

# Annual Meeting

June 11, 2023



**PARKWAY**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## Limitless Love | Courageous Action | Spirited Inquiry

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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:** Andy Lowenthal

**Flowers:** Kathleen Tarr in memory of her parents George and Lucille Tarr.

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Media uploads: --

## 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](http://www.crisistextline.org)  
Behavioral Health Network of Greater St Louis 314-449-6713

## Anniversaries

6/11 BIEST, Scott & Kelly (29)

## Birthdays

6/14 LANE, Melissa

6/15 MOELLERING, Sue

6/14 WOTTRICH, Evelyn

6/17 STIFEL, Alice

6/15 MCKENZIE, Lucia

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, June 11, 2023 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

**Meditation** *It's hard to hear God's voice when you've already decided what you want God to say.* ~unknown

**Welcome** Let us know you are here!

## Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

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

**Prelude** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*—Arr. Jonathan A Noel

Based on the tune Azmon by Carl G. Glaser (1781-1829)

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

**Welcome Song** *You Are Welcome Here*

The image shows the musical notation for the Welcome Song 'You Are Welcome Here'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You are wel - come here, no mat ter who you are, no mat ter  
where you are on life's jour - ney. You are wel come here,  
no mat ter who you are, come and  
join with us, in our U - ni - ted Church of Christ.

**Scripture** Matthew 9:18-26 (CEB – Common English Bible)

While Jesus was speaking to them, a ruler came and knelt in front of him, saying, “My daughter has just died. But come and place your hand on her, and she’ll live.” So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. Then a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the hem of his clothes. She thought, If I only touch his robe I’ll be healed.

When Jesus turned and saw her, he said, “Be encouraged, daughter. Your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that time on.

When Jesus went into the ruler’s house, he saw the flute players and the distressed crowd. He said, “Go away, because the little girl isn’t dead but is asleep”; but they laughed at him. After he had sent the crowd away, Jesus went in and touched her hand, and the little girl rose up. News about this spread throughout that whole region.

## **\*Call to Worship** based on words by Craig Mitchell

One: Bring who you truly are to the God of this moment.

**Many: We bring ourselves—some weary, some energetic;  
some contented, some disquieted.**

One: Bring who you truly are to the God of light

**Many: We bring ourselves—some trusting, some doubting;  
our questions and our certainties.**

One: Bring who you truly are to the God of hope.

**Many: We bring ourselves—our achievements, our failures;  
our public selves, our hidden selves.**

One: Bring who you truly are to the God of tomorrow.

**Many: We bring ourselves—our dreams and visions;  
our despair, our yearnings.**

One: We are broken, we are blessed. We are made in God's image  
and loved beyond measure.

**Many: We come as we are, knowing that we are never alone.**

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

## **\*Song** *Gather Us In*



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. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Opening Prayer**

Holy One, let there be joy in our coming together this morning. Let there be truth heard in the words we speak and the songs we sing. Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair. Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us. Let there be respect, solidarity, strengthening here. Let us be nurtured in your presence and in the arms of this particular community of faith. 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. They will have supervised activities during the Congregational Meeting and meet you for lunch, so feel free to stay. If you aren't going to be here for the meeting and luncheon, you can find them in the Heritage Room or on the playground.

## **Blessing the Children** *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we will spread the news that God is in our land:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

## **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** *On Hallowed Ground*—Lani Smith

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### **\*Response**

**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 want to be useful. We want to be part of solutions,  
not part of problems. We intend to be creative, collaborative,  
compassionate. Guide us into places where we can become more  
aware and responsive to the needs of your people near and far.  
Help us to recognize and exercise our power for good. Help us to be  
available, receptive, grateful when we are being served. We are all  
in this together. Amen.**

## **Scripture** Matthew 9: 9-13 (CEB – Common English Bible)

As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, “Follow me,” and he got up and followed him. As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table.

But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

When Jesus heard it, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor, but sick people do. Go and learn what this means: *I want mercy and not sacrifice*. I didn’t come to call righteous people, but sinners.”

