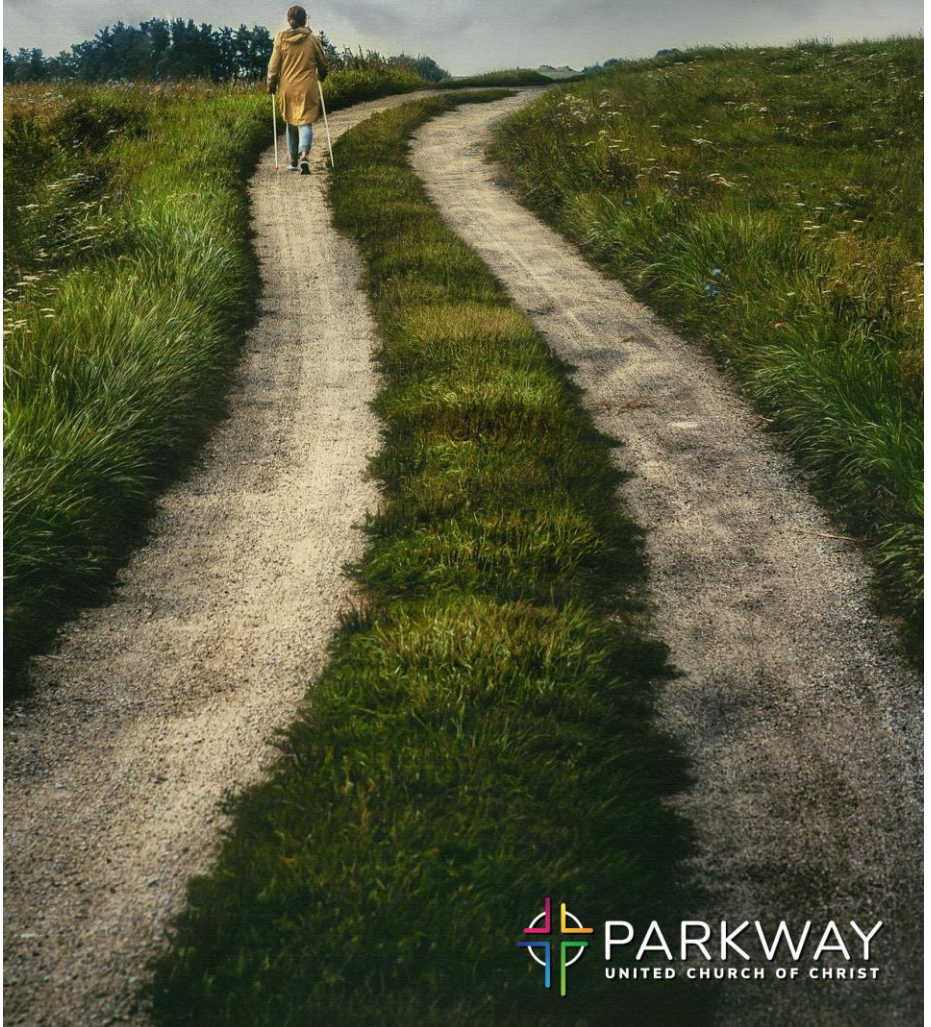


Traveling with **JESUS**





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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 James Milam.

Flowers given by John and Joyce Ruiz in celebration of Joyce's birthday.

Treats after worship provided by Nancy Litzinger.

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
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

- 4/6 Florence Simonson
- 4/6 Sera Watkins
- 4/7 Ian Doty
- 4/7 Joyce Ruiz
- 4/9 Phil Waite
- 4/9 Casca Zander
- 4/11 Nancy Wessinger

Anniversaries

- 4/12 Cathy & Rick Hasler

5th Sunday in Lent: Someone Else's House

Sunday, April 6, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Prelude *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Hospitality means we take people into the space that is our lives and our minds and our hearts and our work and our efforts. Hospitality is the way we come out of ourselves. It is the first step towards dismantling the barriers of the world. Hospitality is the way we turn a prejudiced world around, one heart at a time. ~Joan Chittister

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 *You Are Welcome Here*

You are wel - come here... no mat-ter
who you are...
no mat - ter where you are... on life's
jour - ney... You are wel - come here...
no mat - ter who you are... come and
join with us... in our U -
ni - ted Church of Christ...

