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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 Buretta.

**Flowers** given by Sue Stolze.

**Treats after worship** are in celebration of Becca Palmgren as she ends her time here as Childcare Provider in the Nursery.

THANK YOU and BLESSINGS to YOU, Becca!



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

7/8 Harold Cobb

7/8 Jack Sieber

7/9 Jeremy Bowman

7/11 Keith Borgmann

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, July 6, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

**Prelude** *Keyboard Sonata K42 / K80* by Domenico Scarlatti.  
Played in honor of harpsichordist Scott Ross

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

**Meditation** When you hear of Gay Pride, remember, it was not born out of a need to celebrate being gay. It evolved out of our need as human beings to break free of oppression and to exist without being criminalized, pathologized or persecuted. Depending on a number of factors, particularly religion, freeing ourselves from gay shame and coming to self-love and acceptance, can not only be an agonizing journey, it can take years. Tragically some don't make it. Instead of wondering why there isn't a straight pride, be grateful you have never needed one. Celebrate with us. ~Anthony Venn-Brown

## 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** *You Are Welcome Here*

You are wel - come here... no mat-ter  
who you are...  
no mat - ter where you are... on life's  
jour - ney... You are wel - come here...  
no mat - ter who you are... come and  
join with us... in our U -  
ni - ted Church of Christ...

**Scripture** Galatians 6:1-10 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

My sisters and brothers, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

**\*Call to Worship** Marjorie Dobson

One:	The world God gives us is so diverse that its complexities will never be unraveled, so extravagant that it's riches will never be spent, and so extraordinary that we find it a constant source of amazement.
Many:	<b>Yet when it comes to people, we expect it all to be simple, as if everyone made in God's image should look and act the same.</b>
One:	God has many faces and invites us to rejoice in our diversity, to be prepared to be understanding about other people's complexities, to be generous in our dealings with others, and to be amazed at the new revelations we come to each day.
Many:	<b>We cannot all agree about everything - that would be unrealistic - but we can follow the pattern set by Jesus, who accepted all and made room for everyone at the table.</b>
One:	As we travel this road alone and together, God invites us to keep our minds open and our hearts united, so that barriers fall and images fade - as we join in the work of love and community.
Many:	<b>We make room for the Holy Spirit so we can do what we could never do alone. We are not self-sufficient. We are community - limitless love, courageous action, spirited inquiry.</b>
All:	<b>Let us worship our God together - Creator, Christ and Spirit.</b>

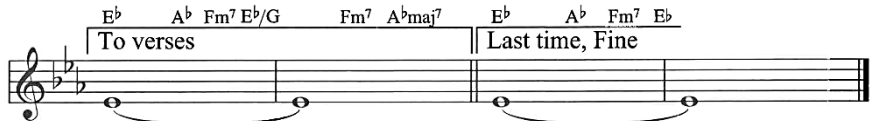
## \*Song *Draw the Circle Wide*



Draw the cir-cle\_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our\_



song, no one stands a-lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle\_

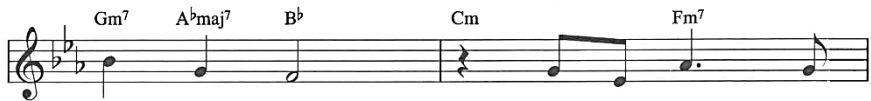


wide.\_\_\_\_\_

wide.\_\_\_\_\_



1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -
2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass
3. Let the dreams we\_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er



- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but  
great and small; let our lov - ing  
dreamed be - fore; let the dream of



held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms.\_\_\_\_\_  
know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call.\_\_\_\_\_  
Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door.\_\_\_\_\_

## \*Opening Prayer Debra Hopkins

**Loving Creator, let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations. Let the rain wash away the memory of the heart, and neglect. Then, O God, let the sun come out and fill the sky with beautiful rainbows.**

**Let the warmth of the Sun heal us wherever we are broken. Let it burn away the fog so that each of us sees each other clearly: so that we can move beyond labels, beyond accents, gender, sexual orientation and skin color. Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness: so that we can share the joy and sorrow of**



our neighbors. And let the light of the sun be so strong that we see all people as our neighbors.

Let the Earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with your beauty, and let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven. Then dear God, grant us comfort, give us peace, and allow us strength to enable us to stand up, fight for, and be a voice for equity. Amen.

**\*Response** *Spirit of the Living God #322* **Red Hymnal**

**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me;**

**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!**

**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.**

**Children's Time** For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 09 (upper level) where one of our teachers will meet them at the door. Children from age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will 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 will come back up with their teachers for Communion with all of us.

