



JESUS DOES.
How about you?



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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.

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Welcome to Parkway

Thank you for joining us this morning. If you are with us virtually, 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

3/13 MUCHNICK, Melanie & Todd (29)

Birthdays

3/15 MUELLER, Jean

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3/16 DELANNAY, Avery

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3/16 HAACK, Christopher

2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 13, 2022 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another, and feeling with the heart of another. ~unknown*

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 *Prayer*—Kreutzer, arr. Alexander Schreiner

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Introit *Kyrie* [Please follow the Cantor's directions.]

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

Christe Eleison **Christe Eleison**

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

Gathering at the Lenten Candles *Jesus Does. How about you?*

Scripture Luke 8:43-48 (New Revised Standard Version) Andy Lowenthal

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind Jesus and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, “Who touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.” But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.” When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

*Call to Worship

One: We come to receive all that God has to share with us this morning.

Many: We open our hearts to hear words of compassion –
so we can become more compassionate.

One: We open our ears that we might truly listen.

Many: We are eager to make deep connections with one
another.

One: God, make us ready to serve one another and you.

Many: We see Jesus at work and find ourselves equipped to do the same.

One: Lean on the Spirit as we are given the gifts and graces needed.

Many: We are here to find reassurance in several languages so we can express love to others.

All: Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** *Open Our Eyes #2086*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus, _____ to reach out and touch him, _____ and say that we love him. _____ O - pen our ears, Lord, _____ and help us to lis - ten. _____ O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus. _____".

O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je -

sus, _____ to reach out and touch him, _____ and

say that we love him. _____ O - pen our ears, Lord, _

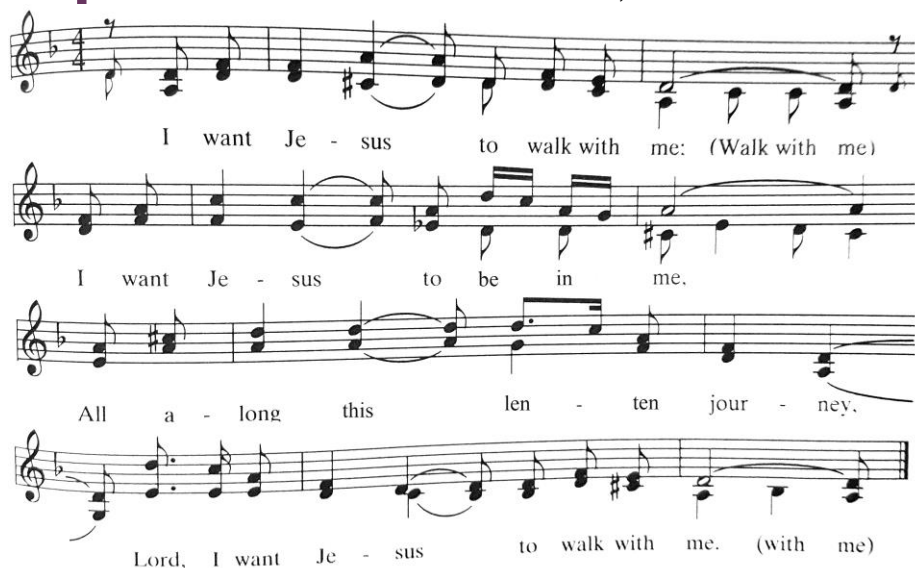
_____ and help us to lis - ten. _____ O - pen our

eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus. _____

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One, as we make this Lenten journey, we see what Jesus does—in order that we might do similar things. We can. We sense his power and we can exercise our own agency and make choices. We feel his empathy and we can bring more love into the world. We see him spend time apart from everything else and we can take time to step away and be still. We listen to his stories and can weave our stories together with people near and far. We watch him touch people and we can release our reassurance to others. We hear him speak up and we can be bold for ourselves and others. We sense his struggles and we can find our own courage and stamina. We receive his peace and we can become calm amid storms of every kind. Amen.

***Response** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me #363, v1*



The image shows a musical score for a song in 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics 'I want Je - sus to walk with me: (Walk with me)'. The second staff has 'I want Je - sus to be in me.'. The third staff has 'All a - long this len - ten jour - ney.'. The fourth staff has 'Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. (with me)'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many whole and half notes.

