

World Communion Sunday





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Limitless Love | Courageous Action | Spirited Inquiry

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.

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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.

Today's flowers: Sue Moellering to honor her sister Jane and seventeen-year-old Sita, her guide dog.

[Sign up for flower donations on the poster in The Gathering Space. If you wish to remember a loved one or honor someone please make a note. The cost is \$30.00 and please place a check on the offering plate. A Sanctuary Team member will purchase and arrange for you.

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

10/6 SCHULENBURG, Bill & Suzy (42)

Birthdays

10/3	HILGEMAN, Kathy	10/8	SPERRY, Brenda
10/4	CAMERON, Iris	10/9	HASLER, Daniel
10/6	DEGROOTE, Steve	10/9	HASLER, Eve
10/6	RUTHERFORD, Alicia	10/9	MCKENZIE, Kris
10/7	LYONS, Brad	10/9	RUZICKA, Michael
10/8	BIEST, Scott		

19th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, October 3, 2021 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation

“Jesus was far more relational than he was theological.” ~John Pavlovitz

Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

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

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus / Beautiful Savior*

Based on The Crusader’s Hymn, arr. Albert Beck

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Scripture Genesis 12:1-3 (NRSV – New Revised Standard Version)

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 136)

One:	How precious is your steadfast love, O Divine One!
Many:	All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
One:	They <u>all</u> feast on the abundance of your house
Many:	And you give them drink from your river of delights.
One:	For with you is the fountain of life.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

*Song *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - der - ing. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

*Opening Prayer

Gracious and Holy One, as we gather here in this place, people of faith all over the world are gathering at different hours of the day, all looking to you, all giving thanks for your grace, as the world turns toward the sun.

We give you thanks that we gather in the midst of such a great congregation, and pray that you will draw us out of ourselves and into that wide river of praise during these moments here.

We join in praying in the strong name of Jesus. 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 are invited to Room 12 (Lower Level) and Youth to Room 15 (Lower Level) following this Children's Time. We will also be on Zoom for those at home. We continue to require masks for all.

Blessing the Children *Where Children Belong*



This, this is where chil - dren be - long, wel - comed as part of the



wor - ship - ing throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and



cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil - dren be - long.

Offering Our Gifts to God *Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)*

Latin, Traditional Canon | Sung by The First Sunday Choir

***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** Thom Shuman

As we offer our gifts to you, Holy One, may we remember those who are forgotten by us too many times—the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable—yet are important citizens in your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Galatians 2:11-14

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

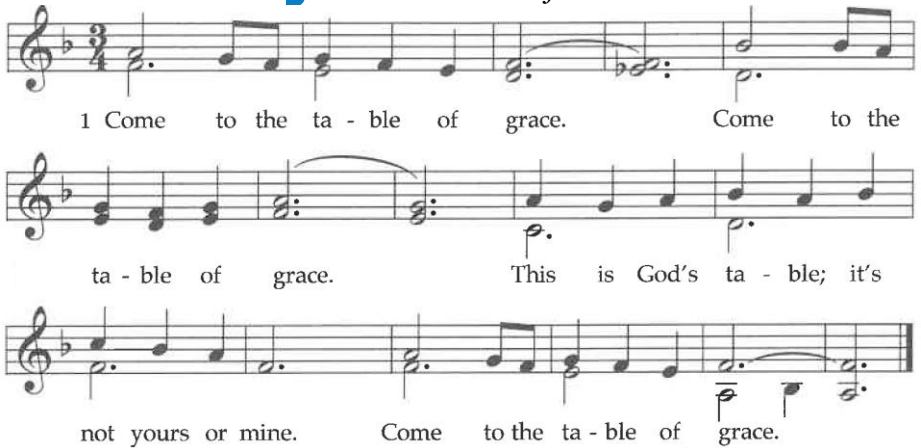
Special Music

Out beyond your own front door lies the banquet you've been waiting for spread for you because it's spread for all among the quirky and the odd that Jesus called the realm of God.

