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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: Mark Sableman

Today's flowers are given by siblings Maya, Tavis, Iris, Dexter and Benji in celebration of Nana's Birthday yesterday.

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

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911... call or text)
24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK) | 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

9/25 SCHARF, Ingrid & Dave (17)

9/30 TOOMBS, Gene & Lynn (27)

Birthdays

9/25 MASON, Mike

9/25 WEAS, Dan

9/26 STOLZE, Sue

9/27 BOWMAN, Lilly

9/28 WEAS, Kim

9/28 YESS, Wyatt

9/29 DUKE, Lisa

9/29 RUTHERFORD, Mike

9/29 YAKEL, Doug

9/30 MANNING, Pamela

10/1 FRAZIER, Rebecca

10/1 PICKETT, Lincoln

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *With all our understanding of the speed of light, we're yet to cross the distance from heart to heart. With all our fancy equipment of communication, we are yet to listen to those unheard.* ~Abhijit Naskar

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

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

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *On Eagle's Wings*, v1

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,

Who abide in this shadow for life,

Say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust.”

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Scripture Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (CEB – Common English Bible)

Living in the Most High's shelter, camping in the Almighty's shade, I say to the Lord, “You are my refuge, my stronghold! You are my God—the one I trust!” God will save you from the hunter's trap and from deadly sickness.

God will protect you with pinions; you'll find refuge under God's wings.

God's faithfulness is a protective shield. Don't be afraid of terrors at night, arrows that fly in daylight, or sickness that prowls in the dark, destruction that ravages at noontime. God says, “Because you are devoted to me, I'll rescue you. I'll protect you because you know my name. Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer. I'll be with you in troubling times. I'll save you and glorify you. I'll fill you full with old age. I'll show you my salvation.”

*Call to Worship

One: Come from the north, south, east and west.

Many: We come from a variety of perspectives, opinions and experiences.

One: Come with questions and proclamations.

Many: We come with wounds and wonder.

One: Come alone and come together.

Many: We are here to lean on one another and to lift each other up.

One: Come to learn and to teach.

Many: We inspire, encourage and motivate one another.

One: Come as you are. You are welcome here.

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

***Song** *O For a World #386*



1. O for a world where ev - ery - one Re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved,
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise.



Where love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One, we come here to rest. And we come to be invigorated. We are here to clear our minds. And we are here to collect our thoughts - and hold on to connections we make. We lay down our burdens, grudges and broken dreams. We receive healing, refreshment, power. We aren't quite sure what might happen in, around, through us - so we heighten our senses to be ready. 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.

Blessing the Children *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Every child in every land,
Jesus holds them by the hand.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Blessing of a Seminary Student PUCCer Kari Borgmann

Scripture Luke 16:19-31 (CEB – Common English Bible)

Jesus said, “There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

“The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. He shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I’m suffering in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.’

“The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, send Lazarus to my father’s house. I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don’t come to this place of agony.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.’ The rich man said, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.’ Abraham said, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *Precious Lord* #404, v1

Precious Lord, take my hand; Lead me on, let me stand

I’m tired, I’m weak, I’m lone

Through the storm, through the night; Lead me on to the light

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near

When my light is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call

Hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

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.

Mission Moment Walk to End Alzheimer's
PUCCer Joyce Ruiz, Faith Ambassador with Alzheimer's Association

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** *For the Fruit of All Creation* (tune: *Ar Hyd Y Nos*)

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we bring our gifts to blend with those of one another. It's a concoction of community, compromise, compassion. Bless these expressions of hope and healing - that they might be infused with your spirit of grace and zest. Amen.

***Song of Parting** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* #343



1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, Called to min - is-tries of grace,
2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, In a small or glob-al sense,
4. So God grant us for to - mor-row Ways to or - der hu - man life



We re-spond with deep com-mit-ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, Break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per - son's sor-row With a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor-er, All God's peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi - sion, Words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair.
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth

Announcements

Please use the form at www.parkwayucc.org/communications for all announcements for our media. Bulletin and eNews deadline: noon Monday.