Scripture Psalm 126 | New Revised Standard Version

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
‘The Lord has done great things for them.’
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

***Call to Worship**

One:	God the Creator is bursting forth from the earth. Can you see it?
Many:	Our senses are being blessed with all kinds of awesome things this season.
One:	God in Jesus is telling us stories, teaching us lessons, modeling selfless living. Can you feel it?
Many:	We are here because Jesus is compelling. He is an amazing example of who God is. We want to be more like him.
One:	God the Spirit is deep within us and all around us. This Spirit shapes and reshapes us. This Spirit gives us gifts, insights and abilities we do not have on our own. Can you trust it?
Many:	We are ready to respond and engage the world and her people with what we have been given.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

*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.

Lenten Candles Traveling with Jesus

We lit seven candles 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 gather for 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 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 – whether in the wilderness, at home, out in the vineyard, on the road or as a guest in someone else's house. We make this journey to be with Jesus and to become more like him. Send the light of Your Spirit to illumine our path and 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 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 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 will come back up with their teachers for Communion with all of us.

Blessing the Children *Nothing Can Trouble* | #2054 [Blue Songbook](#)



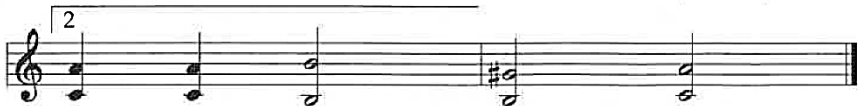
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te.



Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing.

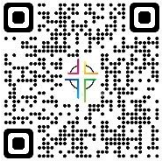
Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta.



God a - lone fills us.

So - lo Dios bas - ta.

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.

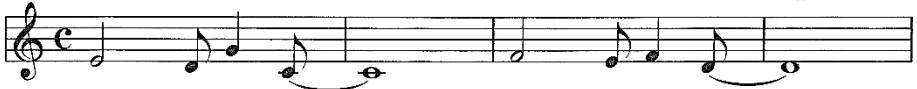
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First Sunday Choral *A Voice Cries Out in the Wilderness*

A voice cries out in the wilderness.
Prepare the way for the Lord!
A voice cries out in the wilderness.
Prepare our hearts for our God.

A voice cries out in the wilderness
Prepare the way for the Lord!
A voice cries out in the wilderness.
Prepare to welcome our God!

*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

Holy One, bless these gifts and the givers, that we and our offerings may serve your purposes here and in the world. We want to be hospitable and hopeful healers. Equip us with your Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Luke 10:38-42 | NRSV

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Reflection

Scripture John 11, selected verses | NRSV

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.”

Jesus told [the disciples], “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when Mary heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So, they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “God, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Reflection

Scripture John 12:1-8 | NRSV

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Reflection

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.

Communion Song *God, We Sense Your Peace and Power*
(Tune: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #356 **Red Hymnal**)

God, we sense your peace and power

In this place we love so much.

We are moved by gentle fragrance;

We are blessed by healing touch.

In these pews we hear the gospel;

We see life beyond compare.

Here we gather at your table,

Tasting love in meals we share.

Once a woman came to Jesus,

Pouring ointment on his head.

Some complained, "She could have sold this —
should have helped the poor instead."

Yet the Lord knew well the value

Of that perfume that she poured.

In that way she said, "I love you"

To her Savior, friend and Lord.

God, your world is filled with fragrance;

Smells surround the things we do.

Sweat from work and smoke in cooking

Both are offerings to you.

Oils of healing, scented flowers

Carry with them love and care.

All the smells of potluck suppers

Bring the joy of life we share.

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.]

*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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy One, help us to walk in the nurture and purpose of this meal. We receive this communion that we might be more aligned with Jesus. We want to think, act and move in the world as he did. Guide us into deepening our commitment to you and one another. Amen.

*Song of Parting *In the Midst of New Dimensions* | #2238 [Blue Songbook](#)



1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ple, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,
3 As we stand a world di-vid-ed by our own self- seek-ing schemes,
4 We are onc and we are man-y all per-sua-sions, old and young,
5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,



Who will lead the pil-grim peo-ple wan-dering in their sep-arate ways?
Who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
Grant that we, your glob-al vil-lage, might en-vi-sion wid-er dreams.
Each a gift in your cre-a-tion, each a love song to be sung.
May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.

Refrain



God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your



peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er - more.

