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

Flowers Carol Russell; Cindy Nouri; Linda Tossing; Sue Stohr; Marion Pleis; Joyce Ruiz; Jackie Eiffert; Marilyn McDougall; Carol Cobb; Kathy Ferrell; Sue Moellering, in honor of her sister, Jane Biehl; Greg Schmelig, in honor of his family, who have gone before us. 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://warmlines.org/warmdir.html>

Birthdays

12/24 Ingrid Scharf
12/25 Merry Keller
12/25 Roger Fauss
12/27 Karen Grayheck
12/28 Luis DeLong
12/28 Zoe Lyons

Anniversaries

12/22 Pamela Owens & Grant Doty
12/23 Carmen Bumgarner and
Kevin Cameron
12/27 Leslie & Tom Tupper
12/27 Bill & Nancy Darland
12/28 Stan & Kathy Burcham
12/28 Bill & Gail Haack

4th Sunday of Advent: Love

Sunday, December 22, 2024 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Prelude *O Come, O Come Immanuel* – Arr. by Jason Tonioli, based on a 13th Century Plainsong. Copyright © 2011 by Jason Tonioli

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason, bringing something we must learn. And we are led to those who help us most to grow - if we let them. And we help them in return. Well, I don't know if I believe that's true, but I know I'm who I am today because I knew you... so much of me is made of what I learned from you. You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart. And now whatever way our stories end, I know you have re-written mine by being my friend. ~ Elphaba and Glinda

Passing the Love of Christ

“May the love of Christ be with you.”

(We are intentional about bringing more love into the world.)

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Advent Welcome Song *We Are Waiting For You*

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: Chords: D, A/D, Gadd9, D. Lyrics: We are wait - ing for you, know-ing that you_

Staff 2: Chords: A/D, Gadd9, D, A/D, Gadd9. Lyrics: al-ways a - bide, we are wak - ing_ to your pres-ence

Staff 3: Chords: D, A/D, Gadd9. Lyrics: and our hearts are_ o - pen wide,

Staff 4: Chords: A7sus, D, A/D, Gadd9, A7sus, D. Lyrics: o - pen_ wide._ o - pen_ wide.

*Gathering at the Advent Wreath ~ Love

One: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day.”

(Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O Parkway UCC, from you shall come forth for me...” What? What might God be calling forth from us?

Many: God invites us to receive the promise of God’s love and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

One: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God’s promise, a promise of safety, saving and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God’s love for all creation.

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

Advent Sharing ~ Love

Pam Walker, Carmen Bumgarner
Karen Mariani

Prayer

Holy One, Emmanuel, God with us always, help us to live in love. We want love to show up in our words, thoughts, prayers and actions. Guide us into places where we can be firm and flexible in your love. Amen.

***Response** *Lead Me, Guide Me* | #2214 [Blue Songbook](#)

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, featuring a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, also featuring a triplet of eighth notes. The fourth staff contains the melody for the fourth line, ending with a double bar line.

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 *Be Near Me, Lord Jesus*

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And teach us, dear Jesus, to laugh and to share.**

Scripture Luke 1:39-55 | New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of this servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name. God's mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation. God has shown strength with arm; God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. God has helped servant Israel, in remembrance of God's mercy, according to the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and Sarah and to their descendants forever."

Response *People, Look East* | #12 **Red Hymnal** (second half on next page)



1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near Of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is plant-ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, Trim the
there: Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, That in
filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for
brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, Bright as

Peo-ple, look east and sing to - day:

hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo-ple, look east:
 course the flower may flour - ish.
 fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo-ple, look east:

Love the guest is on the way.
 Love the rose is on the way.
 Love the bird is on the way.
 Love the star is on the way.
 Love is on the way.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
 Christ who brings new life to earth.
 Set every peak and valley humming

With the word, the Lord is coming.
 People, look east and sing today:
 Love the Lord is on the way.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *In This Very Room*

1. In this ver-y room there's quite e-nough love for one like me,
 2. In this ver-y room there's quite e-nough love for all of us,
 3. In this ver-y room there's quite e-nough love for all the world,

and in this ver-y room there's quite e-nough joy for one like me;
 and in this ver-y room there's quite e-nough joy for all of us;
 and in this ver-y room there's quite e-nough joy for all the world;

and there's quite e-nough hope, and

Je - sus, Lord Je - sus, is in this ver-y room.

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.]