I want Je - sus to walk with me: (Walk with me)

I want Je - sus to be in me.

All a - long this len - ten jour - ney.

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. (with 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 *Jesus Loves Me*

**Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to God belong, They are weak but God is strong**

**Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me still today, Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give, Life and love to all who live**

Yes, Jesus loves me...

Scripture John 11:1-4, 17-21, 28-36 (NRSV - New Revised Standard Version)
Andy Lowenthal, Reader

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *You Are Mine*



1. — I will come to you in the si - lence, —

2. — I am hope for all who are hope-less, —

3. — I am strength for all the de - spair-ing, —

4. I am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from — all your fear.

I am eyes for all who long to see. In the

heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.

am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be

shad-ows of the night, I will be your light,

All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and

I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain, stand



still and know I am here. _____

come and rest in

all will know my

up, now walk, and

2-4 *Refrain*

me. _____
 name. _____
 live! _____

Do not be a-fraid, I am
 with you. I have called you each by name.
 Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I
 love you and you are mine. _____

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.]

Song *Christ of the Upward Way* #344

1. Christ of the up-ward way, My guide di-vine,
 2. Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will,
 3. Christ of the up-ward way, My guide di-vine,

Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;
 That with-out fault or fear I may ful-fill
 Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;

And move and march wher-ev - er You have trod,
 Your pur - pose with a glad and ho - ly zest,
 And when Your last call comes se - rene and clear,
 Keep - ing face for - ward up the hill of God.
 Like one who would not bring less than the best.
 Calm may my an - swer be, "Lord, I am here."

Mission Moment 2nd Mile Lent/Easter

Heifer Project | Lydia's House | Unleashing Potential | Eden Seminary

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offering Anthem *A Carol for Lent*—Mary E. Caldwell

Offered by the Sanctuary Choir

The fragrance of lilies, the clean scent of pine,
 The olive tree tipped with the moon's silvery shine,
 And the palling of starlight that heralds the day,
 As Jesus knelt in the garden in anguish and sorrow, to pray.

Now often at night, slender lilies so fair
 Will whisper of when our dear Master was there.
 And the gnarled old olive trees murmuring, say,
 "Remember who came to this garden in anguish and sorrow, to pray,
 in anguish and sorrow, to pray."

*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

Generous and hospitable God, you ask us to love. This offering is one expression of our commitment to do that. Help us find patience and creativity as we love our neighbors—all of them... including the ones who don't look like us, think like us, love like us, speak like us, pray like us, vote like us. No exceptions. Amen.

*Song of Parting *God of the Nations (This is My Song)*



1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3. This is my prayer, O Rul - er of all na-tions:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
but oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
In peace may all earth's peo - ple draw to - geth - er,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat-ing
O hear my song, thou God of all the na-tions,
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na-tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth

Postlude *Hymn of Faith—C. W. Gluck, arr. Alexander Schreiner*

Announcements

TODAY! March 13: Speaker Series

Select Sundays | 11:15am | Heritage Room & Zoom

The Conductor: timekeeper, herder, tastemaker, cheerleader and scold by David Peek.

Conductors serve as messengers for the composer. It is their responsibility to understand the music and convey it through gesture so transparently that the musicians in the orchestra understand it perfectly. Those musicians can then transmit a unified vision of the music out to the audience. Easily said, but how does that really work? David Peek knows and he will share his secrets as to how he so deftly conducts the Town & Country Symphony.

Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 8469147 6997 | **Passcode:** 181565 | **Dial** (312) 626-6799

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue March 15

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

Please join Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD) for continued discussion on *No Cure for Being Human (And Other Truths I Need to Hear)* by Kate Bowler, Associate Professor at Duke Divinity School.

With dry wit and unflinching honesty, Kate Bowler grapples with her cancer diagnosis, her ambition, and her faith as she tries to come to terms with her limitations in a culture that says anything is possible. She finds that we need one another if we're going to tell the truth: Life is beautiful and terrible, full of hope and despair and everything in between—and there's no cure for being human.

