

# Traveling with **JESUS**



**PARKWAY**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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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.

## Worship Serving Today

**Scripture Reader** is Jackie Eiffert.

**Flowers** given by Ellie Svenson in memory of her husband, John.

**Treats after worship** provided by Carol & Harold Cobb.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these serving opportunities or join the corresponding group, please scan the QR code and click on the **Serving Opportunities Calendar**. Thanks!



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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

3/9 Carter Murawski

3/11 Jameson Tallyn

3/14 Sean Watkins

3/15 Jean Mueller

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent: Wilderness

Sunday, March 9, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

**Prelude** *Sanctuary*

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

**Meditation** If you don't know where you are, a map won't help. ~Watts Humphrey

**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*

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** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 | New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power,

and with signs and wonders; and brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**\*Call to Worship** based on words by Ruth Garwood

One:	Are you restless and unsettled? This place is for you.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Let us experience sanctuary and become a safe place for others.</b>
One:	Are you eager for spring where we can see hope all around? This place is for you.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Let us worship and give thanks to our Creator.</b>
One:	Are you hungry for welcome and nurture? This place is for you.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Let us listen to the words and compassion of Jesus.</b>
One:	Are you searching for direction? This place is for you.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Let us be inspired by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.</b>
One:	Do you have love to share? This place is for you.
<b>All:</b>	<b>Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.</b>

**\*Song** *For the Fruit of All Creation* | #553 **Red Hymnal**



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
 3. For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, Thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will be done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap-ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,  
 In our world-wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,  
 For the won - ders that as-tound us, For the truths that still con-found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, Thanks be to God.  
 In the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will be done.  
 Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God.



## Lenten Candles: Traveling with Jesus

We lit seven candles on Ash Wednesday as we embarked on this Lenten journey. We want the light of the Holy to illumine our path as we seek to be the words and ways of Jesus. We commit to being more infused by the Spirit as we travel. Even as we know this is good and important work, we recognize that it isn't easy—and we will come upon the shadow side of humanity and some of our own unique darkness.

We extinguish one candle each time we worship this season, acknowledging that this can be tough and exhausting work. As we approach the desertion and depletion of Good Friday, we also prepare ourselves for the dawn and love of Easter morning... the light and love of God that never goes out.

## Prayer at the Candles

**Holy One, we travel this Lenten journey, knowing that you are with us every step of the way, wherever we find ourselves... feeling overwhelmed in wooly wildernesses and devastating wastelands; heading down off-ramps and appreciating detours; seeking balance and eye-contact on see-saws; experiencing safety in hometowns and heartfelt spaces; refreshing at leisure sites; memory gazing in places of the past; toiling in vineyards and other workplaces; committing to community centers; venturing to places we've never been; stopping in someone else's home; meandering well-traveled roads or taking the road less-traveled; seeking perspective in cemeteries; waltzing in the front door or coming around the secret entrance; surviving in a chaotic courtroom or learning in a crowded classroom; pulling up a chair at a welcome table; grieving in gardens; or envisioning future places where You are already waiting for us. We make this journey to be with Jesus and to become more like him. Send Your Spirit to help us along the way. Amen.**

## Response *The Servant Song* | v 2 and 4



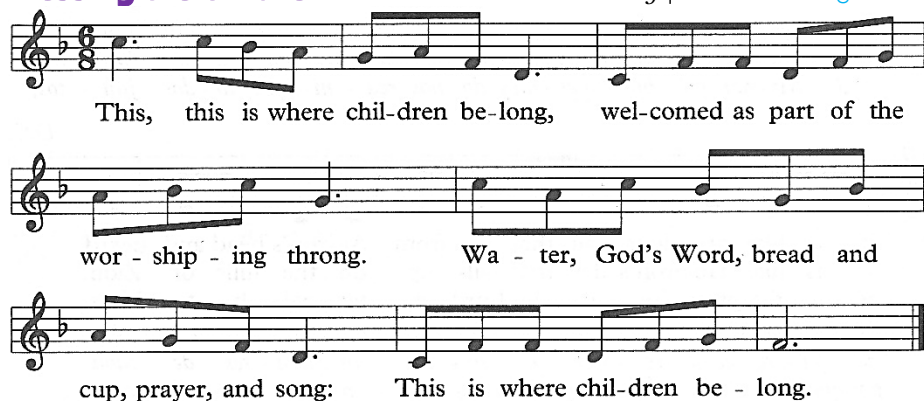
- 1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

