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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 this spring or summer by scanning QR code.

Flowers given by Marion Pleis.

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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

05/05 Mike Henson

05/09 Scott Clifford

05/06 Kim Kleine

05/10 Gale Haggard

05/07 Judy Toombs

05/10 Paige Penico

05/07 Blake Schowalter

05/11 Sam Sperry

05/07 Polly Rutherford

05/11 Lydia Meyer

Anniversaries

05/10 Shaine & Gabriel Requadt

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 2024 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River?* – arr. by Jason Tonioli (©2020 Tonioli Music, LLC), based on the hymn by Robert Lowery

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread. ~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


Welcome Song *All Things Bright and Beautiful* | #267, v1 and 3 red hymnal

Refrain




All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,


Fine



All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all.



1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run-ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell



God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright-ens up the sky,
The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.
How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.*

Scripture Bread for the World: *Food for Peace* Global Nutrition Program

Micah 6:8

God has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

Proverbs 31:8-9

Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable. Speak out in order to judge with righteousness and to defend the needy and the poor.

Proverbs 3:27-28

Don't withhold good from someone who deserves it, when it is in your power to do so. Don't say to your neighbor, 'Go and come back; I'll give it to you tomorrow,' when you have it.

Matthew 25:40

Then will come the reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'

***Call to Worship**

One:	From the farthest reaches of our world we hear the call to come and worship.
Many:	We come from the global south, from the lands of the North; we come from East and West to sit in community with each other.
One:	We come as strangers, pilgrims on our way to God's holy mountain.
Many:	We come as those who are hungry, as those who are fed.
One:	We come as those who are wanting and as those who are filled in abundance.
Many:	We come as friends, co-laborers in the fields of justice, working for the common good of God's people far and near.
One:	We belong to one another across the globe.
Many:	We seek the common good in one another and seek to meet the needs of all who hunger and thirst.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** Gather us In #2236 *blue songbook*

Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
Gath-er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in — the
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak-en,
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One, You sent Jesus that all might have life in abundance. When he fed hungry people, everyone ate and had enough. We know that there is enough food for everyone: If we don't look the other way. If we give the poorest people the power to feed themselves. If we use land for food not fuel. If we stop poor farmers from losing their land. If taxes are paid where they are due. So, Holy One, direct our attention to see beyond our own needs. Strengthen the hungry poor. Preserve and protect the land that brings forth food. And work through us for justice. Amen.

***Response** *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.**

Children's Time Bread for the World: GusNIP Program

Please return to your seats for this One Family Worship. There are staff in the Nursery for children two and under. If your child needs some extra room or is feeling a little restless, the Gathering Space can be a great place!

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 thron-g. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and



cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

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 *In Loving Partnership* – by Jim Strathdee, ©1983 Desert Flower Music

In loving partnership we come
Seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive,
We freely offer them to you.
Loving community we seek;
Your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
Are brought together in your love.
In loving partnership, O God,
Help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire.
We humbly pray in Jesus name.

***Response**

**Praise God whose many names abound;
Our Peace, our Rock, Our Holy Ground,
Our Home, our All, Earth's Majesty,
Love, Spirit, Light and Mystery. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, we pray for those who hunger in this land: whose only kitchen is a soup kitchen, whose only food is what others don't want, whose diet depends on luck, not planning. Help us find ways to feed your people, using our skills and conscience, and eradicate from our politics and private lives the apathy to hunger that comes from overeating. We pray for the hungry in other lands, where economies burdened by debt cannot respond to human need, or where fields are farmed, for our benefit, by low-waged workers courted by starvation. Feed your people, even if rulers must cancel debt and shareholders lose profit, or diners restrict their choice in order that all may be nourished. We pray for the hungry and the fed. We pray for the hungry for justice, who document inequalities, who demonstrate against tyranny, distinguish between need and greed, and are sometimes misrepresented or even persecuted in the process. Amen.

Scripture John 6:1-14 | NRSV - New Revised Standard Version

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

Moment of Silent Reflection

Reflection Bread for the World: *SNAP* (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

Communion Song *Now the Green Blade Rises* | v. 1 and 3



1. Now the green blade ris - eth, from the bur - ied grain,
2. In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he nev - er would a - wake a - gain,
Je - sus who for three days in the grave had lain,
Je - sus' touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain



Love is come a - gain, like wheat that spring - eth green.

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.]

Invitation to the Communion Table Bread for the World:

Reducing Food Waste

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

*Breaking Bread & 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 *Improvisations on Picardy* – French, 17th cent.

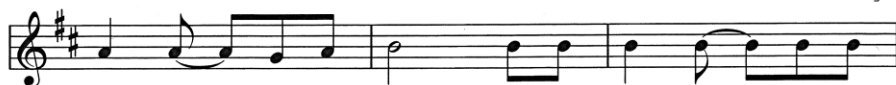
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy One, we eat and we drink in hope that one day, none will know hurt or hunger or hopelessness. We thank you, God, for the opportunity to be fed and for the commission to go forth into the world, seeking to be bearers of your Good News for all people - sometimes this Good News being in the form of bread. Amen.

