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share power,
and live
together in
love and
equality.**



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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 Dawn Jones-Goldstein. Consider signing up to read scripture by scanning QR code.

Flowers Please consider honoring, remembering or celebrating someone by providing flowers for worship.

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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>

SQSH St. Louis Queer Support & Healing 314-380-7774 (Fri-Mon, 1-7pm)

Birthdays

1/19 Max Masterson

1/24 Cheryl Schrenker

1/19 Joan Brannigan

1/21 Nancy Darland

1/22 Dawn Jones-Goldstein

1/22 Alan Stein

1/23 Paul Sableman

1/23 Kathy Burcham

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 19, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Thank you and welcome to Ruth Tweeten, our guest organist today!

Prelude *My Song is Love Unknown* | Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step. -Martin Luther King, Jr.

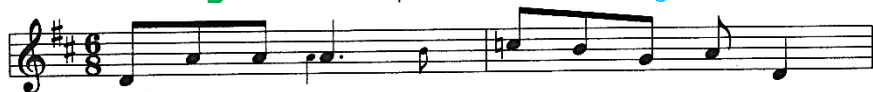
Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

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

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *Gather Us In* | #2236, v1, 4 [Blue Songbook](#)



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
we are the old — who yearn for your face,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. ____
called to be light to the whole hu-man race. ____
call us a - new to be salt for the earth. ____
now is the King-dom, now is the day. ____



Gath-er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in — the
 Gath-er us in — the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in — the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in — all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. _____
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

Scripture Psalm 36:5-10 | Common English Bible (CEB)

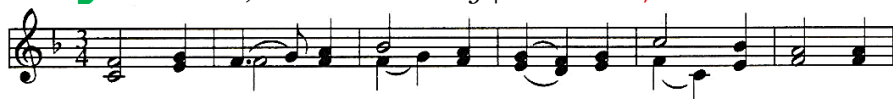
But your loyal love, Lord, extends to the skies; your faithfulness reaches the clouds. Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains; your justice is like the deepest sea. Lord, you save both humans and animals. Your faithful love is priceless, God! Humanity finds refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the bounty of your house; you let them drink from your river of pure joy. Within you is the spring of life. In your light, we see light. Extend your faithful love to those who know you; extend your righteousness to those whose heart is right.

***Call to Worship** based on lyrics by Rosemary Crowe

One:	God weaves us together in the depths of the earth. Weave, weave, weave us together, Weave us together in unity and love.
Many:	We are many textures, we are many colors, Each one different from the others. But we are entwined with one another In one great tapestry.
One:	Jesus weaves us together with his stories and miracles. Weave, weave, weave us together, Weave us together in unity and love.
Many:	We are different instruments, playing our own melodies, Each one tuning to a different key. But we are all playing in harmony In one great symphony.

One:	The Spirit weaves us together across languages, cultures, traditions, experiences. Weave, weave, weave us together, Weave us together in unity and love.
Many:	A moment ago, still we did not know Our unity, only diversity. Now Christ in me greets the Christ in thee In one great family.
One:	We are grateful to be many.
Many:	We are grateful to be one.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* | #376 **Red Hymnal**



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion



All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

***Opening Prayer** Martin Luther King Jr

O God, we thank you for the fact that you have inspired men and women in all nations and in all cultures. We call you different names: some call you Allah; some call you Elohim; some call you Jehovah; some call you Brahma; some call you the Unmoved Mover. But we know that these are all names for one and the same God. Grant that we will follow you and become so committed to your way and your kingdom that we will be able to establish in our lives and in this world a brother and sisterhood, that we will be able to establish here a kingdom of understanding, where men and women will live together as brothers and sisters and respect the dignity and worth of every human being. In the name and spirit of Jesus. Amen.

***Response** *Spirit of the Living God* | #322 Red Hymnal

**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.**

Children's Time For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 06 (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 *Weave*

**Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together in unity and love,
Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together, together in love.**

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 | New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

Invitation to Prayer *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* | #404 Red Hymnal

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light

Take my hand precious Lord, take my hand.

When my way grows so drear, precious Lord, linger near.

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand, precious Lord, take my hand.

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.]

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 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" | David Cherwien

***Response** *Make Me A Servant* | #2176 *Blue Songbook*

Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek, Lord, let me
lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my
heart al-ways be: Make me a ser-vant, make me a
ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to - day. _____

***Prayer of Dedication** Inspired by the words of MLK Jr

Holy One, we are committed to the common good. We work for love and laws that establish justice for all. Hearts must change for the Beloved Community to flourish, for your kindom to come. We open our hearts to an ever-expanding vision of community. We trust your Spirit to guide and move us between the present and the anticipated Realm of Justice. We work for a world where lives are enriched by difference; where people of different genders, races and sexual orientations work together in Shalom for the good of the whole. We work for a nation and world where persons focus on the content of their characters. For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all. Give ear, O God, to the prayers of your people. Amen.

