

# UNITY





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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.

## PARKWAY UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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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** Jackie Eiffert

Consider signing up to read scripture this spring or summer by scanning QR code.

**Flowers** given by Doug & Amy Yakel.

**Subscribe to our email lists** Sign up at [www.parkwayucc.org](http://www.parkwayucc.org)

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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

04/29 Atticus Reed  
04/29 Julia Watson  
04/29 Meredith Downing  
04/29 Kathy Ferrell  
05/01 Amber Waddell  
05/02 Amanda Crawford  
05/03 Gail Haack  
05/03 Will Schatz

## Anniversaries

04/30 Cheryl & Rick Schrenker  
05/02 Sue & Paul Stohr

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

**Prelude** *Come, O Come Thou Quickening Spirit* – arr. by Albert Beck, based on “Komm, o komm, du Geist” by J. Christoph Bach, 1680

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

**Meditation** Every conflict we face in life is rich with positive and negative potential. It can be a source of inspiration, enlightenment, learning, transformation, and growth—or rage, fear, shame, entrapment, and resistance. The choice is not up to our opponents, but to us, and our willingness to face and work through them. ~ *Kenneth Cloke*

## 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** *This Is the Day (A Choral Fanfare)* – music by Don Besig / original words by Don Besig and Nancy Price, ©1988 Harold Flammer Music (offered by Sanctuary Choir, words adapted)

This is the day which our God has made.

Let us join as one in heart and voice...

Worship our God with thanks and praise.

Let us be glad and rejoice!

## Welcome Song *You Are Welcome Here*

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** 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 | MSG - The Message

I have a serious concern to bring up with you, my friends, using the authority of Jesus, our Master. I'll put it as urgently as I can: You *must* get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common.

I bring this up because some from Chloe's family brought a most disturbing report to my attention—that you're fighting among yourselves! I'll tell you exactly what I was told: You're all picking sides, going around saying, "I'm on Paul's side," or "I'm for Apollos," or "Peter is my man," or "I'm in the Messiah group."

I ask you, "Has the Messiah been chopped up in little pieces so we can each have a relic all our own? Was Paul crucified for you? Was a single one of you baptized in Paul's name?" I was not involved with any of your baptisms—except for Crispus and Gaius—and on getting this report, I'm sure glad I wasn't. At least no one can go around saying he was baptized in my name. (Come to think of it, I also baptized Stephanas's family, but as far as I can recall, that's it.)

God didn't send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what God has done, collecting a following for God.

**\*Call to Worship**

One:	Gracious God, we thank You for the beauty of Your creation and the diversity of the human family.
Many:	<b>Enrich our lives with ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us Your presence in those who differ from us.</b>
One:	Break down the walls that separate us.
Many:	<b>Inspire us to build the unity You desire and forge the bonds that cultivate beloved community.</b>
One:	Forgive us for the ways we limit our lives and define the identities of others through ignorant presumptions and biased choices.
Many:	<b>Take away the fear and judgment that infect our hearts.</b>
One:	Empower us to speak boldly for justice and truth, and to love as You love: showing no partiality.
Many:	<b>Work through our struggles as well as our gifts to accomplish Your will.</b>
All:	<b>Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.</b>

**\*Song** *We Would Be One* (tune: Finlandia)

$\text{♩} = 69$

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 2/2 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 69. The melody consists of a series of chords and single notes, with lyrics printed below the staff. The lyrics are arranged in two columns per line of music, with the first column starting on the first line of the staff and the second column starting on the second line. The lyrics are: 1. We would be one as now we join in sing-ing; 2. We would be one in build-ing for to - mor - row; our hymn of love, to pledge our - selves a - new; a no - bler world than we have known to - day; to that high cause of great - er un - der - stand - ing; We would be one in search - ing for that mean - ing; of who we are, and what in us is true; which binds our hearts and points us on our way; We would be one in liv - ing for each oth - er; As one, we pledge our - selves to great - er ser - vice; to show to all a new com - mu - ni - ty; with love and jus - tice, strive to make us free.