TODAY! Speaker Series 11:15am | Heritage Room

The Blues Stanley Cup Season by Mark Sophir

Mark Sophir, a lifelong St. Louis resident, inspired by the Stanley Cup win in 2019, that he wrote a book. "300-1" tells the magical story of the St. Louis Blues 2018-2019 season – the highly improbable ascendancy from last place half-way through the season to capturing their first Stanley Cup (a 300-1 proposition that the author bet on). The book also takes a comprehensive dive into the 52-year history of the team to give context to this extraordinary accomplishment. The book brings to life the great players, coaches and other colorful characters that comprise the rich history of this hockey franchise.

Attend All/Any Speaker Series on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURYWURLNmkwD0EzV0VHV1lyQT09>

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

Tower Grove Pride this Weekend!

September 24 & 25 | Tower Grove Park | STL, MO | www.towergrovepride.com
A community-powered independent Pride festival. We are LGBTQ+ centered with a broad mission to support and promote social justice for every disadvantaged, oppressed, or undervalued community. Featuring many local artists, crafters, small businesses, non-profits and music.

Speaker Series October 2 and 9

Learning to Hate, Choosing to Love by Rev. Janice Springer

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

We are dismayed by the divisiveness and hostility that we see wherever we turn, and we feel powerless to do anything about it. Learning to hate comes easy; choosing to love is harder. Rev. Janice Springer will lead us as we explore how we might, more often choose to love. How can we create safe spaces so we and our opponents (our loved ones) might be willing to disarm? Join us as we share some practical tools and some surprising insights.

Rev. Janice Springer has served as a local church pastor for nearly 40 years. She is the author of two books including *I Know We're All Welcome at the Table, But Do I Have to Sit Next to You?* She has led workshops in the USA and Canada. Janice serves as a spiritual director and she is on the staff of University UCC in Missoula, Montana.

Tuesday Evening Dialogue September 27

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 6:00pm Potluck | 7:00pm Book discussion | Heritage Room

Please join us on Tues Sept 27 as we discuss the second half of *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. We will also be choosing our next book so bring your ideas for a fresh title or topic. are always welcome! Contact Helen Race:

raceh@att.net | 314-401-4382

CROP Walk 2022

Sunday, October 2 | 4:30pm Check-in | 5:00pm Walk

Eden Seminary, 475 Lockwood Ave, in Webster Groves, Missouri

7:00pm Crop Concert | Wehrli Chapel

The 2022 CROP HUNGER WALK will be a hybrid event: You may walk in person or register for the walk and choose to walk wherever and whenever you want, individually or in small groups. For details and to register, raise fund and/or donate: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/saintlouismo>
Type in Parkway UCC where you may join the team or make a donation.

Sue Moellering and Pam Manning, Crop Walk Team

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue Oct 4

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 2:00 – 3:00pm | Zoom

Join us October 4th, 18th, and November 1st as we read *Travel As a Political Act: How to Leave Your Baggage Behind* by Rick Steves. Change the world one trip at a time. In this illuminating collection of stories and lessons from the road, acclaimed travel writer Rick Steves shares a powerful message that resonates now more than ever. All royalties from the sale of the book are donated to support the work of Bread for the World, a non-partisan organization working to end hunger at home and abroad.

Contact Jackie Eiffert: jeiffert2@gmail.com | 661-378-6781

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

Meeting ID: 836 7061 7428 | **Passcode:** 480007 | **Dial:** (312) 626-6799

Vitality Reboot: Come for the Donuts, Leave with Vitality!

Saturday, October 8 | 9:00 – 11:15am | Fellowship Hall

The Vitality Team 2022 hosts a workshop to reboot and review the Vitality Process that began in 2017. We invite Council, Ministry Coordinators and Team Contact members, Commission Conveners, Ministry Participants, and all interested members to attend. We especially invite new members and visitors since Covid slowed us down.

