



PENTECOST



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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 work and join in prayer.

Scripture Reader: Jackie Eiffert

Flowers: John & Dottie Dwyer in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Media uploads: <https://tinyurl.com/PUCCmedia>

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

5/30 BORGMANN, Kari & Keith (42)

5/30 LOWENTHAL, Andrew & Sharon (42)

6/3 DWYER, John & Dottie (50)

Birthdays

5/29 MCKENZIE, Thomas

5/30 KRPAN, Maggie

5/31 SHELTON, Karla

6/1 DOMBEK, Claire

6/2 BUMGARNER, Carmen

6/2 SPERRY, Abby

6/3 WATSON, Jenna

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 28, 2023 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *To put it simply: the Holy Spirit bothers us. Because the Spirit moves us, makes us walk, pushes the Church to go forward. And we are like Peter at the Transfiguration: “Ah, how wonderful it is to be here like this, all together!”... But don't bother us. We want the Holy Spirit to doze off ...we want to domesticate the Holy Spirit. And that's no good because the Holy Spirit is God. The Spirit is that wind which comes and goes—and you don't know where. The Holy Spirit is the power of God and is the one who gives us consolation and strength to move forward. But: to move forward! And this bothers us. It's so much nicer to be comfortable. ~Pope Francis*

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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*—arr. C. E. Walz

Based on the tune *Converse*, Charles C. Converse (1834-1918)

Choral Introit *A Mighty Wind Came Blowing*—Music by Lloyd Larson, words by Mary Kay Beall. Sung by the Sanctuary Choir.

A mighty wind came blowing, and tongues of fire a-glowing;
The Spirit thus bestowing God's presence and God's power!

The mighty wind blows yet today, the fiery tongues still have their say;
And if we watch, and if we pray, The Spirit will be here this very hour!

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* #314



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of



flight, Like the vig - or of the wind's rush, Like the
Vine, To the church in faith as - sem - bled, To her
prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the



new flame's ea - ger might:
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare:

Pentecost Scripture Acts 2:1-12 (CEB – Common English Bible)


When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?”

***Call to Worship** Ellen Turnbull

One:	Through the Spirit of God, all things live and have their being.
Many:	We receive the Spirit and live in God’s way.
One:	Jesus breathes the Spirit upon us and we are loved and equipped to love.
Many:	We receive the Spirit and love in God’s way.
One:	The Holy Spirit is with us always, the presence of God in our world.
Many:	We receive the Spirit and believe in God’s way.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** On Pentecost They Gathered #128




1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered Quite ear - ly in the day,

2. The peo - ple all a - round them Were star - tled and a - mazed

3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it On all who would be - lieve,

4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en On that day long a - go,



A band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, To wor - ship, sing, and pray.

To un - der - stand their lan - guage, As Christ the Lord they praised.

On wom - en, men, and chil - dren Who would God's grace re - ceive.

Re - kin - dle faith a - mong us In all life's ebb and flow.

A might-y wind came blow - ing, Filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, What great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, Be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten And tongues a - flame with praise,
 And tongues of fire a - glow - ing In - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en To van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, Re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 So folk of ev - ery na - tion Glad songs of joy shall raise.

***Opening Prayer** Ellen Turnbull

**Holy One, you send us the Spirit who blows through our lives:
 unsettling us,
 stirring us up,
 propelling us forward.**

**You gift us with the Spirit who comes as a fire:
 warming us.
 empowering us,
 re-making us.**

**You encourage us in the Spirit who frees our tongues:
 for talking of God,
 for prayer,
 for advocacy.**

**You partner with us in the Spirit:
 the Counselor,
 the Helper,
 your very Breath.
 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. Please meet your child/youth in the Gathering Space just outside the Sanctuary after worship - as the teachers will bring them there after class.

Blessing the Children *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (refrain x2)

**Every time I feel the spirit
 Moving in my heart I will pray
 Yes, Every time I feel the spirit
 Moving in my heart I will pray.**

**Upon a mountain, When my Lord spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, looked so fine,
Till I asked the Lord if all was mine.**

Every time I feel the spirit...

**Jordan river chilly and cold,
It chills the body but not my soul.
There is but one train upon this track;
It runs to heaven and then runs right back.**

Every time I feel the spirit....

