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Parkway United Church of Christ strives to be an inclusive community embracing: spiritual nourishment, open—minded inquiry, courageous action, and interfaith partnerships to fulfill God's calling to create a just world for all.

## **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 to Parkway

**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**

- 8/10 MCKENZIE, Tom & Kris (36)
- 8/11 MOELLERING, Sue & Charles (54)
- 8/13 SCHATZ, Dave & Jill (33)

## **Birthdays**

- 8/8 PEACE, Ruth
- 8/9 CAMERON, Kevin
- 8/10 WEAS, Davis
- 8/11 LYONS, Blake
- 8/12 ENGEL, Donna
- 8/12 ROESLER, Alexander

- 8/13 BURKHARDT, Dan
- 8/13 SONTAG, David
- 8/13 WADDELL, Judy
- 8/13 WOLFF, Tate
  - 8/13 YESS, Gregory
  - 8/14 STOHR, Sue

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

Sunday, August 8, 2021 | 10:00am

**Meditation** When I got lost, God came looking. When I was in knots, God loosened the bonds. When I had forgotten myself, God remembered me. ~Anthony Robinson

Welcome Let us know you are here!

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

"May the peace of Christ be with you." (We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

## **Prelude**

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell



### **Hebrew Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 130 (NRSV – New Revised Standard Version) Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in this word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with the Lord there is great power to redeem. It is the Lord who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

### **Call to Worship**

One:	God who is beyond us, maker of heaven and earth–
Many:	open our eyes to see the wonder of creation!
One:	God was made known in the life of Jesus the Christ
Many:	Open our hearts to know the deep love of Christ!
One:	God who lives in each one of us as Spirit, Holy fire to kindle our true purpose
Many:	Open our beings to each other to confirm that we all belong, and together we can give birth to your new earth.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

**Song** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace





### **Opening Prayer** Jonny Baker

God of justice, peace and righteousness come into our midst this day. Breathe your breath, your Spirit of prophecy, your energy, your enlivening, your imagination on us. Wake us up. Open our eyes. Unplug our ears. That we might hear, that we might see, that we might grieve, that we might dream, that we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kindom. Amen.

**Response** Spirit of the Living God Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me! Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

**Children's Time** Children and Youth are invited to Outdoor Sunday School (Fellowship Hall if weather a challenge) immediately following this Children's Time. We will also be on Zoom for those at home.

### **Blessing the Children** Weave

Weave, weave, weave us together Weave us together in unity and love, Weave, weave, weave us together Weave us together, together in love.

### **New Testament Lesson**

#### Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (NRSV – New Revised Standard Version)

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## **Moment of Silent Reflection**



### Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

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## **Lord's Prayer**

**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 Matthew 25:35-36

I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

## **Offering Interlude**

#### Response

Praise God whose many names abound; Our Peace, our Rock, Our Holy Ground, Our Home, our All, Earth's Majesty, Love, Spirit, Light and Mystery. Amen.

### Prayer of Dedication Daniel Hayward

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.





### **Benediction**

## God's Light Goes Forth Music for Going Forth

## Announcements

## **TODAY: Speaker Series on Islam**

#### The Wonders of Islam by Ghazala Hayat, MD

Sunday, August 8 | 11:15am | Live via Zoom

Dr. Hayat is a well known member of the St. Louis area community and, in addition to her medical practice, she serves as a volunteer and leader in the Interfaith Partnership and as spokesperson for the Islamic Foundation. Education through understanding and truth are hallmarks for all religions coming to respect and co-exist with each other. Dr. Hayat's presentation presents a wonderful opportunity to move towards that aspiration.

#### Zoom link for Summer Speaker Series:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURYWURLNmkwd0EzV0VH V1IyQT09

Meeting ID: 846 9147 6997 | Passcode: 181565 Dial in (312) 626-6799

Contact Richard Scherrer: 90fivetpr@gmail.com

## **A Stroll and a Sweet**

Sunday, August 8 | 3:00pm | Tower Grove Park and Cherokee Street Carpool from church at 2:30pm or meet us outside the Piper Palm House at 3pm. We will take a stroll through Tower Grove Park https://www.towergrovepark.org/ then head over to enjoy a bit of Cherokee Street—including Diana's Bakery at