## **Moment of Silent Reflection**

### **Sermon**

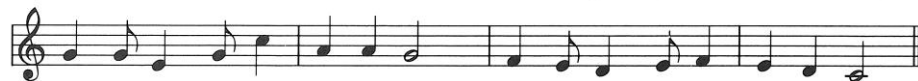


**Invitation to the Communion Table** We invite *all* to this **open table**. All accepted—no exceptions—as we commit ourselves to limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry.

## **Communion Song** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

*Refrain (first time p, second time f)*



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

## **Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

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

[A variety of names for God are welcome here – including in the Lord's Prayer.]

## **\*Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine/Juice**

Please come forward in the center aisle to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the table. Grape juice is in the outer ring; wine is in the center. Please return by the side aisles.

**Communion Interlude** *Be Still, My Soul*—arr. James Pethel  
Based on the tune Finlandia by Jean Sibelius

## **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

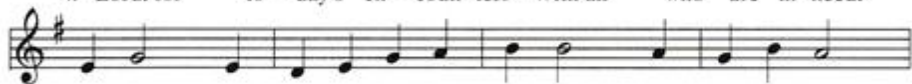
**This is how you intend it to be, O God. An open table where all are welcome. A safe and sacred space where we can gather eye to eye and heart to heart. A place where are fed, nurtured, encouraged. A hallowed ground where the Spirit meets us wherever we are - and draws us closer. A confluence of relief, refreshment and repurposing. Help us to feel you all around us as we go in the power and tenderness of this mighty and humble meal. Amen.**



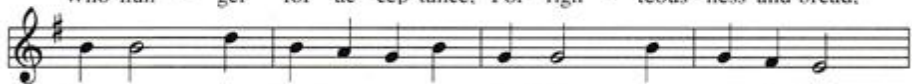
## \*Song of Parting *Help Us Accept Each Other*



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

## \*Annual Meeting and Luncheon

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### TODAY! Parkway UCC Annual Congregational Meeting

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

A key item on the agenda is the Council is requesting approval of the revised Articles & By-laws. A printed copy is available in the Gathering Space. Contact Linda Tossing, Council President: ltossing@att.net | 314-495-3063

**Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURYWURLNmkwd0EzV0VHV1yQT09#success>

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

Join us after the Annual Meeting today with a trash-free Potluck Lunch.

# Announcements

Please submit your announcement at [www.parkwayucc.org/communications](http://www.parkwayucc.org/communications).  
Bulletin and eNews deadline: noon Monday.

## **TODAY—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**

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

Please join us for Potluck dinner and book discussion as we wrap up *The Sun Does Rise* by Anthony Hinton. We will be choosing our next book so please bring any ideas you may have for books with religious, spiritual, social justice or cultural topics. All are welcome. Contact: Helen Race | [raceh@att.net](mailto:raceh@att.net) | 314-401-4382

## **Virtual Program: Pride Month Book Picks**

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - 7:00p.m. to 8:00pm

<https://www.slcl.org/content/virtual-program-pride-month-book-picks>

In celebration of Pride Month, St Louis County Library staff will share their favorite LGBTQ+ books. Adult Registration required. Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering.

**Register here:** <https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=332069>

## **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](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

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

## **6/14 Parkway Adventurers Tour Tappmeyer House**

Wednesday, June 14 | 9:30am meet in PUC parking lot | 10:00am tour

Tappmeyer House in Millennium Park, 2 Barnes West Drive, behind Barnes Jewish West Hospital on Olive

Join Parkway PALS as we tour the beautiful Tappmeyer Homestead. The exhibit on display at the house in June is a celebration of the 20th anniversary of moving the house from its original location at Olive and Ross. The home was built in the 1880s when the area was an agrarian community with rolling hills and fertile land. Olive Street Road was a direct route between the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

Laura Dierberg Ayers and PUCer Nancy Litzinger will be our guides through the house and will share the fascinating history of the home and the Creve Coeur area with us. Laura's mother Judy, who was of the 4th (and last)

generation of Tappmeyers to live in the home, will likely also be on hand to talk with us. For more information, please see [www.tappmeyerhomestead.org](http://www.tappmeyerhomestead.org). Admission to the home is free, but donations are welcomed. Please join the group for lunch in Creve Coeur afterward. Please RSVP to Nancy Litzinger at 314-954-2526 or [nancywlitzinger@gmail.com](mailto:nancywlitzinger@gmail.com).