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth *Improvisation on Traditional Spanish Melody*

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. Our YouTube Channel is [@parkwayuccsfl](https://www.youtube.com/@parkwayuccsfl). 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

New Nursery Sunday Hours

Exciting News for Families! We are thrilled to announce a new way to support our wonderful families and parents of young ones! To help you feel more included in the many opportunities on Sunday mornings, our **Nursery will now be open before worship from 9:00–10:00am and after worship from 11:15am–12:15pm** for infants and kids through 5th grade. Whether you're singing in the choir, attending our inspiring Speaker Series, or simply connecting with our community, we want you to know that **you belong here**—and we're here to support you! We hope this small change makes a big difference in your Sunday experience. We can't wait to see you!

For more info, please contact Gabriel Requadt at gabriel@parkwayucc.org

Town & Country Symphony Orchestra Concert TODAY

Sunday, April 6 | 2:30pm | Ridgway Auditorium, Principia - 13201 Clayton Rd
Join TCSO and conductor David Peek as they perform Tchaikovsky's Second Symphony; a symphony written on Ukrainian folk themes in a city to which he had a deep personal connection. Also featured are movements from two dramatically different violin concerti performed by two of our Rising Talents medalists: Jean Park playing the rhapsodic finale from Henryk Wieniawski's second violin concerto and Asher Koh playing the darkly beautiful allegro from Prokofiev's second. Rounding out the program will be a TCSO premiere from award winning St. Louis composer Stephanie Berg: *Ravish and Mayhem*. Berg's work has been featured by ensembles ranging from our St. Louis Symphony to New York's Alarm Will Sound.

Thanks to the generous support of our musicians, our donors, our sponsors, the Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis, and the Missouri Arts Council, this concert is free. Seating is open and no tickets are required.

Will and Harper TONIGHT

Sunday, April 6 | 6pm | Heritage Room

There will be a showing of the documentary, "Will & Harper," followed by a discussion. The film chronicles a road trip between good friends, actor Will Ferrell and writer Harper Steele, who came out as trans three years ago. This film is powerful, humorous, and impactful.

Join us as we immerse ourselves in this road trip and discuss our reactions and the inspiration found here. Bring a sweet snack to share. We will have the popcorn machine popping!

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

Tuesday, April 8 | 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. 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.

Visit the Miniature Museum with the Adventurers

Friday, April 11 | 11am-2pm | 4746 Gravois, St. Louis, MO 63116

Meet some Parkway UCC friends as we visit the Miniature Museum of Greater St. Louis with the PUCC Adventurers. We'll tour the museum at 11am and when we're finished we'll have lunch at a nearby restaurant, TBD. Meet at church at 10:15am for carpooling, or at the museum at 11am. The Miniature Museum showcases a vast collection of tiny objects across two floors. With numerous rotating and permanent displays, including room boxes and dollhouses, the variety is endless. You'll find historic kitchens, rustic cabins, haunted houses, and more—all donated works of art. Skilled artisans craft everything from porcelain to tiny readable books, making each piece a testament to creativity. Come see! Admission is \$8 at the door, \$7 for 62 and over, and there is a \$1 off coupon online. Contact Kris McKenzie to RSVP by **April 9** at kmck57@yahoo.com

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12 | 9:30am | Parkway UCC

Parkway UCC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is around the corner! The event will begin with craft making at 9:30am, with the Easter egg hunt starting at 10am. There will be refreshments and pictures with the Easter Bunny!

We are still looking for people to help in a variety of roles like: the Bunny's assistant to help the bunny "see" and interact with others, people to serve water & donuts, a person to make coffee, more egg hiders, people for crafts, people for toss games, and an emcee/announcer with microphone & music. We would appreciate donations of individually wrapped Easter candy as we prepare for the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop in marked Easter Pail in the Gathering Space. Thank you very much!



Interested in volunteering? Scan the QR code!

For more info, contact Karen Mariani at ksmariani59@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. Scan the QR to register.



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

2025 Lent Devotional Small Group

Sundays during Lent, April 13 | 9-:9:30am | Heritage Room

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

Childcare will be provided for children through 5th grade in the Nursery.

For more info, contact Gabriel gabriel@parkwayucc.org.

