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Limitless Love | Courageous Action | Spirited Inquiry

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: Michelle Brueggemann

Flowers: Jackie Eiffert in celebration of her mother Marion Pleis's birthday

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Photos/videos should generally not be taken of children in church except as part of organized activities and programs, and any requests of children or their parents or guardians should be respected. Please be respectful of privacy and mindful that this is a safe and sacred space for all who enter.

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

8/2 WOODSON, Jennifer & Curt (12)

Birthdays

7/30 PLEIS, Marion

8/3 FRAZIER, Robbie

8/1 RAUSCHER, Steffanie

8/3 WADDELL, Brian

8/2 SCHEFFEL, Helen

8/4 CONNORS, Lori

9th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, July 30, 2023 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.* ~Rabindranath Tagore

Gathering Music *Gloria*—Christopher Grundy
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7ykbXZUCOw&list=OLAK5uy_lJXcJGNdhwXKGi3n4g-cg1Rf9Bz2Mnors&index=6

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.)

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship

One: God created us not to be self-sufficient but to need one another.

Many: None of us can do this alone.

One: Sometimes we are the ones bestowing generosity and gifts.

Many: Other times we are the recipients of kindness and charity.

One: We need encouragement and inspiration to be both givers and receivers.

Many: Jesus is our model. We follow in his footsteps.

One: We echo his words and ways.

Many: The Holy Spirit guides us, corrects us and sends us toward one another.

All: We look to you, Creator, Christ and Spirit as we make compassion, creativity and community come alive.

Opening Prayer Heather Pencavel

Open our eyes, ever-present God, to see you here and now in this place and in one another. Open our ears, Word of Life, to hear you speaking in the words we hear, say and sing...and in the silence. Open our hearts, transforming Spirit, to change and renewal in each of us alone and together...and our life in the world.

Already, God of extravagant generosity, You have opened your hands and poured out your love for us; open our minds to your greatness and our lives to serve others. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 13:31-33 (CEB – Common English Bible)

Jesus told a parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. It’s the smallest of all seeds. But when it’s grown, it’s the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches.”

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough.”

Reflection

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.]

Commissioning

Jesus Has Left the Sanctuary Jesus Has Left the Building

Parting Song *I Will Sing of your Love, Love, Love* Christopher Grundy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUyjdGNIYH4>

***God’s Light Goes Forth**

Announcements

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



TODAY! JHLTB—Jesus Has Left the Building July 30

We are doing various activities to serve the community.

We welcome photos and short video clips from this event. Upload here: <https://tinyurl.com/PUCCmedia>

AMOE—Adventurous Men Out Early

Thursday, August 3 | 9:15am | Heritage Room

A time for fellowship and figuring out solutions to the woes of the world. All are welcome.

Contact Richard Scherrer: 90fivetpr@gmail.com | (314) 591-6803

AWOL - Adventurous Women Out Late

All women are invited to go AWOL!

Join PUCC at the MUNY on August 18th to see 'The Sister Act' Contact Dan Connors to reserve tickets -- 314-651-0279; connorsd@aol.com

RomCom Movie Night - Saturday, September 9th in the evening... more details later.

October event TBA as Carmen is getting a new knee in mid-September!

'COME FROM AWAY' at the FOX Theater - Sunday, November 5th @ 6:30pm. Group ticket price is \$53 so please RSVP asap.

Adapted from the book "The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland," the fact-based musical tells multiple stories of the 7,000 people temporarily stranded in Gander when 38 flights were grounded after the attacks, almost instantly doubling the size of the small but close-knit community.

This is an amazing show, See it for the first time or see it again!

Dinner out in our holiday best - Saturday, December 16th... more details to come.

Questions? RSVP? Carmen Bumgarner (314-330-0813); cfbum@charer.net

New Parkway UCC Church Directory Coming Soon A Directory Team is updating our church directory—without family photos but with lots of updated information. See the update questionnaires on the round table in the Gathering Space. If your current information is correct, WRITE YOUR NAME, and check the circle at the top of the form and place it in the basket on the round table. If there are changes in your information, please PRINT CLEARLY your information, ESPECIALLY THE EMAIL ADDRESSES. We thank you for responding.

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

Caring for the Welfare of Children: *Support for Isaiah 58 School Supplies Ministries*

The following items are requested:

1. Underwear, including socks, undershirts, all sizes, adults too, but especially for children, considering that older high school students need larger sizes;
2. 200 composition books, college-ruled (narrow lines), one-subject, spiral-bound. Watch for sales when shopping and take advantage of late July and August Back-to-School sales.
3. Hosts to sponsor activity tables on the Isaiah 58 Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, 22 July, 8:00 to 1:00 PM. Let me know if anyone is interested in this portion of the school fair day.

Underwear, all sizes, and composition books can be collected through Aug 31.

Evelyn Buretta: burettaevelyn@gmail.com | (636) 220-1280

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Celebrations

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

Seasonal beauty.

Noah - born early to JoJo and Derek Kersting and big sister Nattie.

The search for Christian Education and Youth Director - our team has put forth a great candidate to the Church Council for approval!

Tito, Sarah & Family - major strides in his rehab after stroke (Mason).

Concerns

Skip Larson - healing at home with pins, rods in back; broken ribs

Peter LaSalle & Sally Dodge - his palliative care; their move in STL.

The ongoing power struggles and violence in Sudan, elsewhere

The continuing war in Ukraine.

Continuing

Val & Doug Detjen - as she continues to strengthen *at home*.

Cassie Rosenberger's sister Christa - healing after recent surgery.

Donna - recent cancer diagnosis (sister of Dottie Dwyer).

Avery (20 months old) and parents Kyle & Laura - as she has been diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy (Kari/Keith Borgmann's granddaughter).

Cassie Rosenberger's mother Martha - ongoing cancer treatments.

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

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 - doing well after navigating a variety of challenges (Rogers).

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]

Other

Pres Biden, VP Harris, Congress, all local, national, world leaders.

The “me too” Movement - shining a light on sexual abuse.

All people who live with mental illness & 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.