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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 Jackie Eiffert

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

Flowers given by Peg Sant'Ambrogio in honor of her three children. 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.

Subscribe to our email lists reach out to contact@parkwayucc.org.

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Mental Health Support

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911... call or text)

24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK) | 800-SUICIDE: 800-784-2433

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

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

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 aways)

Learn more about warm lines: https://warmline.org/warmdir.html

Birthdays

11/10 Lynn Sableman

11/11 Ryan Bowermaster

11/13 John Dwyer

11/14 Emma Ross

11/15 Stephanie Polster

25th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, November 10, 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 Larghetto – by E. Bottigliero, arr. by Carlo Rossini

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation It is the heart that does the giving; the fingers only let go. - Nigerian proverb

Passing the Peace of Christ

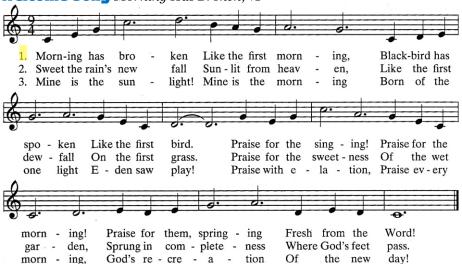
"May the peace of Christ be with you."
(We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Choral Introlt *I Have Been to the Mountain* - Music by Mary Kay Beall Words by John Carter

I have been to the mountain, I have seen the holy flame; I have been to the mountain, I have called God's holy Name; I have been to the mountain, I have heard the trumpet sound; At the top of the mountain Glory shone all around!

Welcome Song Morning Has Broken, v1



Psalms from the Hebrew Bible

Psalm 127 | Inclusive Language Psalter

Unless God builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it. Unless God watches over the city, in vain the sentry keeps their vigil. It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for God gives to their beloved sleep. Children are a heritage from God, and the fruit of the womb is a gift. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Happy is the one who has their quiver full of them! They shall not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 146 | Inclusive Language Psalter

Hallelujah! Praise God, O my soul! I will praise God as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in God their God; Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps their promise for ever; Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. God sets the prisoners free; God opens the eyes of the blind; God lifts up those who are bowed down; God loves the righteous; God cares for the stranger; God sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. God shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

*Call to Worship

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One:	God is about to do a new thing.
	Do you feel it?
Many:	We are opening ourselves to it, turning toward God so we don't miss it.
One:	Jesus is teaching us how to live and love by his own example. Do you notice it?
Many:	We are setting aside the things that don't seem to want to let us go. We turn toward Jesus in order to learn.
One:	The Spirit is eager to equip us with all the gifts we need to be faithful and effective. Are you ready to be swept up in the Spirit?
Many:	We know we can trust the Spirit, even though it is unpredictable and moves at its own pace.
One:	Bring your whole self here now.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.



***Opening Prayer** Cheryl Lindsay

Living God, we offer gratitude for your presence. We give you thanks for life in this community. Some come seeking. Others come assured. Some have questions. Others simply want company. Whatever our reasons for gathering, may they all lead us to an encounter with you, your grace, and your way. Infuse us with your power, forged in love, so that we might be encouraged and respond as agents of your kindom on earth. 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!

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 5th grade will then go to Room 12, and youth from 6th to 12th grade will go to Room 15. For children in Room 01, parents please pick them up after worship. Children and youth from age 3 thru high school can be met in the Gathering Space just outside the Sanctuary after worship, as the teachers will bring them back upstairs after class.

Blessing the Children Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, Wanting as a friend to give, life and love to all who live

Yes, Jesus loves me...

Scripture Mark 12:38-44 | Common English Bible (CEB)

As Jesus was teaching, he said, "Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly."

Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who's been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on."

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer Cares Chorus | #2215 Blue Songbook



Poetry from Teresa of Avila Dana Delibovi

God's Beauty

O Beauty far beyond all beauties of the world, you cut without pain, and painlessly you ruin the love of mere creatures.

What a knot you tie from two unequal things.

I don't think you could unpick the bond of good to evil you fastened with such strength.