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – April 15

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 on April 1st and 15th for our Lenten study, *The Poetry of Lent: A Lenten Companion to Mary Oliver's poetry book, Devotions*. The words of scripture and the poetry of Mary Oliver will be our guides. Biblical texts and Oliver's poems illumine each other, pointing toward simple, powerful practices you can try yourself, or with your family or friends. Join in on Zoom at 1:45 pm for fellowship, or 2 pm - 3 pm for book discussion. Newcomers are welcome! Please contact Jackie Eiffert, jeiffert2@gmail.com with questions

April Earth Day Events in the St. Louis Area

Please consider joining the community in these events at the end of the month

Earth Day Extravaganza at the Weber Road Library

Tuesday, April 22 | 10:00am | 4444 Weber Rd. St. Louis, MO 63123

Celebrate Earth Day with special crafts and activities at the Weber Road Branch Library.

Saint Louis Earth Day Festival

April 26-27 | 11am-5pm both days | Muny Grounds in Forest Park

The St. Louis Earth Day Festival is a community tradition to learn about sustainable products and services offered by local businesses and organizations. The festival is held on the Muny grounds in Forest Park. It is free to the public. The festival features local entertainment and local Green Dining Alliance restaurants City of Chesterfield, Missouri.

Recycling For A Cause

Saturday, April 26 | 9am-12pm | 12851 Manchester Rd, Saint Louis, MO 63131
At the McCarthy Building in Des Peres, items that will be collected will be desktops, laptops networking gear, gaming consoles, TVs, and most items with a cord (no large appliances). All proceeds to benefit STL Hero Network.

Manchester Maker's Mart & Arbor Day Festival

Saturday, April 26 | 10:00am - 2:00pm | Schroeder Park

This is the 4th year for this Festival, Presented by Manchester Art

Creve Coeur Arbor Day Celebration & Art Contest

Sunday, April 27 | 1-3pm | Millennium Park

The community is invited to celebrate Arbor Day on April 27 at Millennium Park (2 Barnes West Dr.) with a free sapling giveaway, tree planting demonstration, activities for kids, educational displays, and a performance by Babaloo Music & Fun!

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Friday, April 25 | 10am | 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: **Tuesday, May 20** at 2pm

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

STL Association Spring Fellowship Gathering Trivia Night

Friday, April 25 | Doors open 6:15pm; Trivia starts 7pm | 15370 Olive Blvd.

Let's gather a group of 8. Cost is \$20 per person. Scan the QR code to register. There will be ten rounds of ten questions. The Association will provide: water, lemonade, soft drinks, and popcorn. We can decorate our table to celebrate something special about our church. We'll want to bring a basket to sell in the silent auction. Some suggestions could be: food items, tickets to any of the St. Louis sports teams, vacation homes, special gifts like a catered dinner, a meal with the Conference Minister etc.



This event is intended to raise funds to support our contributions to Mission Partners, Members in Discernment and our Committees on Ministry.

We're looking for someone to take the lead on this, so if you're willing to help, or for more questions, contact Kevin Cameron at **kevin@parkwayucc.org**

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** 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.

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**;
Barb - **barbharris@charter.net** or Gabriel - **gabriel@Parkwayucc.org**

PRAYERS for MYANMAR AFTER EARTHQUAKE *by Maren Tirabassi*

God, you who are never in the earthquake, the wind or the fire.

Walk through the broken places in Myanmar.

Guide those in these last viable hours
of searching for survivors,
and encourage those who have travelled
from their homelands to help.

Tenderly hold those who mourn, each in their own faith,
bring comfort to the grieving and hope to those who wait for rescue.

Be with those who care for the injured,
and those who wait for news.
Bring all the world's resources
in persons and money
to the repairing and rebuilding,
the feeding and clothing,
the sheltering of those lost or homeless.

Be present with those impacted
in Bangkok, Thailand,
and those who are fearful of another temblor,
or terrible news.

Ease trauma and may kindness
be the deepest root that cannot be torn,
and help clear the way
for all hands, all feet, all hearts. Amen

Prayer List

Wednesday, April 1, 2025

Celebrations

The Lenten Journey: *Traveling with Jesus.*

Trans Day of Visibility - March 31 annually.

Eid al-Fitr - holy days of celebration at end of Ramadan this week.

Bethany & Ricky - first child due now (Grandmas Jackie & Marion).

Concerns

Randy and Karla Beck - in rehab after surgery on his broken leg.

Jack and Peggy Sieber - healing of his hip fracture; home from rehab.

Jo Grove - healing after a fall that resulted in stitches and bruised ribs.

