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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 Cynthia Levin. Consider signing up to read scripture in 2024: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60BoD4CA4AC23AB9-scripture1>

Flowers given by Linda Tossing in memory of Bill Tossing.

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Mental Health Support

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911... call or text)
24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK) | 800-SUICIDE: 800-784-2433

24/7 Missouri Department of Mental Health 800-811-4760

Text 741741 and someone will text right back...www.crisistextline.org

Behavioral Health Network of Greater St Louis 314-449-6713

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

04/14 Betty Scherrer

04/16 April Tallyn

04/14 Michael Comens

04/19 Carol Russell

04/14 Paul Dombek

04/19 Cameron Carter

04/15 Richard Hoch

04/15 Karen Nolte

04/15 Paige Krpan

Anniversaries

04/15 Vivienne Reed

04/17 Lori & Kenneth Aston

04/16 Alexander Doty

04/18 Dan Livengood & Brittany Hagedorn

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 14, 2024 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Prelude *Invigorating Rain* – Composed and performed by Elijah Gwyn
(Our thanks to ELIJAH GWYN for sharing this original composition with us today. He recently won second place for this piece in a statewide music composition contest through MIZZOU. He will be performing it before an audience at Mizzou on April 20th.)

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Discipleship is not that we work for God, but that God works through us. ~C.S Lewis

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

Choral Introit *Here I Am, Lord* – by Dan Schutte, arr. by Lloyd Larson

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Welcome Song *Sanctuary*

Lord, pre- pare me to be a sanc- tu - ar - y, pure and
Lord, pre- pare me to be your lov - ving e - cho, kind and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks- giv - ing, I'll be a
gen - tle, tried and true. With thanks- giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc- tu - ar - y for you.
liv - ing sanc- tu - ar - y for you.

Scripture Acts 3:1-10 | New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms.

Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

***Call to Worship**

One:	Holy Spirit, you led your church as recorded in the book of Acts, and you lead us today. Help us to be:
Left:	<i>Spirit-led and Gospel-spreading</i>
Right:	<i>Radically inclusive and diverse</i>
Left:	<i>Biblically informed and motivated</i>
Right:	<i>Concerned with individuals and community</i>
Many:	Active and persistent
Left:	<i>Upsetting to the status quo</i>
Right:	<i>Questioning of traditional roles</i>
Many:	Based in hospitality and generosity
Left:	<i>Powerful</i>
Right:	<i>Impactful to those it encounters</i>
Left:	<i>Brave in the face of persecution, danger, and dissension</i>
Right:	<i>Bold</i>
Many:	A source of healing and hope
Left:	<i>Filled with exhortation, teaching, preaching, and correction</i>
Right:	<i>Unified and generous</i>
All:	Work through us, Holy Spirit, to be the church that you would have us be today. Amen.

***Song** *Morning Has Broken* | #469 red hymnal

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

***Opening Prayer**

Holy and healing God, gather us as you gathered your followers two thousand years ago. We are here to hear your word and to be nourished by your Spirit. Empower us as you empowered the church long ago, and hear our prayers and commitment for being the church today. Speak to us so we echo your words of life to a world that needs them. 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.

Spirit of the living God move among us all;

Spirit of the living God make us one in love;

humble, caring, selfless, sharing—

Spirit of the living God fill our lives with love!

Children's Time For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 01 (upper level) where one of our teachers will meet them at the door. Children from age 3 to 5th grade can follow one of our teachers down to Room 12 (lower level), and youth from 6th to 12th grade can follow a teacher to Room 15 (also lower level). For children in Room 01, parents please pick them up after worship. Children and youth from age 3 thru high school can be met in the Gather Space just outside the Sanctuary after worship, as the teachers will bring them back upstairs after class.

Blessing the Children *Weave*

Weave, weave, weave us together

Weave us together in unity and love,

Weave, weave, weave us together

Weave us together, together in love.

Scripture Acts 3:1-10 | The Message (MSG)

One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for prayer meeting. At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." He looked up, expecting to get something from them.

Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. He jumped to his feet and walked.

The man went into the Temple with them, walking back and forth, dancing and praising God. Everybody there saw him walking around and praising God. They recognized him as the one who sat begging at the Temple's Gate Beautiful and rubbed their eyes, astonished, scarcely believing what they were seeing.

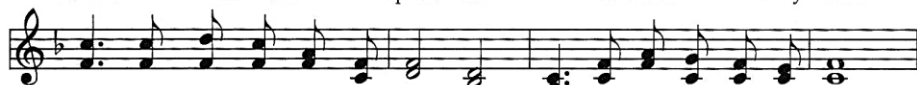
Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

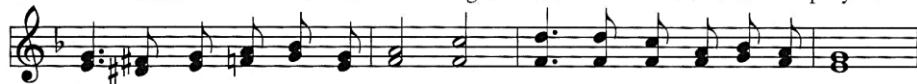
Call to Prayer *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* | #403 red hymnal



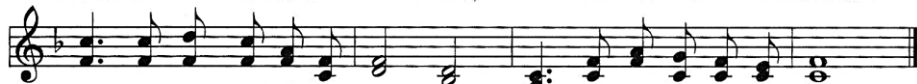
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor-rows share?



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

 sung to the tune by Nate Stout

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 stand next to the communion table before the end of the closing hymn. There are offering plates in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary too. Thank you for your generosity.

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Offering Interlude

God Gives Us Those Who Love Us

words by Mary Kay Beall, music by John Carter

God gives us those who love us because God loves us too;
God gives us those who love us to show what love can do.
God gave us Christ who loves us, the greatest love of all;
The greatest love of all . . .

***Response** *Make Me A Servant* | #2176 blue songbook

Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant
Make me a servant today...

***Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us to fulfill Jesus' mission. Thank you for the church we read about in The Book of Acts, and the amazing things that it did. Help our church to be more like the early church. Help us as individuals and a faith family to be bolder and more faithful. Amen.

***Song of Parting** *God of Grace and God of Glory* | #420 red hymnal



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that



pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,



For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** *Sunday School March (in G)* – by Alexander Schreiner (20th Cent.), © 1937 by J. Fischer & Bro.

LAST WEEK

Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus tells his disciples that they will receive the Holy Spirit and go out to the ends of the world to be witnesses. Jesus then ascends into heaven and the disciples return to Jerusalem (Acts 1:1-14).

THIS WEEK

Peter and John prove to be the witnesses Jesus said they would become. In the name of Jesus, they heal a man who could not walk from birth (Acts 3:1-10).

THE POINT

What we do has the power to touch others with the love of God.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

The early church began on the first Pentecost. At that time, many disciples of Jesus were given the Holy Spirit and began preaching the good news about Jesus. The leaders of this early church in Jerusalem were the apostles and James, Jesus' brother. Believers were persecuted by both Roman and Jewish authorities. Paul was one of the persecutors until he converted to Christianity. Later, Paul went on three mission trips and spread the news of Jesus to the Gentiles—people who were not Jewish. This created issues in the church because some thought only Jews could become Christian. The first Council of Jerusalem decided that anybody could become Christian—Jew or Gentile.

STORY SUMMARY

For years, the faithful daily carried a man who could not walk and laid him by the Beautiful Gate of the temple. One day, this man asked Peter and John for alms. In Jesus' name, these two obedient Christ-followers, empowered by the Holy Spirit and the love of God, welcome this man and offer him a whole new way of life. They stop, honor his dignity, make eye contact, and reach out in the name of Jesus. They give the man far more than he anticipates. In the name of Jesus, Peter tells the man to rise and walk. Now the man can walk—and leap—on his own into the temple to praise God.

PRACTICE: PRAYER

When we live in God's kingdom and want God to work through us, prayer is of the utmost importance. Pray a 1-2-3 prayer today. Ask God to:

1. Give you a willing heart.
2. Show you what God has for you to do this week.
3. Work through you as you do God's will.

NEXT WEEK

Paul and Silas start the church in Thessalonica, where Paul preaches in Jesus' name (Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10).

