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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 Dan Connors.

Flowers given by Kari and Keith Borgmann in celebration of their anniversary.

Treats after worship provided by Marsha Peek.

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

5/29 Aliyah Wiegers

5/29 Tom McKenzie

5/31 Karla Shelton

5/31 Jo Grove

Anniversaries

5/25 Brenda & Douglas Sperry

5/30 Kari & Keith Borgmann

5/30 Andy & Sharon Lowenthal

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 25, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Prelude *"Amazing Grace" March*

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation For Jesus, there are no countries to be conquered, no ideologies to be imposed, no people to be dominated. There are only children, women and men to be loved. ~Henri Nouwen

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 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Peace*

We will walk with each other, we will walk 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

And they'll know we are Christians by our peace, by our peace

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our peace.

Scripture Psalm 67 | Inclusive Language Psalter

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of their countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us their blessing. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of God.

***Call to Worship**

One:	We come to this place seeking God the Creator.
Many:	We experience the beauty, wonder and awe of creation.
One:	We come to this place seeking God in Jesus.
Many:	We hear his stories, see him in action and model ourselves after his words and ways.
One:	We come to this place seeking God in the Spirit.
Many:	We are open and available to the stirrings, imagination and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** #2171—*Make Me A Channel of Your Peace* | Blue Songbook



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. _____ Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. _____ Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, _____ in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, _____ and
 there is dark-ness, _____ on-ly light, _____ and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, _____ and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you. _____
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy. _____
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life. _____



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek _____ so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole. _____ To be



un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, _____ to be



loved as to love with all my soul. _____

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One, I carry your love deep inside of me and want to express it in my words and actions. I want to be like salve and sweetness for those in pain. I feel the call to forgive and unburden others and myself. I set aside my need to control and learn to trust you each day. I claim hope as the way forward, like a lamp in any darkness. I allow joy to wash over me and pour out of me to those around me. Use me to multiply peace. Amen.

***Response** #322—*Spirit of the Living God* | Red Hymnal

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

Children's Time For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 01 (upper level) where one of our teachers will meet them at the door. Children and youth will gather in Room 13 (lower level) for the Opening Session. Children from age 3 to 5th grade will then go to Room 12, and youth from 6th to 12th grade will go to Room 15. For children in Room 01, parents please pick them up after worship. Children and youth from age 3 thru high school can be met in the Gathering Space just outside the Sanctuary after worship, as the teachers will bring them back upstairs after class.

Blessing the Children #368—*Peace Like a River* | Red Hymnal, v1 and 3

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
In-a my soul. Repeat.

I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
In-a my soul. Repeat.

Scripture John 14:23-29 | New Revised Standard Version (NRSVUE)

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and God will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from God who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to God because God is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe."

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer #438—It is Well with My Soul | New Century Hymnal, v1



1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: It is
bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

[A variety of names for God are welcome here – including in the Lord's Prayer.]

Offering Our Gifts to God



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

Offering Interlude *I've Got Peace Like a River*

*Response #677—*Let There Be Peace on Earth* | Chalice Hymnal



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me;



let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.



With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we.



Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.



Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.



With ev - ery step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:



to take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

*Prayer of Dedication Jack Knox

Holy One, walk with us as we answer your call to be peacemakers. Increase our compassion, generosity and hospitality for all of your children and all of creation. Give us courage, patience, serenity, self-honesty and gentleness of spirit in a world of turmoil and possibility. Amen.