Lori and Dan Connors - her broken shoulder blade and eye surgery.

Vicki Cathey - back surgery April 1 (sister-in-law of John/Joyce Ruiz).

Family and friends of **Larry Allen** - died by suicide last week (Ferrell).

Craig Hoffman - career Navy officer receiving hospice care (Svenson).

Mark and Phyllis Rogers - prep for move to Belize (Mike's brother).

The grief and resilience of **Myanmar and Thailand** after *earthquake*.*

Continued chaos and grief in the Middle East.

The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.

Continuing

Herpels, Siebers, Kleins, Waites, Haggards - grieving loved ones.

Kathleen Tarr - healing after recent foot surgery - making progress.

Keith Borgmann - continuing to gain strength after illness.

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

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

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).

Bob - recuperating at home after multiple surgeries (Tarr).

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 - recent discharge from hospice; 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.

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]

Gladys 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.

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

All who depend on USAID programs that have been eliminated.

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. Some in our church family also need help getting to worship. Please let kevin@parkwayucc.org know you are willing to help and you'll be added to the list of potential drivers. Thx!

Holy Week at Parkway: April 13-20, 2025

Palm Sunday in the Sanctuary at 10am

Come wave your palms and place them in the cross as we feel the emotions of the day Jesus comes into the city to celebrate Passover. There is excitement among the people because of all the ways that Jesus spoke of love, fed and healed people and gave them hope.

There is also suspicion and fear among the leaders as Jesus was turning things upside down.

How does Jesus enter the city and what might his state of mind be as he arrives? How will we accompany him today and this week?

Monday Walk

Travel the Mercy Center Labyrinth anytime that works for you on Monday – dawn to dusk. Raining? BYOU (umbrella).

This ancient ritual can be enlightening and encouraging for our faith walk.

The Mercy Center is at 2039 N Geyer Rd 63131. Drive up the hill into the main parking lot and park on the far right. Look to the right - across the clearing - to see the Labyrinth. There is also a labyrinth next to church on the edge of our property with Missouri Baptist Hospital. Walk the natural incline at the northwest corner of our front parking lot... or drive Jennifer Lane to our lower lot (ask us if this is a mystery to you).

Text Tuesday

Send us a photo via kevin@parkwayucc.org or text (314-330-0629) of a place that has filled your spirit. Describe this place and your feelings/thoughts about it. Let us know if you are okay with us sharing your photo and ponderings on the church's Facebook page or Instagram – better yet, feel free to post it there yourself.

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

https://www.instagram.com/parkwayucc_stl/

Prayer Partner on Wednesday

Drop-in between 9am-12pm to the Prayer Corner of the Sanctuary. If someone is here with Kevin, please wait in the Gathering Space for them to come out. If this time doesn't work for you, reach out to make other arrangements with kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Maundy Thursday Worship in the Sanctuary at 7pm

Maundy comes from the root word of command and mandate – Jesus tells us to love one another. It's like he knows we are in the *Show Me State* when he embodies this commitment in foot washing and in communion.

His love transforms. Jesus leads the way to faithful living.

How do we continue to feel this intimate connection?

We will celebrate communion and bless one another's traveling shoes.

Good Friday Prayer Service in the Historic Sanctuary across the street at noon. Come to this sacred space where we will observe silence, sing and pray together. We will go with Jesus to the cross. This is a more contemplative experience.

Good Friday Evening Worship in the Sanctuary at 7pm
Join us this dark night at the cross.

How did we get here? What are we able to see?

Add a nail to the cross at the start of the service as we recognize that we are complicit.

Remove a nail at the end of the service as we feel our own power to create a different future.

36 Hour Prayer Vigil from Good Friday evening through Easter morning. Sign up to take one of the hours as we observe this time alone and together.



Learn more and sign up using this QR code -

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6am in Elm Lawn Cemetery (behind the Historic Sanctuary).

We will feel the son rise and the sun rise together.

What were the women thinking as they went to the tomb with their spices, fears and prayers? What do they do after this remarkable resurrection experience?

Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary at 10am.... followed by the Easter Egg Hunt.

Our long journey of Lent and Holy Week brings us to this splendid surprise. Pick up a flower as you enter the sanctuary and place it in the cross where the palms and nails were during the week.

We have been traveling with Jesus every step of the way.
Where will he go next?
Where will we go?

++ All worship services are in person and on YouTube Live.