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### Purpose Statement

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.

## PARKWAY UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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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

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|------|--------------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| 8/15 | STAPPENBECK, Julie & Thad (23) | 8/20 | SIEBER, Jack & Peggy (55)    |
| 8/19 | WOLFF, Scott & Katy (21)       | 8/20 | WINKELMANN, Jim & Polly (27) |
| 8/20 | KLEIN, William & Pat (47)      |      |                              |

## Birthdays

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|------|----------------|------|---------------------|
| 8/15 | DWYER, Dottie  | 8/21 | MASTERSON, Nancy    |
| 8/15 | WATSON, Mary   | 8/21 | MAXEINER, Mary      |
| 8/16 | LARSON, Skip   | 8/21 | SCALION, Karen      |
| 8/19 | LANGTON, Gerre | 8/21 | SCHULENBURG, Cassie |
| 8/19 | TUPPER, Tom    |      |                     |



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

Sunday, August 15, 2021 | 10:00am

## Meditation

*You must give birth to your images. They are the future waiting to be born. Fear not the strangeness you feel. The future must enter you long before it happens. Just wait for the birth, for the hour of new clarity.*

~Rainer Maria Rilke

## Welcome

Let us know you are here!

## Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

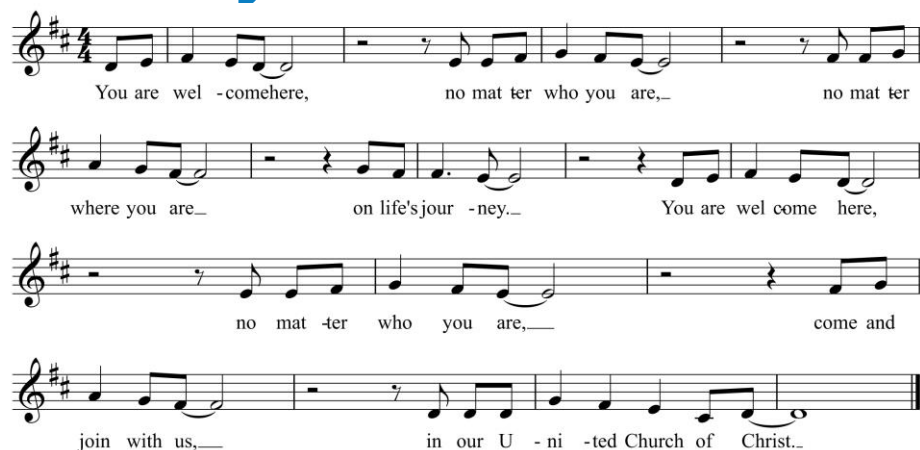
(We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

## Prelude

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

## Welcome Song

*You Are Welcome Here*



## Scripture

Ephesians 5:15-20 (CEB – Common English Bible)

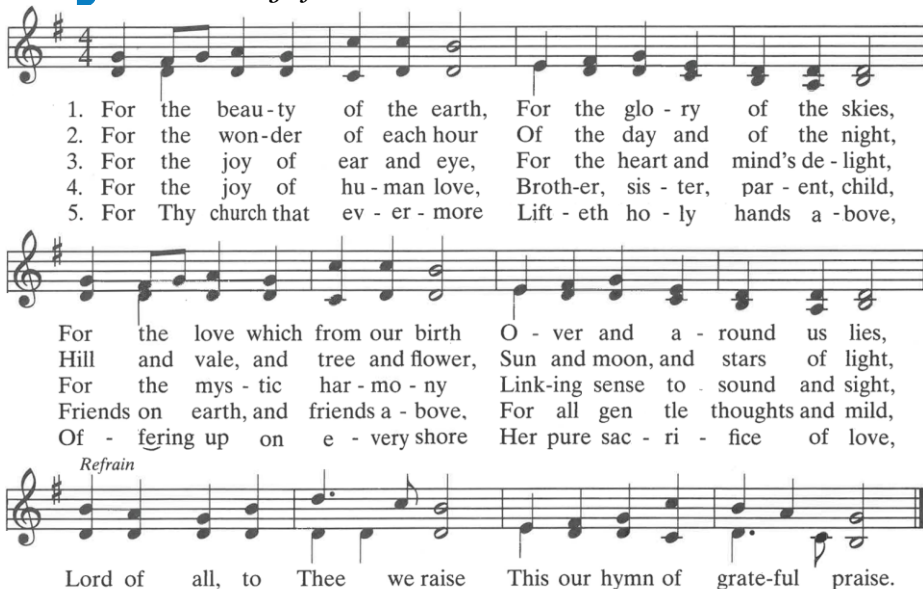
So be careful to live your life wisely, not foolishly. Take advantage of every opportunity because these are evil times. Because of this, don't be ignorant, but understand the Lord's will. Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, be filled with the Spirit in the following ways: speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; always give thanks to God for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## \*Call to Worship *Gather Us In*

