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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.

## PARKWAY UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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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** Greg Schmelig. Consider signing up to read scripture by scanning the QR code.

**Flowers** given by Doug and Amy Yakel. Please consider honoring, remembering or celebrating someone by providing Sunday flowers.

**Treats after worship today** provided by Lana and Joe Biondo.

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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](http://www.crisistextline.org)  
Behavioral Health Network of Greater St Louis 314-449-6713  
The numbers below are called Warmlines (not Hotlines).  
They are peer run by people with lived experience.  
Not all of them are 24/7/365  
Teen Warm Line: 1 800-248-8336  
Black Warm Line: 1-800-604-5841 (They are divested from the police)  
Trans Warm Line: 1-877-565-8860  
Project Return Warm Line: 1-800-448-9777 (run away)  
Learn more about warm lines: <https://warmline.org/warmdir.html>

## Birthdays

2/2 Michael Zoller

2/6 Dana Schrenker

2/4 Alexa Waddell

2/7 Sharon Lowenthal

2/5 Elise Bowman

2/7 Virginia Fagerberg

2/5 Emily Oehler

2/7 James Milam

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday *after* Epiphany

Sunday, February 02, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

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

**Worship service this Sunday is based on our UCC Book of Worship**

**Prelude** *Morning Has Broken* | Gilbert Martin

**Welcome** Let us know you are here!

**Meditation** [Jesus] replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ ~Luke 13:32

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: Morning has broken. Let us give thanks for the gift of life and for the presence of the Holy One among us.

**Many: Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **\*Opening Prayer**

One: The Holy One says:

Why spend money on what does not satisfy? Why spend your wages and still be hungry? Listen to me and do what I say. And you will enjoy the best food of all. Listen now, my people, and come to me; come to me, and you will have life!

Hear also these words of Jesus Christ:

I am the bread of life; anyone who comes to me shall not hunger; anyone who believes in me shall never thirst.

**Many: Amen. Come, Christ Jesus.**

## **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 *Morning Has Broken* | #469 Red Hymnal



1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the



spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

**Children's Time** For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 09 (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 5<sup>th</sup> grade will then go to Room 12, and youth from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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 will come back up with their teachers for Communion with all of us.

## Blessing the Children *This is Where Children Belong* | #2233 Blue Songbook



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the



wor - ship - ing throug. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and



cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

**Scripture** *Listen for the word of God in Numbers* | NRSV

While the Israelites were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. Those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses, Aaron, and to the whole congregation. They put him in custody, because it had not been clear what should be done to him.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "The man shall be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him outside the camp." The congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him to death, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

*Here ends the Old Testament lesson.*

*Listen to the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke* | NRSV

One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew; and James, and his brother John; and Philip, and Bartholomew; and Matthew, and Thomas; and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot; and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

*This is the good news.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## \*Song *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*



1 The church of Christ, in every age be -  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a



set by change, but Spir - it led, Must  
vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry For  
car - ing church that longs to be A



claim and test its her - i - tage and  
shel - ter and for bread to eat, and  
part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and



keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
nev - er live be - fore they die.  
clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.

## Moment of Silent Reflection

### Sermon *The Lord of the Sabbath*

## \*Affirmation of Faith UCC Statement of Faith

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

## \*Gloria

Glo-ry to God the Cre-a - tor, and to the Christ,  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was  
in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er.  
A - men. A - - men.

## 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 *Break Now the Bread of Life* | David N. Johnson

## \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit, the Comforter;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

## 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.]



**Invitation to the Communion Table** We invite *all* to this **open table**. All accepted—no exceptions—as we commit ourselves to limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry.

One: In Luke’s Gospel we read that Jesus, at the table with two of his disciples, took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read that as the church was gathered, often in the homes of believers, Christians devoted themselves to the apostles’ teachings and community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

**All: Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.**

## **Communion Prayer**

One: God be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets.

We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved.

We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm.

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world through which we share the gift of eternal life.

With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.**

One: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: “This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine (and juice), and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with

Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

**All:** In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

### Communion Song *I Come with Joy* | #507, v2-4 Red Hymnal



1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and  
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are  
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion  
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways  
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent



free, In awe and won - der to re - call His  
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And  
near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We  
ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll



life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.  
see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.  
live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

### \*Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine/Juice

Please come forward in the center aisle to receive the bread and wine. All are welcome! Gluten-free wafers are on the communion table. Grape juice is in the outer ring; wine is in the center circles. Please return by the side aisles.