From Changing Diapers to Changing the World:

Why Moms Make Great Advocates and How to Get Started

by Cynthia Changyit Levin

PUCer Cindy has cared deeply about global poverty and hunger even before becoming a parent. But mothering her own children toughened her resolve to stand up for her values and work to become a better world for all kids.

The Pre-Sale for Cindy's book is officially open! Visit her new website at www.changyit.com to pre-order autographed and inscribed paperback copies for \$20.00 (plus shipping) to be mailed out on March 8, 2022. You can even order for friends and she will write a personal inscription for them, too! Just note the names you'd like her to write when you complete the order.

It's been a long journey of learning and she is delighted to share the fruits of her labor with you at last.

Questions? Contact cynthia@changyit.com; changyit.com; Twitter: @ccylevin

Video Project Update and Request for Contributions

Parkway has now entered the 21st century with its new video system, which streams Sunday services and other programs. We've eliminated our previous patchwork system and its many frustrations. We've even relieved our pastor from camera operating duties! If you are Covid-concerned, shut in for other reasons, or a PUCC friend outside of St. Louis, you can now participate directly in worship and the life of our congregation.

We all owe thanks to the team headed by Kent Tallyn that selected the video system, helped install it (at significant savings to the church), and continues to refine it as the final components are installed. This system serves us today, and will also help Parkway better serve its members and friends and carry out its mission in the coming years.

This approximately \$30,000 project, which arose unexpectedly because of Covid-19, fell outside of our normal church budget. It is now about two-thirds funded. About half of the project was funded out of memorial funds (primarily the Ruth Murray fund), and we have received another \$2,650 in special gifts from members. We still need to cover final payments in the range of \$10,000, which will become due after audio enhancements are installed, hopefully in May.

Please consider making a contribution to help complete this project. Please designate your gift with the notation "video project." Thank you!

For those who may wish to donate stock, our new securities donation procedures are explained below.

Stock Donation Procedures

Parkway has been working for some time with United Church Funds, a UCC agency, which we are now using, instead of commercial brokers, for donations of stocks or other exchange-traded securities to the church.

If you wish to donate stocks to Parkway, you can do so by following these steps:

1. Send UCF (by email to info@ucfunds.org or by Fax to 332-219-8758) either a current account statement, or information about the stocks you wish to donate and the account in which it is held. Specify that you intend to make a donation to Parkway UCC, Town & Country, Missouri. UCF will review your information and contact you about the next steps.
2. Ask your broker or financial institution to transfer stocks to UCF using the information below:

BNYM/Pershing, LLC, DTC# 0443,

Account # N7M001442

Account name: United Church Funds, Inc.

For Further Credit To: (Parkway United Church of Christ / Account No. 381574)

3. Notify both UCF and Dawn Friedmann, Parkway's bookkeeper (dawn@parkwayucc.org) once you have requested the transfer. In this notice, you can specify any particular uses for the funds (e.g., the video project).

After this process is complete, your donated stocks will be immediately sold, and the proceeds will be deposited into Parkway's account at UCF. Because UCF is a non-profit and ministry of the UCC, it does not charge for its services, although an SEC fee and broker fee is applied at the time of sale. Your gift will be acknowledged in writing by PUCC. The amount of a charitable tax deduction is usually based on the average price of the security on the date of donation. Of course, you should consult your tax advisor regarding all tax issues including charitable deductions.

Questions? Contact Mark Sableman: 314-602-6103 | msableman@att.net or Dawn Friedman: 314-872-9330 | dawn@parkwayucc.org. Thank you for using this means of supporting Parkway's mission!

Alzheimer's News March 2022

Caregiver Support Tips: Consider a Daily Care Plan

If you are caring for someone living with Alzheimer's disease you might consider planning out a daily routine. This can be helpful for the person with Alzheimer's and the caregiver and family members. Having activities that are structured and pleasant can help improve their mood and reduce agitation.

You may need to continually explore, experiment and adjust. Keep the following things in mind:

- The person's likes, dislikes, strengths, abilities and interests.
- How the person used to structure their day.
- What times of day the person functions best.
- Ample time for meals, bathing and dressing.
- Consistent times for waking up and going to bed.

