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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 Evelyn Burettea.

Flowers given by Sally Dodge.

Treats after worship provided by the Treats Team.

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

6/15 Lucia Bieg

6/15 Sue Moellering

6/16 Shaine Requadt

6/17 Alice Stifel

6/18 Perrin Stifel

6/19 Ben Duke

6/19 Ellie Svenson

6/19 Josie Duke

6/20 Tavis Cameron

6/21 David Schulenburg

Anniversaries

6/18 Laura & Todd Schowalter

6/20 Roger & Virginia Fagerberg

Trinity Sunday

Sunday, June 15, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Prelude *O Trinity of Blessed Light* (Based on traditional "O Lux Beata Trinitas")

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you. ~Robert Fulghum

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

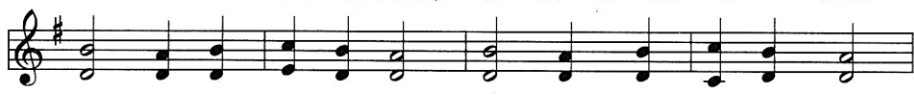
Welcome Song #150—Come, Christians, Join to Sing **v2** | Red Hymnal



1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - joice;
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,



Praise is His gra-cious choice; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Scripture Luke 15:11-32 | Common English Bible (CEB)

Jesus said, “A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the inheritance.’ Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

“When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country, and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have more than enough food, but I’m starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands.” ’ So he got up and went to his father.

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. The servant replied, ‘Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.’ Then the older son was furious and didn’t want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. He answered his father, ‘Look, I’ve served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you’ve never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’ Then his father said, ‘Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.’”

***Call to Worship** based on words by Nancy Townley

One:	Come, let us celebrate the generous, forgiving, reconciling love of God.
Many:	For once we were lost and felt so far away.
One:	Now we have been found and welcomed home.
Many:	God’s love is lavished upon us forever.
One:	We rejoice at the news of extravagant grace and hope!

Many:	We pay attention to opportunities to be hospitable and hopeful.
One:	We are eager to be our very best for one another.
Many:	The Holy infuses us with the Spirit that we might be more and more like Jesus.
One:	We wait, watch and listen for the right times to enter in.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

*Song *Bring Many Names*



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing



par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:



Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,
 on the move,
 say - ing no to false - hood and
 un - kind - ness,
 cry - ing out for jus - tice,
 giv - ing all you have:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,
 clos - er yet than breath - ing,
 ev - er - last - ing home:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 great, liv - ing God!

*Opening Prayer

Holy One of many names, you are limitless. We look for some of the ways that you express yourself to us - in our every day lives and in this sanctuary. We open all of our senses to experience you. Help us to be attentive and responsive to your call and equipping. 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 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 *Weave*

The musical score for "Weave" is written in 6/8 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music. The first line has a C major chord above the first measure and an E minor chord above the second measure. The second line has a D minor chord above the first measure, a C major chord above the second measure, a D minor chord above the third measure, and a G major chord above the fourth measure. The third line has a C major chord above the first measure, an E minor chord above the second measure, a D minor chord above the third measure, and a C major chord above the fourth measure. The fourth line has a D minor chord above the first measure, a C major chord above the second measure, a G major chord above the third measure, and a C major chord above the fourth measure. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

Weave, weave, weave us to - geth - er,
Weave us to - geth - er in u - ni - ty and love._____
Weave, weave, weave us to - geth - er,
Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth - er in love.

Father's Day Litany Leah Schade

One: Today we think of expectant fathers; those who are waiting with joy, and those who are filled with uncertainty and fear. We pray for men who are new fathers, that they may be full partners in caring for and raising their children.

Many: We pray for men who long to parent, but who struggle with infertility. Join their cries with Sarah and Abraham and others.

One: We pray for men who are fathers, either by birth, by adoption, through foster care, or through raising grandchildren. We pray that they may be supported in their parenting by their partners, fellow fathers, their workplaces, supervisors, and other men in their lives; that their children may be provided with sufficient food, shelter, education, and healthcare.

Many: We pray for fathers who have lost children. Comfort them, Holy Spirit, with your constant presence and reassurance.

One: We pray for fathers who are incarcerated; fathers who have been abusive, hurtful and neglectful; fathers who have left their families. Touch their hearts.

Many: We pray for men who give of themselves not just through childbearing, but with their intellect, skills, gifts, physical abilities. Bless all men, that they may advocate for women to have equal compensation for their work, may be an ally to protect women from abuse and harassment, and may be valued as unique individuals.