You join the mortal—what need not be—with what must be, Eternal.

Never ending, you end, never needing to love, you love, and from nothing, you create.

Soul, Seek Yourself in Me

Soul, seek vourself in me. and through me, seek me in vourself. How lucky, cherished soul, to design yourself in me. No painter, however skilled, could imprint with so much delicacy the image that is you. I crafted you in love, beautiful and fine. If you get lost inside my tinted caverns, treasured soul, then seek yourself in me. What I know: Your portrait hangs around my heart. and when you see the life drawn so deftly there. you will find rest. And if you haven't known before where to find me, well, don't walk from here to there. If you want to find me, look inside. look for me in you - because you are my chamber, my dwelling, and my house. So I will knock at any hour if I discover that your thoughts become a bolted door. Outside of you, there is no search for me. To find me. it's enough for you to call me, and I'll come to you without delay. To find me, seek me in yourself.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer sung to the tune by Nate Stout

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

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

Offering Our Gifts to God



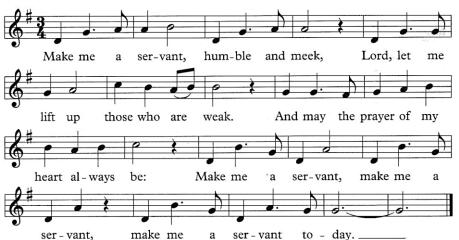
If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate on the stand next to the communion table before the end of the closing hymn. There are offering plates in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary too. Thank you for your generosity.

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Offering Interlude Canticle of Thanksgiving — words by Herbert Brokering / music by Dale Wood, based on the Welsh tune "The Ash Grove." Creator of glory, all seasons Thy story. The roses, the rivers, the ridges, Thy mirth. The straining of power, of eons each hour, all heavens o'er meadows, old signs of rebirth. The weeping in willows, all children in pillows, all valleys, all oceans, Thy spaces of birth Thy blossoms unfolding, all angels beholding, with morning and darkness renewing Thy earth.

In quaking and thunder, when life breaks asunder, in pain and in sorrow, all death is Thy door. Thy table of prizes, in daily surprises, our souls only feasting Thy treasure and store. Through silence and wonder our spirits would ponder, a sight of the brightness which saints now adore. Thy love comes escaping while watching and waiting, our hearts overflowing adore Thee, adore. Thy beauty so tender, we live in Thy splendor. O send us the life of the Lamb on the throne. Come visit our tables, our castles and stables, 'til nothing and no one be ever alone. Come father, come mother, come sister, come brother, the cup is o'er flowing, the harvest is done. Rise up, O partaker! Give thanks to the Maker! The banquet is set in the midst of the Son!

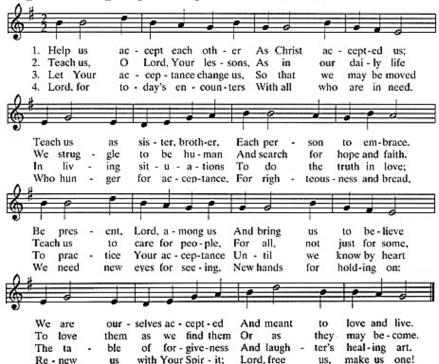
*Response Make Me A Servant | #2176 Blue Songbook



*Prayer of Dedication Cheryl Lindsay

Holy One, when the needs of the world compel us, may your blessings assure us, may your abundance inspire us, may your goodness embolden us to resist the systems of scarcity and to embrace a life of generosity, compassion, and mutuality. Amen.

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



*Benediction

***God's Light Goes Forth**

*Music for Going Forth *The Royal Banners* – by James Mansfield © MCMLXXXIV Lorenz Publishing Co.

Sending the Word Home For your spiritual nourishment during the week.

LAST WEEK in Sunday School

After David's son, Solomon, died, the kingdom split in two: Israel to the north and Judah to the south. The prophet Elijah performed miracles for a widow in the town of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]).

