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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.

Today's scripture reader: Cynthia Changyit Levin

Today's flowers: Sue Stohr

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

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Mental Health Support

24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK)

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911)

800-SUICIDE: 800-784-2433

24/7 Missouri Department of Mental Health 800-811-4760

Text 741741 and someone will text right back... www.crisistextline.org

Behavioral Health Network of Greater St Louis 314-449-6713

Anniversaries

7/22 CLIFFORD, Scott & Carol (22)

7/22 WADDELL, Brian & Sheila (22)

Birthdays

7/17 BROWN, Cynthia

7/21 MCLACHLIN, Judy

7/17 WESSEL, Cindy

7/21 WADDELL, Ty

7/18 BIONDO, Joe

7/23 BIEST, Kelly

7/18 DEGROOTE, Joan

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 17, 2022 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *The only way to change is to say yes to something else - the art of continual curiosity. When we embrace inquiry as a value, recognition of an obstacle or failure of an idea is greeted as success. We know that each new piece of information we receive reveals the next level of mastery. Because curiosity drives us forward, we ultimately have a practice of conscious kindness to ourselves. ~Cathy Madden*

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 *Two Preludes in F Major—arr. Carlo Rossini*

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *Gather Us In #2236, v1-2*



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
we are the old — who yearn for your face,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
called to be light to the whole hu-man race. _____
call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
now is the King-dom, now is the day. _____



Gath-er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in — the
Gath-er us in — the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in — the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in — all peo - ples to-geth-er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. _____
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

Scripture Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.”

And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.”

Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.”

Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

*Call to Worship

One: Come away from the things that disturb and distract you.

Many: **We want to set aside the things that don't seem to want to leave us alone.**

One: Come to find peace. Come for some fresh focus.

Many: We need to peel away the things that cover over that which is most important. We want to be available to the Spirit.

One: Come to clear the clutter that weighs you down.

Many: We want to detangle from the many expectations and layered demands that others have of us.

One: Come to let go. Come to be still and know that God is God.

Many: We need to trust the Holy more. We need to lean into the fact that God knows us better than we know ourselves.

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

***Song** Abraham and Sarah Journeyed to a New Country

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4 D (*Morning Has Broken*)

Abraham journeyed to a new country;

Sarah went with him, journeying too.

Slaves down in Egypt fled Pharaoh's army;

Ruth left the home and people she knew.

Mary and Joseph feared Herod's order;

Soldiers were coming! They had to flee.

Taking young Jesus, they crossed the border;

So was our Lord a young refugee.

Some heard the promise — God's hand would bless them!

Some fled from hunger, famine and pain.

Some left a place where others oppressed them;

All trusted God and started again.

Did they know hardship? Did they know danger?

Who shared a home or gave them some bread?

Who reached a hand to welcome the stranger?

Who saw their fear and gave hope instead?

God, our own families came here from far lands;

We have been strangers, "aliens" too.

May we reach out and offer a welcome

As we have all been welcomed by you.

***Opening Prayer**

Ever-present God, you call us to live out our faith in ways that bless our neighbors. We recognize that worship is an essential part of our faith journey. We believe that what we do here in worship shapes our daily witness to Jesus - whose disciples we profess to be. We know that our faith is most visible when we live by your kingdom values of love, hospitality, justice and peace. And so we pray that this worship experience will shape and reshape our hearts - and that our discipleship will be vibrant, risky and effective - today and in the week to come. 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.

Response *Go Ye, Go Ye, Into the World*—Natalie Sleeth (1979)

1.-3. Go ye, go ye in - to the world, and

{ make dis - ci - ples of all the na - tions.
take the gos - pel to all the peo - ple.
tell the sto - ry to all be - liev - ers. } Go ye, go ye

in - to the world, and I will be with you there!

Blessing the Children *Weave*

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

Scripture Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

Call to Prayer *Cares Chorus #2215*

I cast all my cares up-on you, I
lay all of my bur-dens down at your feet, and
an-y-time that I don't know what to do, I will
cast all my cares up-on you.

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.]

Offering Our Gifts to God

If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate on the communion table before the end of the closing hymn. There are also offering plates in the Gathering Space just outside the sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity.