Sermon

Invitation to the Communion Table We invite *all* to this **open table**. All accepted—no exceptions—as we commit ourselves to limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry.

Communion Song *Come to the Table of Grace*



1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the
ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's
not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

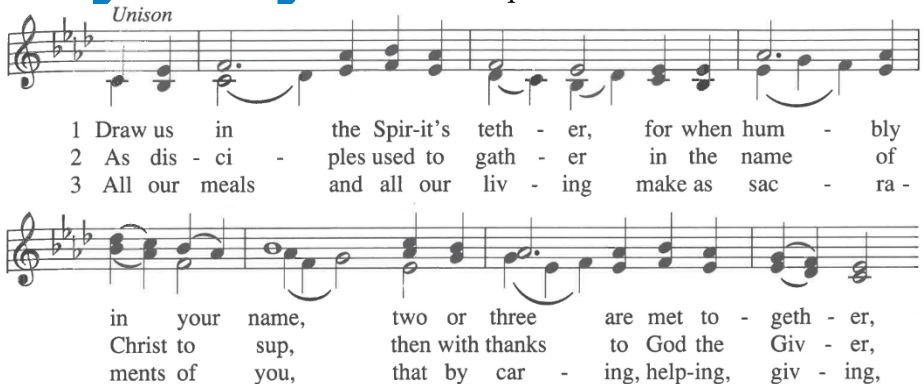
Our [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

*Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine/Juice

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song of Parting *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*



Unison

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -
in your name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Giv - er,
ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them; Al-le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al-le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al-le - lu - ia!

Al-le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al-le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al-le - lu - ia! We may serve with faith a - new.

*Benediction

*Postlude *Organ Improvisations on Abbot's Leigh*—Cyril Taylor, 1941

We are delighted to have Rev Dr Christopher Grundy as our guest worship leader today. Thank you to PUCCers Val Detjen, Marsha Peek and Richard Scherrer for their worship leadership today as well.

Christopher is the Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship and the Associate Dean of the Chapel at Eden Seminary, our UCC Seminary in Webster Groves. He has been faculty there since 2004.

Christopher's teaching asks students to take God's activity seriously. In preaching classes, he urges preachers to enter the pulpit with a combined sense of humility and collaboration, knowing that preacher, listeners, and the Holy Spirit will all be active helping to discern the meanings of scripture for today. In worship classes, he similarly emphasizes our collaborative work with God and the gathered community.

"Many students come to my classes with an uncertainty or even wariness about what, if anything, God is doing during worship, or during a sermon. One of my main goals is to help open up that possibility in a way that calls forth an openness to the Spirit and a creative, cooperative impulse." Christopher's teaching also focuses on the role worship has in forming, reforming, healing, freeing, and calling us out for the sake of God's larger project in the world.

His research currently focuses on the ways that we are formed by sacramental participation, particularly in relation to issues of power and violence. He has published essays and sermons for *The Chicago Theological Seminary Register*, *The Journal of Religion and Abuse*, *Homily Service*, and *Liturgy*.

Christopher is ordained in the United Church of Christ, and served congregations in Iowa and Kansas. He has also been writing, recording, and performing music for local, regional, and national church gatherings for over two decades. His music is included in the United Church of Christ songbook "Sing! Prayer and Praise."

Christopher and Carla live at the edge of Eden's campus with their three sons: Ross, Liam and Gabe.

Announcements

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue October 5

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 1:45 Fellowship | 2:00pm book discussion | via ZOOM

Please join us as we begin a new book, *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*, a novel by Christy Lefteri. It is a story about the refugee experience, full of hope and very timely as we welcome immigrants into our city and nation. We will meet and discuss on October 5th, 19th, and November 2nd. Each meeting will cover about 100 pages, first through page 100, next pages 101-206, and lastly page 207 until the end. Fellowship starts at 1:45; and book discussion starts at 2.