***Song of Parting** *God, You Love the World* | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

(Tune: *Song of Hope* #432 *Red Hymnal*)

God, you love the world! You sent your only Son,
And you said, "Go share my love with everyone."
So we seek to serve you in our homes and towns,
And we work to show the world: Your love abounds!

Refrain:

Lead us, as we go this day;
Guide us as we work and pray.
Give us, when each day is through,
True joy, found in serving you.

By your Spirit, some build houses, safe and strong,
Some are called to share your Word in prayer and song.
Some are called to heal the sick and fight disease,
Some are called to save the land by planting trees.... *refrain*

Teach us that in loving, we must listen well.
Help us hear the stories others have to tell.
Help us learn from other people and their ways.
May we be united as we offer praise..... *refrain*

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

Announcements

***Music for Going Forth** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* | Ralph Vaughan Williams

LAST WEEK in Sunday School

John the Baptist prepares people to follow Jesus. When he baptizes Jesus, Jesus is proclaimed as the Son of God (Luke 3:1-22).

TODAY in Sunday School

Jesus goes to his hometown and declares himself to be the Messiah, sent to those on the margins of society. The people become angry and intend to hurt Jesus, but he escaped unharmed (Luke 4:14-30).

THE POINT

Jesus brings good news to those in need.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

In Luke's Gospel, we get a clear picture of what the kingdom of God looks like: God's children caring radically for each other and for those considered to be outsiders, indeed, caring for everyone no matter who they are. The kingdom of God is an important concept in all four Gospels, though Matthew refers to it as the kingdom of heaven. Everything Jesus says and does is intended to show us what life will be like in this kingdom. The kingdom of God is not something we are to sit around and patiently wait for. It is something God calls us to actively participate in right now.

STORY SUMMARY

Jesus returns to his hometown to teach at the synagogue. He is welcomed at first, but things take a turn for the worse. People become angered to the point of violence when they hear Jesus' message that God's radical love is for everyone, not just for them. Jesus uses passages from the prophet Isaiah to share this message—passages the Jews had been reading for hundreds of years for assurance that God's promises of salvation were for them, the Jews. It was shocking for these people to hear that Isaiah's message could be applied to other people.

PRACTICE: Worship

In today's story Jesus attends a synagogue, a place for prayer, teaching, and preaching. We, too, should make time for prayer, Scripture reading and reflection, and learning more about our faith. This week, use the daily readings provided as a chance to engage in worship as a family. Hear the words of Scripture, and reflect on how God is using them to teach you about God's love and plan for redemption of the whole world.

NEXT WEEK in Sunday School

Jesus reveals himself as a leader and teacher to fishermen, calling his first disciples (Luke 5:1-11).

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

Girl Scout Sales

Girl Scouts cookies are on sale at PUCC! Be on the lookout after worship in the following weeks to buy some from our PUCCer Girl Scouts to support them, as well as purchase some extra ones for the collegians that we'll send to later.

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am “Christian Nationalism; What is It and Should We be Worried?” by John Russell.

January 19 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

John Russell, a long time Parkway member, is a bright, creative scholar, who has presented a number of Speakers Series programs over the years to wide acclaim. We always welcome learning about his next interest.

This time it's something called Christian Nationalism, which is if nothing else controversial. Its followers seek to establish an exclusive version of Christianity as the dominant moral and cultural order. In countries with a state church, Christian nationalists seek to preserve the status of a Christian state. What? Can that be happening in America? Apparently so. See you then. Questions? For questions, kindly contact Richard Scherrer at 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Interfaith Service & Moral Mass Meeting

January 20 | 6pm | Zoom (more details to come)

For Such a Time as This, a prophetic response to America's defining moment. This Zoom service will feature an ensemble of prolific religious leaders, including UCC's General Minister Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson. More details to come. Visit <https://breachrepairers.org/> for more info.

The third Monday in January is a day of remembrance. It is the day we observe the birth of U.S. civil rights activist and Baptist minister Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. But did you know that this day is one of only two Congressionally Designated Days of Service, the other being September 11th? In 1994, President Bill Clinton signed the King Holiday and Service Act into law, 26 years after Dr. King's assassination. Dr. King envisioned a "Beloved Community," where people from all walks of life uplift each other. The Act calls Americans to take action and improve their communities. Acts of kindness don't need to be limited to one day or organization.