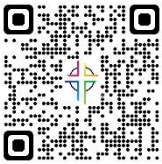
Mission Moment *Second Mile Advent*

Lana Biondo

Circle of Concern
Emmaus Homes

The Christmas Fund
Metro Trans Umbrella Group

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 *Do You Hear What I Hear?* – Arr. by Audrey Snyder, Words and Music by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne. Orig. copyright © 1962 by Regent Music Corp, renewed by Jewel Music Publishing Co, Inc. / This arrangement © 1997 by Jewel Music Publishing Co, Inc.

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
Do you see what I see? Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear? Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, high above the tree, with a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
Do you know what I know? In your palace warm, mighty king
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child, shivers in the cold, let us bring Him silver and gold
Let us bring Him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people everywhere,
Listen to what I say! Pray for peace, people everywhere
Listen to what I say!
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night;
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light, bring us light, bring us light!

***Response** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

***Prayer of Dedication** Joanna Harader

Holy One, this Advent season we wait with love, and we give with love. Love for you, God. Love for your beautiful people. Receive these generous offerings and use them to bring more of your love into our world. Amen.

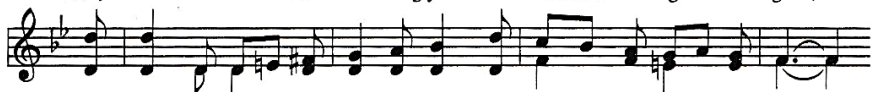
***Song of Parting** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*



1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un - furled,
3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, Whose forms are bend-ing low,
4. For lo, the days are has-tening on, By proph-et bards fore - told,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world:
Who toil a - long the climb-ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all - gra - cious King":
A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov - ering wing,
Look now! for glad and gold-en hours Come swift - ly on the wing:
When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless-ed an - gels sing.
O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing.
And the whole world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *Christmas Benediction* – by Barry K. Luedloff, 1985

May the Peace of Christmas, the Joy each angel sings,
And the Love that the little Child brings, be yours forever. Amen!

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** *Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland* - Arr. by Albert Beck, based on the plainsong melody Eyn Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524

Announcements

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

Our Communications Team is very active and is exploring all kinds of avenues. Please subscribe to our YouTube Channel today. We need a certain number of subscribers in order to utilize YouTube in the ways we believe will be most effective. <https://www.youtube.com/@ParkwayUCCStL>

There is a subscribe button under the main heading and brief description of our church. Thank you! Questions? Please contact barbharris@charter.net or cynthianouri@gmail.com

The Mess in the Messiah | 2024 UCC Advent Devotional

Sunday, December 22 | 9:00am | Heritage Room

The Christmas message is messy!

This Advent, sort through the mess to find the message in the daily readings of *The Mess in the Messiah*! Each day includes a scripture reading, reflection and prayer, beginning with the first Sunday of Advent through the celebration of Epiphany.

The devotional is available for free in the Gathering Space.

We will meet in the Heritage Room on Sundays before worship to go over that Sunday's devotional. For more info, or if you would like a devotional sent to you, contact Gabriel R. at gabriel@parkwayucc.org

Advent Sundays for Children of All Ages!

We are excited to offer Advent opportunities after worship throughout December.

December 22 *Ornaments and Candy Canes* – one to give away; one to keep.
December 29 *Cookie Party* – please bring some cookies to share!

We will set up in the Gathering Space. Please stop by!

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue—January 7

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

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

Please join with TAD as we begin our next book on January 7, *The Black Angels: The Untold Story of the Nurses Who Helped Cure Tuberculosis* by Maria Smilios. In the pre-antibiotic days when tuberculosis stirred people's darkest fears, killing one in seven, white nurses at Sea View, New York's largest municipal hospital, began quitting en masse. Desperate to avert a public health crisis, city officials summoned Black southern nurses, luring them with promises of good pay, a career, and an escape from the structures of Jim Crow. But after arriving, they found themselves on an isolated hilltop in the remote borough of Staten Island, yet again confronting racism and consigned to a woefully understaffed sanatorium. The book spans the Great Depression and moves through World War II and beyond. This true story follows the intrepid young women known by their patients as the "Black Angels." This book celebrates their legacy and spirit of survival.

TAD will read and discuss the book in 3 sessions, starting January 7, where we'll discuss section 1 of the book. Join in at 1:45pm for fellowship, or 2pm for book discussion.

