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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 Harold Cobb

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

Flowers given by Marilyn and Ben McDougall—thanks to the congregation of Parkway for their caring prayers. 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
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

11/03 Todd Bowermaster

11/04 Pauline Nguyen

11/05 Cassie Rosenberger

11/06 Andrea Barnes

Anniversaries

11/04 Betty & Richard Scherrer

11/08 Brad & Michelle Brueggemann

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 03, 2024 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Gathering

Peace be to all who visit this sacred house of God sanctified by years of prayer. Pause awhile... allow the past to speak words of comfort to your soul, then add your prayer to ours before you go forth from the calm of this shelter into the busy world.

Prelude *The Best of Friends I Have in Heaven* – arr. by Albert Beck, based on *The Dearest Friend* by Louise Reichardt (c. 1908)

Singing in the Saints

For All the Saints

Feel free to place photos of your loved ones on the table anytime. We grieve, remember, and give thanks with you on All Saints Day and every day.

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**O Blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to God, the Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Genuine love is rarely an emotional space where needs are instantly gratified. To know love we have to invest time and commitment... dreaming that love will save us, solve all our problems or provide a steady state of bliss or security only keeps us stuck in wishful fantasy, undermining the real power of the love - which is to transform us. Many people want love to function like a drug, giving them an immediate and sustained high. They want to do nothing, just passively receive the good feeling. ~ bell hooks

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 *Rejoice in God's Saints* - music by Mary Kay Beall
words by Fred Pratt Green, arr. by John Carter

Rejoice in God's saints today and all days,
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true,
The way of self-giving, God, leads us to you.

Welcome Song *Holy Ground* (please sing twice)

We are stand - ing _____ on ho - ly ground, _____
_____ and I know that there are an - gels all a -
round; _____ let us praise _____
_____ Je - sus now; _____ we are
stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground. _____

Scripture Ruth 1:1-18 | Common English Bible (CEB)

During the time of the judges, there was a famine in the land. A man from Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the territory of Moab, along with his wife and two sons. The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name was Naomi, and his two sons were named Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the territory of Moab and settled there. Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left alone with her two sons. They married Moabite women. One was named Orpah and the other was named Ruth. They lived there about ten years. Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and Naomi was left all alone, without her two children and without her husband.

She and her daughters-in-law prepared to return from the territory of Moab because she had heard that the Lord had taken note of his people by providing food for them. She left the place where she had been living, along with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the road to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord show you the same kindness that you have shown to the deceased and to me. May the Lord grant each of you security in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept loudly.

They said to her, “No! We will go with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters! Why would you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb who could become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters! Go on, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I had a husband tonight and bore sons, would you wait for them to grow up? Would you refuse to marry someone else? No, my daughters! My life is too bitter for you, because the Lord’s hand has turned against me.” They wept loudly again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

Naomi said, “Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same.” But Ruth said, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from following you. Wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord do this to me and more so, if even death separates me from you.” When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said no more.

***Call to Worship** First Congo UCC, Memphis

One:	We will be together. We will stand as siblings given life by one God.
Many:	We will be together. We will watch out for one another. We will listen to what needs to be said in a spirit of compassion. We will respect the power of silence.
One:	We will wait for the slowest. We will sooner or later catch up with the fastest.
Many:	We will dry the tears of those who are weeping and know that they will dry ours when the time comes.
One:	We will let ourselves begin to feel at least a little of the pain of those we have considered our enemies.
Many:	We will entrust our stories to each other.
One:	We will not be skeptical that peace can come.
Many:	We will not forget the joy of life. We will not forget to be grateful.
One:	We will do our best to stir in each other hope, courage and faith.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful-ness Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

***Opening Prayer** *Crystal Sygeel*

Thank you, God, for the examples of those who have gone before us. May we walk wisely in their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. We commit to continue their legacy of walking in *The Way*. May new generations find us worthy to be called saints in your kindom. Move us with your persistence, guide us with your grace, bless us with your creativity. Amen.

