find You are rising up now like a fountain of grace from the holy ground**

**Here in this place. Here in this place**

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty.**

**The whole universe speaks of your glory from the holy ground.**

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**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty.**

**The whole universe speaks of your glory from the holy ground.**

**Here in this place. Here in this place. Here in this place.**

**Opening Prayer** *Affirmation of Community*, First Cong UCC, Memphis

**We will be together. We will stand as brothers and sisters given life by one God. We will be together. We will watch out for one another. We will listen to what needs to be said in a spirit of compassion. We will respect the power of silence. We will wait for the slowest. We will sooner or later catch up with the fastest.**

**We will dry the tears of those who are weeping—and know that they will dry ours when the time comes. We will let ourselves begin to feel at least a little of the pain of those we have considered our enemies. We will entrust our stories to each other. We will not be skeptical that peace can come. We will not forget the joy of life.**

**We will not forget to be grateful. We will do our best to stir in each other hope, courage and faith. Amen.**

## Scripture

**Limitless Love**—John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

**Courageous Action**—Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread because it is the Lord your God who goes with you. God will not fail you or forsake you.

**Spirited Inquiry**—Matthew 7:7-11

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will God in heaven give good things to those who ask!

**Children's Time** Children and Youth are invited to separate Zoom classrooms immediately following this Children's Time.

**Blessing the Children** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will love**

## Limitless Love

**Response** *Ubi Caritas*

**Live in charity and steadfast love.**

**Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

## Courageous Action

**Response** *Shoes of the Fishermen*—Alan Stein

## Spirited Inquiry

**Response** *Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness**

**And all these things shall be added unto you**

**Allelu Alleluia**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find.**

**Knock and it shall be opened unto you**

**Allelu Alleluia**

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**Call to Prayer** *Lay Your Burdens Down*—Alan Stein

## **Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer** sung to the tune by Nate Stout—Random Act

**Our** [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

[A variety of names for God are welcome here – including in the Lord's Prayer.]

## **Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offering Interlude** *By the Stream*—Christopher Grundy

<https://youtu.be/bKL3RvAEc9w>

**Blessed are those who trust in God.**

**They will be like a tree  
planted by the water  
planted by the water  
and sending out its roots by the stream.**

**They will not fear when the heat comes.**

**And their leaves will all stay green.**

**In the year of the longest drought,  
they will still bear their fruit  
there by the stream  
by the stream.**

**Prayer of Dedication** Carol Penner

**We walk by faith, we live by faith, we give by faith. God of great gifts, you have given us so much. Accept these gifts from our hands, our faithful response to your abundant grace. May they be used to multiply faith and grace. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

**Song of Parting** *Every Step of the Way*—Christopher Grundy

<https://youtu.be/Wj0cHXzAGTI>

**Help me do the justice to be done today.  
Help me love kindness in all I do and say.  
Help me walk humbly with you, O God, I pray.  
Every step of the way. Every step of the way.**

## **God's Light Goes Forth**

**Music for Going Forth** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*—J S Bach

Performed by Barry Luedloff

# Announcements

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## TODAY: Parkway Speaker Series

Sunday, August 23 | 11:15am | online

Barry Luedloff presents *Music's Written Language: Understanding Music for Non-Musicians*. What those little lines and number and symbols and dots and squiggles really mean.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84898581439?pwd=V1JhZXNod1JSTjVJcm1QYWWhOcK9JQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 848 9858 1439 | **Passcode:** 256973 | **Phone:** 312 626 6799 US

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue August 25

Tuesday, August 25 | 7:00pm | via ZOOM

### *If Beale Street Could Talk* by James Baldwin

Continue the discussion of this honest and stunning novel. James Baldwin has given America a moving story of love in the face of injustice.

### ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88245410276?pwd=YW1NSlc0YWwNMSG03bWZrUHlrWVXUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 882 4541 0276 | **Passcode:** 221351 | **Phone:** (312) 626-6799

## Intertwine Interfaith Spiritual Sustenance Session 4

Thursday, August 27 | 6:30pm | via ZOOM

Please join us for our next Virtual Intertwine Interfaith Gathering. Speakers from Abrahamic Traditions will talk about our faiths' *Belief in the Afterlife*. Participants will have the opportunity to share reflections on the afterlife and how the teaching of their tradition affects their daily life.

