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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 Evelyn Buretta. Consider signing up to read scripture by scanning QR code.

Flowers given by Cindy Wessel for Tyler's birthday. Please consider honoring, remembering or celebrating someone by providing Sunday flowers.

Treats after worship today provided by the Jones-Goldstein Family.

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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>

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

Birthdays

1/26 Evelyn Buretta

1/27 Grant Doty

1/28 Molly Grisham

2/1 Andrew Stappenbeck

2/1 Randy Beck

Anniversaries

1/26 Mark & Lynn Sableman

1/28 Mike & Karen Scalion

1/31 Ben & Marilyn McDougall

3rd Sunday *after* Epiphany

Sunday, January 26, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

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

Prelude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* | John Behnke

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation If God sends us on stony paths, God will also provide strong shoes. - Corrie Ten Boom

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 *Sanctuary* | #2164 [Blue Songbook](#)



Lord, pre- pare me to be a sanc- tu - ar - y, pure and
Lord, pre- pare me to be your lov - ving e - cho, kind and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks- giv - ing, I'll be a
gen - tle, tried and true. With thanks- giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc- tu - ar - y for you.
liv - ing sanc- tu - ar - y for you.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a | New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

***Call to Worship** Jeanette Pinkston

One:	There are many members in the body of Christ, but one body.
Many:	We are all one.
One:	Just as God arranged the human body, God has arranged the church to be members of the body of Christ.
Many:	We are all one body.
One:	Therefore, we need each other to survive. None of us is self-sufficient.
Many:	We are all one body in Christ.
One:	We must care for one another; for, together, we are the body of Christ.
Many:	There are no big gifts and little gifts. My gift is no better than your gift.
One:	No one is greater than another, for we are one in Jesus Christ.
Many:	God has placed gifted people among us to equip the saints and to build God's kingdom.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* | #2050 *Blue Songbook*



1. Moth-er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2. Moth-er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3. Moth-er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - at - or, source of
me your food of light, grain of life, and
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I



ev - ery breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
root and grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

***Opening Prayer** based on words by Joanne Carlson Brown

God of plenty, you have blessed us with so many gifts. In this time of worship, may we be open to receiving these gifts again. Help us claim our gifts and use them to bring liberation and justice to a hurting world. May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable to you, God, and may your Spirit of joy and unity bind us together as your body - that we may be your hands and feet and voice in this, your/our world. 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 *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all. Heal - ing pain and
 Take my hands, Lord Je - sus, let them work for you. Make them strong and

sick - ness, bless - ing child - ren small. Wash - ing tir - ed feet and
 gen - tle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Je - sus,

sav - ing those who fall. Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all.
 till I'm gen - tle too. Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Samantha Elaine Jones ~ Shifrah Lailah Bat Nogah Maya (Hebrew name)

Parent: Dawn Jones-Goldstein

Brothers: Mikey and Daniel Jones, Nate Goldstein

Grandparents: Doug and Tina Jones

Godparents: Gerry and Mike Rogers, Pam and Alex Wiendel

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ
 וְהִגַּיעָנוּ לַזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Gathering Words

written by Oscar Rosenbloom, Interfaith Community of Palo Alto

One:	We gather here as an Interfaith Community to share and celebrate the gift of life together.
Many:	Some of us gather as the Children of Israel. Some of us gather in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Some of us gather influenced by each.
One:	However we come, and whoever we are, may we be moved in our time together -
Many:	to experience that sense of Divine presence in each of us evoked by our worship together in this sacred space.
All:	And to know in the wisdom of our hearts that deeper unity in which all are One.

Introduction

Following the tradition of Jesus who welcomed children into the community, we celebrate the presence of children within this faith family and offer children and adults the sacrament of baptism. As we invite Samantha and her mother, Dawn, and her brothers Mikey, Daniel and Nate, to come forward to celebrate the sacrament of baptism, we acknowledge the diverse religious traditions of this family. Finding a path between the tradition of infant baptism and the personal profession of faith in other traditions affords a unique opportunity to identify the particular faiths being expressed here today. Fully respecting the diversity of the community gathered, we affirm the love of God made known in this child Sammy and the sacredness of the covenant shared between this child, her family, and this congregation to support her as she lives and grows in faith.