### 2843 Cherokee St, St. Louis, MO 63118 The Crazy Things that Happen on Friday the 13th! Youth Event

Friday, August 13 | 6:00 – 9:00pm

Calling all Middle school and Senior high's for a night of games and pizza as we discover The Crazy Things that Happen on Friday the 13th! This non scary night will prove to be a lot of fun! All youth moving up to Middle school are encouraged to come. Friday, August 13, 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Meet us in fellowship hall with masks required. Weather permitting we will have our pizza dinner outside. Contact Barb Kuhlmann: barbk@parkwayucc.org

## **PUCC Inquirers**

Thursday, August 19 | 7:00 - 8:15pm | Heritage Room and on Zoom Inquirer: someone who wants to know more ... about Parkway UCC The next PARKWAY UCC Inquirers' Gathering will be in the Heritage Room and on Zoom. Our goals that evening include:

- getting to know one another a bit more
- discussing some key issues of faith
- describing Parkway's worship, outreach, education, leadership, fellowship
- taking a look at our denomination, the United Church of Christ
- sharing ideas about the exciting future of Parkway UCC
- soliciting your thoughts on how we can be a more welcoming and inviting community of faith
- answering any of your questions

You will find our time together meaningful and informative.

Some churches call this sort of gathering a New Members Class—we do not. While we do know that there are a number of people who have expressed interest in becoming formal members of the church, we do not assume that Inquirers are seeking membership. We just want to be hospitable, get to know you and have the chance to express gratitude for your presence among us.

Please wear a mask to keep everyone safe.

### Zoom connection details:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86373002141?pwd=RXJqUkw5V3ZhUXg3djZte EdNOGg5UT09

Meeting ID: 863 7300 2141; Passcode: 328559

Questions? Contact Kevin: kevin@parkwayucc.org | 314-872-9330

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Parkway UCC Historic Sanctuary

Sunday, August 22 | 10:00 am worship | 11:00 am—12:30 pm Sanctuary and Elm Lawn Cemetery tours | PUCC Historic Sanctuary lawn, 2840 N Ballas Rd, east side of Ballas Rd

On August 20, 1871, the building known today as the Historic Sanctuary of Parkway United Church of Christ was dedicated.

On Sunday, August 22, 2021, the 150th anniversary of this special day will be celebrated during the 10 am worship service. After the service, the Historic Sanctuary will be open for tours. Church volunteers will be available to provide background on the building. Members of the Elm Lawn Cemetery Board will also be providing tours of the cemetery located immediately behind the Historic Sanctuary.

In 1870, after 32 years of meeting in homes and in log cabin churches, the German congregation of Parkway UCC, known at that time as Zion

Evangelical Church, began plans to build a brick sanctuary. Under the leadership of Rev. J. G. Neuschmidt, the brick sanctuary, 35 by 60 ft was constructed for the sum of \$4,781.91 of which \$3400 was pledged before construction began. The bricks of the building were made exclusively of Missouri clay - dug, shaped and hand fired. The sanctuary was dedicated on August 20, 1871. With two wood burning stoves and rows of hitching posts out back, the small church served 34 people. Worship services inside the sanctuary were conducted in German.

Sources: 1982 Sanctuary Re-dedication, 1938 100th Anniversary booklet, 1988 150th Anniversary booklet

More info: Kim Livengood | kimclivengood@gmail.com

## **Parkway UCC Night at The Muny**

Friday, August 27 | 8:00 – 10:00pm | Muny Theater, Forest Park Join us for a night at the Muny to see the debut of *On Your Feet!* Discounted tickets are \$13.50 per person. No backstage tours available this year. Great new show and fun night for all.

Based on the inspiring true story of the queen of Latin pop, Gloria Estefan and her husband, Emilio, *On Your Feet!* is a universal sensation that shows what can happen when two people believe in their talent, music and one another. Their moving rags-to-riches story features some of the most chart-topping songs of the past quarter-century, including *Rhythm is Gonna Get You*, *1-2-3, Coming Out of the Dark* and the title hit, *Get On Your Feet*. With this Muny premiere, audiences will leave ready to *Conga!* 

RSVP to Dan Connors: connorsd@aol.com | (314) 651-0279

## St. Louis Pride event

St. Louis Pride event this year is being held downtown and Ballpark Village August 28 from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 29 from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is: **Pride is Alive!** 

Gateway ONA needs your help staffing the tent and greeting Pride attendees; sharing the message of welcome on behalf of the United Church of Christ in the greater St. Louis metropolitan area. *During each shift it is our hope that we will have present at least one authorized minister available to engage in conversation with those who come with questions of faith or other concerns.* 

Here is the link which will take you to the site to sign-up for a shift: https://bit.ly/3iG7BlH I hope you will come downtown and join us at this year's Pride Event: **Pride** 

is Alive.