***Response** *Spirit of the Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Spirit of the living God, make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing—
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

Commissiong a Search Team: Music Director

Keith Borgmann, Michelle Brueggemann, Elijah Gwyn, Jessica Gwyn, George Lestina, Helen Race, Marsha Peek, ex officio (Personal Relations Committee) and Kevin Cameron, ex-officio (Pastor).

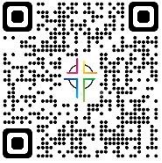
Children's Time

Children and youth will be safely escorted across the street for Sunday School. Please meet them in the Gathering Space 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.**

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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Offertory Anthem *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* – Arr. by Camp

Kirkland, based on the tune St. Anne attr. to William Croft, 1708, words by Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home.
Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure.
Sufficient in Thine arm alone
And our defense is sure.
Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God
To endless years the same.
A thousand ages in Thy sight
Is like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last
And our eternal home.
O God, our help, our hope! Amen.

*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** Cheryl Lindsay

Great and Generous God, receive these gifts of love with blessing for those who give and those who receive. Magnify our ministries, enlarge our circles of care, and amplify our love in the world. Amen.

Scripture Mark 12:28-34 | New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that [God] is one, and besides [God] there is no other; and to love [God] with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

Invitation to the Communion Table We invite *all* to this **open table**.

All accepted—no exceptions—as we commit ourselves to limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry.

Communion Song *O God, We Give Thanks for the Saints Gone Before Us*
(Tune: *Let All Things Now Living*)

**O God, we give thanks for the saints gone before us —
remembering well how they walked Jesus' Way.**

They valued the truth and would rise to defend it.

They knelt to be kind to the poor day by day.

**They welcomed in immigrants, honored new neighbors,
put love before greed, and sought peace over strife.**

**May we in our homes and our churches and nations
recall Jesus' teachings and welcome this life.**

**O God, we give thanks for the saints now among us —
for teachers and helpers and activists, too,**

**for those in our families and those who work with us
to make the world better, to make the world new.**

**We thank you for those who seek justice for others,
for those who seek Jesus and live by his grace.**

**May we in our homes and our churches and nations
give thanks for their witness of love in this place.**

**O God, we give thanks for the Way Jesus shows us;
may we seek to follow his reign from above.
The world often calls us to hatred and violence,
but Christ's Way is welcome and mercy and love.
Like prophets, apostles, and martyrs before us,
like those who bear witness to you every day,
may we in our homes and our churches and nations
be saints who are eager to choose Jesus' Way.**

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.]

***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 *The Church's One Foundation* – arr. by Albert Beck, based on the tune Aurelia, by Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy One, you nurture us from the past. You have fed us here today. You are already out ahead of us in the future, preparing places of refreshment and empowerment. As we prepare to leave this place, help us to honor the past and forge an even more faithful path. Amen.

*Song of Parting *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Please come forward during the closing hymn or after to retrieve the photos of your loved ones. We grieve, remember and give thanks with you.



1. I sing a song of the saints of God, Pa - tient and
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And God's love
3. They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, There are hun - dreds of



brave and true, Who toiled and fought and lived and died
made them strong; And they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake,
thou - sands still; The world is bright with the joy - ous saints



For the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
The whole of their good lives long. And one was a
Who love to do. Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, And one was a shep - herd - ess
sol - dier, and one was a priest, And one was slain by a
school, or in lanes, or at sea, In church, or in trains, or in



on the green: They were all of them saints of
fierce wild beast: And there's not an - y rea - son,
shops, or at tea; For the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, Why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth *Sine Nomine (For All the Saints)* – by Ralph
Vaughan Williams, 1906

Announcements

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

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – November 5

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 on November 5th for our second discussion of *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery. We'll discuss Chapter 13 through the end of the book. 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 time 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, and what speaks to you about her. We hope to see you on November 5th.

On November 19th, TAD will start discussing the book by Margaret Renkl, *Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss*.

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 1:45pm for fellowship before we start the book discussion.

