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**Punctuation**  
*of*  
**JESUS**

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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 or sending an email.

**Welcome Children** We invite children to full participation in worship. We also have activity bags for young children to use while they are here.

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

**Scripture Reader** Dawn Jones-Goldstein

**Please** consider signing up to read scripture in 2024:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60BoD4CA4AC23AB9-scripture1>

**Flowers** given by Marion Pleis in honor of her husband, Roger; and Julie Harms' birthday. Please consider signing up to donate flowers on the large bulletin board in the Gathering Space!

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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](http://www.crisistextline.org)  
Behavioral Health Network of Greater St Louis 314-449-6713  
The numbers below are called Warmlines (not Hotlines).  
They are peer run by people with lived experience.  
Not all of them are 24/7/365  
Teen Warm Line: 1 800-248-8336  
Black Warm Line: 1-800-604-5841 (They are divested from the police)  
Trans Warm Line: 1-877-565-8860  
Project Return Warm Line: 1-800-448-9777 (run away)  
Learn more about warm lines: <https://warmline.org/warmdir.html>

## Birthdays

03/03 Carol Clifford	03/07 Doug Sperry
03/03 Marv Herpel	03/07 Jan Shippee
03/03 Melissa Pounds	03/08 Jeff Downing
03/04 Deb Carter	03/08 Bill Klein
03/05 Julie Harms	03/09 Carter Murawski
03/06 Connor Woodson	

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday *in* Lent – Quotation Mark

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

**Prelude** *Living for Jesus* – by John Turner, © 2017 Lorenz Publishing Co.; based on the tune *Living* by C. Harlold Lowden

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

## Meditations

I always say, don't be a Christian, be Christ-like. Don't be a Muslim, be Mohammed-like. Don't be a Buddhist, be Buddha-like. Emulate these great spiritual Masters and what they were teaching. ~**Wayne Dyer**

If no other consideration had convinced me of the value of the Christian life, the Christ like work which the Church of all denominations in America has done during the last 35 years for the elevation of the black man would have made me a Christian. ~**Booker T. Washington** (1856-1915)

I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ. ~**Mahatma Gandhi**

## 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

### Introit *Kyrie*

[Please follow the Cantor's directions]

*Kyrie Eleison...***Kyrie Eleison** (Lord, have mercy)

*Christe Eleison...***Christe Eleison** (Christ, have mercy)

*Kyrie Eleison...***Kyrie Eleison** (Lord, have mercy)

### Scripture Psalm 23 | Inclusive Language Psalter

God is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. God makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. God revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for their name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

## \*Call to Worship

One:	We come during Lent to learn more about Jesus.
Many:	<b>We watch him and listen to him as we work to become more like him.</b>
One:	He tells stories, quotes scripture, talks with people and really cares for them.
Many:	<b>He prays and pays attention to the Holy Spirit.</b>

One:	We find ways to say the things he said.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>We do the things he did.</b>
One:	We live and love like Jesus.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>God helps us to do this.</b>
<b>All:</b>	<b>Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.</b>

**\*Song** *Sing Them Over to Me Again - Wonderful Words of Life*

## Sing Them Over Again to Me (Wonderful Words of Life)

*Philip P. Bliss, 1874; alt.*



1 Sing them o - ver a - gain to me,      won - der - ful words of life;  
 2 Christ, the bless - ed one, gives to all      won - der - ful words of life;  
 3 Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call,      won - der - ful words of life;



let me more of their beau - ty see,      won - der - ful words of life;  
 sin - ner, wake to the lov - ing call,      won - der - ful words of life;  
 of - fer par - don and peace to all,      won - der - ful words of life;



Words of life and beau - ty teach me faith and du - ty.  
 All so free - ly giv - en, our sure hope of heav - en.  
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, keep me with you for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life.



Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life.

## Lenten Candles

We lit seven candles as we embarked on this Lenten journey. We want the light of the Holy to illumine our path as we seek to be the words and ways of Jesus. We commit to being more infused by the Spirit as we travel. Even as we know this is good and important work, we recognize that it isn't easy—and we will come upon the shadow side of humanity and some of our own unique darkness.