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: Acts 3:1-10

Peter heals a man who cannot walk. Why is it important that we acknowledge the Christ when we do God's work?

MONDAY: Acts 3:11-16

Peter addresses the people. Which of Peter's descriptions of Jesus is most meaningful to you?

TUESDAY: Acts 16:1-10

Paul's mission heads west. Have you asked God for direction and experienced God's response? What happened?

WEDNESDAY: Acts 16:11-18

Paul and Silas encounter Lydia and a slave girl. What can you do to honor those who teach you about the Christ?

THURSDAY: Acts 16:19-24

Paul and Silas are arrested. How do you think you would respond to the threat of persecution or arrest for believing in or teaching about Jesus?

FRIDAY: Acts 16:25-34

While Paul and Silas pray in prison, there is an earthquake. What led to your belief in the Christ?

SATURDAY: Acts 16:35-40

Paul and Silas are released. Do you experience any freedom through your faith? How might others react if you shared your experience with them?

Announcements

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

Speaker Series - TODAY after worship at 11:15am

"Lobbying with Our Better Angels: Working with Congress to Build Bridges," by Cynthia Changyit Levin.

April 14 | 11:15 am | Heritage Room

Author and activist Cynthia Changyit Levin shares real stories from her non-partisan advocacy experiences to illustrate the importance of working with members of Congress even when we don't agree with them. She will also give an update on Bread for the World's advocacy on the Farm Bill and offer a letter-writing action for participants to help bring nutrition to people in poverty in the U.S. and around the world. For more information contact Richard Scherrer 90fivetpr@gmail.com.

AWOL: Adventurous Women Out Late TODAY

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

Join us at Laumeier Sculpture Park, Sunday, April 14th. Bring lunch to church to share during the Speaker Series with Cindy Levin or come after you eat.

We will carpool from church at 12:30pm – or just meet us there. Bring your walking shoes!

LSP has been engaging the community through art and nature from almost 50 years on the ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, Missouriia, and Illini Confederacy... 12580 Rott Road, Saint Louis 63127

Also—

Dinner at The Wolf Café: 15480 Clayton Road, Ballwin, MO 63011

Friday, May 24

Meet at the restaurant at 6pm. Please RSVP to cfbum@charter.net by Wednesday, May 22.

Their menu is prepared 90% in-house with great care using wholesome foods and the finest fresh, local and real ingredients.

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – April 16

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 with the TAD group as we start our next book, *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. We'll read and discuss about a third of the book each meeting, April 16, May 7, and May 21. Join us from 2 pm-3 pm, or arrive about 15 minutes early for fellowship.

The Reading List is a heartwarming novel about how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people in a London suburb. It address themes of loneliness, loss, friendship, building community, and the value of reading as an individual as well as shared experience.

Contact Jackie Eiffert for more information: jeiffert2@gmail.com

PUCC Adventurers at The Soda Museum & Main Street Arcade

Thursday, April 18 | 10am-1pm | 126 North Main Street, St. Charles, MO 63301

Please join the PUCC Adventurers on Thursday, April 18th, as we tour The Soda Museum & Main Street Arcade downtown St. Charles. The tour may last an hour and we'll have time to wander around.

On November 30, 2023, The Soda Museum and Main Street Arcade opened and is devoted to more than 100 years of soft drink history and marketing and offers a selection of drinks — in glass bottles, naturally — of brands both forgotten and obscure: Moxie, Teem, Bubble Up, Brownie Root Beer, Kickapoo Joy Juice. Each bottle of Mr. Cola proclaims it is “the aristocrat of colas.”

Enjoy reminiscing about when Coke only came in a glass bottle or perhaps the advent of the first soda vending machine? A new museum in St. Charles will quench the thirst of soda enthusiasts with an immersive journey through the history of these carbonated beverages.

The museum will be split into two sections. The main floor, mezzanine and top floor will have all the soda memorabilia, while the basement will be home to a full arcade that includes dozens of classic video games, pinball machines, bowling machines, air hockey and more. The museum is accessible with a ramp at the back entrance, an elevator, and a chair lift.