*Song of Parting *Dream God's Dream* | v.1



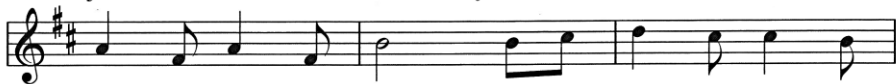
Dream God's dream! Ho-ly



Spir - it___ help us dream of a world where there is




jus - tice___ and where ev - 'ry one is free to



build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -



Last time to Coda: 

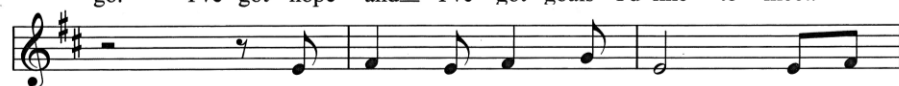
-nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream.



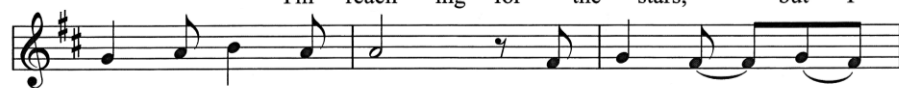
1. I'm dream-ing_ of a world where the col - or of one's
2. I'm dream-ing_ of the call God is of - fer-ing to
3. I'm dream-ing_ of the way that I want my life to



skin will mean less than_ what's with - in the per - son's heart.
me, how to use my_ en - er - gy and my best gifts;
go. I've got hope and_ I've got goals I'd like to meet.



A world where wa - ter's clean and where
to do the work of Christ to say
I'm reach - ing for the stars, but I



air is safe to breathe. And ev - 'ry_ chi - ld
God, please use my life to spread Your_ heal - ing
won't for - get the scars of Christ who_ loved to



born has e - nough to eat. dream.
love and to live Your truth.
show that the dream's for all.

***Unison Benediction** A Hebrew Blessing

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Eternal One. You feed the whole world with your goodness - with grace, with loving kindness, and with tender mercy. You give food to all flesh, for your loving kindness endures forever. Through your great goodness, food has never failed us. O may it not fail us for your name's sake, since you nourish and sustain all living things, and do good to all, and provide food for all your creatures whom you have created. Blessed are You, O Lord, who give food to all. Amen.

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** *The Agincourt Song* – England, c. 1415, based on “A Hymn of Glory” by E. Power Biggs (1947), arr. by Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

We thank Bread for the World for worship resources

LAST WEEK

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

THIS WEEK

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

THE POINT

God's love is the greatest gift we can receive and share.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

The Epistles—Letters—are a collection of twenty-one books in the New Testament. The first thirteen epistles were written by Paul or one of his associates. Many of the epistles were letters written to churches to help solve problems or to encourage them in their ministry. Most of the New Testament letters are what are called “occasional” letters. Letters are called occasional when they address specific situations or occasions.

PRACTICE: FELLOWSHIP

We practice fellowship when we build and strengthen loving relationships with others in the Body of Christ. This week, write someone an encouraging message.

STORY SUMMARY

In Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, he does more than tell people to love one another. He invites them to be in a special community with one another through the Church. Paul tells the Corinthians we are one Body of Christ and we should love God and other people equally, no matter who they are. He says that the greatest of the gifts God has given us is love—and we must share that love with everyone we meet. Paul challenges the Corinthians to look beyond the differences and divisions in their church. He invites them to genuinely love God and their community, as we are also called to do.

NEXT WEEK

Paul focuses his teaching on clarifying the concept of resurrection, stating that it is not just a matter of raising from the dead but of new life in God's kingdom (1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57).

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: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Paul writes about love. What is the hardest part about loving the way Paul describes? When have you received this kind of love?

MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 14:26-33

Paul builds up the Body of Christ. Describe confusion. Describe peace.

TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul proclaims the resurrection. What does Paul say about the grace of God?

WEDNESDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

The significance of Christ's resurrection. What would Christianity be if Jesus had not been raised from the dead?

THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ is God's first fruits. What does it look like to you to be alive in Christ? How does one belong to Christ?

FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:30-41

There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. How does what you do on earth affect the kingdom of God?

SATURDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:42-50

There are physical and spiritual bodies. Describe your physical body and its abilities. Describe the condition of your spirit.

Announcements

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

Earth Dance Plant Opening and Plant Sale

May 3-5 | 9a-1p | 233 S Dale Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135

NEW THIS YEAR: The Plant Sale is on the farm!

Meet and chat with our farmers **IN PERSON** while you shop

Most starts in the Plant Sale are \$4/species

Use card, cash, or SNAP/EBT to purchase all edible starts, including all flowers (which are also edible!)