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**\*Opening Prayer**

God of unity, we often create walls and barriers that divide us and cause separation. We choose sides, choose people, choose programs, choose issues—and forget to choose you. Remind us of those things that unite us. Help us to see past our divisions. Be with us in this worship as we explore how to work together as your church. 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** 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade can follow one of our teachers down to Room 12 (lower level), and youth from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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** *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

**Jesus loves the little children,**

**All the children of the world.**

**Every child in every land,**

**Jesus holds them by the hand.**

**Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

## **New Testament Lessons**

Acts 18:1-4 | NRSV - New Revised Standard Version

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 | NRSV

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## **Moment of Silent Reflection**

### **Sermon**



## A Time of Prayer *You Are Mine*



1. — I will come to you in the si - lence, —  
 2. — I am hope for all who are hope-less, —  
 3. — I am strength for all the de - spair-ing, —  
 4. I am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from — all your fear. —  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame. —  
 am the peace the world can - not give. —



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be  
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light,  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain, stand



still and know I am here. \_\_\_\_\_  
 come and rest in \_\_\_\_\_  
 all will know my \_\_\_\_\_  
 up, now walk, and \_\_\_\_\_



me. \_\_\_\_\_  
 name. \_\_\_\_\_ Do not be a - afraid, I am  
 live! \_\_\_\_\_



with you. I have called you each by name.



Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine. \_\_\_\_\_



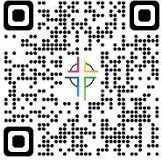
# Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

## Lord's Prayer

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

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

## Offering Our Gifts to God



If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate on the 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.

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

**Offertory Anthem** *Hymn of Promise* – by Natalie Sleeth (1985), ©1986 and this Arr. ©1995 Hope Publishing Company

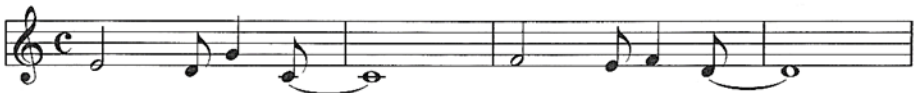
In the blub there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until it's season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.  
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see;

Something yet unknown... which God alone can see.

**\*Response** *Here Are Our Hearts*



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. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Laura Amabile

Holy One, what a blessing it is to give and receive, to share and support this church where love, justice and equality inspire our acts of service and compassion. We dedicate these gifts to all that we stand for as a community of faith. Amen.

**\*Song of Parting** *Help Us Accept Each Other* | #358 Red Hymnal

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**

**\*Music for Going Forth** *Jubilation* – by Gordon Young (1919-1998),  
 ©1982 Fred Bock Music Company

### **LAST WEEK**

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

### **THIS WEEK**

Paul reaches out to the church in Corinth with a message of unity (Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18).

### **THE POINT**

We are united together by the power of God in Jesus Christ.

### **BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS**

There are many resources to help us understand the Bible. A concordance is a resource where we can look up a word and see where it appears in the Bible. Maps and timelines can help us visualize how different places and events relate to each other. Bible dictionaries can help define words as they are used in Scripture. Bible encyclopedias provide short entries on relevant topics, and commentaries describe the historical, political, and social context of Bible passages.

### **PRACTICE: PRAYER**

One of the last things that Jesus did on the night before he died was pray for the unity of his people. Sit quietly and read this prayer of Jesus found in John 17. After you have read this prayer, spend some time meditating on the words. Write or draw your own prayerful response to Jesus' prayer for all of us.

### **STORY SUMMARY**

By the time Paul gets to Corinth, he is worn out. God speaks to Paul in a vision, telling him not to be afraid and assures him that no one will harm him when he speaks God's word, for God has many people in Corinth. In spite of challenges, Paul's boldness and trust in speaking the word in Corinth bear fruit. He stays in Corinth for eighteen months, settles down, and lives with a married couple named Aquila and Priscilla. Eventually conflict arises in the synagogue as groups align themselves with various leaders rather than with Christ.

### **NEXT WEEK**

Paul describes perfect and self-giving love (1 Corinthians 13:1-13).

## 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 18:1-4**

Paul visits the church at Corinth. Who do you have something in common with? Does that make it easier to share the faith with them?

### **MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Paul makes an appeal for unity. What do you hear people quarrel about? Why is quarrelling among believers counterproductive to the faith?

### **TUESDAY: Acts 18:5-11**

Paul proclaims the word in Macedonia. What are your thoughts about the way Paul responded to those who rejected the gospel?