TODAY in Sunday School

Jonah was a prophet whose job was to tell the people of Nineveh to turn towards God and repent. He ran away instead (Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; [4:1-11]).

THE POINT

No matter what we do, God's love for us never changes.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

Repentance is a change of mind, a reorientation of life. Although it includes being sorry for sins, it is more than that. Repentance is recognizing the sin in what we are doing and making a deliberate about-face—an active decision to walk in the direction toward and with God and away from a particular behavior and way of thinking.

STORY SUMMARY

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell the people what would happen if they did not repent. Jonah did not want to do this, so he headed in the opposite direction. While he was at sea. God caused a storm. Jonah knew the storm was raging because of his actions so he told the crew to throw him overboard. God saved Jonah from death using a big fish and then told him again to speak to the Ninevites. This time Jonah obeyed, and upon hearing Jonah's warnings, the people in Nineveh repented.

PRACTICE: Service

Service can include meeting material needs. Service can also mean sharing the love of God with others through our actions and words. Some people are longing to hear that they are loved by God without limit or condition. But our words have to be backed up by our deeds, so they can see God's love in action. Serving others by showing and telling of God's love can mean a life-changing experience for the recipient and for the giver. How can you both show and tell someone about God's love this week?

NEXT WEEK in Sunday School

God calls Isaiah to be a prophet in a dramatic and frightening vision in the temple, but, unlike Jonah, he accepts the call (Isaiah 6:1-8).

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: Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10

Jonah finds God in the belly of a fish. When have you felt that you either wanted to escape or get closer to God's presence?

MONDAY: Jonah 1

Jonah tries to run from God. Where in this passage do you think that Jonah begins to feel a sense of guilt?

TUESDAY: Jonah 3

The conversion of Nineveh. What motivated the Ninevites to repent and change their ways?

WEDNESDAY: Jonah 4

Jonah's anger. Who do you think is undeserving? Why did Jonah think that the Ninevites should not be forgiven even after God forgave Jonah?

THURSDAY: Exodus 33:7-23

Moses sees God. What do you think it would be like to see God face to face? What do you think God sees when God looks at you?

FRIDAY: Exodus 40:18-33

Moses sets up the tabernacle. Imagine the sanctuary at church. Why do you think it is set up as it is?

SATURDAY: Exodus 40:34-38

The glory of the Lord. Who do you know whose smile and aura radiates the love of God? How can you become like that?

Announcements

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

November 2024 Alzheimer's News

Saturday October 26th was a sunny, beautiful day for the WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S at the Chesterfield Amphitheater. Those of us who participated walked the one mile walk around the lake after the opening ceremony. To date the team has raised \$1,405.00. Donations are still being accepted till Dec. 31, 2024. Make checks payable to: Alzheimer' Association. You may give them to Joyce Ruiz to turn in with the proper paperwork. You can learn more by going to www.alz.org/help-support/resources or the Alzheimer's Helpline which is accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master's level clinicians to assist with crisis situations, decision making, and disease information. You can find virtual dementia caregiver resources online at alz.org/covid 19help. Tools and support are also available in Spanish. Want to learn more about the Alzheimer's Association and what they do here in St. Louis? Visit alz.org and/or contact PUCC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at joyceruiz7@gmail.com

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

Sunday, November 10 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

The date for this program is purposely scheduled right 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 Heritage Room, 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.

Sunday, 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 faiths unique! You are also invited to bring canned food items for the Parkway School District 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

The Upper Room Small Group

Every Wednesday | 1-2pm | Gathering Space

Come as you are and take part in our Upper Room Small Group on Nov. 6. We'll be following The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide once a week on Wednesday afternoons. Pretty laid back with some guided questions to help stir the spirit. Copies of the devotional are available for free in the Gathering Space. This will be a weekly event on Wednesdays. We would love to have you! For more info, contact Gabriel **gabriel@parkwayucc.org**.