Simple gestures, like helping a neighbor with snow or offering a kind note, can create a lasting impact. Here are some ideas to spark your next act of kindness or plan for community involvement:

- Volunteer to be a book reader at your local elementary school and read a children’s book about Dr. King or another activist
- Sign up to volunteer with Meals on Wheels America, an organization dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger
- Find a local volunteer opportunity through AmeriCorps Volunteer Search.
- Check out the MLK Day of Service website to find volunteer opportunities dedicated to celebrating Dr. King

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue—January 21

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 21, *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 21, where we’ll discuss section 2 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

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 22**. 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

Parkway UCC Inquirers’ Gathering

Wednesday, January 22 | 6:30-7:45pm | Parkway UCC, Heritage Room

An inquirer is someone who wants to know more about Parkway UCC and who wants to be known as well.

The next PARKWAY UCC Inquirers’ Gathering is just around the corner. Our goals that evening include:

- getting to know one another a bit more
- describing our worship, outreach, education, leadership, fellowship
- taking a look at our denomination, the United Church of Christ
- sharing ideas about the exciting future of Parkway UCC
- soliciting your thoughts on how we can be a more welcoming and inviting community of faith
- discussing some key issues of faith
- answering any of your questions

You will find our time together meaningful and informative.

Some churches call this sort of gathering a New Members Class – we do not.

While we do know that there are some visitors who have expressed interest in becoming members of the church, we do not assume that Inquirers are seeking membership. We just want to be hospitable, get to know you and have the chance to express gratitude for your presence among us.

Please let us know if you are planning to be with us! Childcare is available upon request. kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Join the PUC C Adventurers for Lunch at John Mineo's

Thurs, Jan 23 | 11:30am-1:30pm | 13490 Clayton Rd, Town & Country

You are invited to join the PUC C Adventurers as we venture out to lunch at John Mineo's Italian Restaurant in Town and Country. Enjoy a relaxed lunch of salad, pasta, a sandwich, or soup, and get to know some of your fellow PUC Cers. We hope to see you there! Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 at 13490 Clayton Road. Please RSVP to Carol Cobb by January 19, ccjacob@aol.com

Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with someone

Monday, January 27 | 6-8pm | 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.

We can arrange a phone call or Zoom for another time if you'd like. Just reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org

Other dates: **Tuesday, February 25** from 7-9am; **Monday, March 10** from 2-4pm; **Wednesday, April 16** from 10am-12pm; **Monday, May 12** from 6-8pm

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

January 28 | 6-8pm | Heritage Room

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us for our book discussion of *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. This is a novel about the life of Sam Hill, a boy born with ocular albinism, and tracks his journey from childhood to adulthood as he navigates the challenges of being different in a world that often values conformity. He is picked on, teased and attacked but how he, his parents and his friends deal with it are what makes this story soar. His parents' unrelenting faith in God and impenetrable dedication to each other is sometimes smothering, often fanatical yet always loving. This book covers so much: marriage, faith, race, revenge, abuse, romance, puberty, motherhood, Christianity, bullying, feminism, alcoholism and rectitude.

We will break down this book into 3 to 4 sessions.

Potluck at 6pm followed by a book discussion at 7pm that evening with a Zoom option for those unable to make it person. Newcomers are always welcome! For questions, please contact Helen Race at **raceh@att.net**.

LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance Opportunities

The new LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance, a gathering of like-minded, like-hearted, like-spirited interfaith folk from around St Louis, is facilitated by PUCcEr Debbie Reinhardt. Their first meeting of 2025 is at the end of the month.

Questions? Please contact **Debbie dreinhardtstl@gmail.com**

January Eco Stewards News

December 2024 brought some good news on the environmental front. First, on December 18, youth in Montana won recognition from the Montana Supreme Court of their right to a secure future with clean air, free of pollution. The court recognized a “fundamental constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment,” stated that greenhouse gas emissions are “proven to be a substantial factor in causing climate impacts to Montana’s environment, and harm and injury to the youth plaintiffs,” and overturned two recent laws that had weakened the Montana Environmental Policy Act.

Next, on December 26, Governor Kathy Hochul of New York signed into law the Climate Change Superfund Act. The legislation will require fossil fuel companies to pay \$75 billion, over the next 25 years, to fund state infrastructure projects to mitigate flooding, extreme heat, and recovery from natural disasters. The law requires the state Department of Environmental Conservation to collect \$3 billion each year for the next 25 years from responsible parties.

