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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** Ellie Svenson

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

**Flowers** given by Jackie Eiffert celebrating Kenton's birthday. Please consider honoring, remembering or celebrating someone by providing flowers for worship. Signup on the poster on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

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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**

10/06 Alicia Rutherford  
10/06 Linus Waite  
10/07 Brad Lyons  
10/08 Scott Biest  
10/08 Brenda Sperry  
10/09 Daniel Hasler  
10/09 Eve Hasler  
10/09 Kris McKenzie  
10/09 Michael Ruzicka  
10/10 Melanie Muchnick  
10/10 David Peek  
10/10 Bill Schulenburg

## **Anniversaries**

10/06 Suzie & Bill Schulenburg  
10/09 David & Kaylyn Schulenburg  
10/12 David & Marsha Peek

# World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 06, 2024 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

We are so pleased to be celebrating World Communion as one congregation: Mar Thoma Church of St Louis and Parkway United Church of Christ. Please stay after worship for refreshments and reconnections! Peace.

**Meditation** *Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life—think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success.* ~Swami Vivekananda

## Welcome

**Choral Introit** *We Are One With the Lord*

**We are one with the Lord in spirit,  
we are one with each other in this love,  
and together in faith we will share this grace.  
We are one in the family of God.  
We are one in the family of God.**

## \*Kiss of Peace

One: O God and Lord of all, make us worthy to greet one another with the Kiss of Peace, freed from insincerity and united in love.  
To you, Creator, Christ and Spirit, we ascribe praise and glory, one God, now and forever.

**Many: Amen.**

One: Peace be with you all.

**Many: And with you also.**

One: In the love of God, let us greet one another in Peace.

**All: May the love and peace of our Jesus Christ abide with us forever**

**Prelude** *Prelude on a Welsh Tune (Ar Hyd Y Nos)* – by Gordon Young, ©1973 by Fred Bock Music Company

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

## Welcome Song *One Bread, One Body*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,  
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And  
we, though man-y through-out the earth,  
we are one bod-y in this one Lord. *Fine*  
1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,  
2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,  
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,  
wom-an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all. One  
gath-ered to one, for all.

**Scripture Lesson** Psalm 23 | King James Version - shared in Malayalam  
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## \*Call to Worship

One: Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

**Many: Life that never ends!**

One: Here and now Christ feeds the world!

**Many: Plenty for all, enough for today!**

One: Come to the table of justice and joy!

**Many: No one will be turned away! No neighbor in need will go wanting!**

One: Let praise go up to God our Life!

**Many: From every creature on God's good earth!**

**All: Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

## \*Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* | #442 Red Hymnal



1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
3. Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,  
4. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,



She is His new creation By water and the word;  
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;



From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
Till with the vision glorious Her long-ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endowed.  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
May live eternally.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we have forgotten your command to love you with all our hearts, with all our soul, with all our strength, with all our mind and love our neighbors as ourselves. Many a time we have abandoned you in various life situations. We have neglected our studies, gone astray after wrong companionship, always wandering after worldly pleasures. In our homes, in our places of work and in our social life, we have failed in the mission you have entrusted to us. We have also made little use of the possibilities you have provided us. Unable to recognize you as our creator and sustainer, we grope in darkness. Forgive us, Lord our sins, and in your mercy accept us as your heritage. Hear us, we ask this in the name of our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

**One:** Almighty God, in your great mercy you have promised forgiveness of sins to all who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn to you. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Many: Amen.**

**One:** Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

**Many: Glory be to you, O God.**

### 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 and youth will gather in Room 13 (lower level) for the Opening Session. Children from age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will then go to Room 12, and youth from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Room 15. For children in Room 01, parents please pick them up for communion or after worship. Children and youth from age 3 thru high school will return to the sanctuary for communion.

### 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.**



## **Words of Faith Formation** *The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Creator, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Creator, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator, through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became one in Being with us.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Creator.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and Christ's kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Creator and the Son.**

**With the Creator and the Son they are worshiped and glorified. They have spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



### **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** *Go Down, Moses*

When Israel was in Egypt's land: Let my people go;  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go.

Go down, Moses, Way down in Egypt land.

Tell ole Paroah, "Let my people go."