We'd love to have you join us for one or all of the discussions. Questions or comments? Please contact Jackie Eiffert jeiffert2@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Worship on Tuesday, December 24

4:30pm Family Friendly Worship—A lively and spirited service with Nativity scriptures, carols and contemporary reflections. We will sing *Silent Night* by candlelight as we prepare to go out into this holy night.

7:30pm Candlelight & Communion—This traditional service includes the Christmas Gospel, choir and carols as we ponder what this love story means for us today. We will share Communion at our open table and sing *Silent Night* by candlelight.

Both services will be in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live. We need some help with greeters, ushers, readers and leaders at the Advent Wreath. Please consider signing up by scanning the QR code:



Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 25 | 2-5pm | Fellowship Hall

Come join us for Christmas dinner! All are welcome!

Registration (RSVP) is appreciated but not required.

For more info, reach out to Gerry Rogers gcr123055@gmail.com

A Giving Tree for Advent 2024

In the Bible, the rainbow symbolizes God's promise to all living things. When Parkway United Church of Christ became an Open and Affirming church, it pledged to love and welcome LGBTQ+ individuals, celebrating the diversity of God's creation. This Advent, we have a chance to honor that promise.

A rainbow Christmas tree in our Gathering Space is filled with paper ornaments. From now until Dec. 29, 2024, take blue, pink, and white ornaments (colors from the Trans Pride flag), each representing winter clothing for Metro Trans Umbrella Group (MTUG), which supports unhoused adults. MTUG's mission is to empower transgender, nonbinary, intersex, and gender-expansive individuals to thrive.

You can also donate through PUCC's Second Mile Advent/Christmas giving to help MTUG with passport and legal name change costs. Please mark online donations or checks "second mile" and bring clothing items by Dec. 29, 2024, to the basket marked "MTUG" by the rainbow tree.

For more information, please reach out to the church's ONA Team convener Deb Reinhardt - deborahreinhardt@att.net

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM BARRY AS HE RETIRES THIS WEEK

Two things:

First, thank you to all the musicians and support people (singers, instrumentalists, children, readers, choirs, teachers and aids) who led our wonderful Advent Lessons & Carols service. Worship happened!

Second, thank you ALL so very much for the Retirement Reception after service this last Sunday, for the warm wishes, the cards, the gifts, and the wonderful punch, cookies and treats, and to everyone who helped put it all together. You'll never know how much that all speaks to me, and how much it means to me, and how much I cherish each and every one of you. Thank you all, too, for the support, encouragement and love (..and LOTS of patience, I'm sure) you all have shown me through my years here. As I wind up my music ministry time at Parkway UCC, please know that I am not ending my association with you; I will be back to worship with and visit you many, many times in the future!

With God's Love, and mine, too!

Barry K. Luedloff

(retiring) Music Director – Parkway UCC

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 **January 8, 2025**. We'll be following The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide once a week on Wednesday afternoons. Pretty casual with some guided questions to help stir the spirit. Copies of the devotional are available for free in the Gathering Space. We would love to have you!

For more info, contact Gabriel gabriel@parkwayucc.org

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"John R. Mott (1865-1955) and the Crafting of a World Christian Movement" by Prof. Ben Hartley, Eden Seminary.

January 12, 2024 | Heritage Room | 11:15am

We welcome our speaker, Ben Hartley, recently appointed to the faculty of Eden. Prof. Hartley describes John R. Mott as the "father" of the World Council of Churches. But, he was much more than that. A Nobel Peace Prize recipient in 1946, Mott was a friend of US presidents, a diplomat, and a "go-between" of sorts with people around the world who were both theological liberals and theological conservatives. In his presentation, Prof. Hartley will speak about Mott's life as well as some of the joys and challenges the professor is encountering as he works to write a compelling biography of this important person. This program is sponsored by the Parkway Speakers Series.

For questions, kindly contact Richard Scherrer at 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

TED will be on break until **January 14, 2025**. Our next book is to be determined as this point, but will be updated as soon as a new book is selected. Questions? Please contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net

MORE A/V HELP NEEDED

We are looking for one or two people that can help on Sunday mornings with our A/V systems that make church possible to be seen and heard. Commitments would be for only one or two Sunday mornings a month. The more people we have, the fewer Sundays each person would be needed. We will provide training. Candidates should have a basic understanding of computers but need not be technically savvy.