As Alzheimer's disease progresses, the abilities of a person living with dementia will change. Make sure to leave some flexibility for spontaneous activities. With creativity and problem-solving, you will be able to adapt your daily routine to support these changes.

When it comes to actually writing a plan, it's important to consider things like which activities work best and which don't. Did spontaneous activities create anxiety or confusion or were they enjoyable - then make adjustments accordingly. Balance is key. The person living with Alzheimer's needs a balance of activity and rest.

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/greatermissouri and/or contact PUCC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at joyceruiz7@gmail.com

Our Own Lenten Daily Devotion via Email

Our Lenten Theme this year is: JESUS DOES. How about you?

We are sending a brief email each day to help you along this journey.

These devotions rotate through seven categories –

Things Jesus did.

Things Jesus said.

Stories Jesus told.

Someone Jesus met.

Song lyrics about Jesus.

Names for Jesus.

Quotes about Jesus.

The first week brought us reflections on:

the blind beggar Bartimaues;

the Way-Truth-Life;

Jesus making breakfast for the disciples on the beach;

building bigger barns or sharing what we have;

'As the Pauper Waits for Plenty';

Jesus as *The Light of the World*;

the woman at the well;

quote from John Fugelsang about Jesus' identity;

Jesus' thoughts on worrying;

misplaced cash;

blessing kids and kids' blessings

We hope that one of these invited you to ponder, pray and share with others.

Please consider writing a brief devotion with a focus on one of the categories above.

Submissions and questions to kevin@parkwayucc.org

2nd Mile Lent & Easter 2022

Go the 2nd Mile with us!

We are pleased to announce that Parkway will again support four worthy organizations with its Second Mile Giving for Lent and Easter. We believe this blend of support will help Parkway create a local, national and international impact with its gifts. Please remember that Second Mile Giving is over and beyond the Operational Budget and donations will be divided evenly among the organizations listed below. Please be generous as these organizations need on our gifts in order to be more faithful and effective.

Lydia's House

Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence in St Louis by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children. The agency provides safe, confidentially-located furnished apartments for up to two years, assists women in creating and implementing goal plans that will help them live independently, and increases community awareness of domestic violence. For more information, please visit lydiashouse.org

UP—Unleashing Potential (formerly Neighborhood Houses)

For more than 100 years, Neighborhood Houses has loved children in St Louis. Currently, there are three main facets to their mission:

Early Childhood Education—Caroline Mission is a licensed and accredited Early Childhood facility operated by Neighborhood Houses. Our Mission is to provide quality affordable childcare for children from 6 weeks to 5 years of age. Caroline Mission is a “home away from home.”

Girls' Night Out: Neighborhood Houses and Parents as Teachers collaborated together in the design and execution of a program dedicated to supporting and assisting young mothers, ages 13-22. *Girls Night Out* is designed to promote healthy individuals and families.

After School Programs: Neighborhood Houses is the #1 provider of after school programming with the St Louis Public Schools ... fun & creative activities, homework assistance, character education, cultural awareness, health & fitness focus, arts & crafts, supervised recreation, and much more! For more information, please visit neighborhoodhouses.org

Heifer International

Heifer International does so much more than put food in the mouths of hungry people. Heifer helps people to feed themselves. The goal of every Heifer project is sustainability—project partners achieving self-reliance. And year after year, as partner families “pass on the gift” of knowledge and one or more of their animals' offspring to others in need, they become links in a network of hope, dignity and self-reliance that helps hundreds of others care for themselves. For more information, please visit heifer.org

Eden Seminary

Eden Theological Seminary is a graduate school preparing women and men for ordained Christian ministry. One of the six seminaries of the United Church of Christ, Eden is a community that seeks God's justice and peace in the world. Eden is welcoming, inclusive and ecumenically diverse.

Eden was established in 1850 at Marthasville, Missouri. It was established because a European education was not adequate to prepare pastors for Evangelical churches on the North American frontier. From its beginning, Eden has embodied an ecumenical spirit. Its first graduating class included six Evangelicals as well as a Methodist and a Mennonite.