One: *While taking the bread and breaking it*

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

*While pouring the wine and raising the cup*

Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

### Sharing the Elements

One: Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Many: **Amen.**

One: Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Many: **Amen.**

One: Come, for all things are ready. All are accepted. No exceptions.

### Communion Interlude *Let Us Break Bread Together* | Curt Oliver

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Let us pray.

**All:** We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have

received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**\*Song of Parting** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* | #538 Red Hymnal



1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with  
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's  
 3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the



joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 Glad Thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 Ev - er faith - ful To the - truth may we be found;  
 May we ev - er Reign with Thee in end - less day.

**\*Commissioning**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Announcements**

**\*Benediction**

One: Hear the promise of Jesus Christ: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: **Amen.**

**\*God's Light Goes Forth**

**\*Music for Going Forth** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* | David Cherwien

# Announcements

Please use the form at [www.parkwayucc.org/communications](http://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

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## January Council Highlights

- Council approved the 2025 Budget.
- Council approved hiring the new Organist/Pianist, Amy Freeman, for the church.
- Council continues to operationalize the Vitality Committees and is relying on information imported to OneChurch

## Girl Scout Sales

Girl Scouts cookies are on sale at PUCC! Be on the lookout after worship 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. More details for how to purchase online are in the eNews.

## 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](mailto: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 **February 5**. 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](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org)

## Adventurous Members Out Early

AMOE meets this coming Thursday, February 6 at 9:15am in the Heritage Room for coffee and pastries. Please join us as we share stories about Bill Owens, one of AMOE’s legendary members. All are welcome. For more info, contact Richard Scherrer at [90fivetpr@gmail.com](mailto:90fivetpr@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](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org) for more info.

(Thank you to Gabriel Requadt and Amy Yakel for being our chaperones.)

## Intertwine Interfaith Coffee House Event

### Would you like to share a talent and/or treats?

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](mailto: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 *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 have 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](mailto:walkerrhey@gmail.com)

## Annual Congregational Meeting: Budget

Please plan to stay in the sanctuary immediately following worship next **Sunday, February 9** as we have our annual meeting focused on our 2025 Budget. The Church Council and Stewardship Commission will lead our meeting. If you haven't picked up a paper copy of the draft budget, please find one in the Gathering Space today.

Questions? Reach out Lana Biondo, our Church Council President, [ljbiondo@yahoo.com](mailto:ljbiondo@yahoo.com) or Linda Tossing, the convener of our Stewardship Commission, [ltossing@att.net](mailto:ltossing@att.net)

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue

February 11 | 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](mailto:raceh@att.net).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jay@mmsucc.org). Scan QR code to register:



## Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

### My Experiences as a CASA Volunteer, by PUCer Helen Race.

February 16 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

There are over 12,000 children in foster care in Missouri, with more than 5,000 in the St. Louis area. Being separated from family is deeply traumatic for children. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteers provide consistent, supportive adult presence for children in foster care. They work with case workers and the Court to ensure the child's needs are met. While case workers and placements may change, the child's CASA remains a steady, reliable figure. Helen Race, a Parkway member, has been a CASA for over 5 years and finds the experience both meaningful and impactful. Learn more about the CASA program and how it helps children through some of their toughest times. It's a rewarding role for anyone wanting to make a difference, one child at a time.

For questions, kindly contact Richard Scherrer at [90fivetpr@gmail.com](mailto:90fivetpr@gmail.com)

## 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. [cjccobb@aol.com](mailto:cjccobb@aol.com)

### **Align with PUC!** New Member Sunday

Sunday, February 23 | 10am | New Sanctuary

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, new opportunities. It is with joy and gratitude that we welcome new members into our worship, work and witness at Parkway UCC - in person or virtually. Membership at Parkway UCC could be the next step in your ongoing relationship with God and with other people of faith - though membership is not expected and certainly isn't necessary to be involved in worship, baptism, communion, weddings, funerals or other aspects of church life. As a church member, you have the opportunity to more intentionally grow personally, find a sense of belonging, form lifelong friendships, experience the joy of Christ, discover your spiritual gifts, become more intimate with God, develop your personal prayer style, expand your boundaries, become more Christ-like and more. With our congregational democratic polity, as a church member, you have a voice and vote within our church to weigh in on topics such as the annual budget, church vision, building decisions and more. If this is something you might be interested in, please let us know by emailing [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

### **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. PUC is looking for someone to be on the planning team for this event. If you are interested, please reach out to [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto: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](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

### **Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with someone**

Tuesday, February 25 | 7-9am | 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](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

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



## **2025 Ramadan Family Iftar Dinners** be a guest of a Muslim family to experience a fast-breaking together

As the Holy Month of Ramadan approaches, the Turkish American Society of Missouri (TASOM) warmly invites you to participate in a Home-Based Family Iftar Dinner with a local Muslim host family.