Those interested, please reach out to Kent Tallyn at:
bsee74-pucc@yahoo.com

OUR MUSIC MINISTRY -- SEARCH TEAM

Our Church Council has assembled a Search Team to find our next Organist/Pianist and/or Choir Director – this may be one person filling both roles or two individuals. We commissioned the Team during worship in early November: Keith Borgmann, Michelle Brueggemann, Elijah Gwyn, Jessica Gwyn, George Lestina, Helen Race, Marsha Peek, ex officio (Personnel 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.

As we begin this next chapter, we're seeking people to join our music program. We're looking for individuals willing to sing a solo, duet, trio, or quartet seasonally (Advent/Christmas or Lent/Easter), monthly with the First Sunday Choir, or twice a month with the Sanctuary Choir. We're also gathering names of instrumentalists who'd share their talents in worship, and those interested in joining a hand chime choir. Let us know your favorite hymns and songs! Lastly, we would like to hear your ideas about music at PUC. Reach out via **employment@parkwayucc.org**

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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 PUC 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 a Sunday morning! Just ask!

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Barb Harris **barbharris@charter.net**

Gabriel Requadt **gabriel@Parkwayucc.org**

Prayer List

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Celebrations

The Advent Adventure.

Cassie Schulenburg and Connor Dakich - new jobs!

Phil - recovery from hip surgery going well (Changyit-Levin neighbor).

PUCC 2025 Pledge Campaign - <https://parkwayucc.org/giving/>

Concerns

Individuals and families grieving at the holidays.

John Dwyer - recuperating after a brief hospital stay.

Yara Changyit-Levin - healing from recent surgery.

Bill & Pat Owens Family - coping with a significant health setback.

Joyce and John Ruiz - healthy results from her recent hospital care.

Steve & Paige Penico Family - as they navigate his ALS.

Phil and Amy and family - as his terminal illness progresses.

Rick - receiving chemotherapy (father of Laura Waite).

Baby Elly - in the NICU; mom has been through a lot (Tarr).

Victims/families of Abundant Life Christian School - deadly violence.

The people of Mayotte - grieving and regrouping after Cyclone Chido.

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.

The people and leaders of Syria - starting a new chapter.

Continuing

Ben and Marilyn McDougall - healing after his knee surgery.

Gladys Sims - healing at home after hospitalization and rehab.

Billy - healing from motorcycle accident (Iris Cameron co-worker).

John Ruiz's oldest brother - healing in Cape Girardeau.

John & Nancy Tallyn - his heart condition; her recurring leukemia, etc

Sharon and Chuck - a variety of health issues (Gerry Rogers' cousins).

Mary - grieving/giving thanks for her father; health concerns (Tarr).

Harold Webb - healing well from brain surgery (Burton and Grove).

Shara Storm - undergoing treatments for cancer (Stifel).

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

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

Renee Pellegrino & 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 Stolz 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 #25; 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]

Mildred Hoxie - *Sunrise at Bluemont Park*, 5900 Wilson Blvd. #253, Arlington, VA 22205; [birthdate: January 15]

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; meadletter22@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]

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, 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!



What will **YOU** give back to God?

Dear Parkway United Church of Christ Members and Friends,
Greetings!

As we state in our church's purpose statement: Parkway UCC 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.

To support this statement, we are asking our members and friends to pledge their monetary intention for 2025!

This year, we are taking a new approach to our Stewardship Pledge Campaign. We are using One Church, our all-in-one church management software, instead of sending a pledge request by mail.

Therefore, we are inviting you to make your pledge online through One Church by scanning the QR code. Please note, if you need to register and pledge using One Church, there will be several people to help in the Gathering Space on Sundays (For members/friends not yet on One Church, we will have physical pledge cards available at church.).



What has not changed is our continuing support of our church's vitality in mission and ministries. Your pledge allows our budget planning campaign to accurately support our expenses for outreach programs, worship experiences, education for all ages, building care and staff salaries. We are asking for a pledge for the General Fund and/or the Building Fund.

Your active participation makes this possible, and all contributions of whatever size are valued and important. As we are operating on a limited time constraint for this pledge campaign, we encourage you to respond during December if possible. Remember, all contributions are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your continued support of Parkway United Church of Christ's mission.

Blessings,

The Parkway UCC Stewardship Commission
Harold Cobb George Lestina Kari Borgmann
Linda Tossing Ellie Svenson