**Children's Time** For children aged 3 and under, 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 4 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 09, parents please pick them up after worship. Children and youth from age 4 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** *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 thron-g. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and  
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

**Scripture** Luke 4:1-13 | Common English Bible (CEB)

Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. The devil said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

Jesus replied, “It’s written, *People won’t live only by bread.*”

Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said, “I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these kingdoms. It’s been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered, “It’s written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only God.*”

The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, throw yourself down from here; for it’s written: *God will command the angels concerning you, to protect you and they will take you up in their hands so that you won’t hit your foot on a stone.*”

Jesus answered, “It’s been said, *Don’t test the Lord your God.*”

After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from Jesus until the next opportunity.

# Moment of Silent Reflection

## Sermon

### A Time of Prayer *Be Still and Know That I Am God* | #2057 Blue Songbook

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has two circled numbers, 1 and 2, above the first two measures. The lyrics are: "Be still and know that I am God." The second staff continues the melody with the same lyrics.

## 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.]

### Mission Moment 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Lent/Easter

Heifer Int'l | Lydia's House | Unleashing Potential | Bread for the World

### 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.

[www.parkwayucc.org/giving](http://www.parkwayucc.org/giving)

### Offering Interlude *BWV 514 (A Servant's Song)* by J.S. Bach



**\*Response** *Here Are Our Hearts*

Here are our hearts. \_\_\_\_\_ Here are our hands. \_\_\_\_\_

Here are our lives. \_\_\_\_\_ Use them as You can. \_\_\_\_\_ Show us those who hurt.

\_\_\_\_\_ Show us those in need. \_\_\_\_\_ Show us how to serve.

\_\_\_\_\_ Teach us how to see. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Ruth Garwood

**Holy One, use these gifts, and our lives, to feed and nourish, spreading your love where it is most needed.**

**\*Song of Parting** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* | #344 Chalice

*Unison*

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -  
with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will  
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
Je - sus?— No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

**\*Benediction** Anna Strickland

Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place, may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve. May you look for God in every face. May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the tomb, and to speak of your faith. And when the world falls apart, may you hear God's voice deep within, saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid." You are called. You are blessed. In both your ups and your downs, you always belong to God. Go now in peace. Go trusting that good news.

Amen.

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

**\*Music for Going Forth** *Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*

# 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. Our YouTube Channel is [@parkwayuccsl](https://www.youtube.com/@parkwayuccsl). There is a subscribe button under the main heading and brief description of our church. Thank you! Questions? Please contact [barbharris@charter.net](mailto:barbharris@charter.net) or [cynthianouri@gmail.com](mailto:cynthianouri@gmail.com)

## Spring Friendship Dinners

Spring is right around the corner, and so are Friendship Dinners. A Sign-up sheet is in The Gathering Space where you can volunteer to host or be a guest. You can also email Cindy Wessel at [cindywessel@yahoo.com](mailto:cindywessel@yahoo.com). Hosts can also sign up to be a guest at another dinner.

We ask the host volunteers to indicate how many guests they will invite. The Friendship Dinner team will organize the dinners sometime in March, considering where people live.

Then, the host will call the guests on the date suggested. The host provides the main dishes, and guests bring a side dish or dessert. The host can also decide to host a Dutch dinner at a local restaurant. Questions? Contact Cindy Wessel [cindywessel@yahoo.com](mailto:cindywessel@yahoo.com).

## Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with someone

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

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue

March 11 | 6-8pm | Heritage Room

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731 ; Passcode: 792617

Please join us as we read and discuss our book selection for Lent entitled *Reading the Psalms Again for the First Time* by the Rev. Dr. Clint McCann from Eden Seminary. We will break this book into two sessions starting March 11.