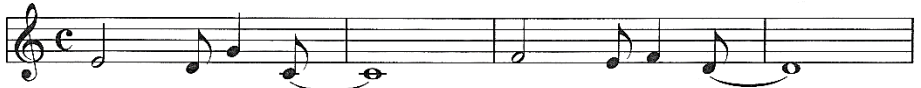
We extinguish one candle each time we gather for worship this season, acknowledging that this can be tough and exhausting work. As we approach the desertion and depletion of Good Friday, we also prepare ourselves for the dawn and love of Easter morning...the light that never goes out.

## Prayer at the Candles

The Punctuation of Jesus: *How and What He Communicates*

**Holy One, send your spirit that we might find more clarity around what it is that Jesus is trying to share with us. He uses different forms of communication in an effort to reach each and every one of us - regardless of our learning styles, life experiences and ability to focus. He is eager and effective in his attempts. Help us to open our heart, mind, spirit and all of our senses - that we might be more available to receive, understand and pass along what he wants and needs us to know now. Amen.**

**Response** *Here Are Our Hearts* by Susan Drake and Julie Jennings



Here are our hearts. \_\_\_\_\_ Here are our hands. \_\_\_\_\_



Here are our lives. \_\_\_\_\_ Use them as You can. \_\_\_\_\_ Show us those who hurt.



\_\_\_\_\_ Show us those in need. \_\_\_\_\_ Show us how to serve.



\_\_\_\_\_ Teach us how to see. \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's Time** Please return to your seats for this One Family Worship. Julie and Becca are in the Nursery for children two and under.

**Blessing the Children** *This is Where Children Belong*



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the  
wor-ship-ing throng. Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and  
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

**Mission Moment** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Lent/Easter Sue Moelling  
**Heifer International** | Lydia's House | Unleashing Potential | Eden Seminary

**Response** *Heifer International Has a Farm*

Heifer International has a farm – ee-i, ee-i, oh!  
and on that farm they have a cow – ee-i, ee-i, oh!  
With a “moo-moo” here, and a “moo-moo” there;  
Here a “moo,” there a “moo,” everywhere a “moo-moo!”  
Heifer International has a farm – ee-i, ee-i, oh!

Heifer International has a farm – ee-i, ee-i, oh!  
and on that farm they have a chick – ee-i, ee-i, oh!  
With a “peep-peep” here, and a “peep-peep” there;  
Here a “peep,” there a “peep,” everywhere a “peep-peep!”  
Heifer International has a farm – ee-i, ee-i, oh!



**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.

[www.parkwayucc.org/giving](http://www.parkwayucc.org/giving)

**Offertory Anthem** *All God's Critters* – by Bill Staines, © 1983 Mineral River Music (BMI)

**CHORUS:** *Congregation joins singing the Chorus each time*

**All God's critters got a place in the choir**

**Some sing low, some sing higher**

**Some sing out loud on the telephone wire**

**And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now**

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big to do  
And old cow just goes 'moo'  
Well the dogs and the cats they take up the middle  
The honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
The old coyote howls (**Chorus**)

Listen to the top where the little bird sings  
The melody with the high voice ringing  
The hoot owl hollers over everything  
And the jaybird disagrees  
Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day  
The little duck quacks and he's on his way  
The 'possum (really) don't have much to say  
And the porcupine talks to herself (**Chorus**)

Everybody here is a part of the plan  
We all get to play in the great critter band  
From the eagle in the sky to the whale in the sea  
It's one great symphony (**Chorus**)

### **\*Response**

**Praise God for love we all may share,  
Praise God for beauty everywhere,  
Praise God for hope of good to be,  
Praise God for truth that makes us free.**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication** Suzelle Lynch

**May the gifts we share, given with generosity and kindness, help each of us, our church and our world create more peace, love and freedom. Amen.**

**Scripture** Luke 15:3-6 | NRSV - New Revised Standard Version

So, Jesus told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until they find it? And when they have found it, they lay it on their shoulders and rejoice. And when they come home, they call together their friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.'"