No more shall they in bondage toil:

Let my people go; let them come out with Egypt's spoil,

Let my people go.

Go down Moses, way down in Egypt land.

Tell ole Paroah, "Let my people go."

When Israel out of Egypt came: Let my people go;

And left the proud, oppressive land, let my people go.

Go down Moses, way down in Egypt land.

Tell ole Pharoah, "Let my people go. Let my people go."



## **\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures high and low;  
Praise God whose love is fully known;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy One. Amen.**

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy One, for whom and through whom all things exist, you are intimately connected with us and far flung across the universe and beyond! You have named us among your beloved children and call us to live as siblings. On this World Communion Sunday, we rejoice that you gather us around the Open Table of your Son who taught us how to live and love. May our offerings reach out to bring hope and grace to our near and distant neighbors. We pray in the most excellent name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **New Testament Lesson** Hebrews 1:1-3a | New Revised Standard Version

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, who was appointed heir of all things, through whom God also created the worlds. This Jesus is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

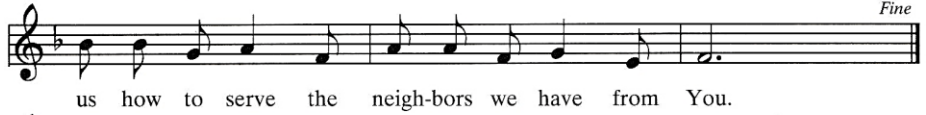
## **Moment of Silent Reflection**

## **Sermon**

**Invitation to the Communion Table** We invite all who love God, follow Jesus and want to grow in the Spirit to come to this open table on this World Communion Sunday. Truly, all are welcome!

# Communion Hymn *Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (Ghanaian folk song)

#367 Red Hymnal



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| 1. Kneels at the feet of His friends,  | Si - lent - ly wash - es their  |
| 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor,       | Var - ied in col - or and       |
| 3. These are the ones we should serve, | These are the ones we should    |
| 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees,     | Serv - ing as though we are     |
| 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,   | Si - lent - ly wash - ing their |



feet,	Mas - ter who acts as a slave	to them.
race,	Neigh-bors are near and far	a - way.
love.	All are neigh-bors to us	and You.
slaves,	This is the way we should live	with You.
feet,	This is the way we should live	with You.

## 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.]

## Intercessory Prayer

One: In our intercession let us pray for the whole human family with the unceasing prayer of Christ the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord for justice and peace in the whole world, and for fullness of life for everyone; *Lord in your mercy.*

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

One: For all who live in this city, for the removal of all that divides us, and for true harmony in our country; *Lord in your mercy.*

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

One: For all who work on the land and in industry, for those engaged in commerce, and for all who provide for our needs; *Lord in your mercy.*

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

One: For teachers and students, scientists, artists and writers and for all who influence the minds and hearts of people, *Lord in your mercy.*

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

One: For those who are suffering, the poor and hungry, the destitute and oppressed, the sick and the dying, and for all who help them; *Lord in your mercy.*

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

One: For all to whom authority is entrusted in this and other countries and especially for our President and Congress; the Governor and legislators of this state, and for all who exercise power over their fellow women and men; *Lord in your mercy.*

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

One: For the unity of Christians and all people, for their witness and service in the world; *Lord in your mercy.*

**Many: Hear our prayer. Amen.**

## Blessing the Elements

**May the Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread that it may be to us the communion of the Body of your Beloved Son and our Lord and God Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this cup that it may be to us the communion of the Lifeblood of your Beloved Son and our Lord and God Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine

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 to your seat by the side aisles.

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**One:** Let us give thanks to God in communion with each other, with Christians everywhere, and with our needy neighbor, in whom we daily meet the living Christ.

**Many:** **Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own.**

**Give us the reverberating gifts of this holy communion: unity of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations* (tune: Finlandia)

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;  
this is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a prayer that peace transcends in every place;  
and yet I pray for my beloved country—  
the reassurance of continued grace:  
God, help us find our one-ness in your great love,  
in spite of differences of age and race.**

**May truth and freedom come to every nation;  
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;  
that each may seek to love and build together,  
a world united, righting every wrong;  
a world united in its love for freedom,  
proclaiming peace together in one song.**

## \*Benediction

One: You are a blessed people.