The last portion of our gathering will be a guided open conversation encouraging all participants to share. During these months of physical distancing, many people have been able to discover or confirm things about themselves—their style, their relationships, their gifts, their needs. They have been able to view their 'normal' lives and routines more objectively. Prior to whatever 'new normal' we find ourselves in later, we can reset our priorities and practices and participation in community. What lessons from this time period will go into the next chapter of your life? How will you be different in this next chapter of your life and our life together?

We look forward to continuing to build community together!

Questions? Please contact Lisa Mason or Paige Penico.

### ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86790885578?pwd=Rk9mdXJtdldRazhDbFo1ckFUUk9hUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 867 9088 5578 | **Passcode:** 4YTahZ | **Phone:** (312) 626-6799 US

**LIFE classes from Eden Seminary** will be happening via Zoom this fall. We are going to go back to the Friday evening- shorter Saturday format as the faculty feels that this will help reduce “Zoom Fatigue” for the Certificate courses. The Psalm Elective will be three Wed. nights.  
Friday 7:00-9:00 | Sat. 9-11:30/ 12:30-2:00.

Full course descriptions from the Eden faculty and registration information will be available soon.

Certificate Courses:

Sept. 25 & 26 Missional Leadership with Rev. Steve Lawler

Oct. 23 & 24 Preaching, Rev. Dr. Christopher Grundy

Nov. 13 & 14 Pastoral Care, Rev. Dr. Kristen Leslie

PSALM elective: Sept. 9, 16, 23 7:00-9:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Clint McCann.

## **Gateway ONA Drag Bingo**

Saturday, September 19, 2020 | 6:30 - 8:30pm

Last year, Gateway Open and Affirming Churches hosted a dinner/trivia event to raise funds for the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ. It was a wonderful evening and we were looking forward to holding another dinner/trivia night this year. Our Covid-19 pandemic has changed those plans. However, we still want to host a fun evening of fundraising for Coalition. Thus, we have created a Drag Bingo Evening which will be virtual on Zoom!

**Registration Fee:** \$25.00

**Register by September 14 at:**

[www.gatewayona.com/bingofundraiser-2020.html](http://www.gatewayona.com/bingofundraiser-2020.html)

Each registrant will receive 5 Bingo Cards via email. For additional information: [mhattman@att.net](mailto:mhattman@att.net) | 314-443-4277.

## **St Louis Metro Area Crop Walk 2020** Sunday, October 25

Please visit [www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo) for all details of this virtual walk. When you go to the website, enter the name of our walk, Parkway UCC and it will take you to our donation page. The need for food is HUGE this year, both locally and internationally, so we are accepting donations now so the monies can be distributed immediately. Thanks for all you do, Parkway. Your Crop Walk Team, Sue Moellering, Gerry and Mike Rogers, and Pamela Manning.

**Habitat for Humanity St. Louis** Due to the pandemic, there are currently no construction volunteer opportunities available. However, our local Habitat staff continues to finish the 5 homes in the La Saison neighborhood, and will then move on to 5 new homes in the Gate neighborhood.

The need for financing still exists. Through the generosity of two anonymous donors, your gift to Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis can go twice as far! From now through August 31st, gifts made by donors like you will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$40,000 - that's a total of \$80,000 we can potentially raise with your help!



Remember: in order for your gift to count toward the match, you must give directly to our local office at 3830 South Grand Blvd or make your gift online at [www.habitatSTL.org](http://www.habitatSTL.org). Thank you for helping us make the most of this fundraising opportunity, which translates to affordable housing for families in need, right here in St. Louis.

More info? Tom McKenzie: [mckenzie1947@att.net](mailto:mckenzie1947@att.net) | (314) 567-0429

## **Garden between Education and Office Wings**

As a member of Parkway's Property team, Roger Fauss would like to borrow a tiller to break up some of the packed soil in the area between the Education and Office wing of the church in an effort to have vegetation grow and beautify the space. If you would be willing to share your tiller, please contact Roger to work through the details.