We are excited to have Rev. McCann participate via Zoom for our first session. It promises to be an interesting study of how the Psalms encourage and inspire action within ourselves to work towards justice and peace.

Bring a dish to share for the potluck & join us for our next conversation! 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).

## 2025 Lent Devotional Small Group

Sundays during Lent, March 16 | 9-9:30am | Heritage Room

Mirroring the 2025 General Synod theme, "Into the Deep," our 2025 Lent Devotional invites reflection on God's mysterious depths.

We are hosting a Lent devotional discussion in the Heritage Room on Sundays at 9am. Please come!

If you'd like a PDF copy, or for more info, contact Gabriel [gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org).

## Annual Chili Cookoff/Brownie Smackdown sponsored by PUC Youth

Sunday, March 16 | 11:15am | Fellowship Hall

LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!!!!

It's time for our annual Chili Cookoff/Brownie Smackdown!

The event will be held on **Sunday, March 16**, St. Patrick's Day weekend, following the worship service.

So, wear your green, bring your best chili and/or brownies, and with a wee bit o' luck, you will be the 2025 champion and receive the coveted trophy (ribbon for the brownies) and braggin' rights for the next year!

This is a fundraiser for the youth to raise money for their annual mission projects; so come out, support our youth, and enjoy some fun, fellowship and good-natured competition! The sign-up is in the Gathering Space. Thanks for your support!

For more info, reach out to Amy Yakel [da\\_yakel@att.net](mailto:da_yakel@att.net)

## Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – March 18

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 us for our book discussion of *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. It's the story of an 11-year-old boy, Reuben Land, his unusual family, and their journey across the frozen Badlands of the Dakotas in search of Reuben's fugitive older brother. Themes in the novel include faith, miracles, and family. We'll discuss this book on March 18. Join in on Zoom at 1:45 pm for fellowship, or 2pm-3pm for book discussion. Newcomers are welcome! Please contact Jackie Eiffert, [jeiffert2@gmail.com](mailto:jeiffert2@gmail.com) with questions.

## Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am "Heart to Heart, What's New in Cardiology," by Cynde Brunner, NP

March 23 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Cardiology is essential to understanding the functioning of the heart, the vital organ that pumps blood throughout the body, supplying oxygen and nutrients to tissues. Cardiovascular disease is one of the leading causes of death worldwide. Prevention, early detection and effective treatment of these diseases are crucial to improving quality of life and reducing mortality rates. New cardiac therapies are constantly evolving, offering hope to patients suffering from cardiovascular disease.

Recent advances in cardiology have had a significant impact on the treatment of heart disease. Patients now benefit from more precise diagnoses and personalized treatments based on their genetics and individual response to medication. This has led to more targeted and effective medicine, reducing side effects and improving long-term outcomes. Here to help us to better understand recent advances in cardiology is Cynde Brunner, a Nurse Practitioner specializing in cardiology at St. Luke's Hospital, one of the leading cardiology hospitals in the country. She is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

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

### **Coffee and Conversation at Panera**

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

Questions? Contact [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org); 314-872-9330

### **Adventurers at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis**

Thursday, March 27 | 10am-2pm | 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

You are invited to join with the PUCC Adventurers for a one-hour guided tour of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. The fee is \$4, payable at the door. Lunch will follow at The Foundry.

If you'd like to carpool, please meet at Parkway UCC by 9:30am. Please let Jackie Eiffert know by March 24 if you will be attending, and if you would like to carpool at [jeiffert2@gmail.com](mailto:jeiffert2@gmail.com).

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, also known as the "Rome of the West," is a stunning architectural masterpiece featuring impressive vaults and radiant mosaics. Completed in 1914, it showcases the work of over a dozen architects and artisans, creating a harmonious and awe-inspiring structure. The Frei family designed and crafted the stained glass windows on the balcony level, adding to the cathedral's beauty. It is truly a remarkable sight.