**Many: We will go to be a blessing in the world.**

One: You are the face of Jesus.

**Many: We will go to be love and compassion to all.**

One: You are the family of God.

**Many: We will go in the Spirit to serve our sisters and brothers wherever we may find them.**

## \*God's Light Goes Forth

### Announcements

**\*Hands of Friendship** *Please greet those around you!*

**\*Postlude** *From Thy Throne So High* – by Christoph Willibald von Gluck (1714-1798), arr. by Martha Powell Setchell, ©MCMLX by Row Music Co., Boston, MA

**Join us now for refreshments and reconnections with Mar Thoma and Parkway UCC members and friends.**



# one church software

There will also be a One Church Support Open House in the Heritage Room. Bring your phone, laptop, iPad and your questions!

**DOWNLOAD OUR NEW PUCC APP TODAY!**

Parkway UCC's App is a robust tool that helps us connect and communicate easily. One Church is a gamechanger that will help us to be more vital.

Our online member directory is a feature many of you have been waiting for! We take your privacy seriously. The directory is accessible only to PUCC members and staff who use their password to login.

We are also going to begin using our new front door keypad installed by our Safety Team beginning October 1. Please select your own unique 4-digit code and send it to [gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org) so we can load it into the keypad and troubleshoot as needed.

We are happy to help you with anything and everything One Church!  
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### **LAST WEEK in Sunday School**

Jacob's descendants stay in Egypt but become slaves. God rescues the Israelites to take them to the land that God promised to Abraham. This story is celebrated in Passover (Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8).

### **TODAY in Sunday School**

God leads the people of Israel out of Egypt and gives them instructions on how to live God's way. But the people disobey right away by worshipping a statue of a calf (Exodus 32:1-14).

### **THE POINT**

Even when we turn away, God remembers God's promises and welcomes us back.

### **BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS**

The term "Torah" is a Hebrew term that often refers to the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. However, it also has a wider meaning related to teaching. It can refer to the Ten Commandments given at Mount Sinai, to a single commandment, or to instruction in the law. Perhaps one of the best ways to understand the complex meaning of Torah is to read Psalm 119, which celebrates God's teaching by using a variety of words such as law, word or words, testimonies, and commandments.

### **STORY SUMMARY**

The Israelites grow impatient with Moses' leadership and with the wilderness and decide to create an idol to worship that looks a lot like the pagan idols so commonplace at the time. The Israelites make sacrifices before their new idol, a golden calf, and bow down before it in worship, claiming that this "god" was the one to bring them out of Egypt. Seeing this, God becomes angry, tells Moses what the people are up to, and pledges to destroy them. Moses pleads with God on behalf of the people, and God relents from the people's destruction.

### **PRACTICE: Worship**

Worship reminds us of who God is and what God has done for us. When we worship, we remember God's promises to us. In turn we offer God our praise, adoration, and, really, our lives. This week take time to worship God with prayer. Gather together and give everyone an opportunity to thank God for one thing God has done to sustain, provide for, and protect them that day.

### **NEXT WEEK**

A woman named Hannah did not have children, but God promised to give her a son. That son, Samuel grows up to become a great leader (1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10).

## 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: Exodus 32:1-14

The Israelites create a golden idol to worship. How do you think it felt for God to see the Israelites turn away?

### MONDAY: Exodus 32:15-20; 34:1-10

God makes a new covenant with Israel. What does this passage teach us about God's faithfulness?

### TUESDAY: Deuteronomy 1:19-33

Moses reminds the Israelites of God's promises. When have you not trusted that someone knew best for you. What happened?

### WEDNESDAY: Deuteronomy 1:34-40; 2:1-8

God refuses to let Moses into the Promised Land because of his distrust. Why do you think Joshua and the children of the Israelites who were at Mount Sinai were allowed into the Promised Land?

### THURSDAY: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

God gives the Israelites the most important commandment. What is one thing we can do to remind ourselves daily of this command?

### FRIDAY: Joshua 1:1-9

God tells Joshua to be strong and courageous. When is a time you needed to be brave, even though you were afraid?