Holy Spirit Scriptures

Jesus said, "I will ask God, and God will send another Companion, who will be with you forever." ~John 14:16

Jesus said, "The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you."
~ John 14:26

After that I will pour out my spirit upon everyone; your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days, I will also pour out my spirit on the male and female slaves. ~Joel 2:28-29

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. ~Acts 1:8

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak. ~Acts 2:4

A spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the desert turns into farmland, and the farmland is considered a forest. ~Isaiah 32:15

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit pleads our case with unexpressed groans.
~Romans 8:26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. ~Galatians 5:22-23

God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled. ~2Timothy 1:7

Change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were. Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit. ~Ephesians 4:22a, 23

After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking God's word with confidence.
~Acts 4:31

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. ~Romans 15:13

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *Spirit of God #2117*



1. Spir - it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life
2. Spir - it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace
3. Spir - it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far -
4. Spir - it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho -
5. Spir - it of God in all, we glad - ly hear



be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre -
and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for
off lands you hold all the hu - man race in
ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your
your call, the life in our hands that sings, the



ate us a - new. _____ Give us the breath
all liv - ing things. _____ For when we live
one warm em - brace. _____ No mat - ter where
love ev - ery - where. _____ We can - not fail
power of your wings. _____ Born of your grace



to sing, lift - ed on soar - ing wing,
your peace, cap - tives will find re - lease,
we go, you hold us to - geth - er so,
or fall, or know de - feat at all,
we rise, love shin - ing in our eyes,

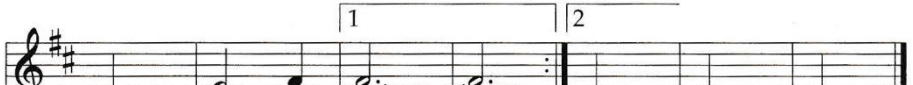


held in your hands, _____ borne on your wings. —



Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia!



Come, Spir - it, come! _____ come! _____

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/Choral Benediction *Go Forth for God*

Text—J. R. Peacey, 1975/Music from the Genevan Psalter, 1551/Harm.—C. Winfred Douglas, 1940 (alt.)/Choral Setting—Carlton R. Young, 1990.
Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
In God's good Spirit daily to increase, Till in the Kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
Strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
Help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
Hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
Render to no-one evil; Christ at length
Shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world with strength.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
To serve God's people every day and hour,
And serving Christ, our every gift employ,
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy!

*Pentecost Doxology

**Praise God whose breath fills all the earth
Whose love reveals our sacred worth
Whose Spirit forms one family
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we are living in working in the Holy Spirit. You nurture us that we might produce fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Be with us as we continue to listen and follow the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Song of Parting *Spirit of Gentleness #319*

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, Blow through the
 wil - der-ness, call - ing and free, Spir - it,
 spir - it of rest - less - ness, Stir me from plac - id-ness, Wind,
 wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the wa - ters, You called to the
 2. You swept through the des - ert, You stung with the
 3. You sang in a sta - ble, You cried from a
 4. You call from to - mor - row, You break an - cient

deep, Then You coaxed up the moun - tains From the
 sand, And You gift - ed your peo - ple With a
 hill, Then You whis - pered in si - lence When the
 schemes, From the bond - age of sor - row The

val - leys of sleep, And o - ver the e -
 law and a land, And when they were blind -
 whole world was still, And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi -

ons You called to each thing, "A -
 ed With their i - dols and lies, Then You
 y You called once a - gain When You
 sions, Our men clear their eyes. With

wake from your slum - bers And
spoke through Your proph - ets To
blew through Your peo - ple On the
bold new de - ci - sions Your
D.C. al Fine

rise on your wings, "
o - pen their eyes.
rush of the wind.
peo - ple a - rise.

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth

The Comforter Has Come—Gospel swing piano arr. Marty Parks

Based on the tune *Comforter*—William J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

Announcements

Please submit your announcement at www.parkwayucc.org/communications.
Bulletin and eNews deadline: noon Monday.

The Sanctuary Choir now goes on a well-deserved summer break, re-gathering in September to sing again in church. We thank them for their weekly commitment to rehearsals and contributions to our services September—May. Meanwhile, the 1st Sunday Choir continues meeting at 9:00am on the first Sunday of every month, year-around...please join us!

5/31—Parkway Adventurers Tour White Haven

Wed, May 31 | 9:30am carpool from church | 10:00am White Haven
7400 Grant Road (opposite Grant's Farm)

Join the Parkway Adventures on a visit to the beautiful estate White Haven, National Historic Site, General Ulysses S. Grant's St. Louis home. Meet at PUCC's parking lot at 9:30 am for carpooling or 10 am at White Haven,. Grant was a Civil War General credited with saving the Union, and the 18th President of the United States. We'll explore the grounds and museum from 10-11am and take a reserved tour of the White Haven estate at 11. Admission and tour are free. After White Haven, you are invited to join us for lunch at Fitz's SoCo, 5244 S. Lindbergh.