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

November Election Drive or be driven to the polls

Can you volunteer to be a driver to take someone to the Polls? OR.... Do you need transportation so you can go to the polls and vote?

November 5th is the official day, but early voting started October 22nd. We are trying to put together two lists and coordinate them.

Drivers: When are you available? Days and Times? Would your vehicle hold a wheelchair?

Requests for transportation:

When would you like to vote? Days and Times? Do you need help with a wheelchair? Do you need assistance navigating the voting area?

If you can help or need help, contact Sally Dodge at s.dodge@hotmail.com

Election Day Prayer Service and Vigil

November 5 | 3-5pm CST | Zoom

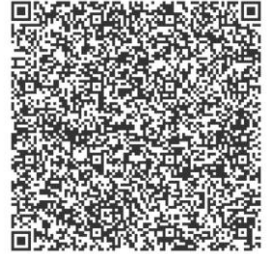
On Election Day, November 5, join Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson and UCC leaders from across the nation for a non-partisan election day prayer service and vigil.

They will highlight the prayers and intentions collected from across the UCC, woven together with music and prayers from UCC leaders.

Following the service, they will hold space for the fears and anxieties many feel around the election in separate breakout rooms for pastoral care concerns, spiritual grounding, and election protection tips.

Let us join together on November 5 to pray for our nation, for our democracy, and for justice and peace to prevail!

Scan QR code to register to join:



Election Night Communion

Tuesday, November 5 | 7:00pm | 475 E Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves, MO
This campaign season has been brutally divisive. Here is a chance to be a part of something different, something better, something more. On election night, Tuesday, November 5, at 7:00pm, all are welcome and encouraged to gather in the chapel on the campus of Eden Theological Seminary to worship, and to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion together. This service is a collaboration of Maplewood, Unity, and Webster United Methodist Churches, and it is open to all. The unity of the sacrament is stronger than the divisiveness of an election. So go to the polls, then come to the table.

Adventurous Men Out Early

AMOE meets Thursday, November 7 at 9:15am in the Heritage Room for a cup of joe, pastries, and fellowship. All are welcome.

Questions or comments, please see Richard Scherrer, whose email may be found in the church directory.

Circle of Concern Thanksgiving Baskets – Due November 8

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 has placed 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

Go AWOL with us - Adventurous Women Out Late

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

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. (Please email Carmen for more info)

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) in case there is a way we can secure more tickets.

Please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org if finances are hindering your participation in any of these events.

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am “Reclaiming Our Democracy; an Election Post-Modem,” by Sam Daley-Harris.

Sunday, November 10 | 11:15am | Sanctuary

The date for this program is purposely scheduled a week or so after the Presidential election because we may need a pep talk to inspire us to go forward committed to reclaiming our democracy. Our speaker, Sam Daley-Harris is an American activist and author. He has been a hunger eradication advocate and democracy activist since the mid-1970s and is the author of *Reclaiming Our Democracy: Ever Citizen's Guide to Transformational Advocacy*. President Jimmy Carter called the first edition of Reclaiming Our Democracy "A road map for global involvement in planning a better future." Sam will share the message of his latest book and make the case for why his teachings are a powerful way to make a difference, and heal our democracy in the process. He will also offer insights into what the election results mean for our future.

Sam will appear via Zoom conferencing in the sanctuary, following worship service. For those attending remotely themselves, please use the following protocols:

Meeting ID: 84691476997 | Passcode: 181565 | Dial: (312) 626-6799

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

November 17 | 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.

St. Stanislaus Day Fall Celebration

Sun, November 10 | 11:30am-4pm | 1413 N. 20th St., Saint Louis, MO 63106
Come to the Polish Heritage Center for a celebration of Polish heritage, culture, music and food! Polish Sampler Meal served from 11:30am until sold out. Carry outs available. There will also be Polish beer, Polish pottery, auctions, bakery, games & kids booth. Free admission and parking! Ecumenical Mass starts at 10am. For more info, contact office@saintstan.org.