Recognition of Member in Discernment—Gabriel Requadt

Association Representative:	Welcome to this occasion. As we welcome into formal status with the Association members of our local churches who have committed to intentional discernment, seeking specific preparation and continuing formation, to be equipped and later examined for the possibility of entering the ordained ministry in and on behalf of the United Church of Christ.
Local Church Pastor:	Parkway United Church of Christ, upon reflecting on the gifts we have noticed in the life of Gabriel Requadt, requests formal Member in Discernment status be granted for this candidate from our Saint Louis Association. Our congregation has created a Discernment Committee to journey with Gabriel, and we will serve as full partners with the Saint Louis Association in their exploration of his call to ministry.
Association Representative:	We celebrate the action of your Local Church to recommend you. We affirm the action of the Committee on Ministry to receive you as a Member in Discernment. The United Church of Christ desires that all who come to be ordained will have been nurtured by Christ's church in our midst, and assessed by the measure of wisdom we can attain together. Therefore, this Association, through the Committee on Ministry and with the help of advisors and mentors, promises to assist you in your pilgrimage of learning to come.
Promises	
Association Representative:	On behalf of the Local Church, do you add your commitment to encourage this Member in Discernment, to pray for him and to nurture and support him, in preparation for whatever path his life unfolds?
Member of Local Church Discernment Committee:	We promise to support this member's journey of discernment through prayer, encouragement, through meeting together, and listening together to God's call.
Association Representative	As Advisor of a Member in Discernment in this Association, do you add your commitment to maintain regular contact with him, to support his discernment, and to communicate with the Committee on Ministry at regular intervals?
Advisor:	I do (on behalf of Rev. Sarah McCann).
Association Representative:	As a Member in Discernment with this Association, do you promise to seek its guidance, to receive its support, and to communicate regularly with the Committee on Ministry and with your advisor?
Member in Discernment:	I do.

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

Tuesday Evening Dialogue – May 27

Tuesday, May 27 | 6-8pm | Heritage Room

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us in person or on ZOOM as we read and discuss our new book entitled *Anxious People* by Frederic Bachman. It is described as an “endlessly entertaining mood-booster” and who doesn’t need that these days? Starting out at a real estate open house where a failed bank robber takes a group of strangers hostage. Each of them carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions that are ready to boil over. And all of them—the bank robber included—desperately crave some sort of rescue. As the authorities and the media surround the premises, these reluctant allies will reveal surprising truths about themselves and set in motion a chain of events so unexpected that even they can hardly explain what happens next. The story demonstrates the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness, and hope can save us—even in the most anxious of times.

We will discuss this book in one final session on May 27.

Bring a dish to share for our potluck and join us for our next conversation! Newcomers are always welcome!

For questions, please contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net.

LGBTQ+ May Newsletter “I Have Fought the Good Fight” By Deb Reinhardt

As Missouri ends its 2025 General Assembly, the quote from 2 Timothy 4:7 is in my mind (“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”) It’s been a hard legislative session for LGBTQ+ Missourians and advocates. I write this ahead of May 16, the final day of a session where more than 70 anti-LGBTQ+ bills were filed, and — remarkably — only four remain critical threats in the final days. These include HJR73, a bill intended to overturn Missouri’s newly enshrined right to safe, legal abortions; supporters at the last stretch tacked on a clause to permanently ban medical treatment for transgender youth. PROMO Missouri is actively defending against this, as well as SB160, SB10 and HB567.

Unfortunately, Republic senators in Jefferson City approved legislation (HB567) to take back paid sick leave for hundreds of thousands of Missouri workers. The abortion/gender affirming health care ban (HJR73) will be on the November 2026 ballot, unless the governor decides to hold a vote sooner, according to the Missouri Independent.

But the work to make Missouri a more equitable place continues after legislators return to their districts. This month, our church welcomed part of the PROMO team offering space to conduct important training for a deep canvassing initiative on which the agency will embark later this year. Trained canvassers will knock on doors in selected neighborhoods to engage in conversations about policies affecting LGBTQ+ people. Through the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance and the LGBTQ+ Outreach Activity Ministry, we helped to recruit volunteers for these training interviews. PUCC will be the “home base” for these deep canvassing Saturdays on May 31, June 21 and June 28. Please watch for opportunities to support the canvassers and get involved.

Finally, I encourage you to take a moment and send a hand-written thank you note to PROMO in these last days of May or the first week of June. Let them know you appreciate their hard work to protect the rights of LGBTQ+ Missourians and to make our state a more equitable place. Address your cards to: Katy Erker-Lynch (executive director), PROMO Missouri, 2200 Gravois Ave., suite #201, St. Louis 63104. Let Katy and their team know you are from Parkway UCC. Want to get more involved? Check out volunteering opportunities.

Advocacy for our LGBTQ+ siblings can take many forms — from a note of encouragement or a hug to standing in solidarity at protests or speaking truth to power in front of legislators. May the Spirit nudge you in the direction she knows is best. Remember that you do not go alone.

