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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 Miliam.

Flowers given by Cynthia Changyit Levin in celebration of the advocacy work of Bread for the World.

Treats after worship provided by Kevin Cameron.

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

6/2 Carmen Bumgarner

6/2 Abby Sperry

6/3 Joy Walker

6/4 Amanda McDougall

6/5 Doug Dischinger

6/5 Paige Bruggemann

6/5 Chad Miller

6/7 Sally Dischinger

6/7 Paul Stohr

Anniversaries

6/3 Dottie & John Dwyer

6/5 Diane & Kent Tallyn

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, June 1, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Prelude *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Introduction and Conclusion by David Ibinaiye from *Toccata on Diademata*

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Without proper nutrition, children and communities face developmental challenges, lost productivity, healthcare strain, and instability.
~ *Bread for the World*

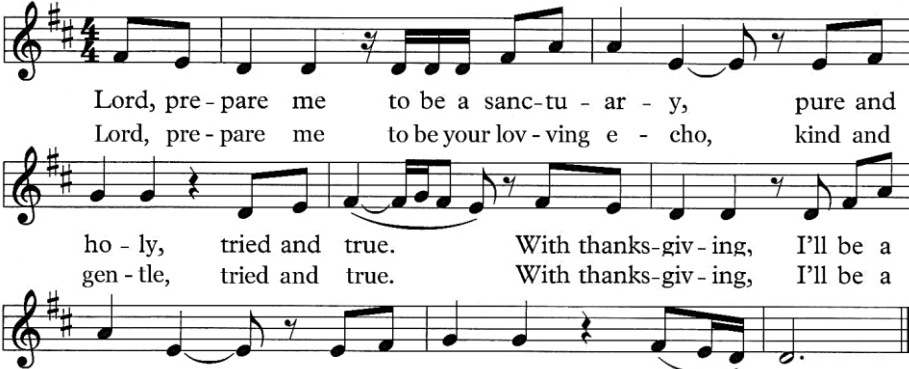
Passing the Peace of Christ

“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 2164—*Sanctuary* | *Blue Songbook*



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
Lord, pre - pare me to be your lov - ing e - cho, kind and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
gen - tle, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

Scripture

Micah 6:8

God has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you: *to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.*

Proverbs 31:8-9

Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable. Speak out in order to judge with righteousness and to defend the needy and the poor.

Proverbs 3:27-28

Don't withhold good from someone who deserves it, when it is in your power to do so. Don't say to your neighbor, 'Go and come back; I'll give it to you tomorrow,' when you have it.

Matthew 25:40

Then will come the reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

John 6, selected verses

Andrew said to Jesus, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

***Call to Worship** *Bread for the World*

One:	From the farthest reaches of our world - we hear the call to come and worship.
Many:	We come from the global south, from the lands of the North; we come from East and West to sit in community with each other.
One:	We come as strangers, pilgrims on our way to God’s holy mountain.
Many:	We come as those who are hungry, as those who are fed.
One:	We come as those who are wanting and as those who are filled in abundance.
Many:	We come as friends, co-laborers in the fields of justice, working for the common good of God’s people far and near.
One:	We belong to one another across the globe.
Many:	We seek the common good in one another and seek to meet the needs of all who hunger and thirst.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** *Where Is Bread?*

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

(tune: *Abbott’s Leigh*)

"Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured —
Thousands strong, yet all in need.

"Where is bread?" your people wondered,
Faced with such a crowd to feed.

Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?

One small boy brought food to share.

Taking what he gave, you blessed it;

All were fed, with much to spare.

Where is bread? We know their yearning;
Every day, we wish for more.
God, in time, we're slowly learning:
All we own can make us poor.
Our possessions can possess us,
Leaving hunger deep inside.
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;
At your feast, we're satisfied.

"Where is bread?" the call is rising;
Millions cry who must be fed.
God, your answer seems surprising:
"You, my Church, you give them bread."
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!
Give us bread and help us share it.
Richly blest, may we serve you.