## **Parkway Speakers Series June 2023**

### **23 Missions over Germany—WWII Vet Paul "Bud" Haedike**

**Zoom link every Sunday:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURyWURLNmkw0EzV0VHV1lyQT09#success>

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

Bud Haedike served in World War II in the nose of a B-17 (nicknamed the "Flying Fortress") as a bombardier in the United States 8th Air Force. The 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force had one of the highest casualty rates of any unit in the war. Bud wound up flying 23 combat missions over Germany, making bombing runs over Berlin, Dresden, Munich and Hamburg. Now almost 100 years of age, Bud is always ready to speak about his extraordinary experiences, remembering each of the bombing missions he carried out.

### ***Behind the Scenes at "Justice,"—Jeff Demerath, Esq.***

June 25, 2023 | 11:15am - 12:15pm Heritage Room & Zoom

The Justice Department is tasked with the enforcement of federal law and the administration of justice in the United States.

Our speaker, Jeff Demerath started as a DOJ attorney in DC and then returned home to St. Louis as a private practice attorney representing clients in cases against Justice, including criminal cases.

## **6/20—Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD)**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays | 2:00-3:00pm | Online Book Discussion

<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 6 and 20, *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](mailto:jeiffert2@gmail.com) | (661) 378-6781

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](mailto:ccjacob@aol.com) | 314-965-4147.

**6/27 Scandinavian Duo Lynx Lynx** Tue, June 27 | 5:30-7:30pm

*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. 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/](http://vidarskrede.com/)

## **Colors of Hope: A Discussion for Pride Month**

When we recently hosted the Open and Affirming (ONA) Convocation, one of the vendors gifted us with two 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 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=MG9nV3kzZmdtbVphNmFQTWlCWlEUT09> | Meeting ID: 825 8721 5760; Passcode: 835458

Questions? Reach out to [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

## **UCC / Habitat Auction Fall Fundraiser**

JOINT FUND Raising Project Our UCC Build is gearing up for an online auction this fall. We are looking for a volunteer or two from each congregation to seek items and publicize the auction in your congregation and beyond. So far, we have volunteers from First Congregational in Webster, Hope, Kirkwood and Samuel. Over the summer, we hope that we'll discover great items for others to buy: Cardinals tickets, Dinner at a favorite place, Service from a company, A pie a month. The items are only limited by your imagination. Already, someone has donated a truck load of firewood, an HVAC Check, a gift certificate to a restaurant...More info? Contact Tom McKenzie: [mckenzie1947@att.net](mailto:mckenzie1947@att.net) or Keith Karau [keith.karau@gmail.com](mailto:keith.karau@gmail.com)

## June 2023 Alzheimer's News

### *This One Simple Action Can Help Older People Fight Off Alzheimer's*

Researchers have done extensive research when it comes to Alzheimer's. But one recent finding revealed that one simple action can help fight off the cognitive disease - regular walks. Researchers from the University of Maryland School of Public Health did a study on older adults and how regular walks helped with Alzheimer's symptoms.

For the study, a group of participants walked on a treadmill for four days weekly for a total of 12 weeks. The results of the study showed that the participants experienced stronger connections through their brain networks and better recall abilities. According to the researchers, one of the brain networks that showed improvement is connected to Alzheimer's disease.

The study concluded that there is growing evidence that exercise improves brain health, slows cognitive impairment and might even slow the onset of the Alzheimer's form of dementia. In the study, researchers examined the brains and story recollection capacities of older adults with normal brain function and others who have been diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment, which included a slight decline of memory, reasoning, judgement, and a risk factor for Alzheimer's.

"Historically, the brain networks we studied in this research show deterioration over time in people with mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease" J. Carson Smith, a kinesiology professor with the School of Public Health and principal investigator of the study, said in a news release. "They become disconnected, and as a result, people lose their ability to think clearly and remember things. We're demonstrating that exercise training strengthens these connections.

Smith previously did research that showed how walking seems to also promote a decrease in cerebral blood flow and improved brain function in the elderly with a mild cognitive impairment.

