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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 Ellie Svenson.

**Flowers** given by Pam Manning in honor of Sue Moellering's upcoming birthday.

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

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



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## **Mental Health Support**

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911... call or text)

24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK) | 800-SUICIDE: 800-784-2433

24/7 Missouri Department of Mental Health 800-811-4760

Text 741741 and someone will text right back...[www.crisistextline.org](http://www.crisistextline.org)

Behavioral Health Network of Greater St Louis 314-449-6713

The numbers below are called Warmlines (not Hotlines).

They are peer run by people with lived experience.

Not all of them are 24/7/365

Teen Warm Line: 1 800-248-8336

Black Warm Line: 1-800-604-5841 (They are divested from the police)

Trans Warm Line: 1-877-565-8860

Project Return Warm Line: 1-800-448-9777 (run away)

Learn more about warm lines: <https://warmline.org/warmdir.html>

## **Birthdays**

6/8 Shelley Stein

6/9 Ross Livengood

## **Anniversaries**

6/10 Ashley & James Milam

6/11 Kelly & Scott Biest

# Pentecost

Sunday, June 8, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

**Prelude** *Toccata on O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God*

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

**Meditation** The Pentecostal power, when you sum it all up, is just more of God's love. If it does not bring more love, it is simply a counterfeit.  
~William J. Seymour

## 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** #314—*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* | Red Hymnal



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her  
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the branch - es of the  
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of



flight, Like the vig - or of the wind's rush, Like the  
Vine, To the church in faith as - sem - bled, To her  
prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the



new flame's ea - ger might:  
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
peace be - yond com - pare:

## Pentecost Scripture Acts 2:1-12 (CEB—Common English Bible)

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.


There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of

Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?”

**\*Call to Worship** Cheryl Lindsay

One:	When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
Many:	<b>We join for worship online and onsite, in real time and sometimes days later, and yet</b>
One:	The Holy One sends forth the Spirit to each of us and all of us.
Many:	<b>The Spirit unites us, connects us, and forms us as a community.</b>
One:	We were created in spirit and in truth, wonderfully and fearfully, in the image of Holy Love.
Many:	<b>God renews the face of the earth and the cosmos, this faith community and the church.</b>
One:	May the glory of God the Fire and God the Wind endure forever!
Many:	<b>May we feel the gentleness and strength of the Spirit as we continue to model ourselves after Jesus.</b>
All:	<b>Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.</b>

**\*Song** #128—*On Pentecost They Gathered* | Red Hymnal




1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered Quite ear - ly in the day,

2. The peo - ple all a - round them Were star - tled and a - mazed

3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it On all who would be - lieve,

4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en On that day long a - go,



A band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, To wor - ship, sing, and pray.

To un - der - stand their lan - guage, As Christ the Lord they praised.

On wom - en, men, and chil - dren Who would God's grace re - ceive.

Re - kin - dle faith a - mong us In all life's ebb and flow.

A might-y wind came blow - ing, Filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, What great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, Be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us ears to lis - ten And tongues a - flame with praise,  
 And tongues of fire a - glow - ing In - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en To van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, Re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 So folk of ev - ery na - tion Glad songs of joy shall raise.

### **\*Opening Prayer** Cheryl Lindsay

**Spirit of Unity, you knit us together with all of our connections and distinctions. You make us one and yet unique. We gather to hear your voice and to attune ourselves to the language of the other, to celebrate the diversity of your creation and to immerse ourselves in compassionate care, to give you thanks and to recognize the gift of community. May our hearts be opened and our lips declare your covenant commitment. Inhabit our worship with your abiding presence and inflame us with your love. 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade will then go to Room 12, and youth from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Room 15. For children in Room 09, parents please pick them up after worship. Children and youth from age 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** *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.**



## **Holy Spirit Scriptures**

Jesus said, “I will ask God, and God will send another Companion, who will be with you forever.”

~John 14:16

Jesus said, “The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.”

~John 14:26

After that I will pour out my spirit upon everyone; your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days, I will also pour out my spirit on the male and female slaves.

~Joel 2:28-29

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. ~Acts 1:8

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

~Acts 2:4

A spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the desert turns into farmland, and the farmland is considered a forest.

~Isaiah 32:15

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit pleads our case with unexpressed groans.

~Romans 8:26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.

~Galatians 5:22-23

God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

~2 Timothy 1:7

Change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were. Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit.

~Ephesians 4:22a, 23

After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking God's word with confidence.