***Opening Prayer** *Bread for the World*


God of love, we gather this day to worship you, to hear your word proclaimed, to pray for our neighbors, near and far, and to offer the gift of our voices and our actions so that children around the world have enough nourishing food that they will thrive. Amen.

***Response** *Spirit of the Living God*

**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 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 9, 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 2233—Where Children Belong | Blue Songbook



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the
wor-ship-ing throng. Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

Offering Our Gifts to God



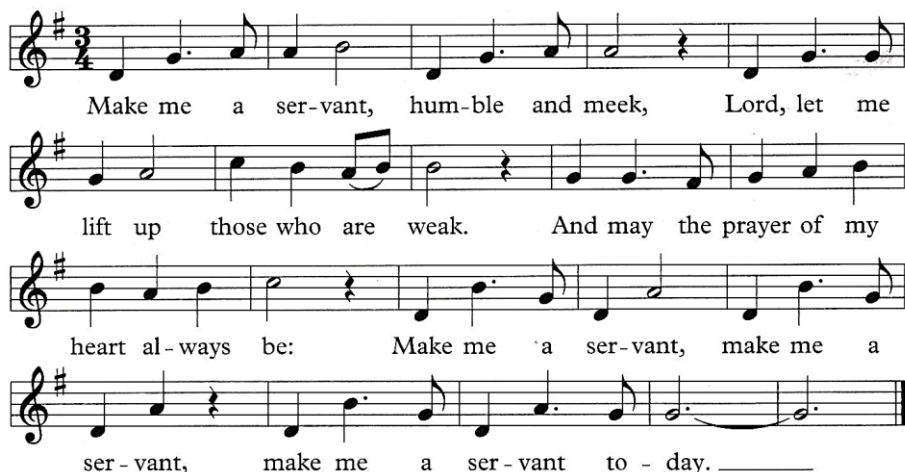
If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate on the stand next to the communion table before the end of the closing hymn. There are offering plates in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary too. Thank you for your generosity.

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First Sunday Choir *Deep River*

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace?
Oh, deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.

*Response 2176—Make Me a Servant | Blue Songbook



Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek, Lord, let me
lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my
heart al-ways be: Make me a ser-vant, make me a
ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to-day. _____

***Prayer of Dedication** United Church of Christ

Holy One, as we move toward our sharing of our simple and sacred sacrament of communion this morning, as we prepare ourselves and one another to eat and drink, it is in the hope that one day, none will know hurt or hunger or hopelessness. We thank you, God, for the opportunity to be fed and for the commission to go forth into the world, seeking to be bearers of your Good News for all people – Good News that is sometimes in the form of bread. Amen.

Scripture Luke 24:44-53 | New Revised Standard Version—NRSV

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what [the Divine] promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Ephesians 1:15-23 | Common English Bible—CEB

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, this is the reason that I don’t stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the [Source] of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God’s call, what is the richness of God’s glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God’s power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God’s powerful strength. God’s power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God’s right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ’s feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Reflections *Bread for the World*

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 *Now the Green Blade Rises*



1. Now the green blade ris - eth, from the bur - ied grain,
2. In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev-ing, or in pain,



wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he nev - er would a - wake a - gain,
Je - sus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Je - sus' touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain



Love is come a - gain, like wheat that spring-eth green.

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** *Bread for the World*

Holy One, we eat and we drink in hope that one day, no one will know hurt or hunger or hopelessness. We thank you, God, for the opportunity to be fed and for the commission to go forth into the world, seeking to be bearers of your Good News for all people - sometimes this Good News being in the form of bread. Amen.

***Song of Parting** *Dream God's Dream*

Dream God's dream! Ho-ly

Spir - it help us dream of a world where there is

jus - tice and where ev - 'ry one is free to

build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -

-nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream.