Two other states have superfund laws that make polluters pay, including Vermont, which supplied the model for the New York act. California, Maryland, Massachusetts and New Jersey have all proposed similar legislation. If you believe that Missouri should follow this model for covering the cost of damage from intensified weather patterns and flooding, let your state legislators know.

UCC Art Contest for Youth and Children

The UCC's 2025 Climate Hope Art Contest for children and youth has officially launched. The theme this year is “Planting Seeds of Hope.” They’ll accept art submissions from February 2 to March 14. Like last year, they will have winners for different age groups and an overall winner who will receive an all-expense paid trip to visit Washington, DC with a parent or guardian. (Last year's winner had two members of congress personally ask her for a poster of her artwork, so that they could hang it in their offices!) The winning art will additionally serve as the logo for UCC Climate Hope advocacy work throughout 2025. Register by scanning the QR code.



Annual Youth Lock-In for Middle and High Schoolers

Friday Feb. 7-8, 5:00pm-8:00am | Parkway United Church of Christ

Bring your youth to our Annual Lock-In! Dinner and a movie, snacks and games galore, a scavenger hunt, and awesome fellowship. Best part, it's free! Gabriel Requadt is leading this event, so we need another adult volunteer who represents a different gender if we would like it to be overnight. Contact gabriel@parkwayucc.org for more info.

Intertwine Interfaith Coffee House Event Would you like to share a talent?

Saturday, February 8 | 7:00-8:45pm | Parkway UCC

All ages are welcome! Coffee and tea will be served. Please indicate in the sign up if you would like to bring halal/kosher baked goods or snacks to share.

Please RSVP by **February 3** by scanning QR code; for planning purposes, please let us know by Jan. 30 if you would like to perform music, poetry, etc. The RSVP form also offers the opportunity to bring halal/kosher snacks to share with our friends from TASOM and Congregation Shaare Emeth. This has been a very popular event full of sharing coffee, music, and friendship! The event will be held at Parkway UCC - 2841 N. Ballas Road; 63131. For more info, contact Lisa Mason lmason624@sbcglobal.net
Thank you!



Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Wednesday, February 12 | 2pm | Panera on Manchester Road in Des Peres

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

No need to RSVP - just show up!

Other dates: **Monday, March 24** at 7pm; **Friday, April 25** at 10am; **Tuesday, May 20** at 2pm

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

Adventurous Women Out Late 2025

Come build relationships with other PUCCers in 2025.

Hey ladies! Put these on your calendar! And we can add more! Just send me what you'd like to do! I am hoping to add a walking tour with the History Museum when they add weekend dates to their calendar

Wednesday, February 12: SHUCKED! At the Fox Theater 7:30pm \$63 est.

- Carpool from church at 5:45pm

RSVP date has passed but you can reach out to cfbum@charter.net

Sunday, March 2: ART IN BLOOM @ St. Louis Art Museum

- Carpool from church at 12pm. RSVP to cfbum@charter.net

Saturday, April 12: Come volunteer at the Church community Easter Egg Hunt, then come out for LUNCH at Casas de Très Reyes in Des Peres

Saturday, May 24: PJs and a Rom-Com in the Heritage Room 6pm.

Bring a snack to share! Movie TBA

SAVE THE DATE: West County Interfaith Alliance Event

Sunday, February 23 | 2-3:30pm | St Timothy's Episcopal Church 63141

Love Your Neighbor is the theme! We will have mixers, engage in a community service project and enjoy one another over refreshments. Pucc is looking for someone to be on the planning team for this event. If you are interested, please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org today.

*We will soon begin collecting items for the event: protein bars, instant coffee packets, water bottles, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, dried fruit, Band-Aids, ChapStick, toothbrush/toothpaste. More info from kevin@parkwayucc.org

OUR MUSIC MINISTRY -- SEARCH TEAM

Our Church Council has formed a Search Team to find our next Organist/Pianist and/or Choir Director, potentially one person for both roles or two individuals. The team, commissioned in November, includes Keith Borgmann, Michelle Brueggemann, Elijah Gwyn, Jessica Gwyn, George Lestina, Helen Race, Marsha Peek (ex officio, Personnel Relations), and Kevin Cameron (ex officio, Pastor). Please pray for Barry, the Search Team, and those considering joining us at Parkway UCC.

As we move forward, we invite individuals to join our music program—whether to sing solos, duets, trios, or quartets seasonally (Lent/Easter or Advent/Christmas), monthly with the First Sunday Choir, or twice a month with the Sanctuary Choir. We're also seeking instrumentalists and those interested in joining a hand chime choir. Share your favorite hymns and songs with us! Other art forms and creativity are also welcome!