West County Interfaith Alliance Fall Youth Gathering

Sun, Nov 10 | 1-2:30pm | United Hebrew Congregation (Sanctuary Entrance)
Youth are invited to a joyful interfaith gathering at United Hebrew Congregation. There will be food from different faith communities such as Hindu, Christian, and Jewish. A real treat! There will also be fun ice breakers and a game of Jeopardy that is sure to bring laughs and spiritual growth as we learn what unites us and what makes our faith unique! You are also invited to bring canned food items for the Parkway Food Pantry. So, come with an open mind and bring a friend!

For more info, contact gabriel@parkwayucc.org.

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

November 12 | 6-8pm | Heritage Room

Please join us for our wrap up session on the book *The Wishing Game* by Megan Schaffer. It is about a reclusive mega-best-selling 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 just run out to meet it.

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

Parkway Adventurers Head to the Field House Museum

Thursday, Nov. 14 | 10am | 634 South Broadway, 63102

Join the PUCC Adventurers as we head to the (Eugene) Field House Museum on November 14 to see the toy exhibit called Growing Together: Fisher-Price Toys Across Generations. We'll see the history of Fisher-Price Company toys from the 1930s until the present, and see many familiar toys. What memories! We'll also be able to see Growing up on Fifth: Childhood in 1950s St. Louis, as well as other exhibits. We'd love to have you join us. Meet at Parkway at 9:30am for carpooling or at 10:00am at the museum. Cost is \$8, payable at the door. The museum is located at 634 South Broadway, 63102. There is a large free parking lot and the building has elevators and accessible restrooms.

Lunch will follow at 12:00pm at Maggie O'Brien's, 2000 Market Street, 63103. Please RSVP to Diane Tallyn diane_tallyn@hotmail.com or Kent Tallyn bsee74-pucc@yahoo.com and let us know if you are carpooling or meeting at the museum.

Looking ahead: On December 19th the Adventurers will visit the historic Campbell House Museum, which will be decorated for Christmas. Details will be published next month.

Isaiah 58 - Parkway's Donation to Thanksgiving Dinners

Parkway has chosen to collect 400 POULTRY GRAVY PACKETS for Isaiah 58. As you are out shopping, please pick up some packets (poultry) and place in a box in the entry way where food donations are collected. We need to get them to Isaiah 58 by November 17th. Thank you for your support. Questions? Contact Sally Dodge s.dodge@hotmail.com

Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with someone

Tuesday, November 19 | 3:30-5:30pm | 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: 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 kevin@parkwayucc.org

Thanksgiving Friendship Dinner at TASOM

Wed, Nov 20 | 6:30-8:30pm | 664 Lemay Ferry Rd, St. Louis, MO 63125

You are invited to the Thanksgiving friendship dinner at TASOM. Featuring all of the traditional dishes with vegetarian options, this is a great opportunity to share a meal with old and new friends. RSVP by **November 15** by scanning the QR code:



For more info, contact info@tasom.org

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Friday, November 22 | 2pm | Panera on Manchester Road in Des Peres

Join us for a beverage and sweet treat. Come connect!

Future dates for Coffee and Conversation:

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

No need to RSVP - just show up!

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

Support the Third Annual Transgiving STL

Join Us for the Third Annual Transgiving STL!

Transgiving brings together trans individuals, families, and allies for a festive dinner.

When: Wednesday, November 27th, we'll cook and decorate at St. Mark's fellowship hall. Join us for a fun time, whether you're a returning helper or new to the crew!

This year, salads are provided by NEON GREENS, a fantastic seed-to-plate restaurant.

Thanksgiving Day, November 28th: We open at 10 am for cooking, eating, music, games, and more! Our meal begins at 12 pm, and the hall will stay open until 8 pm for seconds and socializing.

Everyone is welcome: trans folks, families, elders, children, and supportive allies—come be part of Transgiving STL!