Video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83670617428?pwd=bUxPZEdDMlU4ay9oNndTWW4yZUYwUT09>

Join by phone: 312 626 6799 | **Meeting ID:** 836 7061 7428 | **Passcode:** 480007

Welcoming New Members Sunday, October 10

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, new opportunities.

It is with joy and gratitude that we will welcome new members into our worship, work and witness on Sunday, October 10 during our 10am In-Person and Facebook Live worship service.

If you are interested, please contact kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330.

Tuesday Evening Dialogue October 12

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 6:45pm social time | 7:00pm Book discussion | via Zoom

Jesus and John Wayne has been reviewed as a sweeping, revisionist history of the last seventy-five years of white evangelicalism, revealing how evangelicals have worked to replace the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism. A reexamination of perhaps the most influential subculture in this country, this author discusses how far from adhering to biblical principles, modern white evangelicals have remade their faith, with enduring consequences for all Americans.

Video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86172300024?pwd=bFdGQ0xKRHFGTnZXM0kyRC9FdDZGQT09>;

Meeting ID: 861 7230 0024 | (312) 626 6799 US | **Passcode:** BookClub

Loving our Neighbors at Thanksgiving

We look forward to sharing Thanksgiving with loved ones near and far.

We will provide 200 1-pound bags/boxes of sugar for **Isaiah 58** families.

Please consider donating one or two or more bags/boxes through 7 November. Place your sugar in the marked box in the church entryway.

Circle of Concern is also gearing up for their big Thanksgiving Basket Program for 700 families. Just like last year, we are committing to supplying 150 boxes of food items that will go alongside a turkey, frozen pie, fresh fruit,

vegetables and a gift card from Aldi's. It would be helpful if your donation contained all eight items for the box, but all donations are appreciated. Items in each box: canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, canned fruit, chicken broth, boxed stuffing mix, jar of turkey or chicken gravy, cornbread muffin mix, boxed mashed potatoes. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity!

Candy! Candy!

Help us send Halloween treats to our college students! We like to let them know we are thinking about them. There is a container marked Halloween Candy inside the front door of the church!

Also, we are planning an event in place of our Annual Trunk or Treat this year. It will be a community Outside Halloween Adventure. Families will move with social distance and masks on around the church grounds. They will meet superheroes that will tell the children what their powers are and how they help people. We are asking for candy for this event as well. With all the uncertainty for kids again this year, we thought it was important to offer something for them at Halloween.

This event will be held on Sunday, October 24 from 5-6pm.

Thanks! Questions? Contact barbk@parkwayucc.org (314-872-9330)

The Parkway Speakers Series Presentations for Fall

Sundays | 11:15am | Heritage Room and ZOOM

October 10 and 17

The Twists and Turns of the Law of Divorce in Missouri by Judge Tom Frawley. Divorce is the death of a dream you thought was going to last. If you have some insights into the law and the process, you may be more helpful and effective in offering care and empathy.

November 14 and 21

Critical Race Theory by David Spener, Professor of Sociology at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas and an adjunct professor in the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin. He teaches Critical Race Theory, a body of scholarship and an academic movement that seeks to critically examine the intersection of race and US law. (Youth are encouraged to attend too).

December 5

The Fall of County Executive Steve Stenger by Winston Calvert. Winston is a senior member of the current St. Louis County Executive's office. He observed the downfall of Stenger as it unfolded, and will share his views and observations, some of which may not generally be known by the public.

These presentations are currently scheduled in the Heritage Room following worship, as well as on Zoom. Some are live, others are prerecorded.

Prerecorded presentations will be televised in the Heritage Room and on Parkway's YouTube channel. Watch for changes as our season moves along.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURYWURLNmkwD0EzV0VHVllyQT09> **Meeting ID:** 846 9147 6997 | **Passcode:** 181565 | **Dial** (312) 626-6799

Welcoming Afghans to St. Louis

The International Institute is grateful for the contributions from communities around St. Louis. They are overwhelmed by this generosity and currently need volunteers to help sort recent gifts from everyone. The Institute asks that future donations of goods not be dropped off at their location until September 9 to allow for sorting, organizing, and assessing future items most needed.