Museum and Arcade Tour is \$15 per person. Payment (Cash or Credit Card) due the day of the event. Please RSVP by April 15th to Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 (email: diane_tallyn@hotmail.com) or Kent Tallyn (314) 303-5606. Let us know if you plan to meet at The Soda Museum or carpool from church at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch (Noon) will be at Lewis & Clark Restaurant, 217 South Main Street, St. Charles, MO 63301

Proud Art STL Upcoming Workshops and Prom

For Middle and High Schoolers | Shrewsbury City Center unless otherwise noted
Proud Art STL has some fun events on the horizon!

Friday, April 19th 6-8pm: Decorations and Masks for Masquerade prom.
Shrewsbury City Center, Meeting Room 2.

Saturday, May 4th 7-10pm: Proud Art Masquerade Prom.

Friday, May 17th 6-8pm: Tyler Harris art workshop. Shrewsbury City Center, Meeting Room 2.



Scan QR code to register for events.

Proud Art STL is a non-profit organization for LGBTQIA+ middle and high schoolers. They provide art workshops and special events for creativity, fun and community. For more information, visit proudartstl.org.

Tuesday Evening Dialogue – April 23

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

Please join us on Tuesday April 23 for our second session on the book *The Accidental President* by A.J. Baime. This book is a non-fiction historical account of Harry S. Truman and his first four months as President. The book goes into depth about his surprising road to the White House and the many world changing events that occurred early in his Presidency.

For this session we will be covering up to Part IV: June-July 1945 (up to page 227). Pot luck at 6pm followed by book talk at 7pm. For more info, contact Helen Race raceh@att.net

Meeting Our Neighbors: Congregation Temple Israel

Friday, April 26 | 6-8:30pm | Congregation Temple Israel



Join us as we gather with Congregation Temple Israel as guests for their Passover Shabbat followed by a presentation and discussion.

Address: 1 Rabbi Alvan D Rubin Dr, St. Louis, MO 63141

Space is limited & registration is required. Scan QR code to RSVP.

Sustainability Seekers Earth Day Announcement

Sunday, April 28 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Please join the Sustainability Seekers in the Heritage Room on April 28th, following the service. We will be watching the documentary, **Common Ground**. Although Earth Day is and should be Every Day, in honor of Earth Day/Week/Month, we will be viewing this enlightening, educational environmental film. The running time is 87 minutes so we will be offering a light lunch and snacks to enjoy during the movie and brief discussion. Stay tuned for more information regarding the movie each week.

Intertwine Interfaith Initiative Tour of Holocaust Museum

Sunday, April 28 | 1:15-4:15pm | 36 Millstone Campus Dr, STL, MO 63146

Join our Muslim, Jewish and Christian Intertwiners from Shaare Emeth, TASOM and PUCC for a tour and discussion led by our friend and Museum Board Member Vera Emmons, the daughter of a Holocaust survivor.

The cost of the tour is \$6.00/Young Adult (10-17), \$12.00/Adult (18-64), and \$10.00/Senior (65+).

1:15-1:30 **Please allow time to purchase tickets at the Welcome Desk

1:30-1:45 Security including bag check (large bags are prohibited!)

1:45-3:15 Tour

3:15-4:15 Vera Emmons shares the testimony of her mother, a Holocaust survivor

The exhibition was designed for ages 10 and up; parent and guardian discretion is advised due to the graphic and intense subject matter.



To RSVP, scan QR code or contact Lisa Mason ~ lmason624@sbcglobal.net

The St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum is dedicated to using the history and lessons of the Holocaust to reject hatred, promote understanding, and inspire change.

The St. Louis Association Spring Fellowship Gathering

Thursday May 2 | 5:30-6:30p | St. Lucas UCC, Sunset Hills

Non-delegate, no-business, fellowship gathering, will be held on Thursday, May 2 with dinner between 5:30-6:30pm at St. Lucas United Church of Christ in Sunset Hills. The registration fee is \$20.00. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



The keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of our beloved UCC.