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

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. RVSP by November 15 by scanning the OR code:

For more info, contact info@tasom.org

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

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – November 19

1st & 3rd Tuesday | 1:45pm fellowship | 2:00-3:00pm discussion Zoom Link (312) 626-6799; Meeting ID: 836 7061 7428; Passcode: 480007 Join the TAD group on Zoom as we read and discuss our next book, Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss by Margaret Renkl. A New York Times contributing opinion writer, Renkl has written an unusual, captivating portrait of a family—and of the cycles of joy and grief that inscribe human lives within the natural world. This book feels peaceful, calm, and is beautifully illustrated by the author's brother.

In brief essays, Renkl traces a tender and honest portrait of her unforgettable parents and of the bittersweet moments that accompany a child's transition to caregiver. Braided into the overall narrative, she also offers observations on the world surrounding her suburban Nashville home. Ringing with rapture and heartache, these essays convey the dignity of bluebirds and rat snakes. monarch butterflies and native bees. As the two threads haunt and harmonize with each other. Renkl suggests that there is astonishment to be found in common things: in what seems ordinary, in what we all share.

TAD will read and discuss the book in 3 sessions, starting November 19th. Join in at 1:45 PM for fellowship, or 2 PM for book discussion. We'd love to have you join us for one or all of the discussions.

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

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 10am for cooking, eating, music, games, and more! Our meal begins at 12pm, and the hall will stay open until 8pm for seconds and socializing.

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

2024 Nordic Christmas

Juletrefest Christmas Tree Party

Friday, December 6 | 6:00pm | Heritage Room

Christmas is usually celebrated with family and loved ones. The main day being Christmas Eve in Norway and Christmas Day in the US.

Before the great day in Norway it is very common to meet and celebrate Christmas with friends and others hosting a "Juletrefest." It's a tradition for both adults and children. Parties hosted for children usually includes a small present under the tree or handed out by someone dressed as "Julenissen."

Please join the Norwegian Society of St. Louis as we celebrate Christmas, singing Christmas songs and eating Norwegian food and pastries. Some will wear their national costume, traditional fare and slides of beautiful Norway ending with tree decorating and dancing around the tree.

Traditional Music from Norway and Sweden

Saturday, December 7 | 5:00pm | New Sanctuary

The Norwegian Hardanger Fiddle is the national instrument of Norway. Often highly decorated, with four or five extra strings that ring with the music, it's a unique type of instrument that encourages playing on two strings at the same time. The fiddle and its tune are deeply rooted in Norwegian tradition and folk lore, traditionally used to lead bridal processions to church, barn dancing and general merriment.

So, please join us and master fiddlers Loretta Kelley and Andrea Hoag for a merry time during this joyous season as they plunge into the sounds of Nordic folk traditions.

Registration is required. Contact Lynn Sableman to let her know you are attending. Children 20 and under free; all others suggested admission \$20 to \$30, paid for at event.

For more info, contact Lynnsableman@att.net or visit norwaystl.org

Go AWOL with us - Adventurous Women Out Late

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

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.

Barry Luedloff Retirement

As Barry Luedloff heads toward retirement at the end of December, the Church Council has assembled a Search Team to find our next Music Director. We commissioned these individuals last 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 on November 12. 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!
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Prayer List Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Celebrations

Olivia Miller - granddaughter for Deb Carter via Jonathan & Jacqueline **Grant and Callie Oehler** - expecting twins in late winter.

Concerns

Polly Rutheford - healing after additional back surgery.

Bill & Pat Owens - as he strengthens from recent hospitalization.

The tumultuous and consequential US election season.

The continuing war in Ukraine and Russia.

War and unrest in the Mideast - incl Israel, Hamas, Lebanon, Iran.

Continuing

Timothy Keeley - healing progress and patience after recent surgery. Gloria Lash - pain, other problems related to Parkinson's (Litzinger). **Gladys Sims** - healing at home after hospitalization and rehab. 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]

Glady Sims - Friendship Village - 15200 Village View Dr. #2418;

Chesterfield, MO 63017; 636-898-8873 [birthdate: July 4]

David Smith - The Town & Country Senior Living: 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 Wilcoxen - 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, PUCCers 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!