The workshop convenes at 9:00 am for donuts, coffee, and juice. The meeting starts at 9:10 am. First, the Vitality Team will share introductions, review the history of Vitality, discuss celebrations of Vitality over the years, and look to the future for ideas. Then, attendees will break out into two separate groups for discussion. Finally, we will share ideas at the end.

Come and share the spirit of Parkway UCC, blessing us with joy and hope for the future. Contact Carol Cobb: ccjacob@aol.com | (314) 640-8166

The Flower Team and Sanctuary Team would like to thank members who donated flowers for our worship service. The Flower Team arranges them after the service for shut-ins and members recovering from surgery. We need medium size vases for these smaller bouquets. Just place them in the closet by the Gathering Space. Many thanks.

Carol Cobb | ccjacob@aol.com | ccjacob@aol.com | (314) 640-8166

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COALITION
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AllianceQ
Disciples of LGBTQ+ Alliance

3RD ANNUAL DRAG QUEEN BINGO

To Benefit the Open & Affirming Ministries of the United Church of Christ & The Christian Church Disciples of Christ

OCTOBER 15, 2022
6:30 - 8:30 PM CST

FEATURING
DESIRE' DECLYNE

\$25 Registration Fee
Includes 5 Bingo cards
Separate emails needed for each player
<http://www.gatewayona.com/bingo-fundraiser-2022.html>
Register by Wednesday,
October 12, 2022

For addition Information:
Melissa: mhattman@att.net
Shawn: shawnredfern92@gmail.com

Hybrid Event:
Zoom or at
Parkway United Church of Christ
2841 N Ballas Rd,
St. Louis, MO 63131

<http://www.gatewayona.com/bingo-fundraiser-2022.html>

Month of Grace + Prayer: A Retreat in Everyday Life

Pray on your own 20 minutes each day and meet one-on-one with a spiritual companion one hour each week for four consecutive weeks. Starts October 16. Hosted in person at St. John United Church of Christ in St. Charles with a completely virtual option (Zoom or phone if you prefer). In person weekly meetings on Tuesdays (mornings, afternoons or evenings), while virtual meetings on any day and time that is convenient for you. This is an individually directed retreat tailored to your own deep desires. Committed couples also have the option to participate as a couple. All adults are welcome regardless of denomination or affiliation. For more information, visit www.momentsofgraceandprayer.org and to register contact Clarence Heller at clarenceheller@gmail.com.

Jesus Has Left the Building 2022 Coming to Parkway Soon!

Sunday, October 30 | 10:00am – 12:30pm (after a short service) | PUCC
Since October 30, 2022, falls on a fifth Sunday, JHLTB team organizers felt it would be timely to sponsor a Jesus Left the Building. Some projects are in the church, going out to support community members. Some are outside the church as you feel comfortable joining. After a brief worship service, we will disperse in the building and in places in the community to do Jesus' work. The contact person is listed next to the opportunity. Sign up in the Gathering Space or contact the person listed. See you then!

- Raking Leaves and lawn work for church members who need assistance in their yards. -- Tom McKenzie - Mckenzie1947@att.net
- Baking Cookies and Delivering them to first responders in the area. -- Carol Cobb - ccjcobb@aol.com
- Collecting and assembling Health Kits to be provided to SLA Conference-sponsored Festival of Sharing. Sign up to assist Sunday School kids in gathering. -- Marsha Peek - marshapeek31@gmail.com
- Raking leaves and lawn work at a nearby Emmaus Home! Bring gloves; they will provide the equipment. -- Laura Waite and family - steigerwaldlaura@gmail.com
- Assembling the Thanksgiving Boxes for Circle of Concern after Parkway UCC members donate the ingredients requested for each box. (There will be approximately 150 boxes to assemble.) -- Lana Biondo - ljbiondo@yahoo.com
- Joining a group assisting Isaiah 58 Ministries with their food pantry. Some volunteers will walk up and down stairs several times. -- Kevin Cameron - kevin@parkwayucc.org
- Writing Notes and letters in Heritage Room or at home. -- Karen Nolte - karen.nolte@familyforwardmo.org
 - Letters to church members.
 - Letters to politicians.
 - Letters to LGBTQIA college kids who have been disowned.
 - Letters to people that nursing homes will tell you never get mail.
 - Encouraging letters to local teachers.
 - Thank you notes to librarians, EMTs, etc.