Matthew 22:37-39 | NRSV

And Jesus said to them, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 23:37 | NRSV

Jesus said, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"



## 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.

### 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.]

#### Communion Song *Remember Me*

(Tune: *Though I May Speak*)

Remember me — the God who saves —  
For back in Egypt you were slaves;  
Then by my hand I set you free.  
Now keep my law. Remember me.

Remember me in bread and wine  
Whene'er you share this meal of mine.  
I gave my life to set you free.  
With thanks and praise, remember me.

Remember me in all you do,  
For I'm alive! I walk with you.  
I was, I am, and I shall be.  
O church I love, remember me.

Our God, we hear! We're called and freed!  
Your Spirit gives us memory.  
Now send us out that we may share  
Your love's great story everywhere.

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#### Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine/Juice

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

**Communion Interlude** *Partake the Bread of the World* – arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram, © 2013 Lorenz Publishing Company; based on Land of Rest (trad. American melody), Paderborn (Paderborn Gesangbuch – 1765), and Eucharistic Hymn (John S. B. Hodges – 1868)

## **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Holy One, thank you for this simple meal. May it give us strength and love to do your work. Amen.**

## **\*Song of Parting** *Long Ago, God Reached In Love*

(Tune: *Jesus Loves Me*)

Long ago, God reached in love,  
sending Noah back a dove,  
Promising a world made dry,  
with a rainbow in the sky.

*Refrain:*

God, you are faithful,  
God, you are faithful,  
God, you are faithful:  
Your covenant is love!

Abraham and Sarah heard  
God's surprising, joyful word:  
God would give them land and more:  
children they had long hoped for.  
(refrain)

Ten Commandments were the way  
God called people to obey,  
For God wanted us to see:  
In obeying, we are free.  
(refrain)

Jesus came to show the way  
we can have new life today;  
God fulfilled that loving plan,  
made for us when life began.  
(refrain)

## **\*Benediction**

## **\*God's Light Goes Forth**

**\*Music for Going Forth** *Wake the Day with Gladness* – by Anthony Giamanco, © 2017 Lorenz Publishing Co.

## **Sending the Word Home** For your spiritual nourishment during the week.

### **LAST WEEK**

Jesus points out that the kingdom of God is one in which those on the margins are lifted up and those in power are brought down (Mark 10:32-52).

### **THIS WEEK**

Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and teaches in the temple. The religious leaders confront him with questions meant to trap him (Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]).

### **THE POINT**

We are called to serve God and build God's kingdom.

### **BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS**

Some passages in Scripture are difficult to understand. Others are easy to understand but difficult to accept. Sometimes it is easier to understand and accept those passages when we view them from their historical perspective. What was acceptable at that time may be different from what is considered acceptable today. We can also consider that the translation from Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek to English is not necessarily exact. Using Scripture to interpret Scripture, through cross-references, we can get a better idea of the meaning behind difficult passages. The bottom line is that our main focus should be on the central message of the Scriptures: God's redeeming love for all humanity.

### **PRACTICE: SERVICE**

What act of service can you do this week that goes beyond your comfort zone? Reach out to someone different from you, someone you do not know well, in an act of service that shows acceptance and love. Do not seek praise or a thank you.

### **STORY SUMMARY**

After Jesus enters Jerusalem, he spends time teaching in the temple. His teaching opens our eyes to the conflict brewing between Jesus and the religious leaders. He knows that his death is coming, and he uses his time in the temple to tell others what is to come. Jesus tells a parable in which the tenants reject the servants who come to collect the owner's share of produce. Eventually the owner sends his son. The son is seized, killed, and thrown out of the vineyard. Through the characters of this parable, Jesus tells what will happen in the near future: the leaders and authorities will reject and kill him, too.

### **NEXT WEEK**

Jesus denounces the scribes who do not live out the commandments to love God and neighbor, then points out a widow who gives all she has as an example of one who does (Mark 12:28-44).

## GOING DEEPER

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? Consider the following basic pattern as a way of forming family devotions:

- ❖ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time." Pray a simple prayer together.
- ❖ Take a moment to check in with each other; what are each person's "highs" and "lows" today?
- ❖ Read aloud from the Daily Bible Readings from below. Discuss the questions following each.
- ❖ End with a blessing, by simply tracing a cross on each other's forehead. The Lord's Prayer is a good way to end your devotion time. If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotions.