### **WEDNESDAY: Acts 18:12-17**

Paul is dragged before Gallio. Where are you most afraid to speak up about Jesus?

### **THURSDAY: Acts 18:18-23**

Paul leaves Corinth and returns to Antioch. What can you do to help spread the gospel to places beyond your community?

### **FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 1:19-31**

God is the source of life. What does it mean that "the foolishness of God is wiser than men"? How will you boast of the Lord today?

### **SATURDAY: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26**

Teaching about the Lord's Supper. What do we proclaim when we partake in the Lord's Supper?

# 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.

## Sustainability Seekers Earth Day “Common Ground” Movie

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, drinks and snacks to enjoy during the movie and brief discussion. The film, COMMON GROUND, centers around how regenerating the world’s soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth’s climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. This invitation is open to all, so ask your friends and neighbors to join us!

## 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](mailto: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.

## 21 Day Racial Equity & Social Justice Challenge

Presented by YWCA Metro St. Louis. Accept this challenge to expand your understanding of equity and social justice. This challenge asks participants to make daily time and space for 21 days to foster understanding and identify ways to dismantle racism and end discrimination. Adults. Scan QR code for required registration.



Registrants will receive a daily list of activities and an opportunity to participate in facilitated discussions on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Kevin C. [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

## **AMOE: Adventurous Men Out Early**

Thursday, May 2 | 9:15a | Heritage Room

What is this oddly named event, you ask? It's just friends gathering for coffee and chit chat. Bring a friend. All are welcome (Come late; leave early, if you like). Questions? Contact Richard Scherrer at [90fivetpr@gmail.com](mailto:90fivetpr@gmail.com).

## **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.

## **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!

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 7-10pm: Proud Art Masquerade Prom.

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://proudartstl.org).

## **Special Olympics - St. Louis Metro Area Spring Games**

Saturday, May 4 | Westminster Christian Academy



Please consider helping at Special Olympics Missouri's largest track and swim meet of the year at Westminster Christian Academy in Town & Country. Volunteers are needed for everything from one-on-one Athlete Buddies to Track or Swim timekeepers and others who will guarantee these athletes will have a fun and meaningful day! Please scan the QR for our event posting to choose from a list of available positions which range from early morning to afternoon. Many PUCers have participated in the past and find this to be an amazing day. Questions? [kevin@parkwayuc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayuc.org)

## **The Bel Canto Chorus of Saint Louis**

Saturday May 4, 3pm | Parkway UCC

The Bel Canto Chorus of Saint Louis presents the *Utrecht Jubilate*, a joyous work for chorus and orchestra composed in 1713 by George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759) to commemorate the signing of the Peace of Utrecht ending the War of Spanish Succession. It was first performed amidst the pageantry of the treaty celebration at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.



Bel Canto will also perform three pieces from Cecil Effinger's *Four Pastorales* for choir and woodwind instrument, as well as *A Festival Psalm* by Ronald Kauffmann, and other seasonal anthems.

Tickets: \$15 – Adults \$10 – Students w/ID & Children

The Bel Canto Chorus was founded in 1973 with a diverse membership from across the St. Louis metropolitan area.

## **Bread for the World Offering of Letters**

After worship on Sunday May 5, you are invited to stay for a few minutes to take part in Bread for the World's 2024 Offering of Letters. By writing short, personalized letters to our senators about the Farm Bill, we will help improve nutrition for low-income people in the U.S. and around the world. Our letters—along with letters from thousands of other people of faith across the country—will help persuade Congress to make improving nutrition a priority. Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.



Scan QR code to take action anytime from home to email Congress. Please check the box indicating your action is part of an Offering of Letters with Parkway United Church of Christ. For more information, contact Cynthia Levin changyit@icloud.com

## **Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – May 7**

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

## **Mother's Day Breakfast**

Sunday, May 12 | 8:30a-1:00p

We will be hosting a pancake breakfast for mothers of any kind (animal, plant, or human) on Mother's Day. Breakfast will be served directly after the service on Sunday, May 12. The meal will include pancakes, bacon, sausage and scrambled eggs and will be accompanied by a beverage of your choice (orange juice, apple juice, coffee, or water).

Mothers and children 12 and under eat for free; all others we ask for a donation of \$5 per person.