White Haven was built between 1812 and 1816, one of the oldest homes in St. Louis County today. It was built by the Dent family, and Julia Dent eventually became Grant's wife. The Grants lived at White Haven before and after the Civil War, and visited the estate during Grant's presidency. For the tour, the house has an accessible entrance and all but one room on the main floor is completely accessible. The winter kitchen in the basement is accessible only by stairs but there is photo information available.

<https://www.nps.gov/ulsg/index.htm>

Please RSVP to Donna Fauss, donnafauss@gmail.com or text/call (314)650-2607 so that we can have a head count for the tour. The more the merrier.

6/4—The PUCC Council Question/Answer sessions about PUCC Articles & By-laws Revision

Sunday, June 4 | 11:15am-12:15pm

The PUCC Council will be conducting Question/Answer sessions regarding the PUCC Articles & By-laws Revision. This is in preparation for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

Contact Linda Tossing, Council President: ltossing@att.net | 314-495-3063

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURYWURLNmkwd0EzV0VHV1lyQT09#success>

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

6/6— Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD)

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 2:00-3:00pm | Online Book Discussion

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83670617428?pwd=bUxPZEdDMlU4ay9oNndTWw4yZUYwUT09\(312\)626-6799](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83670617428?pwd=bUxPZEdDMlU4ay9oNndTWw4yZUYwUT09(312)626-6799) | **Meeting ID:** 836 7061 7428 | **Passcode:** 480007

TAD will be discussing a short local book June 6th and 20th, *The Last Children of Mill Creek* by Vivian Gibson. The book is a memoir of growing up in the 1950s in a segregated St. Louis neighborhood, Mill Creek. This working-class neighborhood was razed to build a highway, "an act of racism disguised as urban renewal." Gibson describes her everyday life before the demolition took place, showing the readers the triumphs and struggles of her large family and about the friends, shop owners, church ladies, and teachers who made Mill Creek into a tight-knit African American community.

After this book TAD will take a short summer break and resume in August.

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

6/11—Parkway UCC Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 11 | 11:15am-12:15pm | Sanctuary

Parkway UCC's The Annual Congregation Meeting will be Sunday, June 11, 2023 after the regular Sunday Service. The meeting will be available on Zoom. One the key items on the agenda is the Council is requesting approval of the revised Articles & By-laws. A printed copy is available in the Gathering Space and electronically on our website..

Potluck dinner to follow the meeting. Details upcoming in future bulletins.

Contact Linda Tossing, Council President: ltossing@att.net | 314-495-3063

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURYWURLNmkwd0EzV0VHV1lyQT09#success>

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Parkway Picnic Potluck Lunch

Sunday, June 11 | Following Annual Congregational Meeting | Fellowship Hall
Let's celebrate after PUCC Annual Meeting on June 11, with a Potluck Lunch. Our goal is to be trash-free, using cloth tablecloths, napkins, china plates, and glassware. Volunteers will be washing dishes, and others will wash tablecloths and napkins. Please bring potluck entrees, sides, and desserts in non-disposable containers. We will not be throwing anything away; you may take home your containers after lunch. We will collect food waste in a container and try to leave as little as possible. The poster for Pot Luck offerings is located in the Gathering Space.

Ministry sign-ups will be posted around the room for activities that interest members and visitors. Many of our projects are one-and-done tasks and take less time. Contact Carol Cobb: ccjacob@aol.com | 314-965-4147.

Cloth Napkin Collection

We are collecting easy-care cloth napkins to promote Fellowship meals as environmentally smart. There are three ways to donate: 1) money, 2) gently used easy-care napkins, and 3) purchase new easy-care napkins. The sign-up poster is in the Gathering Space with a basket to place the donated napkins. Volunteers will be recruited to wash a batch from time to time. If you wish to donate money by check, write “napkins” on the memo line. Contact Carol Cobb: ccjacob@aol.com | 314-965-4147.

6/11—AWOL to MO Botanical Garden for Chihuly Exhibition

Sunday, June 11 | Approximately 2:00pm carpool from church

Join Adventurous Women Out Late (AWOL). Chihuly returns to the Missouri Botanical Garden for the first time since 2006, with a stunning exhibition uniting art and nature. Featuring 18 large-scale installations presented throughout the Garden’s grounds, the beauty and drama of *Chihuly in the Garden 2023* is an inspiring experience whether viewed in the natural light of day or under a blanket of stars during *Chihuly Nights*.