SAVE THE DATE

As Barry Luedloff heads toward retirement at the end of December, the Church Council is gathering a Search Team to find our next Music Director. We will commission these individuals this Sunday morning: Keith Borgmann, Michelle Brueggemann, Elijah Gwyn, Jessica Gwyn, George Lestina, Helen Race, Marsha Peek, ex officio (Personal Relations Committee) and Kevin Cameron, ex-officio (Pastor). Please pray for Barry, our Search Team and the individuals who will consider partnering with us at Parkway UCC. We will hear from the Team soon and learn how we can be a part of this after their organizing meeting. Mark your calendar to join us in giving thanks for Barry at a reception in his honor after worship on Sunday, December 15.

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. Scan the QR code to see the instructions for downloading the app:



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 have also begun using our new front door keypad installed on the brick wall to the right of the doors by our Safety Team. Please select your own unique 4-digit code and send it to gabriel@parkwayucc.org so we can load it into the keypad and troubleshoot as needed. The keypad on the doorhandle is available for a bit longer.

We are happy to help you with anything and everything One Church – including taking your profile photo on Sunday mornings!

Cindy Nouri cynthianouri@gmail.com

Gabriel Requadt gabriel@Parkwayucc.org

Barb Harris barbharris@charter.net

Prayer List

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Celebrations

Lillie Jane Olive Sableman (Shantel & Paul) - baptized last Sunday.
Jones-Goldstein Family as they grow - Samantha born on 10/08!
Grant and Callie Oehler - expecting twins in late winter.
Brett Eiffert & Josie Polaski - engaged to be married (Jackie's son).

Concerns

Polly Ruthford - healing after additional back surgery.
Bill & Pat Owens - as he strengthens from last week's hospitalization.
Timothy Keeley - healing progress and patience after recent surgery.
Gloria Lash - pain, other problems related to Parkinson's (Litzinger).
Becca and Justin - grieving the death of their cat.
The continuing war in Ukraine and Russia.
War and unrest in the Mideast - incl Israel, Hamas, Lebanon, Iran.
The tumultuous and consequential US election season.

Continuing

Gladys Sims - healing at home after hospitalization and rehab.
Bill and Pat Owens - his healing after major cancer surgery.
John & Nancy Tallyn - his heart condition; her recurring leukemia, etc
Nylon and Gloria Wilson - in a season of transition (Litzinger).
Sharon and Chuck - a variety of health issues (Gerry Rogers' cousins).
Shara Storm - undergoing treatments for cancer (Stifel).
Shawn Martin - strengthening with PT; back to work 10-16 (Connors).
Carol Combs - end of life journey (Reinhardt).
David Smith - receiving palliative care (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; #128; 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.

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!

Kill the Alien with Kindness

Molly Baskette

The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. - Leviticus 19:34 (NRSV)

Our foster son came to us as an emergency placement when he was 13. He had flown from Haiti to Boston for lifesaving heart surgery through an NGO. While he was recovering in the hospital, his father took off one frigid February day, perhaps thinking he was leaving him to a better life here.

He was alone, cold and miserable. Our upstairs neighbor, who worked for the org, asked us to take him in temporarily. He spent 6 weeks with us until DCF found him a suitable family, but he stayed in our lives as one of our own.

That was 11 years ago. His life here has been a roller coaster. He had 4 different foster families. He played soccer and baseball in high school and was sweet-talked into recruitment by a private college, then forbidden to play because of his heart. He has been racially profiled by the police countless times while going about his business, yet ignored by them when he's the victim of a crime.

Still, he got his citizenship this past June. He will vote in his first presidential election next month. We watched the first debate together, and he corrected me on several points of immigration policy.

After everything he's been through in this country, the kindness and the killing gestures alike, I'm amazed that he has worked so hard to become an American. Agog that he has so much hope to fully belong and thrive here in his new home.

One of the earliest commands laid down by God in our religious tradition is to be kind to the migrants among us—for so once were we, unless we are Indigenous.

And just in case, because God knows we don't always want to behave well toward new arrivals, God lends a little muscle to the end of the decree: "I am the Lord your God."

Prayer

God, erase our prejudice and fear of the other. Stop our mouths from gossip, slander, and ugly jokes. Give us love, instead, for your children crossing borders to find home.