Contact Roger Fauss: (314) 275-2332 | [rogerfauss@prodigy.net](mailto:rogerfauss@prodigy.net)

## **Give-A-Meal Anytime this Summer!**

Make a financial contribution and/or share non-perishable food items with Isaiah 58 or Circle of Concern. They are doing critically important work these days. Monetary support can be sent to them directly. Food can be dropped there (note their restricted hours) or here on the table just inside the main doors. <https://i58ministries.org/> **and** <http://www.circleofconcern.org/>

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# PUCC Prayer List

as of August 19, 2020

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## Celebrations

**A new and unique school year is beginning.**  
**All the acts of kindness that are happening near and far!**  
**The momentum toward justice and equity.**

## Concerns

**Family/friends of Tina Hubbard** – grieving/giving thanks (Scharf).  
**Naomi and Joe Runtz** - as she recuperates from knee replacement.  
**Marv Herpel** - back home to Brookdale from Surrey Rehab Ctr.  
**Susan Sieber Carroll** - healing after surgery due to Crohn's Disease.  
**Tim Ruiz** - recovering from back surgery earlier this week.  
**Crystal** - young mom just diagnosed with 2 types of cancer (Yakel).  
**Nelson Spencer** - very serious heart condition (Ellie Svenson).  
**Blake** - recent cancer diagnosis (Greg Schmelig).  
**Bumgarner-Camerons** - parents positive for Covid; kids negative.  
**Healthcare workers, homeless** and many others at risk right now.  
**Physical Distancing...** if anyone needs groceries, medicine and/or other support, please reach out to [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org); 314-330-0629  
**People who are struggling with their mental health.**  
**People who aren't feeling safe at home** but are remaining there.  
**Individuals in all levels of leadership** as they make decisions today.  
**Healing of relationships between the public and the police.**  
**People of Beirut, Lebanon** as they recover from violence and more.  
**People of Iowa** and others as they move forward after recent storms.

## Continuing

**David Haack** - 'acute care'; no longer COVID-19 positive (Bill's dad).  
**Cherie Stolze** - ongoing health issues; navigating medications/fatigue.  
**Lori Connors** - for strength, stamina through some health challenges.  
**Ruth Peace & Pinky Wilcoxon** - PUCC sisters with health challenges.  
**Bill Darland** - ongoing health issues.  
**Tina** - undergoing treatment for cancer (Scharf).  
**Anthony** - multiple challenges as he lives his post-incarceration life.  
**Gary** - risky behaviors; seeking balance and stability (McKenzie).  
**Grateful Tran** - in prison; struggles w/schizophrenia (Evelyn Burette)  
**Bob** - continues to struggle with Parkinson's (McKenzie).  
**Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack** - chronic health challenges.  
**The extended Eggebrecht Family** - healing and wholeness.

## Pregnancy

**Laura & Phil Waite...** pending big brothers Henry, Oscar and Felix.

## Home/Care Facility/Rehab Center

**Millicent Guerri** - living with cancer... 14300 Conway Meadows Ct E, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: December 5]

**Marv Herpel** - *Brookdale West County*; 785 Henry Ave, #217; Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-227-5838 [birthdate: March 3]

**\*\*Pat Klein** - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr, #325; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: September 21]

**\*\*Bill Klein** - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr, #104; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: March 8]

**Pearl Sellenriek** - *Friendship Village Care Center*; #725-2 15201 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: March 31]

**Dwight Smith** - *Manor Grove*; 711 S Kirkwood Rd; Kirkwood, MO 63122; [birthdate: September 6]

**Sue Houser** - *Bethany Ctr for Rehab & Healing*; 421 Ocala Dr - #209B; Nashville, TN 37211; 615-577-2049. [birthdate: July 8]

## Other Current Goals

**Dan Connors** - completed writing a novel... taking next steps.

**President Trump, Congress**, all local, national, world leaders.

**The “me too” Movement** - shining a light on sexual abuse.

**All people who live with mental illness.**

**PUCC Family** (and others) struggling with healthcare costs and limits.

**Our Missouri Mid-South Conference and St Louis Assn UCC**

**Variety of Parkway members/friends** - employment issues.

**Victims of Natural and Created Disasters** around the world.

**Peace and Justice** near and far.

**US Military** around the globe.

## St Louis Assn UCC Covenant Partner

Week ending August 23 - St. John’s UCC, Chesterfield;  
stjohnsuccchesterfield.org

Week ending August 30 - St. John’s UCC, St. Louis; sjuccstl.org

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## Faith

*When you walk to the edge of all the light you have  
and take that first step into the darkness of the unknown,  
you must believe that one of two things will happen:*

*There will be something solid for you to stand upon,  
or, you will be taught how to fly*

~Patrick Overton

# Current Goals

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based on our PUCC Purpose Statement

1. Create and maintain a more inclusive community.
2. Develop opportunities for spiritual nourishment and inquiry that meets a wide variety of needs.
3. Take on courageous mission and community activities.
4. Engage in interfaith partnerships to create a just world for all.
5. Craft a leadership and organizational structure which is inclusive, sustainable, and flexible that aligns with our purpose.