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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 Opportunities

If you would like to volunteer to be a lay reader, offer flowers, or provide treats after worship 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://warmlines.org/warmdir.html>

## Birthdays

4/19 Cameron Carter

4/19 Carol Russell

4/23 Warren Biest

4/23 Dana Delibovi

4/23 Clara Zander

4/25 Matthias Gwyn

4/26 Richard Scherrer

## Anniversaries

4/25 Laura & Phil Waite

# Maundy Thursday: At the Table

Thursday, April 17, 2025 | 7:00pm | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

**Meditation** There is a whole world at your feet. ~Mary Poppins

**Prelude** *Bist Du Bei Mir* from Anna Magdalena's Notebook

**Going to the Upper Room** Luke 22: 7-13

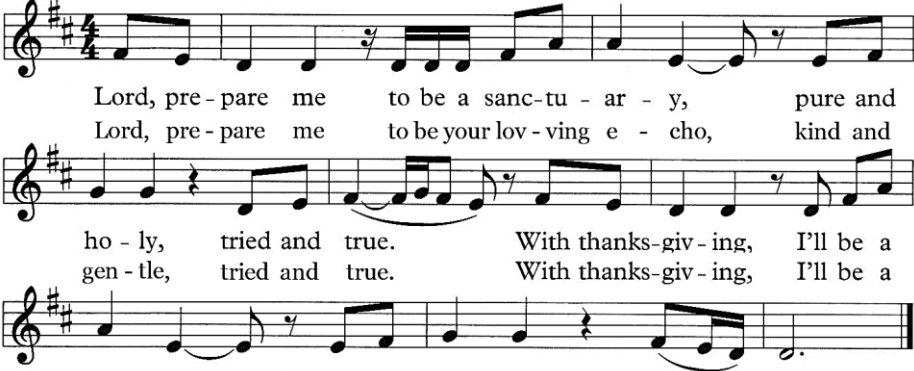
It was the day of Unleavened Bread. Jesus sent Peter and John – “Go and prepare the Passover meal for us.” They asked him, “Where do you want us to make preparations for it?”

“Listen,” he said to them, “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks you, ‘Where is the guest room, where I may eat Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.’

So, they went and found everything as Jesus had said.

**Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell**

**Gathering 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.

**Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ**

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

## \*Call to Worship

One: Remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.

**Many: We are here to recall the celebration of the Passover.**

One: Remember the Passover not for its gory details, but for its focus on family, faith, freedom and festival.

**Many: We are here to feel the nurture and encouragement of Jesus—no matter what.**

One: Remember the humble and holy ways the Spirit of love washed over the disciples.

**Many: We are here to receive blessing beyond measure and to commit ourselves again to following in the loving ways of Jesus - which weave us together into a tapestry of belonging.**

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

## Lenten Candles

We lit seven candles on Ash Wednesday as we embarked on this Lenten journey. We wanted the light of the Holy to illumine our path as we sought to be the words and ways of Jesus. We committed ourselves to being more infused by the Spirit as we traveled. Even as we knew this was good and important work, we recognized that it wasn't easy - and that we would come upon the shadow side of humanity and some of our own unique darkness.

We have extinguished one candle each time we've gathered for worship this season, acknowledging that this is tough and exhausting work. As we approach the desertion and depletion of later tonight and of Good Friday, we extinguish this final candle. Even as we do so, we also prepare ourselves for the dawn and love of Easter morning... the light and love that never is gone.

## 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, as a guest in someone else's house, entering/exiting the city or at the table. 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, verses 1-6*



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** Children may remain with their families. The Nursery is not staffed but is open if your child needs a break from worship. You may also feel at home in the Gathering Space just outside the sanctuary.

## **Blessing the Children** *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

**Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world.  
Every child in every land,  
Jesus holds them by the hand.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

## **Remembering the Passover Story** Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Heifer International

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.

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## **Offertory** *Ubi Caritas* by Taize

## **Response**

**Praise God for visions great and small,  
Praise God who calls us one and all,  
Praise God whose Spirit gives new sight,  
Praise God who fills our lives with light. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy One, as we ponder the role of love in our lives, we recognize and give thanks for your love. You first loved us. You love us still. Because of your unconditional love, we are able to see what love looks like, where it is flourishing and where it is absent. Equip us and send us toward one another in love. Amen.**



**Song** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*, v1-2  
**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.**

(Refrain)

**Jesus Is Our Example** John 13:2b-5, 12-15

And during supper, Jesus, knowing that God had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

## **Moment of Silence**

**Reflection** Our Traveling Shoes

**Song** *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*, v3-4

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**All praise to Creator, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one**

(Refrain)



## **Communion Gospel** Mark 14:17-25

When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

## **Invitation to Prayer** *Remember Me*

*(Tune: Though I May Speak)*

Remember me — the God who saves —  
For back in Egypt you were slaves;  
Then by my hand I set you free.  
Now keep my law. Remember me.