Bread for the World Opportunities for Activism

Join the Offering of Letters Team: Our annual Offering of Letters event will be next Sunday, June 1 when our congregation will write to Congress together to protect nutrition programs. Be part of our team helping folks write letters.

Attend the 50th Bread for the World Summit in Washington

DC: Travel to DC for a profound experience June 9-11, including inspiration, training, and lobbying offices of your members of Congress! Meet Bread volunteers and organizers from around the U.S. speaking out against hunger. Visit <https://www.bread.org/advocacy-summit/> for the summit schedule, lodging info, and registration. If finances are a barrier, we have some resources to assist, so please reach out to Cynthia.

To get more info or join the team, contact Cynthia Changyit Levin at changyit@icloud.com

Giving Thanks for Julie Connors, Nursery Care Provider

Join us next Sunday after worship as we thank Julie for caring for the youngest in our PUCC family for the last ten years!

She said, “I have watched so many kids grow up. I have been here through many life stages myself and watched myself grow as a person. I have decided it is time for me to go, but I will not be gone far. I plan on still attending church events as this place is a great and accepting community.”

Come add your gratitude, best wishes and blessings next Sunday.

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – June 3

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

PUCC ANNUAL MEETING: Leadership

This serves as an official call to our Annual Meeting: Leadership that will take place at the end of the worship service on Sunday, June 8 in the sanctuary. We will elect new Council and Commission members and talk about where we have been and where are headed.

Copies of the slate of candidates for elected positions are on the table by the couches in the Gathering Space.

AWOL - Adventurous Women Out Late 2025

Come build relationships with other PUCCers.

Hey ladies! We are looking at our summer plans! Ideas? Just send me what you'd like to do! I am hoping to add some old and new things.

UP NEXT: **Saturday afternoon, June 14:** Van Gogh's Roses and Peonie: Pinot's Palette Painting Party! Join us for an afternoon of painting and conversing. Whether you have participated in this kind of event before or not, whether you fancy yourself an artist or not, please consider being a part of this bonding opportunity. Click or scan QR code by **May 25** to register. Carpool from church at 2:15pm. \$40 each. BYOB and snack to share at our table.



Friday, July 18: AWOL to Evita at the MUNY. Evita is a musical with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. It focuses on Argentine political leader Eva Perón, the second wife of Argentine president Juan Perón. The story follows Evita's early life, rise to power, charity work, and death. This musical is unforgettable. Click or Scan QR code to register.

Question? Contact Carmen Bumgarner at cfbum@charter.net

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Monday, June 16 | 2pm | Panera on Manchester Road in Des Peres

Join us for a beverage and sweet treat. Come connect!

No need to RSVP - just show up!

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday, July 16 at 10am;

Friday, August 22 at 2pm;

Wednesday, September 24 at 2pm

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

Prayer Corner: an opportunity to pray with someone

Wednesday, June 18 | 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.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday, June 18 from 2-4pm;

Tuesday, July 29 from 6-8pm;

Saturday, August 16 from 7-9am;

Monday, September 22 from 4-6pm

We can arrange a phone call or Zoom for another time if you'd like. Just reach out to **kevin@parkwayucc.org**

Sunday School Teacher Workshop – You're Invited!

Sunday, June 22 | 11:15am-12:15pm | Room 12 (Children's Ministry Room)

Do you love working with kids or have a heart for teaching? Or maybe you've been looking for a way to get more involved in church life? We'd love to invite you to a **Sunday School Teacher Workshop**.

Whether you're a seasoned teacher or just curious about what it's like, this workshop will give you a behind-the-scenes look at:

- How to prepare and teach a Sunday School lesson
- Ways to connect with and engage children
- Tips for managing classroom behavior
- What kind of time commitment is involved

Plus—free lunch is provided!

Come learn, ask questions, and see if this joyful ministry might be the right fit for you. We hope to see you there! If you're interested in coming, please contact Gabriel Requadt at **gabriel@parkwayucc.org**

NIGHT AT THE MUNY "Come From Away"

Thursday, June 27 | 7-10:30pm | The Muny Opera, Forest Park

When the world stopped on 9/11, kindness soared in an isolated Canadian town. In *Come From Away*, a breathtaking musical based on a remarkable true story, 38 commercial flights from around the globe are diverted for days to tiny Gander, Newfoundland. Unfazed by the arrival of nearly 7,000 surprise guests, the residents provide light in a dark time, welcoming the stranded travelers with music, an open bar and hope. A Muny premiere!