6/13 Tuesday Evening Dialogue

The Sun Does Shine by Anthony Ray Hinton

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

Please continue to read *The Sun Does Shine* from Chapter 16 to the end of the book or our next TED session on June 13. We will be choosing our next selection so please share any ideas you have for our next reading adventure.

Contact: Helen Race | raceh@att.net | 314-401-4382

6/27 Scandinavian Duo Lynx Lynx

Tuesday, June 27 | 5:30-7:30pm | Sanctuary

Do you like World Music? This evening, *Lynx Lynx*, the Scandinavian Duo, performs MidSummer traditional music featuring Hardanger Fiddle and tunes recreating the experience of fresh chill air and mountain streams. Parkway United Church of Christ extends its welcome to All. Refreshments: waffles and fruit a good snack for hungry children and everyone to enjoy. The seating accommodates 300 so bring your friends. Call Lynn Sableman at (314) 609-6918 to reserve a seat, or ask questions. The program is partially sponsored by Norwegian Society of StLouis (NSSL) the cost is \$15, children 10 and under are free. Check them out: vidarskrede.com/

JHLTB—Jesus Has Left the Building

Our next Fifth Sunday - July 30, 2023

If you'd like to be a part of the team, please let us know:

kevin@parkwayucc.org

Please put July 30 on your calendar. Many more details to come!

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Sunday, May 28
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- Snacks
- Meet your MoVal Staff
- And More!



For more information:
email Amanda@mmsucc.org
636-583-2730

Caring for Creation in Action: PUCC Sustainability Seekers to Plant a Native Pollinator Garden

Buzz buzz buzz! New and exciting things are happening at PUCC. The Sustainability Seekers are branching out and are planting a native garden next to the kitchen on the east side of the building. Why natives? Our planet has lost much of our native habitat. Native plants provide nectar for pollinators including hummingbirds, native bees, butterflies, moths and bats. Many caterpillars have evolved to eat specific plants, like the monarch caterpillar which eats only milkweed. Our native birds, insects and animals can't survive without our native plants.



A native garden is different from a conventional garden in several important ways. In a conventional garden you may put pesticides on your plants to keep them from being eaten. In a native garden it is the opposite. You want the plants to be eaten by caterpillars and insects! Did you know that baby birds need caterpillars, insects and spiders to survive? They don't eat seed, they need the protein provided by these

invertebrates. A single clutch of Carolina Chickadee chicks can eat more than 9,000 caterpillars in the weeks between hatching and taking flight.



It may seem as if nothing much is happening in the garden for the first year or two. It takes time to establish natives! Their root system grows very deep, as deep as fifteen feet or more. The first few years native plants put their energy into growing their root system. This allows them to survive drought and find the nutrients they need in the soil. Once established they need very little watering or fertilizer.

You may see our native garden start to take shape this month. We will be removing the sod and adding compost to the soil. Planting will start soon! Be sure to watch this exciting addition to PUCC.

Colors of Hope: A discussion for Pride Month

A couple of months ago, when we hosted the Open and Affirming (ONA) Convocation, one of the vendors gifted us with a dozen copies of Colors of Hope: A Devotional Journey from LGBTQ+ Christians. We give thanks for the

LGBTQ+ people of faith who have been vulnerable and hopeful as they shared some of their life experiences for all of us to learn from.

Colors of Hope draws upon the iconic Pride flag and raises a call to embody our beliefs. Using Gilbert Baker's original flag and its eight colors and themes—life, healing, sunlight, nature, art and magic, harmony and serenity, sexuality and spirit—readers are invited to reflect, engage, and apply discoveries. The devotions present a range of views, all full of hope, paired with thematic journal prompts and calls to action.

Join us for a discussion on Zoom from 10-11:15am or in person in the Kevin's Office from 6:45-8pm on Thursday, June 29. Feel free to answer the journal questions ahead of time or just read the short chapters and come ready for conversation. Complimentary copies of the book are available on the round table in the Gathering Space now.

The book includes an invocation, introduction, weekly reading, daily reflections, benediction, and list of resources.

Colors of Hope is an expansive resource for personal growth and collective change. It brings the joy, beauty, and power of the rainbow to life.