Offering Interlude

*Response *Make Me A Servant #2176*

Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek, Lord, let me
lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my



*Prayer of Dedication Carol Penner

Ever-present God, we long to be faithful givers, modelling ourselves after Jesus who stopped at nothing to express his love. May your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we ask or imagine, grace these gifts for your kindom. Amen.

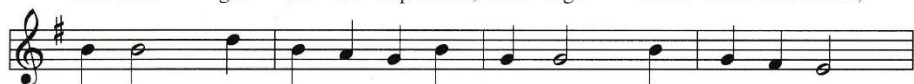
*Song of Parting Help Us Accept Each Other #358



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
3. Let Your ac - cep - tance change us, So that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,



Teach us as sis - ter, broth-er, Each per - son to em-brace.
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep-tance, For righ - teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be-lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
 To prac - tice Your ac - cep-tance Un - til we know by heart
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold-ing on:



We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
 To love them as we find them Or as they may be - come.
 The ta - ble of for - give-ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 Re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth Great Is the Lord! – Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith (1982)

Announcements

Today's Speaker Series:

Sunday, July 17 | 11:15am in the Heritage Room and on Zoom

Presented by Simona Charles, MSW, BBM

Simona Charles is a member of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, where she grew up. The reservation was created by President Rutherford Hayes late in the 19th Century and occupies parts of the states of Idaho and Nevada.

Ms. Charles now lives and works in the St. Louis area after obtaining a Masters in Social Work from the prestigious Brown School of Social Work at Washington University. Her presentation will focus on her experiences growing up on the reservation and her views of modern day life as a Native American living and working in the St. Louis Area community and culture.

July 24 Speaker Series: Annie's Hope—The Center for Grieving Kids

Sunday, July 24 | 11:15am in the Heritage Room and on Zoom

We have invited Annie's Hope to be with us after worship and Sunday School to gather with anyone who would like to continue grieving the death and celebrating the life of Barb Kuhlmann ... and/or anyone who wants to know more about grief and how you can be a more non-anxious, supportive presence to others in your life who are grieving. All ages are welcome! Annie's Hope (formerly The St. Louis Bereavement Center for Young People) provides comprehensive support services to children, teens and their families who are grieving a death. Annie's Hope serves humanity in a non-judgmental atmosphere filled with compassion and gratitude.

Attend All/Any Speaker Series on Zoom:

us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURYWURLNmkw0EzV0VHVlYyQT09

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

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

School is out, many supplies are used up, and children will be taller by the end of summer. Let's help school children be ready for next fall. Parkway UCC is asked to provide 300 2-pocket folders for the Isaiah 58 Back-to-School event on July 30. Underwear and socks for any ages, small children through adult sizes would be most appreciated. We are also invited to host a game, activity booth, or resource table.

Isaiah 58 serves our neighbors in the Choteau, Jefferson, Cherokee, and S. Kingshighway boundaries. As you are able, please consider donating 2-pocket folders, socks, and underwear and place in the designated box in the church lobby by July 29. Contact Evelyn Buretta: burettaevelyn@gmail.com

Parkway Inquirers

Inquirer: someone who wants to know more...about Parkway UCC
The next PARKWAY UCC Inquirers' Gathering will be on
Tuesday, July 19 from 6:30-7:45pm in the Heritage Room

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 you who have expressed interest in becoming 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.
[Free Childcare provided if requested by Sunday morning, July 17]

Outdoor Movie, S'mores and Optional Campout at PUCC!

Friday, July 22 | any time after 6:30pm | PUCC playground

Join us out back at church for Fun, Film and Optional Campout! We will have a fire and s'mores. We will show a family friendly film when it gets dark—yes, we will have the popcorn machine popping!

Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets. Some of us will pitch our tents and stay the night—continental breakfast provided.

The back playground is a perfect place to camp—close to home and great bathrooms. This is a great opportunity for inexperienced or rusty campers. If you would need to borrow a tent, please let us know. (If you have a tent to lend, please let us know!)

Rain date is the following Friday, July 29. Questions? kevin@parkwayucc.org

We love Special Olympics!