**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.**

**A Litany for Pride Sunday**

For the image of God in every person

***Thanks be to God***

For human diversity and its joys and life-giving challenges

***Thanks be to God***

For women in their diversity

***Thanks be to God***

For men in their diversity

***Thanks be to God***

For transgender, non-binary and gender fluid people in their diversity

***Thanks be to God***

For those loved ones who share their lives with gender diverse people

***Thanks be to God***

For professionals who bring support and strength to gender diverse people

***Thanks be to God***

For those who give voice and expression to gender diversity

***Thanks be to God***

For those who work for justice and empowerment

***Thanks be to God***

For religious leaders and congregations who are open and fully affirming

***Thanks be to God***

For continuing revelation and life-giving grace

***Thanks be to God***

## Offering Our Gifts to God



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

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

## Offering Interlude *In This Place*

First Sunday Choir

by Trevor and Victoria Thompson (adapted)

Verse 1:

All our lives are a mystery  
We seek not where they lead  
We're invited now to trust you  
And in your love to believe

Let our hands become Christ's hands  
As we're healed by the grace  
Of the power and the Spirit  
That is here in this place

Chorus:

We are gathered at table  
As one in the Lord  
We are gathered as people  
Striving to live the Word

Our hearts and our spirits  
Are nurtured by grace  
It is Jesus who fills us  
He is here in this place

## \*Response #2176—*Make Me A Servant* | [Blue Songbook](#)

Musical notation for the song 'Make Me A Servant' in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.' The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with a final double bar line at the end of the phrase.

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** [prayerlit.com](http://prayerlit.com)

**Gracious God, we thank You for the beautiful diversity You have created among us. Help us to celebrate and honor the differences that enrich our communities and deepen our understanding of Your love. Teach us to build bridges instead of walls, to listen with open hearts, and to embrace unity without erasing individuality. May Your Spirit guide us toward compassion, respect, generosity and justice for all Your children. Let love be our language and peace be our goal. Amen.**

## **Psalter Lesson** Psalm 30 | Inclusive Language Psalter

I will exalt you, O God, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me. O God, my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. You brought me up, O God, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. Sing to God you servants of God; give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness. For God's wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, God's favor for a lifetime. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. While I felt secure, I said, I shall never be disturbed. You, God, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. I cried to you, O God; I pleaded with the Sovereign One, saying, 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? Hear, O God, and have mercy upon me; O God, be my helper." You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O God my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## **Gospel Lesson** Luke 10:1-11, 16 | New Revised Standard Version Updated

After this Jesus appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into this harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Jesus said, "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

## **Moment of Silent Reflection**

## **Sermon**

**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** #2269—Come Share the Lord | [Blue Songbook](#)



1. We gath-er here in Je - sus' name, his love is  
 (3. He joins us) here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who  
 (5. We'll gath-er) soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the



burn-ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; for through the  
 pours the cup is ris - en from the dead; the one we  
 glo - ry of our Lord and com-ing King; now we an -



lov-ing Son the Fa-ther makes us one; }  
 love the most is now our gra-cious host: } Come, take the  
 ti - ci - pate the feast for which we wait: }



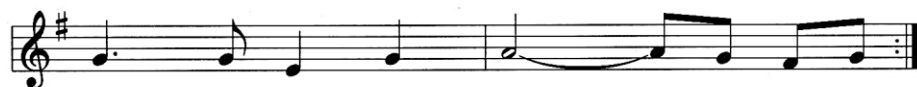
bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.



2. No one is a stran-ger here, — ev - ery - one be -  
 4. We are now a fam - i - ly of which the Lord is



longs; find - ing our for - give-ness here, we in  
 head; though un - seen he meets us here in the



turn for - give all wrongs. 3. He joins us  
 break - ing of the bread. 5. We'll gath - er

## **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.

### **Communion Instrumental** *Choral Dances from Glorianna*

by Benjamin Britten

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rachel Ward

**Holy One, despite the ways religion is used as a weapon of harm, may the church continue to embody love over hate. The ways we make space for all - not only changes lives - but saves lives. In the great call to tend to one another, earth and ourselves, may we continue to empower one another to be the church that Jesus nourished over meals - a table, our stories, our resilience and our deep belief in love that transcends all things.**

**We pray these things through you, Creator, who knows our inner being and calls us in to bloom new life again and again, together. 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 -

Last time to Coda

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

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

Coda

born has e - nough to eat. dream.

love and to live Your truth.

show that the dream's for all.