Sharing our Blessings at Thanksgiving: Circle of Concern's Thanksgiving Boxes

We have already started collecting the items for COC Thanksgiving boxes. We will organize and pack the boxes on October 30, 2022 during JLTB Sunday. The items needed include:

can of pumpkin, jellied cranberry, canned fruit, chicken or vegetable broth (32oz), boxed stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, turkey or chicken gravy (12-18 oz), cornbread muffin mix.

Please drop your items off at church anytime before October 30.

Our 620 client families thank you!

Contact Lana Biondo: ljbiondo@yahoo.com | (314) 712-8335

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30 | 6:00 – 7:00pm | Parking Lot

It's time for Trunk or Treat! This year we will feature games, hotdogs, popcorn and of course, a costume parade with lots of trunks and treats! If you would like to help, or have questions or suggestions, please contact Gerry Rogers at 314 434 7122 or e mail gcr123055@gmail.com Thank you!

Transgender 101

Friday, September 30 | 7:00-8:30pm | Zoom

This free Zoom session is offered by PFLAG Great St Louis, an organization for families and friends of LGBTQIA+ folk that holds their monthly meetings at our church.

For many people, the concepts of gender identity and gender expression are new or not fully understood. In response to many requests for more information about being transgender and the issues currently facing the transgender community, we are offering the following opportunities to learn more from international educator and activist, Ben Greene...

This program is meant to help allies understand transgender history and the context of current anti-transgender policies.

Check out Ben's *Ted Talk*, then invite friends and family to this special event. <https://www.bgtranstalks.com/>

For more information or to register for this free event -
- <https://www.pflagstl.org/ben-greene-speaker-series/>
You will receive the Zoom link upon registering.



SUSTAINABILITY SEEKERS/STAFF and TENANTS JOIN FORCES TO IMPROVE PUCC RECYCLING PRACTICES

On August 25th PUCC Staff, Sustainability Seekers Committee, interested PUCC members and 5 tenants met in the Heritage Room with Jon Browne, who is our Republic Representative. We met for a little over an hour which included a very educational Power Point Presentation and time for Q&A.

Our goal was to relearn, as well as get caught up on the newest recycling practices that Republic is using. Some carriers have different guidelines, and some recycle more than others, so even though I'm attaching a Flyer here of Republic do's and don't's, if you use a carrier other than Republic, you may want to check with them for your own personal recycling "at home" use. It is our hope to improve the quality of our recycling here at Parkway so we do not "contaminate" our bins inside the building or what is ultimately dumped into the larger bin in our parking lot.

Our parking lot bins are solely for the use of our members, groups, kitchen activities, events etc. They are not meant for any outside or community groups. Many of you are involved in groups though that meet and use our facilities, so you should all be aware which bin is trash and which is recycling.



Please note there are 2 dumpsters in the back of the church. The one on the left (larger and colored blue with a blue top) is only for recycling and the one on the right (enclosed and with a gray/black top) is for trash only!!! DO NOT PUT TRASH IN THE BLUE TOPPED ONE ON THE LEFT we appreciate you following this rule as it creates many problems for us when it is ignored—please discuss this with all members of your group! If you have any questions, please let Kathy know.



Sustainability Members Lynn Sableman and Michelle Singer met recently to install laminated signs which designate use for RECYCLING VS LANDFILL. These have been placed on the wall next to each location. Please follow the correct use of these signs and encourage others to do so. Here is an example of the recycling area in the Gathering Space.



Jon expressly spoke to #6 items such as Solo Cups and other plastics that are not recyclable.