Rev. Thompson was elected at the 2023 General Synod held last summer in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her theme is:

The Outpouring of God's Spirit: Spirituality and the Church based on Joel 2:28.

Vacation Bible School

June 3-6 | 9am-12pm | Parkway UCC

What is justice?

[God] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

For VBS this year, we're going to be digging into the concept of justice that we see in the Bible. This unit breaks down this complicated topic into easily understood pieces with a focus both on the smaller (personal) and larger (systemic) aspects of justice. It will be a \$25 asked donation for the first camper and \$20 for additional campers. To register, contact Gabriel R. gabriel@parkwayucc.org 314-872-9330 ext. 101

Join Us for a Fun Day of Building with Habitat for Humanity!

Saturday, June 22

We're excited to team up with Habitat for Humanity for our annual Parkway Workday, but the location is still to be determined. We're looking for 10 enthusiastic volunteers to join us from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Whether you're a master builder or a complete novice, we welcome you with open arms! Habitat will provide all the tools and supplies you need. Just remember to wear your sturdy work clothes, closed shoes, and pack a lunch.

Did you know? Parkway has been part of this wonderful initiative for about 40 years. In fact, we played a significant role in introducing Habitat to St. Louis. Interested in joining us? Contact Tom McKenzie to get on the notification list: mckenzie1947@att.net

Your generosity can make a difference! If you'd like to support us, feel free to send your donations to: Habitat For Humanity St. Louis 3830 South Grand Blvd St. Louis, MO 63118. Let's build something amazing together!

St. Louis Pridefest – GONA Booth Volunteers

10am-7pm June 29th | 10am -6pm, June 30th

Gateway Open and Affirming Coalition needs your help by volunteering time in our booth at LGBTQIA+ Festival in St. Louis, PRIDEFEST 2024. Please use the QR code below to join us! Questions? Reach out to Greg Schmelig greg_schmelig@hotmail.com



April Alzheimer's News

The Alzheimer's Association Announces New "Dementia Care Navigation Roundtable" (DCNR)" The DCNR convened experts from across the healthcare industry to share best practices and disseminate resources. The goal is to help people living with dementia achieve improved outcomes, reduce hospital stays and emergency room visits, shorten delays in long-term care placement, as well as address the needs of caregivers. The DCNR will develop strategies and solutions that would allow these benefits to be implemented in more communities across the country. Guiding principles have been published in the journal "Alzheimer's & Dementia: Translational Research & Clinical Interventions (TRCI). The new paper provided the cornerstone of the DCNR's work to create a national framework for dementia care navigation. For more information on care and support services, visit alz.org/Help-Support.

You can learn more by going to 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. 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 and/or contact PUC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at joyceruiz7@gmail.com

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? Please reach out to 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

Childrens Offering Envelopes

PUCC provides offering envelopes on Sunday mornings at the table where the bulletins are for families to take for their children to put a tiny offering in; a dollar or even just a few coins. This money will go towards our fund for Heifer International that will be used to help give an animal to families in need! The kids are able to then give their envelope to an usher on their way down to Sunday School, or Gabriel can collect it during their Opening Session he does with them all as well.

Once we've collected enough money for an animal, we'll see if the kids would like to have it go towards that animal or wait to donate a bigger one. And for any animal we donate to from the kids' offerings, PUCC will match that, living into what I will call our Noah's Ark. Two by two we help the world!

For any questions about this, contact me, Gabriel gabriel@parkwayucc.org. If you wandered over to our pollinator garden last summer and fall, I hope you were as excited as I was about the success of our little garden. The flowers were beautiful and attracted lots of bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

Safety at Church

With the unfortunate rise of violence towards some churches in the news, a PUCC Council member formed a team to establish security precautions for Parkway UCC. This group started by working with vendors and a consultant. There is a federal grant program to fund security at church facilities. However, these grant programs are highly competitive, and the team learned that, if awarded, receiving the funds could take three to four years. While the team applies for a grant, our Council agreed to a plan to start with core capabilities now that can be expanded if grant funds are received and/or the Council deems appropriate. The first steps to establish security precautions have been taken.