Eden admitted its first African American student in 1933. In 1965, the late Joseph Cardinal Ritter of the Saint Louis Archdiocese became the first Roman Catholic Cardinal to address a graduating class in a Protestant seminary.

Today, students from many different denominations are engaged in theological education here. Eden remains committed to educating faithful and effective leaders for church and society. The seminary counts among its distinguished graduates Reinhold and H. Richard Niebuhr and Walter Brueggemann.

Eden Theological Seminary is committed to the study of theology in the context of the ecumenical Christian community and the contemporary interfaith world. For more information, please visit eden.edu.

Please be sure to clearly mark your 2nd Mile gifts throughout the season of Lent.

Lenten Word Search

G	Y	P	R	E	P	A	R	E	F	E	S	V	E
R	K	S	F	E	C	I	F	I	R	C	A	S	F
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ASHES
PENANCE
GOOD FRIDAY
GIVING
CROSS
FORTY
PREPARE
HOLY WEEK
FORGIVENESS
FISH
PRAYER
PURPLE
SACRIFICE
SEASON
FASTING
STATIONS

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1883690/>

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Celebrations

All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far.

Concerns

Barb Kuhlmann and family - at the death of her sister Becky.

Bart Coleman - attending close cousin's funeral in Arkansas.

Pat and Bill Owens - as she recuperates from hospital stay.

Matt Harris - healing from post-surgery complications (Barb's son).

Sally Boughman - continued issues with back pain.

Mark McKenzie - healing after recent heart surgery (Tom's brother).

Family and friends of **David Silverman** as they grieve and give thanks.

PUCC families who are grieving and giving thanks for their pets.

All impacted by Covid-19 - individuals, families, healthcare workers; If anyone needs help getting vax/booster or if anyone vaccinated would like to be on the Care Team, please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org

The war in Ukraine.

Continuing

Ellie Svenson - healing in STL after a mild stroke and ankle surgery.

Steve and Andrea Barnes - preparing for his surgery on elbows and wrists due to nerve damage from sarcoidosis.

Val Weber - 101st Birthday recently; strength and patience as she recuperates from a couple of mild strokes (Jim Winkelmann's mother).

Rogers Family - as Mike's mother Twila heals after a recent fall.

Dan & Kim, Ben/Henry/Davis Weas - Dan's cancer treatments.

Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack - chronic health challenges... Bill has begun the lengthy prep process for extensive back surgery.

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.

Lizzie - awaiting liver transplant (niece of Barb Kuhlmann).

Anthony - multiple challenges as he lives his post-incarceration life.

Gary - risky behaviors; seeking balance and stability.

Kevin Ceballos - sudden death of husband, Darryl Luffman (Schmelig).

Donna - healing (Dottie Dwyer's sister in Cape Girardeau).

Intertwine Interfaith Welcome Circle - Afghan family in St Louis.

Home/Care Facility/Rehab Center

Conrad Damsgaard - *Mason Pointe Care Ctr*; 13190 S. Outer 40 Rd; #1207; Town & Country, MO 63017; 636-236-9639 [birthdate: April 27]

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]

John Nourse *The Village at Cape Albeon*; 3300 Lake Bend Dr, #103; Valley Park, MO 63088 [birthdate: October 26]

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]

Gladys Sims - *Friendship Village - 15200 Village View Dr, #2418*; Chesterfield, MO 63017; 636-898-8873 [birthdate: July 4]

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

Dick Witte - Meramec Bluffs Assisted Living; 40 Meramec Trails Dr; Apt #104; Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-368-7324 [birthdate: March 25]

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.

Caregivers of all shapes and sizes.

Individuals in all levels of leadership as they make decisions today.

PUCC Family struggling with employment; healthcare costs and limits.

Our Missouri Mid-South Conference and St Louis Assn UCC

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.

Healing of relationships between the public and the police.

US Military around the globe.

Peace and Justice near and far.

St Louis Association UCC Covenant Partner

Week ending March 6 - Epiphany UCC, St Louis; epiphanyucc.org

Week ending March 13 - Peace UCC, Webster Groves; peaceuccstl.org

UCC Issues Appeal for Ukraine

Members of the United Church of Christ are joining the global community to respond to the events unfolding in Ukraine. We are praying for Ukraine, for peace and for the many displaced people now on the move. We give thanks for the host countries providing refuge and humanitarian aid.