### SATURDAY: Joshua 23:1-15

Joshua tells the Israelites to follow God's commands exactly. Why do you think God wanted the Israelites to live separately from other nations?



# 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.

## Election 2024 Postcard Party

Sunday, October 6 | 11:15am-12:30pm | Heritage Room

Come to Room 10 after worship and help us personalize nonpartisan postcards from Moms Rising. The cards encourage people to vote and do not endorse any candidates. Postage will be supplied. The opportunity will be repeated at 7 PM on Tuesday, Oct. 8, in Room 10. Moms Rising is an on-the-ground and online grassroots organization of more than a million people who are working to achieve economic security for all moms, women, and families in the United States. For information on Moms Rising platform, visit <https://www.momsrising.org/about>.

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue

October 8 | 6-8pm | Heritage Room

Please join us on Oct 8 for our first session on *The Wishing Game* by Meg Shaffer. It is about a reclusive mega-bestselling children's author who quit writing under mysterious circumstances. Suddenly he resurfaces with a brand-new book and a one-of-a-kind competition, offering a prize that will change the winner's life in this absorbing and whimsical novel. *The Wishing Game* has been described as optimistic and wholesome, demonstrating joy in the midst of pain. It's a reminder that pain doesn't last forever, and that families come in all kinds of shape. There's joy around the corner if you'll just run out to meet it. Please read up to Chapter 10 for October 8.

Potluck at 6pm followed by book discussion at 7pm that evening. Newcomers are always welcome! For questions, please contact Helen Race at [raceh@att.net](mailto:raceh@att.net)

## Listening Session with Ray Hartmann

Wednesday, October 9 | 7-8:30pm | Heritage Room

Join RESULTS in the PUCCH Heritage room for a Listening Session with Ray Hartmann, Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative for Missouri's 2nd District. RESULTS volunteer advocates will present personal stories about U.S. and global poverty issues, so Mr. Hartmann can hear from engaged Missouri constituents. He'll share his views and policies on those issues with us, so we can be informed voters! A moderated Q&A session will follow. RESULTS is a movement of passionate, committed everyday people using their voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty. Volunteers learn to effectively advise policy makers, guiding them towards decisions that improve access to education, health, and economic opportunity. RESULTS does not endorse Ray Hartmann nor any candidate for Congress. [www.results.org](http://www.results.org). Scan the QR code to RSVP. For more info, contact Cytניה Levin [changyit@icloud.com](mailto:changyit@icloud.com).



## Fall Youth Fellowship Event - Bowling

Saturday, October 12 | 1-2pm | 1254 Dougherty Ferry Rd, Valley Park, MO  
We're doing a fall Youth Bowling Event in October! If you have youth, you're welcome to come to Bowlero Lakeside in Valley Park. Bowling and snacks will be provided. See you then!

For more info, contact Gabriel R. gabriel@parkwayucc.org.

## GONA Annual Drag Queen Bingo

Saturday, October 12 | Doors open 6pm, Games start 6:30pm | Parkway UCC Gateway Open and Affirming Churches invites you to their annual fundraiser for the United Church of Christ Open and Affirming Coalition and Alliance Q of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ.

**How You Can Help:** Please create and donate a gift basket to be placed in colorful rainbow bags (17" x 10"). These bags will be auctioned off to raise funds for scholarships for the LGBTQIA+ community to attend the General Synod next July.

### Drop-off Locations:

- **St. Paul United Church of Christ**
- **Pilgrim Congregational Church**
- **Pickup Option:** Lorin Cope can pick up items from your church.

For questions, contact Lorin Cope at buckeyeohio@hotmail.com.

**Get involved and support a great cause!** Registration information is available at gatewayona.org or their Facebook page.

## Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

**“The Holocaust: My Mother's Survival,” by Vera Emmons.**

October 13 | Heritage Room | 11:15am

Vera Emmons' mother spent her early childhood in a very close family with her sister, parents and grandparents in Berlin. Then Hitler came to power and everything changed. Mrs. Emmons will recount her mother's story as she survived multiple concentration camps before being liberated at the end of the war. Our speaker is on the board of the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and also serves as a tour guide at the museum.

## “Understanding the Trans Community through Empathy and Awareness,” by Ben Greene.

October 27 | Heritage Room | 11:15am.