One: We pray for people of all genders and sexual orientations, those who are transitioning, and those who are parenting in many forms and in the many ways families come together. Help us to understand who you have created them to be and the gifts they offer in their bodies, minds, and spirits. May those who are in danger be protected during their time of vulnerability, and show us ways to keep them safe.

Many: We pray for boys and men who struggle against a culture of toxic masculinity. We pray for men who strive to protect and advocate for those most vulnerable – children, the poor, God’s Creation, the disenfranchised, women, and those men and women whose voices go unheard. May they heed your call to justice.

One: We pray for those for whom this is a day of mourning and sadness. For those who have lost fathers and other important men in their lives, that they may be comforted with the peace that passes all understanding. Surround them with your grace.

Many: We give thanks for men who have been our father, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, sons, husbands, life-partners, and friends. We give thanks for women who have had to serve as both mother and father as a single-parent for their children. We pray for men who strive to reflect the care, affection, nurture and friendship modeled by so many who have gone before us.

All: Give them your grace and bless them in their lives. Hold all of us together as one human family. Hear us, Loving God. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 1:18-24 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition
Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the
angel of the Lord commanded him.

Mark 14: 32-36 | NRSVUE

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit
here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John and began to
be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved,
even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he
threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour
might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible;
remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want.”

Response *When Jesus Called You ‘Father’*

(tune: *The Church’s One Foundation* #442)

Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

When Jesus called you "Father" in teaching folks to pray,
And when he said we're children who need to trust your way,
O God, he knew your closeness, your guidance from above.
Perhaps in Joseph's caring, he'd learned to trust your love.

Some cannot call you Father; they will not use that name.
The fathers they have known here have caused them fear and pain;
And though you're like a father, you're like a mother, too.
No single name can ever tell all we know of you.

Yet Jesus in his teaching described a father's joy
When, at his son's returning, he ran to greet the boy.
O God, when we have hurt you and struggled on our own,
Just like that loving parent, you run to bring us home.

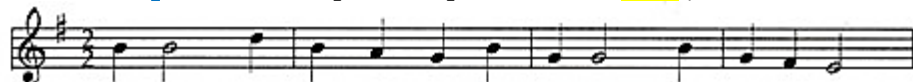
O God, you seek to save us, no matter what the cost;
Our Father, your intention is no one will be lost.
As Jesus called you "Abba," and trusted in your plans,
We trust in you to guide us! Our lives are in your hands.

You hold your children's future when all will be made new.
Your house has many dwellings so we may live with you.
Just like a loving father, you answer when we pray.
In thanks, may we your children now follow you each day.

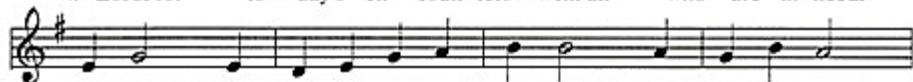
Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

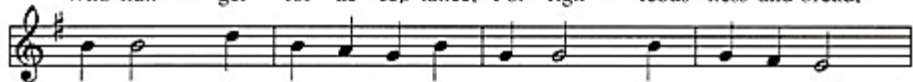
Call to Prayer #358—Help Us Accept Each Other v.1-2 | Red Hymnal



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
3. Let Your ac - cep - tance change us, So that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need.



Teach us as sis - ter, broth-er, Each per - son to em-brace.
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep-tance, For righ - teous - ness and bread.



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
 To prac - tice Your ac - cep-tance Un - til we know by heart
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:



We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
 To love them as we find them Or as they may be - come.
 The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 Re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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.]

Mission Moment Isaiah 58 Ministries

Evelyn Buretta

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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Offering Interlude *Song of Joseph (1891).* Arranged by Johnathan Hasey (Copyright 2016)

***Response** *Here Are Our Hearts*



Here are our hearts._____ Here are our hands._____

Here are our lives._____ Use them as You can._____ Show us those who hurt.

_____ Show us those in need._____ Show us how to serve.

_____ Teach us how to see._____

***Prayer of Dedication** based on words by Cheryl Lindsay

Holy One, you have given us the awesome responsibility of stewardship, care, and concern for one another and creation. You sent Jesus who showed us how to love our neighbors and our enemies. You sent the Holy Spirit to journey alongside us with wisdom, discernment, truth and to equip us to be what the world needs today. Receive the gifts we offer. Enable us to live life with more intentionality around our generosity. Amen.

***Song of Parting** #263—*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* | Red Hymnal



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,
 In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;
 Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see
 Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Pentecost Banner Come look closely if you didn't last Sunday ...

The Pentecost banner is composed of secondhand textile pieces, including cotton, silk, wool, velvet, and several more. An embroidered linen cloth, the exquisite work of someone who (nearly 100 years ago) worked with stitches no larger than the tip of a sharpened pencil, seemed appropriately delicate for the dove's representation of the Holy Spirit.