Saturday, August 6 | 12:00 - 3:00pm

Affton Athletic Association Fields, 10300 Gravois Road, Affton, Mo., 63123

We are looking for 3 more PUCCers to join Kevin and Dexter Cameron and Lauren Schneider for the 12-3pm afternoon volunteer shift at SOMO's East Regional Softball Tournament on Saturday, August 6, 2022. This event will be held at the Affton Athletic Association Fields, 10300 Gravois Road, Affton Mo. 63123. Upon arrival, please locate the volunteer check-in table where you be given a volunteer t-shirt and volunteer assignment. Thank you for helping make this day possible for our athletes and their families. Remember sunblock, a hat and a water bottle! kevin@parkwayucc.org

TED is on summer break until August 9. Even though we are not meeting until then you are welcome to join us as we read for our summer book selection entitled *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. It's a story about a boy, a small town and a murder in the summer of 1961. It has been described as an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God. Please read the first 150 pages for our next TED gathering/potluck on Aug 9.

TAD on Summer Break until August 16

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue is taking a break for the summer, but will resume on Zoom on Tuesday, August 16th, at 2:00pm. We'll begin discussing *One Long River of Song: Notes on Wonder*, by Brian Doyle. Borrowing from Amazon: From a "born storyteller" (Seattle Times), this playful and moving bestselling book of essays invites us into the miraculous and transcendent moments of everyday life." And, "Doyle often used his Catholicism to explore the human and natural worlds, but this is perhaps the most generous, universal 'religious writing' you'll ever read." Please join us in August.

Coming up this Summer and Fall:

Outdoor Free Summer Concert Friday, August 12 | Des Peres Park 7pm

Grizzlies Baseball Game Sunday, August 21 | Gametime is 5:45pm

Festival of Nations Sat & Sun August 27-28 | festivalofnationsstl.org/

Habitat Work Day Saturday, September 10 | mckenzie1947@att.net

Crop Walk Sun, Oct 2 | events.crophungerwalk.org2022/event/saintlouismo

Ponder and Pray on these:

Democracy is not something we have by divine right. It is a hard-won privilege granted to us by those who came before us and fought for it. These were people who knew the tyranny and injustice of oppressive masters who would deny ordinary people a voice and basic human rights, such as freedom of expression and association. But we forget that democracy requires an active, informed, and engaged citizenry that seeks the well-being of all, not just their gang, in order to thrive. ~Diane Kalen-Sukra

I refuse to denounce social media as a terrible evil that is plaguing young people today. Maybe because I sort of grew up on it and I think the Internet has enriched my life--I've made friends on social media, I've laughed until I've cried at a perfectly constructed tweet and I've learned more about gender, race, sexuality, class, and politics online than I have anywhere else.
~Lex Croucher

Kindness kindles kinship and kinship kindles a sense of community.
~Abhijit Naska

There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work toward the same goals. ~Idowu Koyenikan

Community makes us all. Secret society breaks us all. ~Abhi Raynott

Sustainability Seekers

Make Your Stuff Last Longer

Of the 3 R's, it seems we hear more about Reuse and Recycle, but what about the Reduce part? It gets the short end of the stick sometimes because most of us are ingrained consumers and getting more stuff is just what we do.

What if you could make everyday things just last longer so that you don't need to purchase them as frequently? You could save money and reduce your consumption which is healthy for the planet.

Gathered from around the web, here are some tips to make your stuff last longer and Reduce at the same time.

- **Clothing**—Use cold water to reduce dye loss (and fading) and save energy as well.
- **Jeans**—Wash them inside out so any dye lost goes back into the fabric, wash in cold water and air dry them as often as possible.
- **Mattress**—Use a mattress pad to protect the mattress and make sure to flip and rotate it regularly.
- **Cars**—perform regular maintenance including oil changes, air filter changes, keep tires inflated properly and occasionally wash and wax to protect the paint job.
- **Shoes**—untie them before taking them off, if they get wet let them dry out before wearing again and don't wear the same pair every single day. Rotate shoes for more even wear and longer life (like tires!).
- **Fridge and freezer**—vacuum the coils every few months for better efficiency and to make them last longer.
- **Water Bottles**—Reduce consumption of plastic water bottles by avoiding buying bottled water. Instead use your REUSABLE bottles.
- **Plastic and paper**—I know you've heard this often but REDUCE consumption of your plastic and paper bags by simply taking your own plastic bags to the store to use. They limited this with Covid, but most stores allow you to BYOB (bring your own bag) again now.