Ben Greene, a St. Louis resident and an openly transgender man, has dedicated his career to educating people about the transgender community. He has authored *My Child is Trans, Now What? A Joy-Centered Approach to Support*. Using a combination of personal stories and experiences, definitions, and additional resources, this book is an essential guide for anyone looking to help trans youth thrive.

Those in attendance will be eligible for a drawing to win one of Ben's books.

For questions, kindly contact Richard Scherrer, whose email may be found in the church directory.

## "Taking Your Book from Thought to Bought"

### A Conversation with Andrew Doty and PUCCer Dana Delibovi

Sunday, October 13 | 2-3pm | Kirkwood Library, 140 E. Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO

Do you have a book you want to write? Have you started a book but not finished it? Do you feel anxious about approaching publishers or agents? Only 3% of writers who start a book complete it, and only 1% to 2% of writers who complete a book have it accepted for publication. These are tough odds, so to work within them, writers need realistic strategies. Andrew Doty and Dana Delibovi will share their real-life experience with these strategies, which they used in taking Dana's book from concept to contract with a publisher. This one-hour talk, with ample time for sharing and questions, is designed to help you bring your book from planned to published.

You are welcome to save the date for another local event for the launch of PUCCer Dana Delibovi's book, *Sweet Hunter: The Complete Poems of St. Teresa of Ávila*:

**Saturday October 19, 2024.** Main Street Books, 307 S. Main Street, St. Charles, MO 63301-3434, 1:00–3:00 PM, Dana signing books and handing out her adorable, high-gloss, must-have mini bookmarks (photo attached).

Please join her—she would love to see you there. For more info, contact danadelibovi@gmail.com.

## Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – October 15

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

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

You are invited to meet with TAD for our next book, starting October 15th, *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery. In 1955 Emma Gatewood told her family she was going on a walk and left her small Ohio hometown with a change of clothes and less than two hundred dollars. The next anybody heard from her, this genteel, farm-reared, 67-year-old great-grandmother had walked 800 miles along the 2,050-mile Appalachian Trail. She became the first woman to hike the entire Appalachian Trail alone, as well as the first person - man or woman - to walk it twice and three times. Gatewood became a hiking celebrity and appeared on television and in *Sports Illustrated*. The public attention she brought to the poorly tended, difficult stretches led to bolstered maintenance, and very likely saved the trail from extinction. Her story is a triumph from pain and exemplifies Parkway UCC's core value of courageous action through environmental stewardship. Join us for the book discussion and learn why Gatewood started walking. On October 15th we'll discuss the first 12 chapters, and will finish the book on October 29th.

We'd love to have you join us for one or all of the discussions of this or any of our books. Please stop in at 1:45 pm for fellowship before we start the book discussion. Contact Jackie Eiffert for more information: jeiffert2@gmail.com

## **Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with someone**

Wednesday, October 16 | 8-10am | 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 upcoming opportunities: Tuesday, November 19 from 3:30-5:30pm;

Monday, December 9 from 1-3pm; Monday, January 27 from 6-8pm

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

## **Epiphany UCC Trivia Night**

Saturday, October 19 | 6:30pm Doors, 7:00pm Trivia | 5508 Telegraph Rd, STL

Join some Trivia Night hosted at St. Paul's UCC. There will be 50/50, silent auction, and a chance to win an ebike in a raffle! Snacks and soda provided.

Outside food is welcome. No alcohol please. Donate non-perishable food for free mulligans. UME is one of the recipients of the funds raised at this Trivia Night.

- \$200 for a table of 8
- \$25 per person

Text or call Wes Buchek to reserve your table today at 314-200-5334  
[wbuchek@gmail.com](mailto:wbuchek@gmail.com)

## **Caring for Others in a Medical Emergency**

### **First Aid Class at PUCC: CPR, AED, and STB**

Sunday, October 20 | 11:15am-1:30pm | Fellowship Hall

When an emergency happens, the people that are there are the actual first responders. This class will certify you to evaluate an emergency situation and start immediate aid, including how to administer CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) for choking, how to safely apply an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for an irregular or stopped heartbeat, and effectively use a Stop the Bleed (STB) kit for wounds.