~Acts 4:31

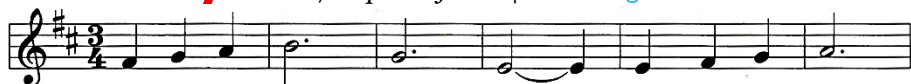
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

~Romans 15:13

## **Moment of Silent Reflection**

### **Sermon**

## A Time of Prayer #2117—Spirit of God | Blue Songbook



1. Spir - it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life
2. Spir - it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace
3. Spir - it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far -
4. Spir - it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho -
5. Spir - it of God in all, we glad - ly hear



be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre -  
 and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for  
 off lands you hold all the hu - man race in  
 ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your  
 your call, the life in our hands that sings, the



ate us a - new. _____	Give us the breath
all liv - ing things. _____	For when we live
one warm em - brace. _____	No mat - ter where
love ev - ery - where. _____	We can - not fail
power of your wings. _____	Born of your grace



to sing,	lift - ed on	soar - ing	wing,
your peace,	cap - tives will	find	re - lease,
we go, you	hold us to - geth - er	so,	}
or fall,	or know de - feat	at	
we rise,	love shin - ing in	our eyes,	



held in your hands, \_\_\_\_\_ borne on your wings. —



Al - le - lu - ia!



Come, Spir - it, come! \_\_\_\_\_ come! \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 *Dedication of BREAD Letters to Congress*



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

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

## Offering Interlude *"Sweet Spirit"* by Doris Baker in a Reflective Style

### \*Pentecost Doxology

**Praise God whose breath fills all the earth  
Whose love reveals our sacred worth  
Whose Spirit forms one family  
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication Cheryl Lindsay

**Spirit of the Living God, receive our gifts as tangible expressions of our belonging to your church and our commitment to the ministry begun in Christ and continued through this faith community. Magnify them in miraculous ways, and make our generosity a demonstration of the love you have given us as we return to the world you love. Amen.**

## Commissioning our Bread Advocates – Cindy Levin, Ali Holway

An act of love, a voluntary taking on oneself of some of the pain of the world, increases the courage and love and hope of all. ~Dorothy Day

**Holy One, we thank You that You call forth all kinds of people to work to end hunger and to care for those who are in need in our world.**

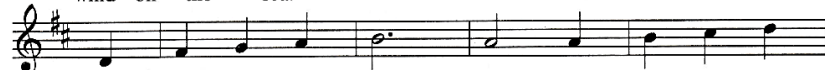
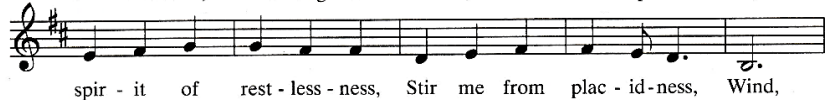
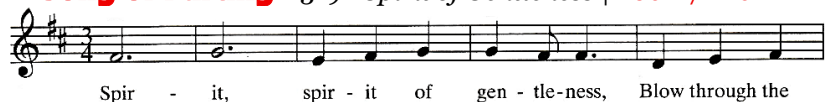
**Open our hearts and our minds to learn more about how we can care for the orphans, widows, differently abled, and all others who need our love and care. Lead us into new partnerships.**

**Teach us all to put our faith into action as Ali and Cindy deliver our letters and meet our representatives of congress and grow in their skills - so that we can help end hunger and poverty near and far.**

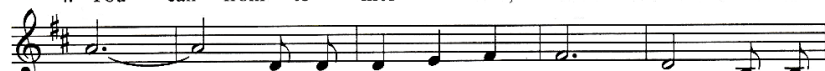
**God, we ask Your Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to strengthen Cindy, Ali and all of our siblings who are advocates and acting for the common good.**

**We cannot do any of this without You guiding us and leading us. In the spirit of Jesus we pray and act. Amen.**

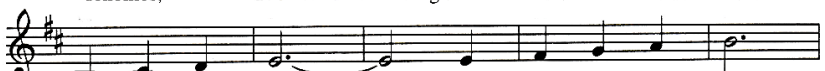
**\*Song of Parting** #319—*Spirit of Gentleness* | Red Hymnal



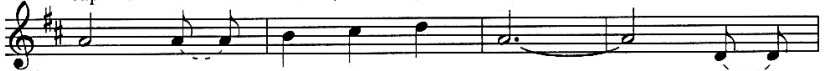
1. You moved on the wa - ters, You called to the
2. You swept through the des - ert, You stung with the
3. You sang in a sta - ble, You cried from a
4. You call from to - mor - row, You break an - cient



deep, Then You coaxed up the moun - tains From the  
sand, And You gift - ed your peo - ple With a  
hill, Then You whis - pered in si - lence When the  
schemes, From the bond - age of sor - row The



val - leys of sleep, And o - ver the e -  
law and a land, And when they were blind -  
whole world was still, And down in the cit -  
cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi -



ons You called to each thing, "A -  
ed With their i - dols and lies, Then You  
y You called once a - gain When You  
sions, Our men clear their eyes. With



wake from your slum - bers And  
spoke through Your proph - ets To  
blew through Your peo - ple On the  
bold new de - ci - sions Your  
D.C. al Fine



rise on your wings."  
o - pen their eyes.  
rush of the wind.  
peo - ple a - rise.