In the study, 33 people aged 71 to 85 years old participated in the study for 12 weeks. Participants were tasked with reading a short story before repeating the narrative out loud with as many details as possible following a walk. The participants then underwent an MRI so researchers could check the results. "The brain activity was stronger and more synchronized, demonstrating exercise actually can induce the brain's ability to change and adapt," Smith said, according to Study Finds. "These results provide even more hope that exercise may be useful as a way to prevent or help stabilize people with mild cognitive impairment and maybe, over the long term, delay the conversion to Alzheimer's dementia."

You can learn more by going to [www.alz.org/help-support/resources](http://www.alz.org/help-support/resources) or the Alzheimer's Helpline which is accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master's level clinicians to assist with crisis situations, decision making, and disease information. You can find virtual dementia caregiver resources online at [alz.org/covid19help](http://alz.org/covid19help). Tools and support are also available in Spanish. Want to learn more about the Alzheimer's Association and what they do here in St. Louis? Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) and/or contact PUC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at [joyceruiz7@gmail.com](mailto:joyceruiz7@gmail.com)

# Prayer List

as of Wednesday, June 7, 2023

## Celebrations

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

**Seasonal beauty.**

**Ongoing Search for Christian Education and Youth Directors** – we have begun interviewing promising candidates.

**PUCC Annual Meeting and Luncheon.**

**LGBTQ+ Pride Month.**

## Concerns

**Val & Doug Detjen** - 43 days after heart surgery, she is now at Mercy Rehab, 14561 N.Outer Forty Rd, Room G40, Chesterfield 63017.

**Peter LaSalle** - healing and strengthening... hospitalized again now.

**Jean** - healing after trauma to head and wrist (Kari Borgmann's mom).

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

**Norma Shafermeyer** - healing after pacemaker surgery (Ferrell).

**Joseph Miller** - long road to healing (son of Deb Carter).

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

**Benji Adejoh** - as he heads home to Nigeria after studying abroad here.

**Kevin Cameron, Carmen Bumgarner and kids** - as he recuperates from heart attack.

**The ongoing power struggles and violence in Sudan, elsewhere**

**The continuing war in Ukraine.**

## Continuing

**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.

**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!

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

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

**Matt Albers** - finished chemo and radiation; surgery next (Connors).

**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 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

**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.



# Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 11, 2023

## Genesis 12:1-9

### *The Call of Abram*

In today's story, God calls Abram and his family away from the place they are living, and into a new home that is being prepared for them. In this story, God promises to be with Abram and his family for always, not just in this generation but the next and the next and the next. There are many reasons that a family might be called to leave the home somewhere on the globe, for the promise of a new one - war, famine, climate change, economic opportunity, religious freedom, or to freely love, express their gender and thrive in any number of ways. When a family is called in this way, God's promise of accompaniment might meet them in the form of a United Church of Christ congregation or other entity.

In the UCC, "We have a long history of providing and creating robust structures of welcome for the resettlement of refugees and the protection of asylees within the United States, while advocating for and responding to the needs of those displaced globally."\*

Are you or your congregation feeling called to be the face and hands of God for a resettling family or individual? If so, there are a number of grants available that can help you help God fulfill the promise of presence made to Abram long ago and to many others in this time.

Search the web to find more information about UCC Global H.O.P.E. Refugee & Migration Ministries Grants. Some of them include:

- **Migrant Empowerment Match Grant**: Career development funding for individual migrants across a range of visa statuses.
- **Migrant Community Program Seed Grant**: For churches creating community enrichment programs for migrants.
- **Refugee Resettlement Booster Grant**: Funding for churches to resettle a single or multiple families through a local refugee resettlement office, the U.S. Sponsor Circle Program or the Church World Service Remote Resettlement Program.
- **Refugee and Migration Solidarity Grant**: For UCC churches and conferences to meet emergency mass care needs.
- **Asylum Accompaniment Booster Grant**: Funding for churches hosting or resourcing asylum seekers.
- **Ukrainian Sponsorship Seed Grant**: Awards for churches to sponsor Ukrainian nationals.

\*<https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/wider-church-ministries/global-hope/refugee-and-migration-ministries/#anchor1>