**Note:** This is only a suggested pattern. It will vary with your household's context and patterns. What works best for you? First thing in the morning? Over breakfast? Bedtime? Be creative and flexible with how you practice and keep your devotions!

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### **SUNDAY: Mark 12:13-17**

A question is asked about paying taxes. How do you handle it when people challenge your words about Jesus?

### **MONDAY: Mark 12:18-27**

Debate about the resurrection. How does knowing God has things under control help you, despite your questions?

### **TUESDAY: Mark 12:28-34**

The greatest commandment puts God first. How can you show others that you love them as much as you love yourself?

### **WEDNESDAY: Deuteronomy 6:1-5**

Can you follow the commandments? Which commandment is the hardest to keep?

### **THURSDAY: Leviticus 19:13-18**

Loving God includes loving your neighbor. What do these verses tell you about God's justice?

### **FRIDAY: Hosea 6:1-6**

Steadfast love is more important than sacrifice. How can you pursue the knowledge of God?

### **SATURDAY: Mark 12:35-40**

Who is the Son of David? How can you be sure of the authenticity of your spiritual leaders? In what way is Jesus related to David?

# Announcements

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

## Free Poinsettias!

We are giving away our remaining poinsettias today for anyone interested in taking them to be composted or even continue to grow. The pots are recyclable. Just take the one(s) you'd like. Thank you.

## Signature Gathering Training for Reproductive Freedom to be on the Missouri Ballot in November!

Sunday, March 03 | 11:15am-12:15pm | Heritage Room

Join the fight to end Missouri's total abortion ban and put families and their doctors - not politicians - back in charge of personal medical decisions. We have a shorter than normal time to get the signatures needed... every signature matters. Read the amendment & the coalition of organizations behind this initiative petition at <https://moconstitutionalfreedom.org/>  
For more info, contact Cindi Nouri [cynthianouri@gmail.com](mailto:cynthianouri@gmail.com)

## AWOL: Adventurous Women Out Late

Join us as we make new connections and strengthen existing ones.

**Today** at 1pm- ART IN BLOOM @ The St. Louis Art Museum.

This event requires RSVP also

Saturday, April 13 at 1pm - Spend a couple of hours with us at Laumière Sculpture Park

Friday, May 10 at 6pm- Dinner on the patio - details TBA.

Contact Carmen Bumgarner: [cfbum@charter.net](mailto:cfbum@charter.net)

## Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – March 5

*Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

1st & 3rd Tuesday | 1:45pm fellowship | 2:00-3:00pm discussion

[Zoom Link](#) (312) 626-6799; Meeting ID: 836 7061 7428; Passcode: 480007

Please join us with Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue as we read and discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Join us for fellowship at 1:45, and book discussion from 2 - 3. We'll discuss the book in thirds, on March 5th, 19th, and April 2nd.

From Amazon - "A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history. From these strands, Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice." The book begins before the Civil War with the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington and his enslaved groom, and ends in our current time period. Most of the details regarding Lexington's racing career are true. *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism. TAD would love to have you. For more info, contact Jackie Eiffert [jeiffert2@gmail.com](mailto:jeiffert2@gmail.com).

## **PUCC Adventurers at the Frank Lloyd Wright House**

Thursday, March 21 | 10am-1pm | 120 N. Ballas Rd, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Please join the PUCC Adventurers on Thursday, March 21st, as we tour the Frank Lloyd Wright House in Ebsworth Park in Kirkwood. The tour lasts 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Meet at church at 9:30 for carpooling, or 10 at the Frank Lloyd House, 120 N. Ballas Road. "Nestled in grassy fields on 10.5 acres in the Sugar Creek Valley of Kirkwood, is a unique and significant residence designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, widely recognized as the greatest American architect of the twentieth century. Completed in 1955 for Russell and Ruth Kraus, the Usonian house is notable for its architectural integrity and original Wright-designed furnishings. The house, land, furniture, and memorabilia were purchased from the original owner in 2001 by a non-profit organization formed to save and restore the Kraus House as a house museum." It's a fascinating place.