### **What is Ramadan?**

Ramadan, starting this year on **February 28**, is a sacred month for Muslims dedicated to fasting, charity, prayer, and unity. Muslims fast daily from dawn to sunset, and the evening meal, known as "iftar," is a time of joy, reflection, and togetherness. It is also an opportunity to foster interfaith and intercultural understanding.

### **What is this program about?**

This program brings together individuals and families from diverse backgrounds to share an iftar meal with a local Muslim family in the Greater St Louis Area. Whether you're fasting or not, you are welcome to join and experience this special tradition firsthand.

### **How to Participate:**

Please RSVP by scanning the QR code by **February 14**. After matching you with a host family, we'll share details about your host's address, contact information, and background.



This event is free of charge and open to everyone, regardless of faith.

Join TASOM for an evening of delightful food, meaningful conversation, and new friendships. They look forward to connecting you with a welcoming family in your community!

## **Support St. Louis UCC's Affordable Housing Ministry**

A UCC-sponsored online auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity St. Louis is set for March 2025. An AUCction for Humanity will run from **March 1 to March 16**. In addition, Samuel UCC's traditional St. Patrick's Dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 15**. Mark your calendar!

You can support an AUCction for Humanity by suggesting volunteers who could: Ask businesses and friends for items; help with administrative tasks you can do from home.

Call or text Bob Steen with suggestions of people who might help at 314-980-7699 or email Bob at [AUCction4Humanity@outlook.com](mailto:AUCction4Humanity@outlook.com)

## **OUR MUSIC MINISTRY -- SEARCH TEAM**

Our Church Council has approved the recommendation of the Music Search Team to hire **Amy Freeman** as our new organist/pianist. 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.

Amy is our search team's choice from both a musical and personality standpoint. She is an intelligent and talented artist. Her credentials reflect her commitment to higher education to improve her musical skills. With a bachelor's degree from Baylor University and a master's degree from the University of Dallas, Amy demonstrates a focus on continuous improvement in musical adaptability and performance enhancement.

One of her references states that she is a kind, lovely, and dedicated person and puts great care into any task she undertakes.

Amy is also a cellist and teaches private piano lessons... she plays the ukelele too!

Amy shared with us that "music, which is one of my life's greatest joys, helps me maintain my sanity amidst life's difficulties."

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](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org) today.

## **DOWNLOAD OUR NEW PUC C 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.

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 1C 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. Upcoming dates after Worship at 11:15am: **February 23; March 23; April 27; May 18; June 22; July 20; August 17.**

Questions? Contact: Cindy - [cynthianouri@gmail.com](mailto:cynthianouri@gmail.com);

Barb - [barbharris@charter.net](mailto:barbharris@charter.net) or Gabriel - [gabriel@Parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@Parkwayucc.org)

# Prayer List

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

## Celebrations

**Samantha Elaine Jones** - baptized here yesterday..., mom Dawn, brothers Daniel, Mikey and Nate.

**Kristin & Brandon Edwards**, bro Charlie - baby coming in February.

## Concerns

**Cassie & Christa Rosenberger** - grieving/celebrating their mother

**Family/Friends of Pat Klein** - mourning and sharing gratitude... we'll host a Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 8 at 11am here at PUCC.

**Keith Borgmann** - healing at home after recent hospitalization.

**Randy & Karla Beck** - his healing after surgery; rehab ctr near home.

**Jackie Eiffert** - healing from recent hip replacement surgery.

**Marv Herpel** - strengthening/healing of broken leg; back at *Brookdale*.

**Kathleen Tarr** - preparing for foot surgery on January 31.

**Twila Spencer** - transitioning to assisted living (Mike Rogers' mother).

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

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

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

**Deadly violence at Antioch High School in Nashville.**

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

**The continuing war in Ukraine and Russia.**

**Holocaust Remembrance Day** - see prayer below.

## 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]

**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 “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.

## PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANS ARE CHRISTIANS WHO:

1. Believe that following the way and teachings of Jesus can lead to experiencing sacredness, wholeness, and unity of all life, even as we recognize that the Spirit moves in beneficial ways in many faith traditions.
2. Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perspective, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, class, or ability.
3. Strive for peace and justice among all people, knowing that behaving with compassion and selfless love towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe.
4. Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the Earth and ensure its integrity and sustainability.
5. Commit to a path of life-long learning, believing there is more value in questioning than in absolutes.

**Check out [progressivechristianity.org](http://progressivechristianity.org)**