Borders of 120 metal disks (removed from the repurposed background) represent the crowd present that day; they are sewn with different colors of thread to symbolize their varying origins and languages. Twelve wooden spool "disciples" are depicted with ribbon "flames" above their heads. If there is a breeze, the spools click softly against each other, as they "speak" to the people. ~Karla Beck

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](#). There is a subscribe button under the main heading and brief description of our church. Thank you! Questions? Please contact barbharris@charter.net or cynthianouri@gmail.com

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

TODAY - 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

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

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

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

Head to Missouri's First Capitol with the Adventurers

Thursday, June 19 | 10am-1:30pm | 200 Main Street, St. Charles, MO 63301

Parkway Adventures Group is taking you back to the past to the first-ever State Capitol for a guided tour. If you wish to carpool, be at the church by 9:15am. We will have lunch at the Lewis and Clark restaurant following the tour. There is no charge for the tour, but donations would be appreciated. RSVP to Marsha Peek at marshapeek@gmail.com.

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

Tuesday Evening Dialogue – June 24

Tuesday, June 24 | 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.

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.

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 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... Come early - Backstage Tour!



Cost: \$16.75 per person

Capacity: Limited to 20 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**

AWOL - Adventurous Women Out Late – Summer 2025

Come build relationships with other PUCers.

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.



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**

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. 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** 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.

PUCC Night at the Cardinals

Thursday, July 24 | 6:45pm | Busch Stadium

Join Us for a Cardinals Game! As a fun endcap to our Youth Mission Experience week, we're inviting the congregation to join us for a **FREE** St. Louis Cardinals game vs. the San Diego Padres on Wednesday, July 24!



Come cheer on the Cardinals, share fellowship, and celebrate the incredible work our youth have done. There are **15 tickets** available, so scan or click QR code to reserve yours! Let's play ball together! (note: if you're a part of the youth mission experience and you've already confirmed with Gabriel that you or your kids are going, you don't need to get another ticket.)

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, June 11, 2025

Celebrations

Karen Mariani & family as her daughter was married last weekend.

Gerry & Mike Rogers - preparing to host Alvaro from Argentina as an exchange student for the fall semester at Parkway North High School.

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

LGBTQ+ Pride Month - celebrating our newest ONA congregation in Missouri... St John UCC, St Charles!

Concerns

Deb Carter - healing and strengthening after recent surgery.

Peggy Sieber - recuperating after knee replacement surgery.

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

John and Dottie Dwyer - his strength after recent heart procedure.

Judy Brueggemann - new health challenges (Brad's mother).

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

Richard - treatments for congestive heart failure (Greg Schmelig's dad).

Lazette Nichols - struggling with shingles (Cindy Levin's mom).

Leslie Neide - MS exacerbation and hospitalization (Brueggemann).

Bob Messey - serious health concerns (Svenson).

Protests in California regarding US immigration practices/policies.

Ongoing chaos and grief in the Middle East.

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

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 Venverlo - 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 [birthdate: 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.

Tears in Our Eyes

Donna Schaper

Jesus wept. - John 11:35 (NKJV)

When we get done weeping about a school shooting, environmental catastrophe, or whatever comes next, we might want to pay attention to Lucy Easthope, a well-known British disaster response expert, who worked major events ranging from the 2005 London bombings to the 2020 Covid pandemic. Her wisdom for disaster response has parallel lessons for Lent:

First, declare helplessness. Don't assume your own usefulness. Foreswear advice, even if you think you know what everybody else should be doing. Try saying, "Do you mind if I sit around helplessly with you?"

Second, concentrate on the next crisis while making tea and tidying up. Be prepared, not shocked. Be calm, not worried. The calmer you are, the calmer others will be. The opposite is also true.

Third, support a local leader who isn't intent upon the limelight. Make sure that leader knows the meaning of non-anxious presence, who knows better than to feed worry to worriers.

Fourth, multiply the ways of belonging. People are like border collies during a disaster: having a job focuses their energy amidst chaos. Gather people and connect them. Help people belong to each other, and the depression will subside long enough to manage what's unfolding.

Fifth, don't say anything Jesus wouldn't say. Better yet, do something Jesus would do: wash feet, comfort the outcasts, eat with the sinners. Don't wipe away tears so fast that humanity is missed.

Belong to and take care of each other. Repent from the sin of disaffiliation.

Prayer: *Through every crisis and through life, make us all essential workers in a mutual aid society. Amen.*

Pride-Themed Paraments this Pride Month

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