You can help by:

1. Signing up to volunteer for sorting current items. Shift times are listed on a link at www.iistl.org. Click on the Afghan SIVs banner for further information. The volunteer slots can be found at <https://iistl.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/>
2. Donating: Visa gift cards, gas cards, gift cards for Aldi's, Target, Schnucks, Walmart, Jay's International, and monetary gifts to the International Institute.
3. Continue saving household items as International Institute gears up for current and arriving Afghans. Items can be placed in the church lobby and marked for later delivery to the Institute.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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 at Eden - 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 want 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

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Saturday, October 23 | 9:00am | 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 outside the Enterprise Center. (Everything is outside.) 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

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 PUC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at joyceruiz7@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Wanted

Sat, Nov 20 | 8:00am | 3400 Park Ave

The PUC workday is scheduled. HFH is asking for 4 volunteers from our church. RSVP Tom McKenzie: mckenzie1947@att.net or 314-567-0429.

The work site is the 3400 block of Park Ave, just East of Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Please make any financial contributions to: Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis | 3830 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63118

PUC Mental Health Training – Bridges to Care

In honor and memory of Tyler Wessel and Gloria Wandless, we have applied and been accepted to participate in some mental health training with other churches in St Louis. The program is called *Bridges to Care and Recovery* hosted by The Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis. The goals of the training are to reduce the stigma of mental illness in faith-based communities by equipping congregations to talk about behavioral health issues and increasing congregation participants' understanding and acceptance of behavioral health through training and education; establish partnerships between area mental health professionals that enable congregations to better access care and treatment; and equip congregations with tools needed to develop wellness ministries and volunteer companions for long-term sustainability.

We are looking for 5-7 PUCers who would commit to this free training. This training is all virtual and runs from October - May... most months it is from 6-8pm on the third Thursday of the month beginning on October 21.

If you would like to know more about this important opportunity/responsibility, please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org

The Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis is a collaborative effort of providers, advocacy organizations, government leaders and community members dedicated to developing an accessible and coordinated system of behavioral healthcare throughout the eastern region of Missouri.

<http://bhnstl.org/bridges-to-care-and-recovery>

Celebrating Ruth Beckman Murray

September 11, 1936 – June 25, 2020

Please join us as we continue to grieve and give thanks for Ruth.

She was a remarkable person who was so nurturing, kind and committed to the health and wholeness of others. She knew how to love her neighbor! Her career as a nurse and nurse educator was such a fine fit.

We continue to treasure her and find inspiration in the way she lived.

“My greatest interest is people; I love to listen to all kinds of people, to share ideas, and feel comfortable with adults from a variety of cultures. I enjoy the outdoors – flowers, gardening, bird watching, hiking, travel. I enjoy stamp collecting. I ‘dabble’ in genealogy. I enjoy reading, especially spiritual and biographical. I like being useful.” - Ruth

Due to the ongoing challenges with COVID-19, we will not be able to gather in person to celebrate Ruth. We had hoped since her death from Covid in June 2020 that we would soon arrive at a time when conditions were more favorable for a memorial service.... but since that hasn't happened yet, we decided to pre-record her Memorial Service. It premiered on YouTube on Saturday, October 2 at 11am and is available anytime after that.

<https://youtu.be/aZli-n7Omno>

We give thanks for all of the ways that you and others have loved her. Ruth's relationships grounded her, encouraged her and filled her with joy.

A beloved scripture passage of Ruth's – Philippians 4:6,7

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Prayer List

as of Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Celebrations

Dana Schrenker and Nate Foreman - wedding here over the wkend.
New grandson for Julie and Mark Harms; 10th great-grandchild for Marion Pleis... *Finan Russell Harms*
Peggy and Mike Mohl - moving to Falls Church, VA to be closer to family.
All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far!