One phrase is: "When in doubt, throw it out!"

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, September 21

Celebrations

Kennedy James Lawson - born to **Kelly Shelton & Will Lawson**... big brother Killian and grandparents Karla and Peter.

Matthew Stolze - inducted into the Order of the Arrow (Scouts).

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

Concerns

Polly Rutherford - healing of broken humerus and shoulder after a fall at home... arm immobilized ... therapy after 6 wks.

Bart Coleman - healing after heart surgery; to rehab soon – today!?

Polly, family/friends of Jim Winkelmann - grieving/giving thanks; <https://www.kutisfuneralhomes.com/winkelmann-james-allen/>

Kris McKenzie, Linda Tossing, Amy Yakel, Cassie Rosenberger,

Gail Haack's brother and friend - healing after recent surgeries.

Family/Friends of Frank Vogel - grieving and giving thanks for him.

All impacted by Covid-19.

Tragic flooding in Pakistan.

All in the path and aftermath of Hurricane Fiona (see page 2).

Continuing

Ella - healing from major back surgery (teen granddaughter of Biondos).

Patty and mom Estelle - as Patty receives hospice care (Pleis/Eiffert).

Mary Kay McKenzie - unable to communicate (sister of Tom's sister).

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

Josh - receiving chemo; needs a bone marrow transplant (Tarr)

Sharon - variety of health challenges (Rogers).

Sue Linson - recently diagnosed with leukemia (McKenzie).

Mary Beth Anderson - health challenges; apt break-in (Brueggemann)

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

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

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

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.

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.

St Louis Association UCC Covenant Partner

Week ending September 25 - **St Louis Association**;
missourimidsouth.org/st-louis-association
Week ending October 2 - **St Martin's UCC**, Dittmer;
smartinsuccdittmer.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, #166;
Valley Park, MO 63088 [birthdate: October 26]
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naomiruntz@sbcglobal.net [birthdate: August 30]
Gladys Sims - *Friendship Village - 15200 Village View Dr, #2418*;
Chesterfield, MO 63017; 636-898-8873 [birthdate: July 4]
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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

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Surprising Investment

American Indian Ministry Sunday

United Samoan Ministries Stewardship Sunday

Matou te faatalofa atu ai i le Suafa Pele o Iesu Keriso le Alii ma le Faaola!

We greet you in the Beloved name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

“In 1999 General Synod declared a ‘Partnership in Mission and Ministry’ with the Congregational Christian Church in American Samoa (CCCAS) as a way of acknowledging the deepening relationship between the two churches and the rapid growth of Samoan congregations in the United States.

Today, there are more than 60 congregations of the CCCAS in Hawaii, Alaska, California, Washington and Oregon. Many of them related to the UCC through our regional Conferences and local Associations. The partnership seeks to strengthen the ministry of these congregations and the mission of both churches.

In many places, Samoan congregations are actively involved in the life and leadership of UCC Associations. Many UCC clergy and lay leaders have immersed themselves in the life of Samoan communities and have traveled to American Samoa to learn more about its unique and ancient culture.” *1

“The United Samoan Ministries of the UCC is established to provide a setting for members of Samoan congregations to gather for fellowship, spiritual nurturing, mutual support, and communications and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ. Providing Resources for all faith communities and promote/teaching and maintaining Samoan Culture and Language; promote Ecumenical partnerships, and proclaiming the proclamation of Open and Affirming, and leading in Justice and Peace for ALL.

Samoan Communities residing within the Mainland, Alaska and Hawaii and those who are in Diaspora throughout the world.” *2

If you are a member of a Samoan congregation, today is a day to celebrate your connection with the wider United Church of Christ. If you are a member of a church that has limited contact with your Samoan brothers and sisters, today is a good day to learn more about how you can be in intentional conversation and relationship with a Samoan Congregation.

*1 - https://www.ucc.org/ecumenical_america-samoa/

*2 - <https://unitedsamoanminist.wixsite.com/>