Join us for a special evening at the Muny in Forest Park to see the award-winning musical ***Come From Away!*** Experience this powerful story of kindness and connection under the stars with fellow Parkway attendees.



Cost: \$13.60 per person

Capacity: Limited to 15 participants

Registration is required. Scan or click QR code

Spots are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't miss out on this unforgettable night of theater and community!

Contact Dan Connors for more info at connorsd@aol.com

Loving the Penicos and Eifferts

Saturday, June 28 | 8:30-10:45am | Forest Park - Upper MUNY Parking Lot

Loving the Penicos and Eifferts - The ALS Association Walk! Every 90 minutes a person in this country is diagnosed with ALS and every 90 minutes another person will lose their battle against this disease. ALS occurs throughout the world with no racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic boundaries. That's why we're participating in the Walk to Defeat ALS. To bring hope. To raise awareness. To provide resources and services to families free of charge. To help unlock the mystery of ALS and find the key to treatments and a cure. Will you join us? Please consider walking on our team and/or making a financial contribution in June. Scan or click QR code to register for the walk - "PUCC - Loving the Penicos and Eifferts" is our team name. Registration begins at 8:30am; Walk starts at 10am It is fun to hang out together in the shade before the walk begins.



Parkway UCC Day with Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, July 12 | 7:45am-3:30pm | Metro Saint Louis



Parkway UCC is doing our annual Habitat for Humanity housing building project on Saturday, July 12. Help build a home for a family who would not be able to purchase one otherwise. Clients purchase the home. This is not a giveaway. You can scan or click on QR code to register. Tom McKenzie will then reach out to you with next steps.

Donate to the STL Habitat for Humanity at

<https://www.habitatstl.org/donate/>. For more info, contact Tom McKenzie at mckenzie1947@att.net

SAVE THE DATE: Youth Mission Experience – July 20-24

Pickup a flier today in the Gathering Space or from gabriel@parkwayucc.org
God is doing a new thing—and you're invited to be part of it!

We're serving our city, community, and church through hands-on projects, powerful speakers, and meaningful fun. Stay local. Serve big. Opportunities to do a sleepover at the church. Invite a friend!



Open to all youth (even part-time!) Ends with PUCC Night at Cardinals Game! \$25 registration due by June 1. Click or scan QR code to register.

Questions or need help with cost? Email gabriel@parkwayucc.org

ADULTS – WE NEED YOU TOO! Want to help or chaperone? Let us know! Let's make this a week to remember.

Please Sign Up to Bring Sunday Snacks

If you love having treats after the church service, the **Sunday Serving - Treats Group** (listed in One Church) would love for you to sign up to bring treats. At our Town Hall Meeting last summer, quite a few church participants requested that we have snacks after church, like we did before COVID. PUCCers love their snacks. Instructions: Please bring about 50 bite-size treats such as muffins, donut holes, brownies, cookies, fruit, or a combination. Simple, purchased rather than homemade, is fine. We want this to be easy. You can bring the items on plates, trays, or in their containers. Please give leftovers away or take them home on Sunday after people are finished with the snacks. Log in to One Church, our church software, to sign up. If you need help with One Church or signing up for treats, please contact Gabriel gabriel@parkwayucc.org 314-872-9330 ext. 101, or Cindy Nouri cynthianouri@gmail.com who are happy to help.

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, May 21, 2025

Celebrations

Graduates of all shapes and sizes!

Memorial Day - remembering those who died in active military service.

Concerns

Paige Penico and Family - as they grieve and give thanks for Steve.

<https://www.schrader.com/obituary/stephen-steve-penico>

Cliff Saxton and family - as they grieve and give thanks for Gail.

John and Dottie Dwyer - his hospitalization for tests & med changes.

Avery (granddaughter of the Borgmanns) - healing after leg surgery.

Ongoing chaos and grief in the Middle East.

The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.

Storm Relief St Louis UCC - two of our churches have been damaged

<https://missourimidsouth.org/2025-st-louis-disaster-relief>

Ways to help our StL neighbors - <https://www.stlmag.com/news/st-louis-tornado-relief-ways-to-help/>

Continuing

Bill and Kathy Hilgeman - as he maneuvers medical challenges.