The tour needs a two-week lead time on our reservations to ensure that there are enough docents. Please RSVP by **March 6th** to Jackie Eiffert, [jeiffert2@gmail.com](mailto:jeiffert2@gmail.com). The cost of the tour is \$20 per person, which can be paid in cash on the day of the tour. Afterward, join us at Wan Fu Chinese Restaurant in Des Peres, 12033 Manchester Road. For more info, contact Jackie Eiffert [jeiffert2@gmail.com](mailto:jeiffert2@gmail.com).

## **Adventurous Men Out Early**

Thursday, March 7 | 9:15am | Heritage Room

The agenda: coffee and conversation. All are welcome. Questions? Talk to Richard Scherrer [90fivetpr@gmail.com](mailto:90fivetpr@gmail.com)

## **Interfaith Iftar - Breaking Fast on Ramadan**

Thursday, March 14 | 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Congregation Shaare Emeth, Parkway United Church of Christ and Turkish American Society of Missouri would like to invite you to attend our Intertwine Interfaith Iftar Dinner where our members will share a meal together.

This unique event aims to embrace diversity, promote interfaith dialogue, and share in the spirit of Ramadan. We will be breaking fast together, enjoying a delicious meal, and engaging in meaningful conversations.

Your presence will add to the richness of our gathering, making it an inclusive and memorable evening for all.

RSVP by **March 8th, 2024**. This is a free event but \$10 donation is suggested to cover the cost of the meal.

RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/SZ3PGVurpdEwSPLQ6>

If you have difficulties registering or have any questions about this event, please reach us via email at Fatma Selcuk [faithlopve97@gmail.com](mailto:faithlopve97@gmail.com) or Cagri Selcuk [cagriselcuk89@gmail.com](mailto:cagriselcuk89@gmail.com). For more info, contact Lisa Mason [Lmason24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lmason24@sbcglobal.net)

## **Go to Jerusalem: A Lenten Devotional**

Sundays during Lent, 9-9:30 am | Heritage Room

This Lent, imagine placing your hand in the hand of Jesus and journeying with him to Jerusalem.

In these daily devotions for the 40 days of Lent and Holy Week, pastor and scholar Mary Alice Mulligan leads us on a self-reflective journey to discover what it really means to follow Jesus.

These concise entries include scripture, reflections, journaling prompts, suggested spiritual practices, and a prayer. Entries are undated, making this a perennial resource.

Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room, we'll come together to reflect on how our journeys are going, the challenges we've faced, and kernels of truth gleaned as we grow closer to God, that we may support each other in covenantal fellowship together.

For more information, or if you would like a devotional mailed to you, please contact Gabriel Requadt [gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org)

## **Annual St. Patrick's Dinner to Benefit Habitat for Humanity**

March 09, 4:00-7:00pm | Samuel UCC 320 N. Forsyth Blvd., Clayton MO

Suggested \$20 donation, children \$6. EVERY CENT you give goes to Habitat for Humanity St. Louis. All meat and other food are either a gift from the Kern Meat Company or others. Corned beef and cabbage, Irish mashed potatoes, soda bread and a homemade dessert buffet like no other. For more info, please contact Tom McKenzie at [mckenzie1947@att.net](mailto:mckenzie1947@att.net)

## **Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am “The Estate Sale; a Going-out-of-Business Event for a Person’s Life,” by Perrin Stifel.**

Mar. 10 | 11:15 am | Heritage Room

The stuff you surround yourself with tells a story. It is a physical autobiography you write by living. Which is why people love estate sales. The estate sale, unlike its close relative the yard sale, is not a selective culling of possessions. It's a perusing of the stuff integral to a stranger's life.

Fingering the wares allows you to commune with the departed. If you're paying attention, you can put together a story about who they were. If not, well then we have Parkway Church member Perrin Stifel, who can put the story together for you, since he is not only a veteran estate sales sage; he is also an award winning storyteller. There will be no remote access. For more information contact Richard Scherrer [90fivetpr@gmail.com](mailto:90fivetpr@gmail.com).