Every plant start and produce purchase supports our community

At our 3-day, on-farm plant sale, pay affordable prices for lovingly raised, organic plant starts, and support:

- Organic farming practices that are good for all of us
- Living wages for our farmers & apprentices
- Our year-round Pay What You Can produce and educational program offerings

For more information, contact Polly Rutherford pollyrutherford@gmail.com

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

After worship today, 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

Coffee and Conversation

Monday, May 6 | 1:30pm | 9820 Clayton Rd; Ladue 63124

Join us for a beverage and sweet treat at Deer Creek Coffee in Ladue.

This is a great venue and is currently adorned with some of the stunning photography of PUCCEr Nancy Wessinger. Come connect!

Future dates for Coffee and Conversation:

Wednesday, June 12 at 2pm - Panera on Clayton Rd at 141 in Town & Country Crossing;

Friday, July 19 at 10am - Daily Bread on Manchester Road in Kirkwood;

Monday, August 19 at 2pm - Panera on Manchester Rd by 270 and Trader Joe's in Des Peres

No need to RSVP - just show up!

Questions? Contact kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

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

Tuesday Evening Dialogue – May 14

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

Please join us on Tuesday, May 14 for our last 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

PUCC Adventurers Head to Iron Spike Model Train Museum

Thursday, May 16 | 9:30a-2:00p | 1498 High Street, Washington, MO 63090

Join the PUCC Adventurers for another fun outing as they head to the Iron Spike Model Train Museum. Meet at church for carpooling at 9:30, or meet at the museum at about 10:20.

The museum is a 501(c)(3) public charity museum in Washington Missouri, dedicated to the preservation and display of model railroading and railroad history. There is a lot to learn, see, and enjoy at the Iron Spike. The museum currently operates G-, O-, HO-, N-, and TY-gauge trains, many of them

operating on beautiful and massive train layouts. For more information, and videos of several different train layouts, go to <https://www.ironspike.org/>. This museum is a very popular attraction in Washington.

Cost is \$8 for adults, but active military or veterans and their dependents get in free with proof of service. Lunch will be at a restaurant near the museum. Please RSVP by May 9th to Tom McKenzie at mckenzie1947@att.net so that he can let the museum know how many are attending. And please let him know whether you'll meet at church for carpooling or if you'll meet at the museum.

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, 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.

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am **"Coming to America," by Beibarys Mygnbayev from Kazakhstan.**

May 19 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Beibarys is a foreign exchange student from Kazakhstan, who has been living with his host family, Parkway members, Gerry and Mike Rogers. He will share his experiences "Coming to America," and contrast his time here with life back home. Gerry and Mike will participate as well. The speakers will appear live in the Heritage Room. There will be no remote access.

"The Saga of My Spiritual Travels," By Gabriel Requadt.

May 26 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Gabriel, our Christian Education Director, was religiously raised for many years in the Christian Science church. Christian Science is a set of beliefs and practices, which are associated with members of the Church of Christ Scientist. It was founded in 1879 in New England by Mary Baker Eddy, who wrote the 1875 book "Science and Health with Keys to the Scriptures," which outlined the theology of Christian Science. She described Christian Science as a return to "primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing." But it's more than that and each Christian Scientist has his or her own story to tell about those experiences. So too, Gabriel. Come hear his journey and learn a bit more about this young man, who is now such an important part of the ministry of Parkway Church in so many wonderful ways. The speaker will appear in person in the Heritage Room, following worship service. There will be no remote access. For more information about events, contact Richard Scherrer 90fivetpr@gmail.com.

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 314-872-9330 ext. 101

Prayer Corner An opportunity to pray with someone

Wednesday, May 22 | 11am-1pm | New Sanctuary

Drop-in Prayer Time.

Kevin will be in the Prayer Corner in the Sanctuary. Come on by if you'd like to pray together.

If you see someone else there, simply wait a bit in the Gathering Space.

Other opportunities this summer:

Monday, June 24 from 6-8pm;

Tuesday, July 23 from 3-5pm;

Tuesday, August 27 from 8-10am

We can arrange a phone call or Zoom for another time if you'd like. Just reach out to me at kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

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 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.

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

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 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



Saturday, June 29, 10a-7p | Sunday, June 30, 10a -6p

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

Urban Mission Experience

August 5-8 | Epiphany UCC | Benton Park, STL

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, and we'll help! Sign-up deadline will be July 8.

Prayer List

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Celebrations

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

Jeffery Van Deven - just graduated from Goldfarb School of Nursing!

We are Easter people!

Concerns

Stephanie - healing after brain surgery (Nick/Sue McMillon's daughter)

Bill and Kathy Hilgeman - as he heals from pacemaker surgery... he did experience some complications; strengthening in rehab center.

John Nourse - heading home from hospital; health is improving.

Kathleen Tarr - home after hospital; outpatient treatment program.

Lana Biondo & family - mother's memorial service this Saty in Ohio.

Barry Luedloff - first of two routine heart procedures this week; second tba.

Clint McCann - getting his heart health under control (Eden Seminary).

JD Denson - healing at home after in/out/in/out of hospital (Ferrell).

The continuing war in Ukraine.

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

Protests on US college campuses.

Continuing

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 63011; 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]

Glady 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 Wilcoxon - *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.

PUCG 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.