One:	Here in this place new light is streaming. Now is the darkness vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Many:	<b>Gather us in, the lost and forsaken. Gather us in, the blind and the lame. Call to us now and we shall awaken. We shall arise at the sound of our name.</b>
One:	We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Many:	<b>Gather us in, the rich and the haughty. Gather us in, the proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so lowly. Give us the courage to enter the song.</b>
One:	Not in the dark of buildings confining. Not in some heaven light years away. But here in this place the new light is shining. Now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Many:	<b>Gather us in and hold us forever. Gather us in and make us your own. Nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.</b>
All:	<b>Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.</b>

## \*Song *For the Beauty of the Earth*



1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,  
 2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 5. For Thy church that ev-er-more Lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
 Of-fering up on e-very shore Her pure sac-ri-fice of love,

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.



## **\*Opening Prayer** *UCC Statement of Faith*

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. 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** *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

**Jesus loves the little children,**

**All the children of the world.**

**Every child in every land,**

**Jesus holds them by the hand.**

**Jesus loves the little children of the world.**



## Scripture Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV – New Revised Standard Version)

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Moment of Silent Reflection

**Sermon** *A Place for Each, a Place for All*—Mary Nelson

## Call to Prayer *Sanctuary*



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
Lord, pre - pare me to be your lov - ing e - cho, kind and  
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a  
gen - tle, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a  
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.  
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

## Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

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

**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

Now thank we all our God - with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this earth rejoices;  
who, from our parents' arms, hath blessed us on our way - with  
countless gifts of love that we might share today. Amen.

## \*Song of Parting *Go Now in Peace*



Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of



God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

## \*Benediction

## \*God's Light Goes Forth

### Music for Going Forth

### Announcements

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Rev. Mary Nelson is the Transitional Conference Minister of our Missouri Mid-South Conference. Before joining us in May of 2021, she was the South Central Regional Minister for the Connecticut/Southern New England Conference. Mary is originally from Des Moines, IA. She earned her BA at Grinnell College, and her MDiv at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Mary served for six years as pastor of the Malletts Bay Congregational Church, UCC, in Colchester, VT. She has been an instrumental leader in the 2030 Clergy Network and a UCC Presidential Fellow, and she co-chaired the Giving Task Force with the UCC's national Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship, writing policy that transformed fundraising procedures across the denomination. She joined the Board of Trustees of Chicago Theological Seminary in 2019, and is currently serving on their Presidential Search Committee. She splits her time between South Hadley, MA and St. Louis.

Please plan to be part of our Speaker Series today at 11:15am in the Heritage Room and on Zoom as Mary will be our facilitator.



# Announcements

## **TODAY: Speaker Series with Mary Nelson**

Sunday, August 15 | 11:15am | in-person and Zoom

This is an opportunity to get to know her better via a worship debrief and a state of MMS and wider church conversation.

Rev. Nelson is a lifelong UCCer and comes to us with a wealth of experience in various settings across the United Church of Christ. Most recently, she served for seven years as a Regional Minister (ACM) in the Connecticut/Southern New England Conference.