Thank you. Lorin Cope, Convener, Gateway Open and Affirming Churches

## **Tuesday Evening Dialogue Summer Break until 8/24**

Our summer book is *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. This novel tells the mystical story of Santiago, a shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure. His journey teaches us about the essential wisdom of listening to our hearts, of recognizing opportunity and learning to read the

omens strewn along life's path, and, most importantly, to follow our dreams. Please read the first half of the book or up to page 100 for TED on August 24.

## **Coffee Makers Needed**

Starting October, or later, we will return to making coffee for social time before & after Sunday service. We are in need of 2-3 people willing to make coffee one Sunday/month. Please consider volunteering for a scheduled Sunday or to be a substitute. If we get enough volunteers it could mean coffee duty less than once a month!

Please contact Michelle Singer at michelle\_singer@ hotmail.com

## Crop Walk 2021

Sunday, October 24 | 4:30 check in | | 5:00pm walk | Eden Seminary: 475 E Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO 63119

The 2021 CROP HUNGER WALK will be a hybrid event. For those who feel safe gathering in person to walk together, we shall gather on Sunday, October 24 at Eden Seminary, 475 Lockwood Ave, in Webster Groves 63119--check in 4:30PM and Walk at 5:00PM. However, participants may also register for the Walk, and they may choose to walk wherever and whenever they wants or in small groups. For more details and to register, raise funds, and/or donate please go to:

https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/saintlouismo

Type in Parkway UCC where you may join the team or make a donation

The CROP CONCERT will follow the CROP Walk at 7:00PM in the Wehrli Chapel at Eden Seminary Covid Precautions will be in place.

Contact Sue Moellering: susieqslp@sbcglobal.net

## Walk to End Alzheimer's

Saturday, October 23 | 10:00am | The Enterprise Center The Walk to End Alzheimer's is scheduled for Sat. Oct. 23, 2021. The Greater Missouri Chapter is moving forward with plans to host the walk in person downtown at The Enterprise Center. They will continue to offer options to participate online and in your neighborhood for those who prefer to socially distance. It could be, as last year, and be everywhere: on every sidewalk, track and trail. COVID will again dictate. The Parkway team page: https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df\_id=47035&PROXY\_ID=667857&PRO XY\_TYPE=22&FR\_ID=14598

You can learn more by going to 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.

## Prayer List as of Wednesday, August 4, 2021

### Celebrations

All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far! In-person worship! The Olympics.

### Concerns

**Skip Larson**, Karen Nolte, Janet Prendergast and family - grieving and giving thanks for Ellie; private burial and memorial service at a later date https://www.schrader.com/obituary/eleanor-elizabeth-ellie-larson-nee-bengston

**Audrey & John Nourse** - as she recuperates from surgery to repair broken hip.

Dan & Kim, Ben/Henry/Davis Weas - Dan's cancer treatments. Joan and Larry Brannigan - continuing health concerns for Larry. Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie - diagnosed with stage 4 cancer (Tom's sis). Brian McCarter - blood clots affecting his entire left leg (Doris/David). Carlene Buenger - hospitalized to get infection cleared up (Connors). Val - surgery to stabilize fractures in her back (Jim Winkelmann's mom). Bob - continues to struggle with Parkinson's; has stopped taking meds. All impacted by Covid-19 - individuals, families, healthcare workers. If anyone needs support or if anyone vaccinated would like to be on the Care Team, please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-330-0629 The wildfires in the United States.

### Continuing

**Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack** - chronic health challenges. **Al & Cindy** - healing from car accident (Tarr).

Cherie & Mike Stolze - her health; her father's kidney disease.

Lori Connors - for strength, stamina through health challenges.

**Ruth Peace & Pinky Wilcoxen** - PUCC sisters with health challenges. **Bill Darland** - ongoing health issues.

Maria Hendrix and Denise Hein (Stifel).

Carolyn & Hank Kraichley - serious health challenges.

**Anthony** - multiple challenges as he lives his post-incarceration life. **Gary** - risky behaviors; seeking balance and stability.

**Grateful Tran** - half-way house, new skills, schizophrenia (Buretta). **The extended Eggebrecht Family** - healing and wholeness.