## \*Benediction

## \*God's Light Goes Forth

## \*Music for Going Forth *This Land is Your Land* by Woody Guthrie

# 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** or **cynthiaanouri@gmail.com**

## ALS Walk – A Recap

Thanks to all the walkers, donors and prayers! We raised \$3,500 for ALS research with our 'Loving the Penicos and Eifferts' Team at the 'Walk to Defeat ALS St Louis' in Forest Park last weekend.

## NURSERY HIRING NOTICE

While it is our PUCC practice not to hire church members as staff, please feel free to pass this job posting along to others:

We're hiring two Childcare Providers!

Parkway UCC, a progressive, joyful and social justice minded congregation, is looking for warm, responsible, and energetic Childcare Providers on Sunday mornings from 8:50am–12:20pm. We offer childcare for our little ones (ages 0–3) during 10am worship and support families of children through 5th grade so they can fully participate in the life of the church before and after worship.

Must be 18+, experienced with children, CPR certified (or willing to be), and able to pass a background check.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to **[employment@parkwayucc.org](mailto:employment@parkwayucc.org)**

## Write a Thank You note to PROMO Missouri

TODAY | 11:15am | Gathering Space

PROMO Missouri, the statewide LGBTQ+ public policy and advocacy organization, was successful in this year's Jefferson City legislative session to defeat 68 out of 72 harmful bills that target queer Missourians, especially trans folk. In June, the organization held deep canvassing weekends in St. Louis and Springfield around the topic of government control over healthcare for trans youth – Parkway UCC hosted the training for our area's canvassing. Let's let these equality champions know our ONA congregation sees them and appreciates their work! For more info, contact Debbie Reinhardt at **[deborahreinhardt@att.net](mailto:deborahreinhardt@att.net)**

## Gabriel Away at General Synod Digging Deep

Gabriel Requadt is going to General Synod 35! He will be gone July 11-15 in Kansas City, but need you not worry. You will have your Christian Ed Director & Administrative Support back in the office by July 16, filled with the Spirit! Wish him well as he represents our church.

## 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)**

## Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am "Our St. Louis German Heritage," by Historian Christian Naffziger.

Sunday, July 13 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Christian Naffziger is a researcher in the St. Louis archives of the Recorder of Deeds. For the last fifteen years, he has turned his scholarly research to the study of the history and environment of the city of St. Louis, and the Midwest, with a particular interest in the development of the German immigrants that came to America. Christian will explore with us how German culture has made a lasting impact on the city and different aspects of German-American life in St. Louis, including churches like Parkway, industries, buildings and people.

## "Artificial Intelligence ("AI") Defined and Demystified," by Richard Losciale.

Sunday, July 20 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Richard Losciale, a Certified Senior Advisor, will present an enlightening journey into the expansive realm of AI. In his immersive class, Richard will explore AI's fundamental principles, mechanisms, and its vast potential for the future. Prepare for a comprehensive exploration of the rapidly evolving world of AI and its multifaceted effects on our future.

Any questions or comments about programming, please visit with Richard Scherrer; any complaints, take it up with a member of his staff. For questions, kindly contact Richard Scherrer at **[90fivetpr@gmail.com](mailto:90fivetpr@gmail.com)**

## Showing of *Sally*

Sunday, July 13 | 6:15pm | Heritage Room

The ONA Team presents a showing of the documentary, *Sally*. The film from National Geographic tells the story of Sally Ride, the first American woman to blast off into space. But beneath her unflappable composure, she carried a secret. Revealing the romance and sacrifices of their 27 years together, Sally's life partner, Tam O'Shaughnessy, tells the full story of this complicated and iconic astronaut for the first time. We close out our Pride observance for 2025 with this award-winning documentary. Popcorn and other snacks will be part of the fun, so come with a friend (or two)! For more info contact Debbie Reinhardt at **[deborahreinhardt@att.net](mailto:deborahreinhardt@att.net)**



## Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – July 15

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 **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)

## Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Wednesday, July 16 | 10am | Panera on Manchester Road in Des Peres

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

No need to RSVP - just show up!