Hebrew Bible Lesson Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Affirmation of Faith with Dawn

Do you believe in the ways of God - creating, collaborating, encouraging (*I do.*)

Do you believe in the ways of Christ - humility, healing, hope (*I do.*)

Do you believe in the ways of the Spirit - guidance, generosity, grace? (*I do.*)

Questions for Parent

Do you desire to have your child baptized into this Christian community? (*I do.*)

Do you promise to encourage your child to learn from the wisdom of the prophets - doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God? (*I do.*)

Do you promise to foster for your child an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus in concert with an appreciation for the life and teachings of Judaism? (*I do.*)

Do you promise to teach your child to honor the faith questions that belong to her throughout her life? (*I do.*)

Do you promise to journey with your child to discover the wonder of God's love made known here and in all of creation? (*I do.*)

Do you promise to encourage one another in the building up of community - across all differences and similarities - especially serving people who are hungry and thirsty in body, mind, spirit and relationship? (*I do.*)

Question for Brothers

Do you promise to be there for your sister Sammy, in good times and in bad - looking out for her, listening to her, learning and laughing with her - loving her all the days of your lives? (*I do.*)

Question for Grandparents

We are told in the New Testament that *love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*

Do you promise to do all that you can do to bring more love to Sammy and her family? (*I do.*)

Questions for Godparents

Do you accept a special relationship with Sammy and her family? Will you support them in love and deed, praying for them in every season of their lives? And do you promise to share the responsibility of guiding Sammy in the way of Jesus Christ by your own example? (*I do.*)

Question for the Congregation

Jesus calls us to welcome children into the full life of our community, opening our tables and hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth.

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Sammy and her family as she lives and grows in this Christian community and in our Interfaith world?

Congregation: We promise our love, support and care.

Baptismal Prayer UCC Book of Worship, adapted

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation made known to us in water and word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land. You have come to us through water in the stories of Jesus who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb, baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, and became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and sent them forth to baptize with water and spirit. Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. Bless all who touch and taste this water that we may be ever reminded of your abiding presence and claim on their lives. Amen.

Act of Baptism

By what name is this child called?

Samantha Elaine Jones... Shifrah Lailah Bat Nogah Maya

Samantha, we baptize you with faith in the living God, Source, Servant and Guide. May the Spirit be upon you, child of God, disciple of Christ, and member of the Christian church - and family to people of all faiths and no faith.

Prayer of Dedication

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day as this community, these parents and siblings come together making covenant promises. We pray that this community will have the grace to uphold the promises made here now, providing a safe shelter of your love in which Nate may play and grow. We pray that Dawn, Sammy, Nate, Daniel and Mikey may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that Sammy will bask in your love as she makes her own journey through this life. Amen.

Right Hand of Fellowship

Gifts from the Church

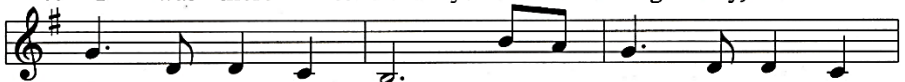
Blessing Sammy and All Children

Bless our children's minds with intelligence and wisdom.
Bless their eyes so they will see great vistas.
Bless their nose with delicious and fragrant aromas.
Bless their mouth for the enjoyments of tasting and talking.
Bless their hearts with deep love and a strong steady beat.
Bless their arms for embracing friendship and love.
Bless their feet so they will carry them happily through their days.

Response *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* | #2051 [Blue Songbook](#)



1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
3. When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was
5. In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too
7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



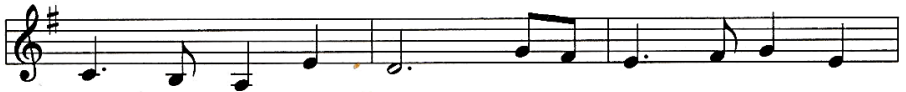
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing Lord to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.



2. I was there when you were but a child with a
 4. If you find some-one to share your time and you
 6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

D.C.