Last time to Coda



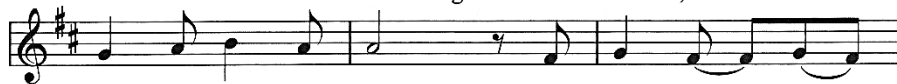
1. I'm dream-ing_ of a world where the col - or of one's
2. I'm dream-ing_ of the call God is of - fer-ing to
3. I'm dream-ing_ of the way that I want my life to



skin will mean less than_ what's with - in the per - son's heart.
me, how to use my_ en - er - gy and my best gifts;
go. I've got hope and_ I've got goals I'd like to meet.



A world where wa - ter's clean and where
to do the work of Christ to say
I'm reach - ing for the stars, but I



air is safe to breathe. And ev - 'ry_ chi - ld
God, please use my life to spread Your_ heal - ing
won't for - get the scars of Christ who_ loved to



born has e - nough to eat. dream.
love and to live Your truth.
show that the dream's for all.

⌂ Coda

***Unison Benediction** *A Hebrew Blessing*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Eternal One. You feed the whole world with your goodness - with grace, with loving kindness, and with tender mercy. You give food to all flesh, for your loving kindness endures forever. Through your great goodness, food has never failed us. O may it not fail us for your name's sake, since you nourish and sustain all living things, and do good to all, and provide food for all your creatures whom you have created. Blessed are You, O Lord, who give food to all. Amen.

***God's Light Goes Forth**

Announcements

***Music for Going Forth** *Nearer My God to Thee*

Inspired by *Ascension* by Randall Standridge

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

Bread for the World Opportunities for Activism

Join us today in the Gathering Space to write hand-written letters urging Congress to protect nutrition programs. These letters will be delivered in person to their Washington D.C. offices when PUCCers Aliyah Holway and Cynthia Changyit Levin attend the 50th Bread for the World Summit and Lobby Day in Washington DC next week.

If you are unable to join in person, use this QR code to send an email using a Bread for the World online tool. Type in "Parkway UCC St Louis, MO" in the last field, so we can track how many messages our church sends.



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 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 today.

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

Adventurous Men Out Early

The men of AMOE gather this **Thursday, June 5**, at 9:15am in the Heritage Room for strong coffee and strong opinions. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Richard Scherrrrer at 90fivetpr@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.

Following the Annual meeting, we invite all members of Commissions, Committees, Teams and Vitality leaders to a lunch in the Fellowship Hall. While enjoying lunch, we hope that you will meet with your leadership group, choose a convener (if required) and set the calendar and goals for the program year. Council members are preparing casseroles, so if you are willing to bring a salad or dessert to share, that would be very much appreciated.

Tuesday Evening Dialogue – June 10

Tuesday, June 10 | 6-8pm | Heritage Room

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us as we discuss our book selection for June entitled *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Bishop Marion Budde. Bishop Budde delivered the homily at the January 2025 interfaith prayer service following Donald Trump's second presidential inauguration. Her sermon called for compassion and mercy toward marginalized groups.

This book is described as an inspirational guide to the key junctures in life that, if navigated with faith and discernment, pave the way for us to become our most courageous selves. The decisive moments in life are those pivot points when we're called on to push past our fears and act with strength. With *How We Learn to Be Brave*, Bishop Mariann Budde teaches us to respond with clarity and grace even in the toughest times. Being brave is not a singular occurrence; it's a journey that we can choose to undertake every day.

We will break the book into two sessions on June 10 and June 24. Please join us in person in the Heritage Room for Potluck at 6pm followed by book discussion at 7pm. Or join us on Zoom at 6:45 pm.

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.

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. The RSVP date to register has passed, but you are welcome to still reach out to Carmen if there's still openings. 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 for now...

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.



Questions? Contact kevin@parkwayucc.org

Microplastic Madness Free Screening—Discussion Afterward

Sunday, June 29 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Please join us for a free screening of the Microplastic Madness film documenting a two-year journey of 4th and 5th grader students at Public School 15 in Brooklyn, NY. who addressed plastic and Styrofoam pollution at their school cafeteria. Armed with citizen science research, interviews with scientists, and community engagement, these students were the force behind legislation that banned Styrofoam from all public schools in New York City in 2015. Runtime will be 76 minutes. Lunch will be included! Click or scan the QR code to register.