## **Tuesday Evening Dialogue – March 12**

2nd & 4th Tuesday | 6:00pm potluck | 7:00pm discussion | Heritage Rm

TED's current book selection is **The Book of Longings** by Sue Monk Kidd.

This is a fictional novel about a young woman who becomes the wife of Jesus. Grounded in meticulous historical research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity, *The Book of Longings* is an inspiring account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place, and culture devised to silence her.

We meet every second and fourth Tuesday at 6pm for potluck dinner and book discussion.

For more info, contact Helen Race [raceh@att.net](mailto:raceh@att.net)

## **Chili Cookoff/Brownie Smackdown**

Sunday, March 17 | 11am-1pm | Fellowship Hall

LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!!!!

It's time for our annual Chili Cookoff/Brownie Smackdown!

The event will be held on Sunday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, following the worship service.

So, wear your green, bring your best chili and/or brownies, and with a wee bit o' luck, you will be the 2024 champion and receive the coveted trophy (ribbon for the brownies) and braggin' rights for the next year!

This is a fundraiser for the youth to raise money for their annual mission projects; so, come out, support our youth, and enjoy some fun, fellowship and good-natured competition!

Thanks for your support! We'll have sign-up sheets out soon! Contact Amy Yakel for more info: [da\\_yakel@att.net](mailto:da_yakel@att.net)

## **Community Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, March 23 | 9:30am | Parkway UCC

Parkway UCC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is around the corner! The event will begin with craft making at 9:30am, with the Easter egg hunt starting at 10am. There will be refreshments and pictures with the Easter Bunny!

We are also looking for plenty of volunteers for set-up and tear-down, as well as for donuts/coffee. We would appreciate donations of individually wrapped Easter candy as we prepare for the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop in marked Easter Pail in the Gathering Space. Thank you very much!

For more info or if interested in volunteering, email:  
Gabriel Requadt [gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org).



## Spring Friendship Dinners

Spring is Right around the corner, and so are Friendship Dinners. Sign up in The Gathering Space to be a host or guest. Hosts can also sign up to be a guest at another dinner.

We ask the host volunteers to indicate how many guests they will invite. The Friendship Dinner team will organize the dinners, considering where people live.

Then, the host will call the guests on the date suggested. The host provides the main dishes, and guests bring a side dish or dessert. The host can also decide to host a Dutch dinner at a local restaurant. Questions? Contact Cindy Wessel [cindywessel@yahoo.com](mailto:cindywessel@yahoo.com).

## Trans/Queer Youth Clothing Swap

Happening March 2024

Complete Harmony and partners are proud to announce the first annual Trans/Queer Youth Clothing and Community Swap. From family and financial barriers to mental health diagnoses, there are many reasons why our Trans/Queer youth are feeling disconnected and unseen. In response, we're creating a community space for these amazing youth to swap clothes and connect in the community. When Trans/Queer-identifying youth gather they have the power to validate, represent, connect, and celebrate who they each authentically are, as well as their community. Registration is required, the event and items are free for youth. Out of safety for everyone, **you must register [here](#)** to receive the event date, time, and location.

## Looking for More Singers for PUC Sanctuary Choir

If you've always imagined singing in the choir—or the thought is just occurring to you for the first time right now, why not give it a try?

We're needing extra singers for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Please reach out to [barry@parkwayucc.org](mailto:barry@parkwayucc.org) 636-485-5378 to let him know!

We have an intergenerational choir called *First Sunday Choir* that gathers at 9am on the first Sunday of each month to learn a simple song or two to sing that morning in worship.

The *Sanctuary Choir* sings on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from September – May and practices on Thursday evenings.

Our *Children's Choir* sings on the third Sunday of each month.

## Join the Children's Ministry Team

We are looking for two additional volunteers to join the team and help teach Children's Ministry in 2024. It's an excellent way to serve in this church, and we have a vibrant Children's Ministry program. So, if you have a joy teaching children from PreK to 5th Grade, we'd love to have ya! It's pretty low commitment, so not too demanding, so if you feel you'd have a couple weeks out of the month free, or even just one week a month, then this could be the right fit for you.