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

## **\*Benediction**

### **Announcements**

## **\*Music for Going Forth** *Sweet Spirit* by Doris Baker in a Celebratory Style

## **Book Day is Today!**

After worship, as a nice summer gift and in celebration of Pentecost, the books that have been chosen by families will be available for pick-up in the Gathering Space. Feel free to have your children's names written in the stickers placed in the books designed by PUCCer's very own Thad Gwyn!

## **Pride-Themed Paraments**

The Pride-themed paraments are created from repurposed threads: quilt, fabric, and clothing scraps that date anywhere from ten to 90 years ago. For me, it is a spiritual exercise to create and share something new, which, I hope, will inspire those who see them and those who worship here. My work is dedicated to God, PUCC, and my children, who are the next generation of peacemakers.

~Karla Beck

*"She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands."*

*Proverbs 31:13*

## **The Flower Team and the Sanctuary Team**

Many thanks to Donna Fauss, who has helped with flower arrangements for the past twenty years. She is retiring from both the ministry and the Sanctuary Team. We are grateful to her for purchasing flower donations, arranging, and assembling small bouquets for our homebound members on a monthly basis. She has also organized *The Hanging of the Greens* at the start of Advent for many years, which has been wonderful.

The Flower Team and the Sanctuary Team are seeking someone who loves flowers and Advent festivities to join Kris McKenzie, Linda Tossing, and Carol Cobb in this ministry. Please contact Carol at **ccjcobb@aol.com** if you have questions and/or are interested.

# Announcements

Please use the form at [www.parkwayucc.org/communications](http://www.parkwayucc.org/communications) for all announcements for our media. Bulletin and eNews deadline: noon Monday.

Our Communications Team is very active and is exploring all kinds of avenues. Please subscribe to our YouTube Channel today. Our YouTube Channel is [@parkwayuccsl](#). 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 [cynthiaouri@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiaouri@gmail.com)

## **PUC C ANNUAL MEETING: Leadership TODAY**

This serves as the final official call to our **Annual Meeting: Leadership** that will take place at the end of the worship service **TODAY** 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 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 the 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](mailto:raceh@att.net).

## **AWOL - Adventurous Women Out Late – Summer 2025**

Come build relationships with other PUCCers.

Hey ladies! We are looking at our fall plans too! 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. 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](mailto:cfbum@charter.net)

**Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am**  
**“Because the Bible Tells Me So; Immigration and the Scriptures”** by Lynn Marks.

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

Lynn Mark is a member of Parkway UCC and a paralegal specializing in immigration matters for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. She will present on the remarkable litany of references throughout scripture telling us how to kindly treat strangers, sojourners, and aliens, also known as immigrants. As an immigration law practitioner, she often discovers that her efforts in representing men and women on immigration legal issues has a direct connection with teaching from the Bible.

This is your chance to have biblical references at the ready to push back on your friends on the right when they want to equate the crusade against immigrants as akin to God's will.

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

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

## **Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – June 17**

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 **June 17, July 1, and July 15** for discussion of the book *That Librarian: The Fight Against Book Banning in America*. 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.

Small town librarian Amanda Jones cherishes how books affirm young people's identities. So in 2022, when a local hearing about "book content" arose amid nationwide calls to ban LGBTQ+ and minority stories, she spoke out to protect her community's shelves. Days later, her nightmare began—and it's still unfolding.

Mapping the book banning crisis occurring all across the nation, *That Librarian* draws the battle lines in the war against equity and inclusion, calling book lovers everywhere to rise in defense of our readers. (From Amazon)

For more info, please contact Jackie Eiffert [jeiffert2@gmail.com](mailto:jeiffert2@gmail.com)

## **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](mailto: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 prep and teach a Sunday School lesson with our curriculum
- 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](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org)



## **NIGHT AT THE MUNY "Come From Away"**

Friday, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pollyrutherford@gmail.com)**

## **June Alzheimer's News**

As Alzheimer's disease now affects seven million Americans—the largest number ever—demand for new treatments grows. Scientists at the University of California, Irvine, have discovered a “groundbreaking” therapy using stem cells to “program” human immune cells, called microglia, to counteract dementia signs, according to UCI. Microglia, the brain's primary defense against infection and injury, were engineered via CRISPR gene editing to produce neprilysin, an enzyme that breaks down toxic beta-amyloid plaques linked to Alzheimer's. “Delivering biologics to the brain is challenging due to the blood-brain barrier,” said co-author Mathew Blurton-Jones. “We've developed a programmable delivery system residing in the brain that activates only when needed.” These cells precisely target amyloid plaques, making the treatment effective yet focused. Salinas, not involved in the study, noted the approach limits harm to healthy tissue and reduces side effects by concentrating on therapy where damage occurs.