Presenting the film and leading a discussion will be our guest, Luz Rooney. Luz is the co-founder of Beyond Plastic, for the Missouri/Wisconsin chapter and a Climate Reality Trained Leader.



Please see a link to the documentary's official trailer:

<https://tinyurl.com/tvevup34>

This film is also great for families and students of all levels. Kids, please bring your parents!

Questions? Please contact Polly Rutherford **pollyrutherford@gmail.com**

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.

North City Tornado Relief

A wide variety of organizations and groups are pooling their resources and putting love into action after the recent STL tornado. We are letting you know about one such effort shared with us by young adult PUCCer Nathan Rauscher. [Please keep in mind that we aren't endorsing anything about the groups other than the work they are doing for the common good.]

He is working to provide tornado relief to residents in North City. If you would like to volunteer or offer supplies, please reach out to him at

rauschern1@sbcglobal.net. Supplies that they need are: PPE - N95s, toiletries, diapers, batteries (D, AA, AAA), flashlights, tarps, tall ladders (20ft+), bandaids and first aid kits, portable radios, and personal cleaning supplies (towels, soap, water, deodorant) Volunteers can bring saws, hatchets, and gloves for clearing trees.

Please Sign Up to Bring Sunday Snacks/Treats

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 28, 2025

Celebrations

Graduates of all shapes and sizes!
End of the School Year.

Concerns

Deb Carter - healing ... surgery scheduled for Friday, May 30.

Peggy Sieber - recuperating after knee replacement surgery last week.

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 - he's home after last week's hospitalization.

Ongoing chaos and grief in the Middle East - and the deadly antisemitic violence in Washington DC last week... prayers for Gaza crisis

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/>

Family and friends of Pat Pendleton - who died in Centennial Christian Church during recent STL tornado.. (*Pucc Sweet Bakers* provide dessert for the food ministry Pat shepherded at Centennial.)

Continuing

Bill and Kathy Hilgeman - as he maneuvers medical challenges.

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.

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 Ververlo - awaiting a kidney transplant (McDougall).

Aunt Carlene Buenger - complicated recovery (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 this spring.

Renee Pellegrino & family - as she deals with multiple health issues.

Rebecca Ray - that her book on suicide prevention will be published.

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.

Welcome Home

Yael Lachman

*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! -
Psalm 133:1 (NRSV)*

Imagine, if you will, that your neighbors are having a big family party. Every time their front door opens, you hear a chorus of joyful greetings: Hello! You're here! So great to see you!

Now imagine that you're walking through an oak woodland, and you hear the same kind of ecstatic greeting. Only here, the shouts of joy are coming from high above your head, and they sound something like, Waka-waka-waka!! If you look up quickly, you'll witness the event that has occasioned this loud celebration: an acorn woodpecker has just returned from a foraging expedition, causing family and friends to flap their wings and shout for joy.

I've spent many happy hours beneath the oaks, observing the clownish antics of *Melanerpes formicivorus*, and I am here to tell you that this wild greeting takes place all day long, every single time a bird returns to the communal tree. Apparently, the joy of welcoming someone home never gets old.

And what a home it is! Acorn woodpeckers live in social groups of a dozen or more birds, storing acorns in their shared granaries: dead trees pocked with thousands of acorn-shaped holes, many of which were drilled by past generations of birds. Communal groups also have an unusual mating arrangement in which multiple males and females breed together, raise chicks in one big cohort, and share resources cooperatively. Even non-breeding siblings sometimes stick around for years, helping to forage for food, manage the shared acorn stash, and care for younger birds.

How good it is, indeed, for kindred to live together. Hallelujah! Waka-waka! Welcome home!

Prayer:

God of earth and oak, of flapping wings and raucous song, help us to learn from our wise neighbors. May they teach us how to live in harmony, sharing the gifts of your abundant love.