Remember me in bread and wine  
Whene'er you share this meal of mine.  
I gave my life to set you free.  
With thanks and praise, remember me.

Remember me in all you do,  
For I'm alive! I walk with you.  
I was, I am, and I shall be.  
O church I love, remember me.

Our God, we hear! We're called and freed!  
Your Spirit gives us memory.  
Now send us out that we may share  
Your love's great story everywhere.

## **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.**

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

**Communion Interlude** *Take and Eat* by Michael Joncas

**Going Out to the Garden** Mark 14:26-31

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

**In the Garden** Mark 14:32-50

Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

## **Departure in Silence**

# 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 [@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](mailto:barbharris@charter.net) or [cynthianouri@gmail.com](mailto:cynthianouri@gmail.com)

## **Easter—Intertwine Style!**

### **Welcome our Jewish and Muslim friends**

This year, we've had a series of experiencing each other's holy days with our Intertwine Interfaith Initiative friends. Some of you have accepted the invitations to share Shabbat at Congregation Shaare Emeth and Iftar dinners breaking the Ramadan fast. Our Jewish and Muslim friends are looking forward to hearing the Easter story of Jesus' resurrection and celebrate the renewal and hope of this new day. And they are very excited for their first egg hunt after the 10am service. Please welcome our friends warmly, answer any questions they may have about the holiday, help them navigate the flow of the morning, and enjoy this special celebration.

## **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.

### **Earth Day**

Saturday, April 26 | 9-11am | Central Park Chesterfield

E-Cycling and Shredding, Textile recycling. In addition, there will be plants, seeds, trees and compost giveaways.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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!

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue

Tuesday, April 22 | 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](mailto:raceh@att.net).

## 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](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org); 314-872-9330

## STL Association UCC Spring Fellowship Gathering Trivia Night

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

So far, we have 4 people at the table. We need 4 more. Cost is \$20 per person.

Scan or click 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 together a "gift card" basket for their silent auction. We ask the congregation to purchase gift cards and get them to Amy Yakel. She can put them together in a basket. Any dollar amount or place is fine. Amy will need the gift cards by **Easter Sunday**.



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

For more questions, contact Amy Yakel at [da\\_yakel@att.net](mailto:da_yakel@att.net)

## Intertwine Interfaith Game Night

### Deepen our interfaith friendships

Saturday, May 3 | 6-8pm | Fellowship Hall

We will have all kinds of games available to pick up and play with others at round tables in our Fellowship Hall - including *chess*, *checkers*, *Uno*, *Operation*, *Sorry*, *Chutes and Ladders*, *Clue*, *Pictionary*. There will be

*backgammon* and *mahjonn* lessons for beginners. There will be some fun group games and some rounds of *Bingo* for everyone - yes, PRIZES! Learn how to make balloon animals and juggle. The popcorn machine will be on, and we will have water, lemonade, coffee and tea. Please consider bringing halal and kosher treats to share. No RSVP needed. Just come! Questions? Contact [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

### **Be a Buddy! Special Olympics Spring Games**

Saturday, May 3 | 8:15am-3pm | Westminster Academy

This is one of the most rewarding volunteer jobs of all time! You will be paired directly with 1-2 athletes. You are required to spend the entire day together, accompanying them to each of their events to ensure they are on time and cheer for them as they compete, eat lunch together and visit Victory Village. Note: Due to the nature of this job you must be over the age of 16 (or directly accompanied by someone who is) and must be able to commit to this job for the entire day or until your athlete leaves. PUC is gathering half a dozen volunteers to join Kevin as a BUDDY! Click or scan the QR code to register.



For more info or need help registering, contact Kevin Cameron at [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

### **Spring Family Friendship Potluck – Sunday, May 4**

For families with children, you are invited to a Friendship Potluck on Sunday, May 4. After service, we will head to the church playground where the kids can run around and play while the parents relax, get to know each other and enjoy the day! If it rains, we'll move indoors to the Fellowship Hall. Bring the entire family and a dish to share! Please RSVP to Cindy Wessel or Kathy Burcham. Cindy Wessel [cindywessel@yahoo.com](mailto:cindywessel@yahoo.com)  
Kathy Burcham [kathleenburcham@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathleenburcham@sbcglobal.net)

For those who signed up for the Spring Friendship Dinners, the dinner hosts have been given the list of their guests. Guests will be contacted by their host to plan the dinner.