### **Encourage a Special Olympian! Basketball Tournament**

Saturday, March 29 | 12-5pm | Lindenwood University, St Charles

Bring your enthusiastic spirit as we volunteer with Special Olympics Missouri at their Basketball Tournament. We will be assigned duties upon arrival -- keeping score, cheering, making sure teams are on the correct court, giving medals? If you haven't been a part of the Special Olympics previously, you are in for a wonderful and heartfelt experience. If you have done this in the past with us, you know how impactful and inspiring this will be! We are looking for 5 additional PUCCers to be part of this adventure. (This would be a great event for a parent and child of school age.) Please RSVP by **March 23** by emailing [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org).

## **Meditation Garden Youth Project**

Sunday, March 30 | 10am | Garden Area behind New Church

PUCC is doing a new thing! On our March Jesus Has Left the Building service, we are going to be offering the youth and anyone else who would like to volunteer the opportunity to clean up and help create the Meditation Garden located in the back of the church. It will involve tilling the ground to remove weeds and some of the smaller shrubbery, levelling the dirt, placing a weed barrier, spreading mulch over the garden space, and edging it all with bricks. Plan to bring clothes ready to get dirty! Some tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own garden equipment. We will be needing anyone with a truck to help pick up the mulch prior to that Sunday. If you're able to help with that, please contact Gabriel Requadt [gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org). If we all work together, the hope would be to finish it that day. All are welcomed!

## **March Alzheimer's News**

The surprising relationship between vaccinations and Alzheimer's Disease: Receiving routine vaccinations against common infections like tetanus, shingles and pneumonia may offer an unexpected benefit: a reduced risk of developing Alzheimer's disease later in life. A study found that older adults who received these vaccines were less likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease compared to their unvaccinated peers over an eight-year period. This research adds to a growing body of evidence suggesting that vaccinations could play a role in protecting against this devastating brain disease. There is a growing theory that infections might play a role in the development of Alzheimer's. The idea is that infections can cause inflammation in the brain, and this inflammation could contribute to the brain cell damage seen in Alzheimer's. Vaccines are designed to prevent infections. Future research is needed to confirm these findings and to better understand the underlying mechanism. Ideally, prospective studies, which follow people forward in time and track their vaccination status and development of Alzheimer's disease would provide even stronger evidence. You can learn more by going to [www.alz.org/help-support/resources](http://www.alz.org/help-support/resources) or the Alzheimer's Helpline which is accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master's level clinicians to assist with crisis situations, decision making, and disease information. Tools and support are also available in Spanish. For more info about Alzheimer's support, contact Joyce Ruiz [joyceruiz7@gmail.com](mailto:joyceruiz7@gmail.com)

## **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

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

Question? Contact Carmen Bumgarner at [cfbum@charter.net](mailto:cfbum@charter.net)



## OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

As we begin this next chapter with Amy Freeman as your organist/pianist, we're seeking people to be a part of our music program. We're looking for individuals willing to sing a solo, duet, trio or to sing with a group seasonally (Advent/Christmas or Lent/Easter) and/or to sing with the First Sunday Choir each first Sunday of the month 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 [amy@parkwayucc.org](mailto:amy@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](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!

Most Sundays there is someone well-versed in One Church standing over by the large bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Please let them know if you have any questions or need assistance.