Registration is required. No fee. RSVP by **October 17** in One Church by scanning the QR code or contact Richard Race at [racerichardg@gmail.com](mailto:racerichardg@gmail.com).



## **Trunk or Treat A spooktacular and fun event**

Saturday, October 26 | 5:30-7pm | Parkway UCC

The best event of the year for kids of all ages and stages!

To make this a Spooktacular event we need, **in addition to candy:**

- Cars for Trunk or Treating (Trunk Decorating Kits sold online).
- Face painters
- Greeters
- Music DJ
- Kitchen crew for food & drinks
- Game/activity hosts
- Scene design & decorators.

Do you have decorations you can loan us or bring with you? You can never have too many pumpkins, Halloween decorations or flameless candles. Interested? Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Karen Mariani [ksmariani59@gmail.com](mailto:ksmariani59@gmail.com).

## **Go AWOL with us - Adventurous Women Out Late**

Come begin, strengthen or renew relationships with other PUCC women.

Sunday, October 27th 2pm: Repertory Theater: THE ROOMMATE  
“I guess everybody wants to start over.” In the quietest corner of the Midwest, middle-aged Sharon, recently divorced and seeking a sensible roommate, opens her home to Robyn, a mysterious woman with a murky past. Entwining this unlikely duo's lives in shared dish-duty and shady business, Jen Silverman takes us on an uproarious journey of self-discovery, secrets and revelations. Challenge societal norms, embrace the unexpected, and revel in the reinvention that only true friendship can spark in this dark comedy that proves coming of age can happen anytime, anywhere- even your own kitchen table!

\*The RSVP date has passed but reach out to Carmen ([cfbum@charter.net](mailto:cfbum@charter.net)) in case there is a way we can secure more tickets.

Saturday, November 9th at 5pm: Dinner and Movie  
Join us for a lovely dinner and a great movie at Plaza Frontenac, More details to come as we get closer to the date.

Sunday, December 8th at 7pm: STIFEL THEATER: Celtic Woman Christmas Symphony (\$70)

They will help us get into the season! Experience a taste at <https://www.celticwoman.com/>

\*The RSVP date has passed but reach out to Carmen ([cfbum@charter.net](mailto:cfbum@charter.net)) in case there is a way we can secure more tickets.

Please reach out to [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org) if finances are hindering your participation to any of these events.

## **Coffee and Conversation at Panera**

Monday, October 28 | 10am | Panera on Manchester Road in Des Peres  
Join us for a beverage and sweet treat. Come connect!

Future dates for Coffee and Conversation:

Friday, November 22 at 2pm; Wednesday, December 11 at 10am; Tuesday, January 14 at 2pm

No need to RSVP - just show up!

Questions? Contact [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org); 314-872-9330

## **32nd IP STL Annual Dinner & Celebration 2024**

Tuesday, October 29 | 5-7:30pm | 6361 Clayton Rd, Clayton, St. Louis, MO  
Since 1985, hundreds of people gather at our Annual Dinner to celebrate the region's vibrant interfaith community, renew commitments to one another, and invest in the bridge-building efforts of Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis. IP STL invites you to attend! [*Kevin Cameron is offering grace.*]

This year, they will be honoring Dr. Humayan Quadir and Rabbi Mark Shook as they receive their Lifetime Achievement of Interfaith Relations Award.



Our Keynote Presentation will be by Eric Dozier.  
Registration deadline is Oct. 22nd, 2024. Scan QR Code.

## **Art & Soul XIV Celebrating Art, Children, and Community**

Friday, November 1 | 6-10pm | 5200 Delmar Blvd, St Louis 63108  
Join Unleashed Potential as they celebrate the role of art in helping kids unleash their magnificent potential. Art & Soul XIV will be an evening of art, music, silent auctions, fabulous food, drinks, and the great company in support of UP. Together, they will celebrate The Power of Community!



Scan QR code to register. For more info, visit [upstl.org](http://upstl.org) or call 314-383-1733.

## **Circle of Concern Thanksgiving Baskets**

It's fall and the Circle of Concern Holiday Programs are underway. Once again, Parkway will hopefully donate the 9 items needed for 100 Thanksgiving boxes, which will be distributed to clients the week of November 11, 2024.