### **'Stadium Scare' Escape Room for PUC Teens**

Sunday, May 4 | 2:30-5pm | Mastermind Escape Room

Calling all middle schoolers and high schoolers to an Escape Room adventure! *During a sold out game at Busch Stadium, a maniacal character takes you and your friends hostage. He locks you in the bowels of the stadium and tells you a string of bombs will detonate in 1 hour if not disarmed by your team. To quench his thirst for twisted entertainment, he tells you where to start but not exactly how to turn them off.*

We will meet at church at 2:30pm before heading out.

Questions? Contact [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

Click or scan QR code to register. Cost is \$10 per person.

(Let us know if finances would hinder your participation.)



## Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – May 6

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 Zoom on May 6, May 20, and June 3 for discussion of the book *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. At each meeting we'll gather at 1:45 on Zoom to check in with each other and get to know each other better, and then discuss the book in thirds, one third of the book at each meeting. This is the second Lisa See novel that TAD has read. The author accurately provides historical detail and context, and tells a fascinating story in each book that she writes. From the book jacket, this historical fiction book, set on the Korean Island of Jeju, follows two girls from very different backgrounds as they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective in the 1930s. The book spans wars and generations. After hundreds of dives and years of friendship, forces outside their control will push their relationship to the breaking point. This beautiful, thoughtful novel illuminates a unique and unforgettable culture, one where the women are in charge, engaging in dangerous physical work, and the men take care of the children.

For more info, please contact Jackie Eiffert [jeiffert2@gmail.com](mailto:jeiffert2@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, May 24: PJs and a Rom-Com in the Heritage Room 6pm.

Bring a snack to share! Movie TBA

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

## SAVE THE DATE: Habitat for Humanity Project—July 12

Parkway UCC is doing our annual Habitat for Humanity housing building project on Saturday, July 12. More info to come. Donate to the STL Habitat for Humanity at <https://www.habitatstl.org/donate/>. For more info, or if you'd like to be on the 7/12 crew, contact Tom at [mckenzie1947@att.net](mailto:mckenzie1947@att.net)

## April Eco Stewards News The Importance of Native Plants

Everyone can do something small to help our planet. Do you know that insect populations have declined by about 45% in just the last 40 years? You may ask yourself why does this matter? I don't even like bugs! Insects are the foundation of our food chain. They feed the birds and other animals and pollinate our crops and flowers. We all depend on insects for our food.

Many insects are specialists, their caterpillars have evolved to feed on specific plants. They will die if they don't have those plants. An example is the Monarch Butterfly caterpillar which can only eat milkweed.

Unfortunately, many of the plants in our yards are not native, they are imported. Insects native to this area are unable to feed and reproduce on plants from other countries. You may have a yard full of flowering plants but if the plants aren't from this region your yard is a food desert for our insects.



One simple thing you can do to help the insects is to plant a flower, tree or bush that is native to our area. Did you know that one white oak tree can support 537 moth and butterfly species?

Every native plant helps. If you don't have room for a garden or tree you can still help by planting a native plant in a pot on a patio. Even a simple act can have great benefits.

If you would like to learn more about native plants, please contact one of our Eco Stewards. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have. By Julie Harms. For more info, email Polly Rutherford at **pollyrutherford@gmail.com**

## **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**

# Prayer List

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

## Celebrations

**The Lent/Holy Week/Easter Journey:** *Traveling with Jesus.*

**Martha Jean Smith** - new great-granddaughter for Charlotte Smith.

**Estela Margarita Dávila** born April 7 to Bethany Eiffert & Enrique Dávila -  
- grandmother Jackie Eiffert; great-grandma Marion Pleis.

## Concerns

**Kathleen Tarr** - home after hospitalization for flu and asthma flare up.

**Marion Pleis** - on the mend after fall; resting; sore but nothing broken.

**Bill and Kathy Hilgeman** - healing from his pneumonia.

**John and Dottie Dwyer** - as he continues medical tests and consults.

**Randy and Karla Beck** - in rehab for his leg; finally home this week.

**Family/friends of Mary Adkins** grieving/giving thanks for her.

**Vicki** - healing after back surgery (sister-in-law of John/Joyce Ruiz).

**Mark McKenzie** - for healing, clarity, refreshment (Tom's brother).

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

**Rev Mark Boyea** (Sanibel UCC) - cancer tx after Easter (Svenson).

**Emily Sheldon and family** on the death of her grandmother (Haack).

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

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

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

**Herpel, Sieber, Klein, Waite, Haggard, Rosenberger** - grieving.

**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).

**John Ruiz's oldest brother and wife** - 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).

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

**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.

**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]

**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.

**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. You will be added to the list of potential drivers and will receive an email once we have a request for a ride.

## In Search of Wheels

Due to suddenly losing their car in a wreck, a PUCC family is looking to buy a used car or SUV. If you know of someone who is selling a vehicle, please let kevin@parkwayucc.org and he will make a connection.

## **Holy Week at Parkway: April 13-20, 2025**

**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.