Concerns

Ruth Murray Memorial Service - <https://youtu.be/aZli-n7Omno>
Mike and Lisa Mason - as they celebrate the life of Mike's father.
Family and friends of Carol Aston - grieving and giving thanks.
Visitation - Friday, October 8th, 4-8pm at Schrader Funeral Home;
Memorial Service - Saturday, October 9th, 10am here at church;
Interment - Immediately at St. John UCC Cemetery, Manchester.
Jim and Polly Winkelmann - healing for her spinal stress fracture;
healing for his arm and shoulder after a fall - things are not healing well so he
will have surgery this Thursday to put in a metal plate. He is at Ascension
Living Sherbrooke Village for now - in the Lodge #310...
4005 Ripa Ave, St. Louis, MO 63125.
Mona Herberg - hospitalized all of last week; working on tx plan.
Dan & Kim, Ben/Henry/Davis Weas - Dan's cancer treatment.
John Pavlovitz - surgery Oct 1 to remove a brain tumor; long recovery.
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
Caregivers of all shapes and sizes.
People recovering from natural and human made disasters.

Continuing

Pat & Janet - his cancer diagnosis; radiation/chemo (Skip Larson SIL).
Cindy & Ralf and Andrew Wessel - grieving Tyler.
Skip Larson, Karen Nolte, Janet Prendergast - remembering Ellie.
Mary Maxeiner - healing after knee replacement surgery.
Joan and Larry Brannigan - continuing health concerns for Larry.
Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie - living with stage 4 cancer (Tom's sis).
Val - healing of fractures in her back (Jim Winkelmann's mom).
Bob - continues to struggle with Parkinson's.
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.
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.

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]

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

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]

Ruth Peace - 10379-D Forest Brooke Ln; StL MO 63146; 314-983-0253; meadletter222@gmail.com [birthdate: August 8]

Pearl Sellenriek - *Friendship Village Memory Care Division* #1001; 15250 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: March 31]

Pinky Wilcoxon - 10379-D Forest Brooke Ln; StL MO 63146; 314-983-0253; meadletter222@gmail.com [birthdate: April 7]

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 October 3 - **St Martin’s UCC**, Dittmer;

<https://www.stmartinsuccdittmer.com/>

Week ending October 10 - **St. Paul UCC** (Giles), St. Louis;

stpauluccstl.org

19th Sunday *after* Pentecost

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Mark 10:2-16

Enfolding Love

Neighbors in Need Offering/World Communion Sunday

What do a Houston teen community organizer working to increase the minimum wage, a migrant seeking sanctuary on the Mexican-Arizona border, and a houseless member of the LGBTQ community have in common? They are all being supported financially by grants from Neighbors in Need (NIN). These are just a few of the ways that your offering to NIN provides real, tangible support to church programs and projects.

-With a background in community organizing, Pastor Darnell Fennell of Just Love Church in Houston, Texas knows people don't have to sit still for economic injustice. He knows the wider UCC feels the same, as seen in statements such as a 2017 General Synod resolution, "A More Just Economy: \$15 Minimum Wage, Living Wages and Job Creation." So, he sought the NIN grant to introduce a couple dozen young people to local activists in the national Fight for \$15 wage campaign and involve them in learning by doing.

-The Shadow Rock UCC Sanctuary Action Team and the Rev. Ken Heintzelman, in an extension of the spirit and intent of their ministry of sanctuary in Phoenix, are in the process of establishing Hope Station Nogales, in Sonora, Mexico. Hope Station, which is funded in part by a \$10,000 grant from Neighbors in Need, is a place where people in transition who are deported from, but have family in, the U.S. can find a meal, safe lodging, and assistance.

-Peace Congregational United Church of Christ in Clemson, North Carolina is working side-by-side with other community members in the design and construction of a tiny house, a mobile residency for a person in the LGBTQ community who is no longer welcome at home. The \$20,000 project is possible with a \$10,000 grant from NIN.

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