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, March 5, 2025

## Celebrations

**The Lenten Journey:** *Traveling with Jesus.*

**Karla Wandless** - her health is improving (Don's daughter).

## Concerns

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

<https://stlouiscremation.com/obituaries/patricia-klein/>

**Bill Hilgeman** - hospitalized; recuperating from emergency surgery.

**Jan McAllister** - hospitalized for tests and discernment of treatment.

**Lori Connors** - healing of a broken shoulder blade.

**John Dwyer** - strengthening after recent hospitalization.

**Pamela Burcham** - has begun receiving hospice care (Stan's sister).

**Mark McKenzie** - hospitalized due to breathing issues (Tom's brother).

**Lana and Joe Biondo** - healing from her knee replacement on 02/25.

**DJ Meyer & Lisa Davidson** and family remembering his mother.

**Carole Gwyn** - ongoing health issues (David's mother).

**Jim Butler and Jim Schwenkendorf families** - grieving (McKenzie)

**Our trans siblings** as they deal with harmful state/federal policy plans.

**All who depend on USAID programs** that have been eliminated.

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

## Continuing

**Family/friends of Marv Herpel** - grieving & giving thanks for him!

**Peggy/Jack Sieber** & family as they grieve grandson Ryan Bruce Sieber

**Kathleen Tarr** - healing after recent foot surgery - some complications.

**Keith Borgmann** - continuing to gain strength after illness.

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

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

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

**Rick** - receiving chemotherapy (father of Laura Waite).

**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).

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

**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).

**Ruth Hughes** - Dec discharge from hospice; tests/PT now (Schneider).

**Seger Ruiz** - paralyzed from car accident (John and Joyce Ruiz).

**Joseph Miller** - long road to healing (son of Deb Carter).

**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]

**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.**

**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!

## **LAST WEEK In Sunday School**

Jesus takes three disciples up a mountain, where he becomes dazzlingly white, and Moses and Elijah appear next to him. God declares that Jesus is God's Son, and the disciples should listen to him (Luke 9:28-45).

## **TODAY In Sunday School**

Jesus tells the Parable of the Good Samaritan, in which a person cares for his enemy. Then, Jesus visits sisters Mary and Martha and encourages Martha to rest from her work and listen to him (Luke 10:25-42).

### **THE POINT**

**God's kingdom appears in acts of mercy and love.**

### **BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS**

The Jewish people were biased against the Samaritans. The Samaritan people had a different culture and a different, though related, religion. The Jewish people saw the Samaritans as the "other," and therefore relationships with the two peoples were often hostile. Knowing about the conflict between these cultures helps us understand how radical Jesus' teaching is about breaking boundaries emphasizing the importance of learning about the culture and customs of the time.

### **STORY SUMMARY**

Jewish people in the first century hated Samaritans—who lived in a territory between Galilee and Judea—due to historical differences and animosity. The Jews would have nothing to do with them and even travel farther to avoid their territory. Yet, in this story, it is a Samaritan who stops to help a Jewish man in need. Jesus tells his listeners to follow the example of the Samaritan.

Then, Jesus breaks the rules by meeting with women on their own turf with no other man present, and he expects them to learn just like his male disciples do. It is a shocking story from the perspective of the people of Jesus' time.

### **PRACTICE: Service**

When we answer the call to serve, we just might find ourselves face to face with people we do not normally associate with. It can be a challenge to remember that we do service together *with* others, not just *for* them. Find a way to get to know someone in your community who needs help. Some places to check are other churches, shelters, or social service offices.

## **NEXT WEEK In Sunday School**

Jesus tells people that bad things do not happen because of people's sins, but he calls the people to change their ways. Then, he tells some Pharisees that he is going to Jerusalem be killed (Luke 13:1-9, 31-35).

**Psalm 31...** Some are praying this as *A Prayer for Ukraine*

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.  
Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.  
You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.  
Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.  
You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,  
but I trust in the Lord.  
I will exalt and rejoice in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you have taken heed of my adversities,  
and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.

Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief,  
my soul and body also.  
For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,  
and my bones waste away.  
I am the scorn of all my adversaries,  
a horror to my neighbors,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.  
I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.  
For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror all around!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.  
But I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, "You are my God."  
My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies  
and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.  
Do not let me be put to shame, O Lord,  
for I call on you;  
let the wicked be put to shame;  
let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.  
Let the lying lips be stilled  
that speak insolently against the righteous  
with pride and contempt.

O how abundant is your goodness  
that you have laid up for those who fear you,  
and accomplished for those who take refuge in you,  
in the sight of everyone!  
In the shelter of your presence you hide them  
from human plots;  
you hold them safe under your shelter  
from contentious tongues.  
Blessed be the Lord,  
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me  
when I was beset as a city under siege.  
I had said in my alarm,  
“I am driven far from your sight.”  
But you heard my supplications  
when I cried out to you for help.

Love the Lord, all you his saints.  
The Lord preserves the faithful,  
but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.  
Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the Lord.