Upcoming dates:

Friday, August 22 at 2pm;

Wednesday, September 24 at 2pm

Questions? Contact [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org); 314-872-9330

## 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.

## 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 just **4 tickets** remaining, so scan or click QR code to reserve yours *today*. 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.) For more info, contact Gabriel at [gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org)

## Summer Opportunity with Isaiah 58 Back to School Fair

Saturday, July 26 | 10am-12:30pm | 2149 S. Grand Blvd, Saint Louis, MO 63104

Adults and youth are invited to host activities for children and youth for the Isaiah 58 Back to School Fair. Bring your own activity or use one from the Fair organizers. Students look forward to this day of fun and receive a backpack with gifts of school supplies for the upcoming school year 2025. Help make this day memorable for students in our neighborhoods. Click or scan QR code to register for free!



For more info, email Evelyn Buretta at [burettaevelyn@gmail.com](mailto:burettaevelyn@gmail.com)

## 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.

**Saturday, July 26:** A New Expression of Pride & Prejudice: A Musical at the Kirkwood Theater. Join us for AUSTEN'S PRIDE! Jane Austen's most beloved tale is reimaged when the esteemed author begins her own journey of self-discovery. As the stormy romance between Elizabeth Bennet and Fitzwilliam Darcy unfolds in a fresh narrative, Austen gains new insights into both her creations and her own identity. AUSTEN'S PRIDE presents Pride and Prejudice as never before, blending wit and wisdom with a gorgeous original score that whisks audiences away to an era rich with passion and longing. Scan or click QR code to register. Cost is \$48.



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

## **Prayer Corner an opportunity to pray with someone**

Tuesday, July 29 | 6-8pm | 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:

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**

## **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, July 2, 2025

## Celebrations

**Nate Jones Goldstein** - outgrown his PVCs and now has a normal heart rhythm; medication free for a couple weeks now with no problems.

**Ellie Svenson** - transitioning to Mason Pointe (see info below)

**Carlene Buenger** - home from rehab, making strides (Connors).

**Independence Day!** <https://youtu.be/WvOZs3g3qIo>

## Concerns

**Mona Herberg & Family** - grieving/giving thanks for her brother Kurt

**Bill and Kathy Hilgeman** - his medical challenges; her new knee 7-10.

**Ben McDougall** - healing after recent surgery.

**Rick** - undergoing multiples treatments for cancer (Laura Waite's dad).

**Elaine** - cancer treatment starting mid-July (Melanie Muchnick's mom).

**Ongoing chaos and grief in the Middle East.**

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

**Our StL neighbors after the tornado in May.**

## Continuing

**John & Dottie Dwyer** - doing well after his recent heart procedure.

**Peggy & Jack Sieber** - as she gains strength with her new knee.

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

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

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

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

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

**Kenton & Teal Blacksten** - K's many health challenges due to diabetes

**Leslie Neide** - MS exacerbation and hospitalization (Brueggemann).

**Bob Messey** - serious health concerns (Svenson).

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

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

**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).

**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; 314-983-025 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]

**Ellie Svenson** - *Mason Pointe* - 13190 South Outer Forty Rd, #2213, Town and Country, MO 63017; 314-323-7194 [birthdate: June 19]

**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.

## **The Long Now**

Mary Luti

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. - Hebrews 11:1 (NRSV)*

In southwest England, Cornish folk once practiced a craft called hedging: building structures with stones laid compactly against each other, like books in a bookcase or soldiers in tight ranks. They topped these structures with turf, so that in spring they'd come alive with wildflowers, all color and joy. Hedged buildings are so stable, they can last thousands of years.

It's a disappearing craft, but Will Coleman hopes to revive it. He's constructing a hedge-built labyrinth 215 feet in diameter, each section featuring a different local stone and hedging style. Hundreds of people have worked on it, learning as they go.

Many more send donations to fund one yard of labyrinth wall and leave a message on a little plaque. "A yard of wishes, a hedge of hope for my Cornish grandchildren," one reads.

The labyrinth is open to visitors now, but it's not quite finished. Coleman says it'll take about 100 years to be done to his complete satisfaction, another 1,000 to fully mature.

"This project is about the long now," he said. "In a few hundred years somebody might come across it and see that someone cared. It's not for us, it's for those yet to be born."

He might as well be a medieval stonemason building a cathedral. They also relinquished the consolation of outcomes. They were building something to outlast them.

As does anyone who nurtures children. As does anyone who knows that suffering is endless and bandages a wound anyway. As does anyone who plants a seed of justice in depleted and despairing soil.

We won't see it, that new world with flowers in its hair we're building now. But someday someone will thrive in it and know we cared.

### **Prayer:**

*God, let me serve without the consolation of outcomes. Let me build to outlast me.*

**Scan or click here for more UCC Daily Devotionals!**