Volunteers needed!! If you are willing and able to help us prepare, serve, cleanup or all the above, you are very welcome to join. We will meet at 7:30 am Sunday, May 12 to begin all preparations. Any skill level is welcome. Questions? Contact Phillip Waite: [pwaite82@gmail.com](mailto:pwaite82@gmail.com)

## **Tuesday Evening Dialogue – May 14**

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](mailto:raceh@att.net)

## **Book Sunday Shout-Out!**

On May 19, PUCC will be doing our annual Book Sunday in conjunction with Pentecost, as well as it being the last day of Year 2 with our Living the Word Narrative Lectionary. A great kind of send-off into the summer as the Disciples went out to spread the good news 2,000 years ago. This year, we'll have a lot of the books we, as the church, have gathered to be offered to each child who comes that Sunday as a special token of appreciation and to help start their summer off well to inspire learning and imagination. For more info contact Gabriel R. [gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org) 314—872-9330 ext. 101

## **AWOL: Adventurous Women Out Late**

Join us as we make new connections and strengthen existing ones. 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](mailto: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.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Saturday, June 8 | 9am-2pm | 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. Scan the QR code to register! For

more info contact Gabriel R. [gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> | 10am -6pm, June 30<sup>th</sup>

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 our own Greg Schmelig [greg\\_schmelig@hotmail.com](mailto:greg_schmelig@hotmail.com)

## Urban Mission Experience

August 5-8 | Epiphany UCC

Come take part in our Mission Trip this year with Urban Mission Experience Aug. 5-8, hosted by our sister church of Epiphany United Church of Christ. We'll be doing mission service projects in the Saint Louis area. Imagine serving in ways like helping out in a food pantry, or helping beautify a local neighborhood.

The age requirement will be 12 years old at time of event.

The intent will be to stay overnight at Epiphany UCC, but because we will be in the local area, if your child wanted to just serve during the day, that can work too! Our church will be providing the food for breakfast and lunch to be made together, and we will go out for dinner each night. Showers will be available at night, courtesy of the YMCA.

The cost will be an asked donation of \$25 per person per night, so about \$75 in total. But if you can't afford that, get in contact with [gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org), and we'll help! Sign-up deadline will be July 8.

# Prayer List

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

## Celebrations

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

**We are Easter people!**

**Julie Welch** - named to the Forbes America's *Top 200 CPAs* (Runtz).

**Blessings to our Jewish family/friends at Passover.**

## Concerns

**Bill and Kathy Hilgeman** - as he heals from pacemaker surgery.

**Kathleen Tarr** - healing at a psychiatric facility in Ohio.

**Stephanie** - brain surgery next week (Nick McMillon's daughter).

**JD Denson** - remains in the hospital with brain bleeds (Ferrell).

**Jean Mueller and family** as they grieve/give thanks for her cousin.

**David Smith** - back at home after a couple of weeks in/out of hospital.

**The continuing war in Ukraine.**

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

## Continuing

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

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

**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).

**Rene Pelligrino and family** - as she deals with multiple health issues.

**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 28, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**“Abiding in Love”**  
**John 15:1-8**

“We are aware that there has been increased violence against indigenous women and transgender persons. Our increased awareness of these issues that disproportionately affect women will impact our response as global advocates.” –Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

On this Break the Silence Sunday, churches can raise their awareness of gender-based violence by participating in Thursdays in Black.

\*Thursdays in Black grew out of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women (1988-1998), in which the stories of rape as a weapon of war, gender injustice, abuse, violence, and many tragedies that grow outward from such violence became all the more visible. But what also became visible was women’s resilience, agency, and personal efforts to resist such violations. Join Wider Church Ministries, and our partners, in the campaign by doing the following:

Pause

Pause for a moment of silence on Thursdays at noon your local time to remember and honor those who have died at the hand of sexualized or gender-based violence.

Pray

Pray with us:

We stand with invisible victims of sexual and gender-based violence.  
We see you. We hear you. You are not forgotten.

Post

Post your prayers, photos, or inspirations on social media using the hashtags #ThursdaysinBlack, #UnitedChurchOfChrist, and tag us.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, please seek help immediately. You can call the 24-hour National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

[\\*https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/wider-church-ministries/thursdays-in-black-campaign/](https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/wider-church-ministries/thursdays-in-black-campaign/)