Keith Borgmann - continuing to gain strength after illness and surgery

Randy and Karla Beck - healing after his recent leg surgery and rehab.

Cathy and Rick Hasler - both in midst of health challenges, treatment

Sally Dodge - grieving/giving thanks for her sister & brother-in-law.

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

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

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

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

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

Danny Venverlo - awaiting a kidney transplant (McDougall).

Aunt Carlene Buenger - recovering in rehab (Lori Connors).

Pam and David - divorcing after 55 years of marriage (Akers).

Sharon and Chuck - a variety of health issues (Gerry Rogers' cousins).

Rev Mark Boyea (Sanibel UCC) - cancer treatments (Svenson).

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

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

Kari Borgmann - her mom celebrated her 101st birthday on 05/11/25.

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]

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, PUCCers 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 know and he will make a connection.

LAST WEEK In Sunday School

A major disagreement arises in the early church, so the apostles gather together to discuss it and come to an agreement. This is the first church council (Acts 15:1-18).

TODAY In Sunday School

In a letter, Paul calls out Peter for giving into pressure on how to interact with Gentiles. He proclaims that a relationship with God comes from trusting Jesus, not what we do (Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21).

THE POINT

God loves us no matter what.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

The Letters (or Epistles) in the Bible, share a basic structure. The beginning includes a sender and recipient, a greeting, and thanksgiving. The body has a thesis statement (point) and includes advice on what to believe and how to live. The letter concludes with a closing prayer.

PRACTICE: Fellowship

What do we believe? Professing a common belief and being true to that belief unites Christians in fellowship. Relationships are built with other believers around the world and across time. Find a copy of the Apostles' Creed online and practice reciting it as a family. You may even want to create your own family creed: what do you believe about God? Write it down and post it where you will be able to use it together.

STORY SUMMARY

When Peter visits Paul in Antioch, Peter lives his commitment that following the Jewish law is not necessary in a life of faith by eating with the Gentiles. However, when a group of conservative Jewish-Christian leaders arrive, Peter falls back into old habits and distances himself from the gentile believers. Soon, others begin to follow Peter's example. Paul calls Peter out on his hypocrisy—publicly—reminding him that what is critical is trusting that God's grace is enough. Acting like the Jewish rules and customs are more important—and leading others to do so—denies the freedom we are given through Jesus' death and resurrection.

NEXT WEEK In Sunday School

Paul continues writing to the Galatians that they become right with God based on faith, not what they do. He declares that everyone is united in Jesus Christ with no divisions (Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29).

GOING DEEPER

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? Consider the following basic pattern as a way of forming family devotions:

- ❖ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time." Pray a simple prayer together.
- ❖ Take a moment to check in with each other; what are each person's "highs" and "lows" today?
- ❖ Read aloud from the Daily Bible Readings from below. Discuss the questions following each.
- ❖ End with a blessing, by simply tracing a cross on each other's forehead. The Lord's Prayer is a good way to end your devotion time. If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotions.

Note: This is only a suggested pattern. It will vary with your household's context and patterns. What works best for you? First thing in the morning? Over breakfast? Bedtime? Be creative and flexible with how you practice and keep your devotions!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY: Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

Paul confronts Peter about his behavior. How do you feel about someone whose words do not match their actions?

MONDAY: Galatians 1:1-12

Paul, referring to himself as a "servant of Christ," challenges believers who are not true to the faith. What are ways that you can live according to the gospel?

TUESDAY: Galatians 1:18-24

Paul's apostleship takes him to churches around the Roman Empire, leading others to faith. Why did Paul's reputation lead others to faith?

WEDNESDAY: Acts 11:1-18

Peter reports to the church in Jerusalem, and continues the conversation of law and gospel. How does Peter explain his behavior when church leaders challenge him?

THURSDAY: Romans 3:21-31

Righteousness is found only through faith because we have all sinned. What does it mean for a person to be justified by faith and not by works?

FRIDAY: 2 Peter 3:14-16

As Peter closes this letter, he speaks of Paul's wisdom. What are ways that you can "strive to be at peace with others?"

SATURDAY: Acts 28:23-28

Paul preaches in Rome. Have you ever tried to tell someone about your faith and have them not understand? How did you react?