**Marthoma** - welcoming their new Achen - Rev Thomas Mathew.

## 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] Ellie Larson - Meramec Bluffs Care Center; 182 Ameren Way #663; Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-225-0416. [birthdate: March 2] John and Audrey Nourse - The Village at Cape Albeon 3300 Lake Bend Dr; St. Louis, MO 63088; 636-861-3200 [birthdates: Audrey - December 19; John - October 26] **Pearl Sellenriek** - Friendship Village Memory Care Division #1001; 15250 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: March 31] **Sue Houser** - Bethany Ctr for Rehab & Healing; 421 Ocala Dr - #209B; Nashville, TN 37211; 615-577-2049. [birthdate: July 8]

### **Other**

**Pres Biden, VP Harris, Congress,** all local, national, world leaders. **The "me too" Movement** - shining a light on sexual abuse. **All people who live with mental illness.** 

Individuals in all levels of leadership as they make decisions today. 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. Gun violence and other violence across the US and other lands. Conversations about the Death Penalty in the United States. Victims of Natural and Created Disasters around the world. Peace and Justice near and far.

Healing of relationships between the public and the police. US Military around the globe.

The people of politically unstable countries across the globe. Peace in the Mid-East.

### **St Louis Assn UCC Covenant Partner**

*Week ending August 1* - **Second Congregational UCC**, Memphis. Week ending August 8 - **St. John UCC**, Manchester; stjohnmanchester.org

All living creatures are sparks from the radiation of God's brilliance, emerging from God like the rays of the sun. ~Hildegard of Bingen Even After All this time The Sun never says to the Earth, "You owe me." Look What happens With a love like that, It lights the whole sky. ~Hafiz

It was in the third grade that my mother tucked a note into my lunchbox that read 'There is no sun out today, so let the sun shine in your heart'.

Big hefty words for a third grade mind to stew over -

but ones that adhered and clung to my way of thinking like a persistent weed. I never forgot those words, and they have served me well as a warm reminder tucked into my soul just as that note was tucked into my old plastic lunchbox on that rainy day, eons ago.

The sun is still there though oftentimes it can't be seen through the clouds... you can peer through them and believe, and you can rest easy in the faith that the sun has always been, and will forever beat earnestly within you as long as you have the courage to take another breath. ~G Boston

Evening Sun

Why does this light force me back to my childhood? I wore a vellow summer dress and the skirt made a perfect circle. Turning and turning until it flared to the limit was irresistible . . . . The grass and trees. my outstretched arms, and the skirt whirled in the ochre light of an early June evening. And I knew then that I would have to live. and go on living: what sorrow it was; and still what sorrow ignites but does not consume my heart. ~Jane Kenvon

The sun is a daily reminder that we too can rise again from the darkness, that we too can shine our own light. ~S. Ajna

A Haiku -The sun warms my face From a million miles away Brilliant precision

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

August 8, 2021

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Shaping Community

What is the Adese Fellowship? According to the website, adesefellowship.org, The Adese Fellowship is a catalytic experience for emerging entrepreneurs who renew the Church's mission to create a just world for all.

The Adese (from the Amharic language to renew, pronounced ah-deh-say) Fellowship is a year-long, ecumenical program that engages participants in self-discovery, theological reflection, and business development as they create enterprises that help their communities follow the way of Jesus and live into God's economy.

This groundbreaking fellowship maximizes the business acumen and entrepreneurial capacity of participants to launch scalable and sustainable ventures that counter systemic poverty.

Adese Fellows fashion a faithful approach to economics as they critique the dominant system and create another way. Participants apply to the program to advance a concept or early-stage venture, at the heart of which is the biblical call to bring good news to the poor. Adese Fellows reform and reinvigorate the church through their innovation.

Adese Fellows welcome and leverage difference. The cohort of participants are laity and clergy. They come from rural and urban locations and are different in age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and ability. What they share in common is a passion to engage at intersections, most especially faith and enterprise.

From peer learning to partnerships, the program is thoroughly collaborative. Adese Fellows confer with leaders in church, academy, and business to explore how the church can create social and economic value and how enterprise can create spiritual value. Along the way, fellows receive business coaching and expert counsel in the legal, financial, and human resource aspects of launching and growing an enterprise. Sponsored by the United Church of Christ Church Building & Loan Fund (CB&LF) and the United Church of Christ National Setting, the ecumenical program welcomes participants from all traditions who are committed to a just world for all.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying to be an Adese Fellow, check out their website at adesefellowship.org.