Reminder: Zoom in the morning; in-person in the evening...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82587215760?pwd=MG9nV3kzMdtbVphNmFQTWICWXIEUT09> | Meeting ID: 825 8721 5760; Passcode: 835458

Questions? Reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org

Habitat from Humanity from March 2023 Habitat News

UCC Volunteer Saturdays

Help make this site into a home. Construction on new home sites is underway. Our UCC Build Workdays are listed below. **Please choose your church's 3 best dates to work in priority order** and email to keith.karau@gmail.com **ASAP!**

We will try to get your highest priority matched against other churches. Each date will have 10 workers to be divided between two churches.

April 29

May 27

June 24

July 29

August 28

September 23

October 28

November 18

December 16

Habitat will have family stories to share very shortly to help bring the human factor to our build.

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Celebrations

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

Spring beauty.

Kelly Shelton and Will Lawson married on May 16 in Florida

(kids Killian & Kennedy and parents Karla & Peter Shelton are thrilled!)

Students, grads, teachers, families as school year ends.

Coree Mix - settling into new home by DePaul Hospital... 11777 Minot Drive, Bridgeton 63044; 314-412-0150. They'd love a call and/or visit!

Memorial Day approaching... remembering and offering gratitude.

Concerns

Val & Doug Detjen - serious health concerns after recent surgery.

Peter LaSalle - healing and strengthening; hospitalized for tests.

Dawn Jones-Goldstein - healing after recent tonsil surgery.

Jan Shippee and family as they grieve/give thanks for her mother.

Norma Shafermeyer - healing after pacemaker surgery (Ferrel).

Jan and Don Cox - healing ... she is just out of ICU (Dodge-LaSalle).

Cassie Rosenberger's sister Christa - prep for surgery on June 12.

The ongoing power struggles and violence in Sudan.

The continuing war in Ukraine.

Continuing

Joseph Miller - home after hospitalization & rehab (son of Deb Carter).

Cassie Rosenberger's mother Martha - ongoing cancer treatments.

Tito, Sarah & Family - his outpt rehab after stroke (Mason nephew).

Tom - healing after surgery due to car accident (Kathleen Tarr nephew).

Barb - complications with cancer tx and at odds with insurance co (Tarr)

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

Bill Darland - ongoing health issues.

Gail, Bill and Christopher Haack - chronic health challenges.

Jan - experiencing dementia (great-grandma of Coree Mix).

Angie - living with Hodgkin's Lymphoma (Rosenberger).

Matt Albers - 3rd round chemotherapy soon (Connors' friend's son).

Theresa - surgery/treatment/recovery - aggressive cancer (Schwarz).

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

Sharon - variety of health challenges (Rogers).

Val - strength and patience (Jim Winkelmann's 102 year-old mother).

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.

Home-Centered/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]

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

Naomi Runtz - 272 N Lindbergh Blvd; StL MO 63141; 34-993-0469 naomiruntz@sbcglobal.net [birthdate: August 30]

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

David Smith - *Anthology of Town & Country*; 1020 Woods Mill Rd; #310; St Louis, MO 63017; 636-200-5076 [birthdate: July 24]
(Father of Deb Carter).

Pinky Wilcoxen - 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

JoJo & Derek and Natty Kersting as they await a baby this summer.

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 & those dealing with meds.

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.

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Acts 2:1-21

Strengthen the Church Offering

You might have heard someone joke, “King James English was good enough for Jesus, it’s good enough for me.” Today’s story is about the first day a small and ragtag group of Jesus followers became a church – the church we still are today. It’s our story, and it’s not a story about everyone suddenly speaking the same language. It’s a story about everyone speaking - all of them, all at once - the languages of each other. This is not a story about understanding each other. It’s a story about understanding that each of us speaks to God in our own way, and God speaks to us each in our own way.

Pentecost understood this way happens all the time. It happens whenever you have a meal with a youngster whose music and ideas you don’t understand, but who you love just the same. It happens when you sit with a loved one, whose words have been lost to disease, and so you no longer understand, but you love just the same. You are speaking the language of Pentecost, when you really listen to the person sitting next to you right now, whose hopes and dreams and visions you have only gotten a glimpse of, even after a lifetime of knowing each other.

That we don’t all speak the same language doesn’t make us less of a community, it makes us more of one. Whether you came to worship this morning speaking the language of health or of illness, the language of joy or of sorrow, the language of despair or hope, the language of a pounded nail or a warm hug, Pentecost is the hope that your congregation can be a place where all those languages are spoken, all are heard. May your community be a place where people, when they hear you speak, can say in wonder “they are speaking in words I can understand.”

Today, many churches receive the Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering. STC reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.