Researchers now aim for human trials, potentially using patients' own stem cells to minimize immune rejection. “More research is needed to understand how this delivery method could impact those living with or at risk for Alzheimer's,” she added.

You can learn more by going to **[www.alz.org/help-support/resources](http://www.alz.org/help-support/resources)** or the Alzheimer's Helpline which is accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master's level clinicians to assist with crisis situations, decision making, and disease information. Tools and support are also available in Spanish.

Want to learn more about the Alzheimer's Association and what they do here in St. Louis? Visit **[www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)** and/or contact PUCC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at **[joyceruiz7@gmail.com](mailto:joyceruiz7@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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Opportunity to do a sleepover at the church. Invite a friend!

Open to all youth (even part-time!) Ends with PUCC Night at Cardinals Game!  
The RSVP date to register has passed, but you're welcome to email **[gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org)** if you're interested in your child attending.

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

## DOWNLOAD OUR NEW PUCC APP TODAY!

Parkway UCC's App is a robust tool that helps us connect and communicate easily. One Church is a gamechanger that will help us to be more vital. Scan the QR code to see the instructions for downloading the app:



Our online member directory is a feature many of you have been waiting for! We take your privacy seriously. The directory is accessible only to PUCC members and staff who use their password to login.

We have also begun using our new front door keypad installed on the brick wall to the right of the doors by our Safety Team. Please select your own unique 4-digit code and send it to **[gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org)** so we can load it into the keypad and troubleshoot as needed.

We are happy to help you with anything and everything One Church – including taking your profile photo on a Sunday morning! Just ask!

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

Questions? Contact: Cindy - **[cynthianouri@gmail.com](mailto:cynthianouri@gmail.com)**;

Barb - **[barbharris@charter.net](mailto:barbharris@charter.net)** or Gabriel - **[gabriel@Parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@Parkwayucc.org)**

# Prayer List

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

## Celebrations

**Karen Mariani** & family as her daughter marries this wknd in Mexico.

**Pentecost this Sunday** - the gift of the Holy Spirit is given to all.

**LGBTQ+ Pride Month.**

## Concerns

**Deb Carter** - healing and strengthening after recent surgery.

**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>

**John and Dottie Dwyer** - he's home after last week's hospitalization.

**Elaine** - cancer treatments starting soon (Melanie Muchnick's mom).

**Richard** - treatment for congestive heart failure; giving thanks for the care of his fiancé (Greg Schmelig's father).

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

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

**Our StL neighbors after the tornado last month.**

## 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 101<sup>st</sup> 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, 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.

## **Different Places, Same People?**

Kenneth L. Samuel

*Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however—men from Cyprus and Cyrene—went to Antioch and began to speak to the Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. - Acts 11:19-21 (NIV)*

Ever notice how we can travel to different cities, states, even countries, and still gravitate toward the same kind of people that we left back home?

Let's face it, we all tend to feel more comfortable with persons who fit a certain profile in our minds, and these are the people that we seek out, no matter where we go, often to the exclusion of others. Could this explain why cultural diversity and intercultural exchange need intentional effort? Could this have anything to do with the demonization of Muslims by some Christians or the attacks upon transgender people by some cisgender persons or the disdain for Hispanic immigrants by some Americans or the fear of diversity by some politicians?

Some of us only build community with our own kind. But thank God, there are others of us who see God in strangers as much as we see God in our own kin.

When the first-century persecution of Christians in Jerusalem forced the early disciples out of the city into different places, not all of them took advantage of the Christian diaspora to reach out to different people. Some, however, decided to cross the cultural divide and build community with the Greeks. It was a bold, risky endeavor, but according to Acts, "The Lord's hand was with them."

We can be sure that whenever we break down the barriers that separate us from others and promote human unity in the midst of cultural diversity, God always has a hand in it.

### **Prayer:**

*Lord, we thank you for sending us to so many different places. Now, please help us to encounter you and embrace you in the faces of all the people who seem like strangers to us. Amen.*