Rev. Nelson is originally from Des Moines. She earned her BA at Grinnell College, and her MDiv at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

### **Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURYWURLNmkwD0EzV0VHVllyQT09>

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

## **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=RXJqUkw5V3ZhUXg3djZteEdNOGg5UT09>

**Meeting ID:** 863 7300 2141; **Passcode:** 328559

**Questions?** Contact Kevin: [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto: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 | PUCCH 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 1885 a 686 pound bell with hangings and hammer was purchased for \$177.25 and a tradition was begun that continues to this day. The bell rang three times as the Lord's Prayer was recited during worship so farmers in the field, unable to abandon work to attend church, could stop and pray with the congregation.

There is more to the story of this historic building. Join us on Sunday, August 22nd to learn "the rest of the story!"

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

More info: Kim Livengood | [kimlivengood@gmail.com](mailto:kimlivengood@gmail.com)

**Back to Sunday School Extravaganza!** Sunday, August 22  
Back to Sunday School Extravaganza! Sunday, August 22 during the Sunday School Hour. For youth and Children to cross the bridge and move up to the new grade. Lots of fun things planned as we get back together! Carnival games, crafts and much more! Plan on being with us with masks on!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

<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](mailto: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&PROXY\\_TYPE=22&FR\\_ID=14598](https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=47035&PROXY_ID=667857&PROXY_TYPE=22&FR_ID=14598)

You can learn more by going to [www.alz.org/help-support/resources](http://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](http://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](http://alz.org) and/or contact PUCC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at [joyceruiz7@gmail.com](mailto:joyceruiz7@gmail.com).

## Minnie Remembers by Donna Swanson

God, my hands are old. I've never said that out loud before, but they are. I was so proud of them once. They were soft like the velvet smoothness of a firm, ripe peach. Now the softness is more like worn-out sheets or withered leaves. When did these slender, graceful hands become gnarled, shrunk claws? When, God? They lie here in my lap, naked reminders of this body that has served me too well.

How long has it been since someone touched me? Twenty years? Twenty years I've been a widow; Respected. Smiled at. But never touched. Never held so close that loneliness was blotted out. I remember how my mother used to hold me, God. When I was hurt in spirit or in flesh, she would gather me close, stroke my silky hair and caress my back with her warm hands.

O God, I'm so lonely!

I remember the first boy who ever kissed me. We were both so new at that. The taste of young lips and popcorn, the feeling inside of mysteries to come. I remember Hank and the babies. How else can I remember them but together? Out of the fumbling, awkward attempts of new lovers came the babies. And as they grew, so did our love. And God, Hank didn't seem to mind if my body thickened and faded a little. He still loved it and touched it. and we didn't mind if we were no longer beautiful. And the children hugged me a lot.

O God, I'm lonely.

God, why didn't we raise the kids to be silly and affectionate as well as dignified and proper? You see, they do their duty. They drive up in their fine cars. They come to my room and pay their respects. They chatter brightly and reminisce. But they don't touch me. They call me "Mom" or "Mother" or "Grandma". Never Minnie. My mother called me Minnie. So did my friends. Hank called me Minnie, too. But they're gone now, and so is Minnie. Only Grandma is here.

And God, she's lonely!



**Use of Sense** by Kenneth Samuel, UCC pastor – *Stone Mountain, Georgia*

*Take notice, you senseless ones among the people. Does he who fashioned the ear not hear? Does he who formed the eye not see? - Psalm 94:8-9 (NIV)*

My favorite superhero is Spiderman. One of the things I like most about Spiderman is his spider-sense. Originating as a tingling feeling in the back of his skull, spider-sense gives Spiderman the amazing ability to sense imminent danger, and thereby take preemptive action to avoid or rectify calamity. Even under normal conditions, spider-sense enables Spiderman to navigate darkened rooms, instinctively avoiding obstacles and hazards.

Spiders themselves are equipped with amazing sensory organs. They sense the slightest movement or vibration through hairs and tiny slits distributed over much of their body. A spider's sensitivity to threat and danger is finely tuned.

But we don't have to be superheroes or spiders to sense when something is wrong. God created us with sensitive capabilities to notice and to have insight; to pay attention and to listen; to react and to be proactive. Much of the peril in which we find ourselves is due to our lack of sensitivity to what is imminently looming in our very presence.