Lastly, we would like to hear your ideas about music at Pucc. Reach out via [**employment@parkwayucc.org**](mailto:employment@parkwayucc.org)

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**](mailto: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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ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITY: Speak to Power

PUCCEr Alicia Rutherford is part of the Lafayette Industries Family as she works at their sheltered workshop in Ballwin and LOVES IT! Her parents Polly and Mike are asking you to get informed and share your opinion as you are willing.... (refer to the weekly eNews for these hyperlinks)

The Federal Government has proposed a plan to eliminate 14c, effective immediately for some sheltered workshops - places of employment, skill building, socialization and fun for adults with intellectual disabilities.

Learn more about Lafayette here:

https://youtu.be/ekZ_eXiKNIg

<https://youtu.be/1FT-GO-kcsE>

Check out their Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/LafayetteIndustries>

Read about 14c on the Department of Labor website:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/workers-with-disabilities/nprm-employment-of-workers-with-disabilities-14c/faqs#overview1>

If 14c is repealed, sheltered workshops would be required to pay all workers minimum wage - even if some employees' expectations and goals are met without that wage. We have been told that many workshops could go out of business or need to let somewhere between 50-70% of their employees go because of funding.

If this becomes a ruling it will directly affect over 5,000 adults with developmental disabilities in Missouri. Please consider communicating your perspective about the positive impact sheltered workshops have on Alicia, her family, and our wider community.

Use the link below to provide your opinion; your feedback will make a difference. You can either use the provided text box to share your story or you can attach a written letter. All comments have the option to be anonymous if you choose. Feel free to share this with others you know might be interested.

<https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/WHd-2024-0001-0001>

Lafayette and the 87 other workshops in Missouri impact our community in multiple ways; please encourage anyone who is positively impacted to share their opinion also. Lafayette prepared a brief video about this - recorded with CEO Rob Libera: <https://youtu.be/zbWIjvZL3zA>

The deadline for comments is January 17 so please act now if you are so inclined.

If you would like to learn more about what the Rutherfords are thinking and feeling, please reach out to them: Mike (rutherfordma@gmail.com) or Polly (pollyrutherford@gmail.com). They would also really like to share the Workshop with you. Please join them Thursday, January 23 at 9am *Lafayette Industries* - 179 Gaywood Drive, Manchester MO 63021 by 141 & Manchester. Come see how these workshops play a role in providing employment and community for adults with disabilities. *Coffee and pastries provided*. RSVP. [Park in front of the building or on the side lot of Academy Sports, facing the Lafayette building. Approximately an hour to tour and talk.]

Prayer List

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Celebrations

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

Alex and Lexie Johnson - married here on January 8!

Michael Benjamin Harris born 01-09-25, joining big sisters Rosie (3) and Lily (2) in the Elizabeth and Joe Harris family (Barb Harris).

Gabriel Requadt – got approved to become a Member in Discernment!

Concerns

Pat Owens Family - grieving and giving thanks for Bill.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/william-owens-obituary?id=57185772>

Family/friends of Pinky Wilcoxon - including her sister Ruth Peace - as they all cherish her memory; funeral arrangements pending.

Jackie Eiffert - healing from hip replacement surgery today.

Marv Herpel - healing of broken leg; St Luke's Rehab - Olive at Surrey.

***Barry Luedloff** - healing after open-heart surgery and pacemaker.

John Nourse - home after a couple of days in the hospital.

Yara Changyit-Levin - healing from recent surgery.

Becca Palmgren - healing for her broken foot.

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

Phil and Amy and daughter B - as his terminal illness progresses.

The Family of Heather Arends - grieving (Amy Yakel's cousin).

Rick - receiving chemotherapy (father of Laura Waite).

Mark McKenzie - making progress ... praying for healing momentum.

The people of Los Angeles - coping with devastation/death from fires

The continuing war in Ukraine and Russia.

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

Continuing

Gladys Sims - healing at home after hospitalization and rehab.

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

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).

Kari Borgmann - her mom turns 101 in 2025; 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 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 #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; 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]

Judy Waddell - 13510 Weston Park Dr; STL, MO 63131; 314-369-4885 [birthdate: August 13]

Other

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

The Carter Family - grieving and giving thanks for Jimmy.

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.

PUCF 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.

* **Barry Luedloff**

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+ **Drivers Needed** From time to time, PUCers are in need of rides to medical appts when their usual circle of support is unavailable. Please let kevin@parkwayucc.org know and you'll be added to call list. Thx!