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Scripture Luke 4:14-21 | Common English Bible (CEB)

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

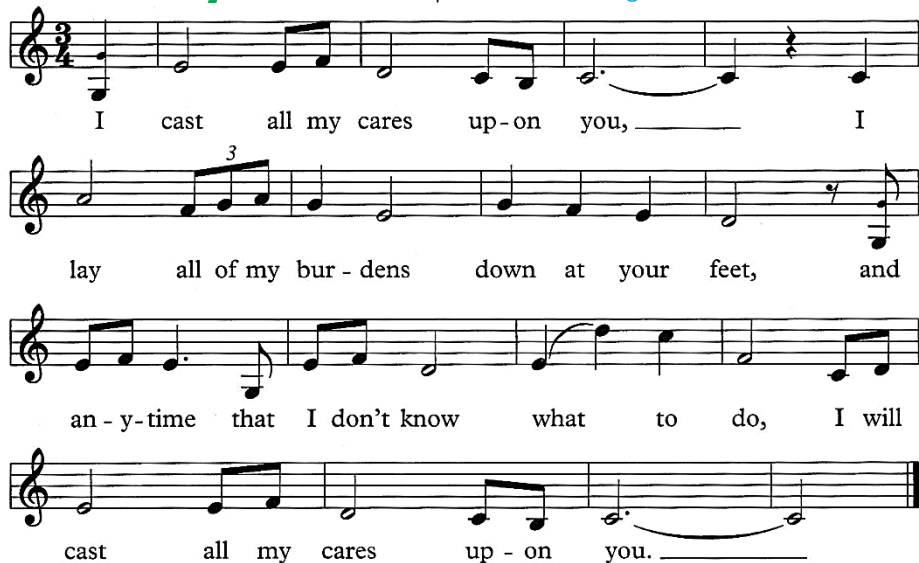
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *Cares Chorus* | #2215 *Blue Songbook*



I cast all my cares up-on you, I
lay all of my bur-dens down at your feet, and
an-y-time that I don't know what to do, I will
cast all my cares up-on you.

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 *Dedication of 2025 Pledges*



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 *Children of the Heavenly Father* | David Cherwien

***Response** *Old Hundredth* | #591 *Red Hymnal*

**Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, you spirit is upon us and you continue to choose, equip and send us - to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim your love and favor. Bless these gifts and help us to consistently share what we have been given. Amen.

*Song of Parting *We All Are One in Mission* | #435 Red Hymnal



1. We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice To wit - ness in God's name;
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed And let our song be heard.



Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, Our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion Com - pels us from a - bove
To touch the lives of oth - ers By God's sur - pris - ing grace
We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,



To plan and work to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
So ev - ery folk and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

Announcements

*Music for Going Forth

Fantasia on "I want to Walk as a Child of the Light" | John Behnke

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

2025 Parkway Budget Review presented by the Stewardship Commission

Sunday, January 26 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

The Stewardship Commission will present the 2025 Parkway Budget in preparation of approval at the Sunday, February 9, 2025, Congregational Budget Meeting. Join us in the conversation.

Girl Scout Sales

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

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.

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 29**. 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

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](mailto:Debbie.dreinhardtstl@gmail.com)

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.



Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue—February 4

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.

On February 4, we’ll discuss Chapter 30 through the end 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

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! 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!



The Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 9 | 10am-12pm | Gathering Space

February 9 is going to be our annual The Souper Bowl of Caring, something we do on Super Bowl Sunday. We’ll need the teens to set up two large soup pots in the Gathering Space and we ask people to toss in change or bills to vote for their preferred team. We got Ali and Ingrid leading it, so bring your teens that Sunday so they can help them out! The money is given to ministries in the community that work to alleviate hunger.