The team focused first on protecting the Sunday morning experience. The approach is to install precautions, learn how to use them, then develop procedures and training to increase effectiveness. There are six steps. Here is what has been installed so far:

- *Call 911 Buttons.*
Alerting first responders is crucial. Emergency buttons are more effective than calling 911 from a phone. Three permanently mounted 911 call buttons have been installed and activated. Portable call buttons may also be utilized on Sunday mornings and for groups that use the facilities and want this capability.
- *Security Cameras.*
While it would require many cameras to secure the entire facility, three cameras that cover the pathways through the Gathering Space to get to the sanctuary have been installed. These views can be monitored on Sunday mornings. More cameras can be added as a need is established and funds are available.

- *Front Door Keypad.*
The front door code is widely known and, therefore, less effective for security. A new front door code system has been installed that can provide unique entry codes to individuals and groups. The current push-button unlocking mechanism will continue to be in service until the procedures for the new system are developed.
- *First Aid.*
Triage for those wounded during an incident must be received as soon as possible. In a violent situation, medical first responders are not allowed into the building until the police have cleared the building of any danger. Therefore, people in the building who are not wounded must give aid to those in need. “Stop The Bleed” emergency kits have been purchased. Training for using these kits, and first aid training in general is needed.

There are two other steps that are in progress:

- *Public Address System.*
PA system is necessary to provide an emergency alert to the people in the nursery, the Heritage Room, and the youth rooms on the lower level. This will be accomplished using the current phone system.
- *Secure Doors.*
Appropriate doors for the Nursery, the Heritage Room, and the rooms in use on the lower level must be capable of being locked from inside the rooms, and each room needs an escape route. Other doors into the facility should be locked during the Sunday morning worship service.

The team will continue to focus on establishing security precautions and effectiveness.

We are looking for volunteers to join our team as we consider utilizing formal training sessions to develop comprehensive safety procedures. If you are interested in participating in this endeavor, please contact Council member Lisa Davidson.

Prayer List

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Celebrations

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

We are Easter people!

Concerns

David Smith - hospitalized for tests (Deb Carter's father).

Stephanie - medical tests and surgery plan (Nick McMillon's daughter).

Jean Mueller's cousin beginning hospice care.

The continuing war in Ukraine.

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

Safety and Peace for the people of Haiti.

US Southern Border Crisis and our immigration policies/practices.

Continuing

Martha Rosenberger (Cassie's mother) - treatments for cancer.

Lana Biondo and family as they grieve/give thanks for her mother; a memorial service will take place in early May.

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

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

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

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

Tom Manor - at home, living with prostate cancer (McKenzie).

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

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).

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;

#126; Creve Coeur, MO 63141; 314-434-5900 [birthdate: April 7]

Other

Jones-Goldstein Family as they grow - baby girl due in October!

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.

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
“Christ Among Us”
Luke 24:36b-48

Luke 24: 41-43 *Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.*

Dear Brother Jesus, Dear Christ now Risen -
We are always asking you for things, it seems.
Someone wants healing from illness.
Someone needs freedom from addiction.
The nations cry for peace.
The groaning planet sighs for relief.
For these we pray in our requests,
We pray also that we will recognize
You when you give us these things - healing, freedom, peace, relief.

But hey there Jesus, hey there Christ now Risen,
Here is how we will actually-factually recognize you.
One day, You will come to us.
We'll be sitting together,
(probably wondering aloud where you've gotten to now)
and there you'll be.

You'll say, “Do you have anything to eat here, siblings?”

That day, you might be in one of your
disconcerting disguises, brother Jesus.
You might not smell good or speak our language.
You might not look like us or think like us.

But this is how you let us know
That we can recognize you.
Because you will ask us, like this,
“Don't you have anything to eat here?”
And all we will be able to say is yes, yes, yes.
And then, Oh! It's you!