If interested, please reach out to Gabriel Requadt, our Director of Christian Education, for more information: [gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org)

# Prayer List

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

## Celebrations

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

## Concerns

**Ralf and Cindy Wessel** - heading to Germany to grieve/give thanks for his brother Juergen.

**Kevin and Rosanna Hogarty** - his quadruple bypass surgery went well last week; home address 4434 Paragon Ct, Gig Harbor WA 98335.

**Keith Mohl** - stage 4 lung cancer (Mike's brother).

**Family/friends of the four children and mother** who died tragically in Ferguson last week (Alul - Burns).

**The continuing war in Ukraine.**

**War in the Mideast** - Israel and Hamas....Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Yemen

**US Southern Border Crisis** and our immigration policies/practices.

## Continuing

**Val and Doug Detjen** - doing well after her surgery earlier this winter.

**Rebecca Ray** - that her book on suicide prevention will be published.

**Kari Borgmann** - her mom becoming more feeble, lack of awareness.

**Jackie** - receiving hospice care at home (sister of Nick McMillon).

**Mike Kolman** - healing and discerning his future care (Svenson).

**Cassie Rosenberger's mother Martha** - ongoing cancer treatments.

**Gram Ruth Hughes** - Lymphoma; receiving hospice care (Schneider).

**Seger Ruiz** - paralyzed from car accident in September.

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

**Dennis Giever** - healing momentum in rehab after a fall (Connors).

**Tom Manor** - prostate cancer; widowed 2022; parenting (McKenzie).

**Sharon Thiemann** - undergoing cancer treatment (Svenson).

**Kate** - medical tests for lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, more (Borgmann).

**Pam** - cancer diagnosis while receiving care for injuries from a fall.

**Nelson Spencer** - continued treatment for multiple issues (Svenson).

**Trudy** - living with cancer; healing after a fall (Scharf).

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

**Cherie & Mike Stolze and family** - her chronic health challenges.

**Bill & Nancy Darland** - his ongoing health issues.

**Gail, Bill and Christopher Haack** - chronic health challenges.

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

## **Home-Centered/Care Facility/Rehab Center**

**Marv Herpel** - *Brookdale West County*; 785 Henry Ave, #217;

Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-227-5838 [birthdate: March 3]

**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]

**Judy Waddell** - *McKnight Place*; 3 McKnight Pl, #229; StL MO 63124; 314-

312-1129 [birthdate: August 13]

**Pinky Wilcoxen** - *Delmar Gardens Creve Coeur*; 850 Country Manor Ln;

#136; Creve Coeur, MO 63141; 314-434-5900 [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.

**March 3, 2024**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**“Beautiful Law”**  
**Psalm 19**

Today in the United Church of Christ, we celebrate both Amistad Sunday and the first day of UCC Women’s Week. As we honor the heroes of the Amistad, we remember the captured people of African descent who spoke up and fought for freedom for themselves and those who would follow. During UCC Women’s Week, we give thanks for the women who, long before most congregations would ordain women into ministry, offered lifetimes of service, wisdom, justice work and leadership to local congregations and the wider church.

The Oxford Dictionary defines intersectionality as the interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender as they apply to a given individual or group, regarded as creating overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage.

On this day, a day to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of women and people of African descent, take a moment to celebrate the 2023 election of Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson as the first woman woman of African descent to be elected to the UCC’s highest office, the office of General Minister and President.

“Rev. Thompson is the third woman nominated for the post, after the Revs. Yvonne Delk (in 1989) and Barbara Brown Zikmund (in 1999), but the first to be elected. A Jamaican immigrant, Thompson is the third person of African descent to serve as leader of the denomination.

“Today, United Church of Christ, we created a first together,” she said after the vote. “It won’t be the last first.”\*

Jesus calls us to explore intersectionality, those boundary places where social categories like race, class and gender meet and merge. Rev. Dr. Thompson has bumped into those places all of her life. Now, her leadership will provide new ways for the United Church of Christ to understand our place in the intersections of intersectionality.

\*<https://www.ucc.org/karen-georgia-thompson-becomes-first-woman-to-lead-ucc-in-historic-vote/>