In addition to the box of shelf-stable food, Circle provides fresh fruit and vegetables, a pie and a gift card to Aldi. The items needed include: canned pumpkin, canned corn, cranberry sauce, canned fruit, chicken, turkey or vegetable broth (32-ounce carton), boxed stuffing mix, turkey or chicken gravy (12–18-ounce jar), cornbread muffin mix, box of potato flakes. Lana will place a box in the entryway and copies of needed items on the round table in the Gathering Space. Thanks on behalf of our client families!

For more info, contact Lana Biondo [lanabiondo66@gmail.com](mailto:lanabiondo66@gmail.com)

# Prayer List

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

## Celebrations

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

**Jones-Goldstein Family as they grow** - baby girl due this month!

**L'Shana Tova** - *Happy New Year* to our Jewish family and friends.

## Concerns

**James/Ashley Milam Family** - grieving/giving thanks for his father... funeral here on Saturday, October 12 -- Visitation 9am, Service 11am.

**Bill and Pat Owens** - his healing after major surgery - home Thursday?

**Evelyn Buretta** - healing at home after recent knee surgery and rehab.

**John Verstrete** - healing after removal of an eye.

**Grieving and hope after natural disasters** - incl *Hurricane Helene*.

**The continuing war in Ukraine and Russia.**

**War and unrest in the Mideast** - including Israel, Hamas, Lebanon.

**The tumultuous and consequential US election season.**

## Continuing

**Lorraine Lewis** - recovering from lung & heart procedures (Litzinger)

**Shara Storm** - undergoing treatments for cancer (Stifel).

**Shawn Martin** - recovering from heart attack (Connors' family friend).

**Carol Combs** - end of life journey (Reinhardt).

**David Smith** - receiving palliative care at home (Deb Carter's father).

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

**Kari Borgmann** - her mom turned 100 this year; health issues.

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

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

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

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

**Seger Ruiz** - paralyzed from car accident (John and Joyce Ruiz).

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

**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**

**Lewis Junior Burcham** - *The Glenwood*; 1635 N. Baltimore Ave; Mt. Zion, IL 62549; 217-864-1757 [birthday: January 15]

**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; 314-993-0469 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** - 13510 Weston Park Dr; STL, MO 63131; 314-369-4885 [birthdate: August 13]

**Pinky Wilcoxon** - *Delmar Gardens Creve Coeur*; 850 Country Manor Ln; #132; Creve Coeur, MO 63141; 314-434-5900 [birthdate: April 7]

## **Other**

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

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

**All people who live with mental illness & those dealing with meds.**

**Caregivers of all shapes and sizes.**

**PUCC Family** struggling with employment; healthcare costs and limits.

**Our Missouri Mid-South Conference and St Louis Assn UCC**

**Gun violence and other violence across the US and other lands.**

**Conversations about the Death Penalty** in the United States.

**Victims of Natural and Created Disasters** around the world.

**Healing of relationships between the public and the police.**

**Peace and Justice** near and far.

**US Military** around the globe.

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**Drivers needed:** From time to time, PUCers are in need of rides to medical appts when their usual circle of support is unavailable. Please let kevin@parkwayucc.org know and he will add you to the call list. Thanks!

## **UCC Response to Hurricane Helene**

Dear Friend,

The impact of Hurricane Helene is widespread and devastating, as more than 100 people have been confirmed dead, over 2 million people are without power, and damages are estimated to be over \$140 billion. We know of two UCC congregations on Florida's Gulf Coast whose church buildings suffered significant flood damage, and another building that experienced structural damage from high winds. We continue to be in touch with our Southern, Southeast, and Florida Conferences as they work to contact local congregations and become aware of their needs.

The United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster well after their plight fades from the headlines. As we continue to pray for and respond to those who have experienced unimaginable loss this past week, please consider a gift to the Hurricane Helene Recovery Appeal. Your gifts matter. This is something you can do to help alleviate suffering, rebuild homes, and restore communities. Your gifts will make a difference to those who are struggling during these difficult times and enable needed assistance as we stand with impacted communities in the years ahead.

Thank you for your generosity.

Rev. Kent Siladi  
Interim Director of Philanthropy  
United Church of Christ

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