We often ignore the signs of danger along the road of our pursuits. We preoccupy ourselves with business as usual while we fail to pay attention to the handwriting on the wall.

The crying of an infant is a sign that something is not right. But in certain impoverished countries, suffering infants stop crying and suffer in silence, because they sense that no one around them has the capability or the sensitivity to relieve their suffering.

Our greatest human tragedy may well be the numbing of our God-given sensitivities.

*Prayer: God, let me notice through your eyes. Let me pay attention through your ears. Let me love with your heart. Amen.*

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This was one of our UCC's God is Still Speaking Daily Devotionals earlier this month. Check them out here – <https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>

The Daily Devotional is a spiritually deep and refreshing well, to which thousands of readers are drawn each day. You can search for past devotions by topic or author.

You may even want to sign up to receive your complimentary devotion via email each day. Please consider sharing them with family and friends.



# Prayer List

as of Wednesday, August 11, 2021

## Celebrations

**All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far!**  
**All students, families, teachers, staff, admins gearing up!**  
**Collegians starting/returning this week and next week.**  
**Charlotte Smith** - great-grandsons Owen and Felix born 8/10!

## Concerns

**Audrey & John Nourse** - as she receives hospice care at Mo-Bap.  
**Dan & Kim, Ben/Henry/Davis Weas** - Dan's cancer treatments.  
**Polly Rutherford and family** - preparing for her mother's memorial service here on August 21 at 2pm; visitation at 1:30pm. *You are invited.*  
<https://www.schrader.com/obituary/bea-dot-peck-nee-smallwood>  
**Mike** - hospitalized with Covid and pneumonia (McKenzie).  
**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](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org); 314-330-0629  
**The wildfires in the United States.**

## Continuing

**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>  
**Joan and Larry Brannigan** - continuing health concerns for Larry.  
**Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie** - diagnosed with stage 4 cancer (Tom's sis).  
**Val** - surgery to stabilize fractures in her back (Jim Winkelmann's mom).  
**Bob** - continues to struggle with Parkinson's but is doing a bit better.  
**Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack** - chronic health challenges.  
**Cherie & Mike Stolze** - her health; her father's kidney disease.  
**Lori Connors** - for strength, stamina through health challenges.  
**Ruth Peace & Pinky Wilcoxon** - 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]

**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 15* - **St. Johns Evangelical UCC**, Mehlville; stjucc.org

*Week ending August 22* - **St John’s UCC**, Chesterfield; stjohsuccchesterfield.org



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

August 15, 2021

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

*Wisdom Quest*

Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21). Faith and finance are inextricably bound together. Faith entails values, and those values call for embodiment in all areas of life. How we mobilize financial resources in the spending and making of money is one reflection of how our values are expressed and put into action.

This perspective is the basis for the Pension Boards-United Church of Christ’s new publication: *Generations: A Journal of Faith and Finance*, an online magazine that explores the places in our economic lives where our faith values meet our financial obligations and opportunities.

Generations features articles and commentary on socially responsible investing, the faith dimensions of economic and global issues, interfaith perspectives, church finance and stewardship work, issues related to personal debt, and more. Writers come from the worlds of both church—within and beyond the United Church of Christ—and finance.

In the first issue, Deenabandhu Manchala, Area Executive for Southern Asia, Wider Church Ministries, UCC, reports on anti-human trafficking efforts during a pandemic: “... while hurrying the world onto a frightening path towards an unknown future, [the pandemic] has also exposed more clearly our world’s existing systemic greed, sharp economic disparities, war economies, continued environmental destruction, and dehumanization of vulnerable people.”

Timothy Smith, former Executive Director of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, looks at the UCC’s involvement in socially responsible investing, in “The UCC: A Force for Change 50 Years Later.” And in a provocative article, former UCC General Minister and President, John Thomas asks, “What does it mean to be religious but not spiritual?” and explores the limits of the “dutiful Christian.”

Read *Generations: A Journal of Faith and Finance* at [www.pbucc.org](http://www.pbucc.org). The most recent issue—with the theme “Thinking Globally, Acting Locally,” was released in May of this year.