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Celebrations

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

Alison Yakel - moving to Seattle this week for the RN Residency.

Don Luedloff - celebrating his 90th Birthday next Monday 18th.

Concerns

Family and friends of Millicent Guerri - celebrating her life.

<https://www.schrader.com/obituary/millicent-guerri>

Linda Tossing – healing from recent thyroid gland surgery.

Jim Winkelmann - at DePaul Rehab Hospital after a recent stroke.

Grieving and giving thanks for Barb Kuhlmann -

<https://conta.cc/3QqJkQJ>; Memorial Service here 3pm on Sat, July 30.

Obituary - <https://www.boppchapel.com/obituaries/Barbara--Kuhlmann-?obId=25220626#/obituaryInfo>

Bill and Pat Owens - as Bill seeks healing after recent back surgery.

Bart Coleman - prep has begun for a heart procedure later this month.

Joan Biest – emergency surgery last week; back on track for radiation.

Josh - starting chemo; will need a bone marrow transplant (Tarr).

Sharon - variety of health challenges (Rogers).

Kathy Ferrell - healing for her broken wrist.

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

Family of Jayland Walker, police and public in Akron, Ohio.

The war in Ukraine.

Women's Justice issues.

Continuing

Jackie - special needs adult battling Parkinson's, cancer, and dementia.

Dusty & Lindsay; Matt & Kim - expecting babies with complications.

Sharon - struggling with many health issues (Gerry Rogers' cousin).

The Haack's neighbor - stage 4 cancer... single parent of a 2.5 yr old.

Janet Schoedinger - chemotherapy for 3rd cancer battle (Litzinger).

Lynda Ruby - living with cancer (Lindner).

Val - strength and patience (Jim Winkelmann's 101 year-old mother).

Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack - chronic health challenges.

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

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.

Intertwine Interfaith Welcome Circle - Afghan family in St Louis.

St Louis Association UCC Covenant Partner

Week ending July 10 - **Pilgrim Congregational UCC**, St. Louis;
pilgrimucc-stl.org

Week ending July 17 - **Prince of Peace UCC**, St. Louis;
princeofpeaceucc.com

Home/Care Facility/Rehab Center

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]

Glady 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

Lucia McKenzie and John Bieg - engaged to be married.

The Shelton Family - as Killian prepares to welcome a baby sister.

Brussee/Dario/Race Family as Skyler and Justin prep to be parents.

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.

PUCF 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.

Peace and Justice near and far... **US Military** around the globe.

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

Luke 10:38-42
Word and Work

In today's scripture, two sisters welcome Jesus into their home. Martha bustles about, working in the kitchen and at the table. Mary serves in another way, by deeply listening and learning, growing in her faith and understanding. Within each of us there is both a Mary and a Martha. At times we are ready to work and act, and at times we yearn to learn and grow.

To tend to your inner Mary, put a book or two from The Pilgrim Press on your summer reading list. The United Church of Christ's Pilgrim Press is a bold voice with a rich heritage. The oldest English language publishing tradition in North America, The Pilgrim Press publishes books that nurture spiritual growth, cultivate religious leadership, and provoke the soul for the sake of a just world.

A Pilgrim Press classic, *Water Bugs and Dragonflies*, will be released in a 50th anniversary edition this summer. This gentle guide to talking to children about death, and the mystery of what happens afterwards, includes additional reflections by author Doris Stickney.

You may also want to check out *Intentional Leadership* by Sarah B. Drummond. Drummond serves as Founding Dean of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School, and she writes and teaches extensively about leadership and ministry in formation.

Also, look for *Fat Church*, coming out this summer from The Pilgrim Press. We are all made in the image of God, or the *imago dei*. This book is a critique of how the church participates in fat shaming and diet culture in ways that contradict our foundational belief in *imago dei*.

We are all pilgrims, striving after insight in life and faith. There is within each of us a Mary, wanting only to learn and grow. The Pilgrim Press is a daring adventurer and trusted companion along the way, bearing testimony that there is "more truth and light yet to break forth."