Any questions can be sent to Aliyah Wiegiers walkerrhey@gmail.com

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 PUCers 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

MMS-UCC Conference Youth Event

Feb 14-16 | Columbia UCC | 3201 I-70 Dr. NW, Columbia, MO

The MMS-UCC Conference Youth Event is for youth in 6th-12th grade and their youth leaders. Registration is \$25. The deadline is February 6. Questions? Please contact: Jay Wiesner at jay@mmsucc.org. Scan QR code to register:



PUCC Adventurers Are Going to the Basilica

Thursday, February 20 | 10am-1:30pm | 4431 Lindell Blvd., 63108

You are invited to join with the PUCC Adventurers for a one-hour guided tour of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Lunch will follow at a place TBD. The tour starts at 10am, and if you'd like to carpool, please meet at Parkway UCC by 9:30am. The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, nicknamed the "Rome of the West," is a gorgeous one-of-a-kind work of art. With its lofty vaults and radiant mosaics, the sheer scale of beauty is a thing of awe. More than a dozen architects' and artisans' concepts and works have coalesced in a magnificently well-integrated and harmonious whole. The main structure of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis was completed in 1914. Like the stained glass in the sanctuary at Parkway UCC, the Frei family designed and fabricated the stained-glass windows on the balcony level at the Cathedral Basilica. It truly is a sight to see. <https://cathedralstl.org/>

Please let Carol Cobb know by **February 17** if you will be attending, and if you would like to carpool. **ccjacob@aol.com**

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 approved the recommendation of the Music Search Team to hire a new organist/pianist. We will share more information about this ministry partner next week. We are very pleased and excited!

The team reviewed cover letters and resumes of applicants. They invited some candidates to answer three questions about our particular PUCC mission and ministry. The team arranged two face to face interviews: a traditional interview around a table with team members asking all kinds of questions and engaging in thoughtful conversation - the second in the sanctuary as a music skills experience and then back to the table to have more sharing of experiences, ideas and dreams. References were contacted and a thorough background check was done through PUCC's insurance company.

We put a pause on the search for a choir director at this time as we re-evaluate our Sunday morning music.

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 to sing seasonally (Advent/Christmas or Lent/Easter) and/or to sing with a group monthly with the First Sunday Choir at 9am. We're also gathering names of instrumentalists who'd share their talents in worship, and those interested in joining a hand chime choir. Please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org today.

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 a Sunday morning! Just ask!

One Church Wonder Events

Join us with your phone, tablet or laptop as our One Church Team offers support, shortcuts and strategies to make your experience with our software and app more fruitful and enjoyable. All levels of experience with One Church welcome – from 'I have no idea what One Church is' to 'Is there any way that One Church can help me with ...'

Upcoming dates after Worship at 11:15am: **January 26; February 23; March 23; April 27; May 18; June 22; July 20; August 17.** Room locations will be announced the Sunday prior to each session.

Cindy - cynthianouri@gmail.com; Barb - barbharris@charter.net; Gabriel - gabriel@Parkwayucc.org

Prayer List

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Celebrations

Peace Agreement with Israel and Hamas ~ Palestine.

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

Concerns

Cassie & Christa Rosenberger - grieving/celebrating their mother
<https://calvertmemorial.com/obituaries/martha-rosenberger>

Keith Borgmann - hospitalized... hopefully home early this week.

Pat Klein - hospitalized due to body chemistry imbalances.

Randy Beck - healing after recent surgery; in a rehab center near home.

Jackie Eiffert - healing from recent hip replacement surgery.

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

Kathleen Tarr - preparing for foot surgery on January 31.

Harold Webb - lingering complications after brain surgery (Grove).

Sanjay Seetharaman - grieving the death of close friend Alex Whalen.

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

Becca Palmgren - healing for her broken foot.

Haack's general practitioner and his wife - healing happening.

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

The continuing war in Ukraine and Russia.

Continuing

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

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

Rick - receiving chemotherapy (father of Laura Waite).

Pat and Pam Owens Family - as we all grieve/give thanks for Bill.

Family/friends of Pinky Wilcoxon - including her sister Ruth Peace.

Gladys Sims - healing at home after hospitalization and rehab.

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 Trump, VP Vance, 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.

PUCC Family struggling with employment; healthcare costs and limits.

Our Missouri Mid-South Conference and St Louis Assn UCC

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

Conversations about the Death Penalty in the United States.

Victims of Natural and Created Disasters around the world.

Healing of relationships between the public and the police.

Peace and Justice near and far.

US Military around the globe.

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