And, we are adding our resources to ensure that all can have access to safety and shelter as the fighting escalates.

The UCC, through Global H.O.P.E. and Global Ministries, is collaborating with **Act Alliance** (actalliance.org) and the **Reformed Church of Hungary** to bring aid to Ukraine. RCH is responding to the situation in the war-torn country through its agency, Hungarian Reformed Church (<https://reformatus.hu/english/news/emergency-response-for-ukraine/>)

This group has been offering humanitarian assistance since Russian troops first attacked Ukraine on February 24. It's working with elderly and other vulnerable communities inside the country who have not been able to leave, including immigrants and migrant populations who are experiencing difficulties crossing into other European countries. HRCA is also working with refugees who are leaving the country.

We are particularly grateful the Reformed Church of Hungary is prioritizing care of vulnerable populations who are unable to leave Ukraine for multiple reasons. The elderly and other internally displaced persons have emerging needs requiring attention.”

Gifts to the **UCC Ukraine Emergency Appeal** provide shelter, food and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people. It also will help refugees and asylum seekers from African, Middle Eastern and other countries who had sought refuge in Ukraine and now are twice displaced, as well as other citizens of more than 125 countries living in Ukraine. <https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal>

The UCC's advocacy office in Washington, D.C., is encouraging people to urge the Biden administration to bolster support for Ukrainians by:

- Providing significant humanitarian assistance, both in terms of financial support and operational personnel.
- Rebuilding a robust, well-resourced refugee program that can effectively process refugees from a variety of regions across the globe, including Ukraine.
- Designating Ukraine for Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) or Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to protect Ukrainians already in the U.S.
- Granting Special Student Relief (SSR) to allow eligible students from Ukraine to remain in the U.S.

2nd Sunday in Lent

Luke 13:31-35

Strong and Tender

In today's passage, Jesus refers to himself as a mother hen, tenderly gathering the city he loved under his maternal wings. By making this strong statement of maternal love and care, the Holy One sees and describes Themselves as beyond gender.

In other ages, this was not so strange. The fourteenth century mystic Julian of Norwich often referred to Jesus with maternal images in her writings. **"So, Jesus Christ who sets good against evil is our real Mother,"* she wrote. *"We owe our being to him--and this is the essence of motherhood! --and all the delightful, loving protection which ever follows. God is as really our Mother as he is our Father."* Julian even compared the breast milk of a mother to the elements received in the sacrament of baptism: *"A mother can give her child milk to suck, but our dear mother Jesus can feed us with himself, and he does so most courteously and most tenderly with the holy sacrament, which is the precious food of life itself... The mother can lay the child tenderly to her breast, but our tender mother Jesus, he can familiarly lead us to his blessed breast through his sweet open side...."*

Julian did not invent this idea in the 1300s. She drew from a rich history of naming God in many, varied, gender-fluid ways. According to the UCC-produced 2007 pamphlet *"Expansive Language with Reference to God, Inclusive Language with Reference to God's People,"*** in the scriptures we can find God named as midwife, mother, mother bear, shepherd, woman, baker, eagle, hen, fire, wind, rock, water, light, bread, and vine among many others."

This question in the UCC brochure rings as relevant now as it did fifteen years ago: *"What is the right way to speak about God?"* And the answer is equally compelling. *"This is a question of unsurpassed importance, for speech to and about the mystery that surrounds human lives and the universe itself is a key activity of a community of faith. In that speech the symbol of God functions as the primary symbol of the whole religious system, the ultimate point of reference for understanding experience, life, and the world. Hence the way in which a faith community shapes language about God implicitly represents what it takes to be the highest good, the profoundest truth, the most appealing beauty. Such speaking, in turn, powerfully molds the corporate identity of the community and directs its praxis."*

May the many names of the God reveal "the highest good, the profoundest truth, and the most appealing beauty" to each and all of us.

*Revelations of Divine Love, Julian of Norwich

**<https://www.ucc.org/expansive-language-with-reference-to-god/>