



PARKWAY
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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 Ellie Svenson in honor of Kim and Dan Weas' birthdays!

Treats after worship provided by Dawn Jones-Goldstein in memory of her mom.



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

9/21 David Comens

9/21 Lydia Roesler

9/22 Leslie Tupper

9/23 Shirley Mattingly

9/23 Thad Stappenbeck

9/25 Dan Weas

9/25 Mike Mason

9/26 Sue Stolze

15th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, September 21, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Prelude Theme from "The Beatitudes" by Vladimir Martynov

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Somewhere along the way, *either/or* became a dominant cognitive paradigm. We learned that our experience was singular and linear. We could only feel one thing at a time. Not so. The basis of *both/and* is that multiple things can be true at the same time and that everybody has a right to their experience, regardless of what somebody else is experiencing. In a world that promotes a zero-sum approach to emotional responses and individual situations, *both/and* cracks your world wide open. You can feel more than one thing at a time. Sometimes two very different things can both be true and can coexist without one lessening the other. ~Sarah Epstein

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 #338—Kumbaya | Red Hymnal



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| 1. *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! | Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba |
| 2. Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! | Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba |
| 3. Some-one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! | Some-one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba |
| 4. Some-one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! | Some-one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba |



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|---|---------------------|
| yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! | O Lord, kum ba yah! |
| yah! Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! | O Lord, kum ba yah! |
| yah! Some-one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! | O Lord, kum ba yah! |
| yah! Some-one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! | O Lord, kum ba yah! |

Scripture Luke 16:1-13 | Common English Bible

Jesus also said to the disciples, "A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. He called the manager in and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.'

"The household manager said to himself, 'What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I'm not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. I know what I'll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses.'

“One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.’ The manager said to him, ‘Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.’ Then the manager said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ He said, ‘One thousand bushels of wheat.’ He said, ‘Take your contract and write eight hundred.’

“The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it’s gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. If you haven’t been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? If you haven’t been faithful with someone else’s property, who will give you your own? No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

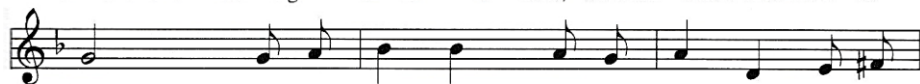
***Call to Worship**

One:	Come to hear one of the scriptural challenges of our tradition: you cannot serve both God and wealth.
Many:	We come to center our lives in the One who gives true abundance.
One:	In a world that prizes profit over people, Jesus calls us to invest in justice, mercy, and love.
Many:	We seek to be faithful with what we have, trusting God’s economy of generosity.
One:	Here, in this community, our worth is not measured in dollars, but in the image of God alive in each one of us. We are all treasures.
Many:	We come to worship with open hearts, ready to serve God with all we are and all we hold.
One:	Jesus teaches us where to put our focus.
Many:	The Spirit shows us how to be more faithful and effective today than we were yesterday.
One:	We want to rise to the challenge, opportunity and responsibility of living Christlike lives.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***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:

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One, you call us to live and use our gifts wisely. In a world that often prizes wealth over compassion, remind us that true treasure is found in justice, kindness, and love. Teach us to be faithful in the small things, so that together we may be trustworthy in the great work of loving and healing your world. Open our eyes to see money as a tool for mercy, for equity, for the flourishing of all your children. We come seeking your Spirit's wisdom - to guide our choices, to shape our hearts, and to lead us to be inspired stewards of grace. 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 2nd grade will then go to Room 12, children from 3rd to 5th grade will stay in Room 13, 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 *Jesus's Hands Were Kind Hands*

Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all. Heal - ing pain and
Take my hands, Lord Je - sus, let them work for you. Make them strong and

sick - ness, bless - ing child - ren small. Wash - ing tir - ed feet and
gen - tle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Je - sus,

sav - ing those who fall. Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all.
till I'm gen - tle too. Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

Scripture Luke 16:1-13 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

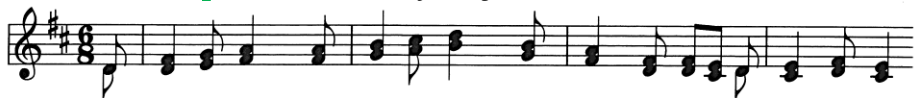
Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

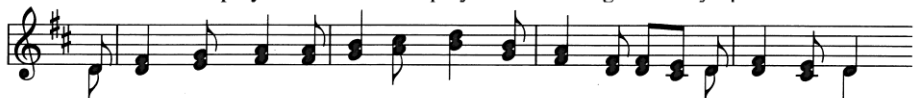
Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *Sweet Hour of Prayer*



- 1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
- 2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
- 3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.
of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re-turn!
to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav-ior's face,
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be-lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
I'll cast a-way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

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. Cheryl Lindsay

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

Offering Our Gifts to God



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

www.parkwayucc.org/giving

Offering Interlude "In this Very Room" by Ron and Carol Harris, sung by solo vocalist Erin Frick

***Response** #593—Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow | Red Hymnal

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures
here be-low; Praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and
Ho-ly Ghost. A - men. A - men. A - men.
A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

***Prayer of Dedication** Cheryl Lindsay

Abundant God, may the gifts we give - along with your miraculous power - be sufficient for the needs of the community and a blessing to the world that you love. Send us out to love and serve in word and in deed, in season and out of season, in trust and in stewardship as faithful servants. Amen.

***Song of Parting** #540—God Be with You Till We Meet Again, v1-3 | Red Hymnal

Unison *Harmony*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Lov - ing coun - sels
2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Un - seen wings pro -
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils
4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, With a Shep-herd's care en - fold you:
tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
thick con - found you, Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
float - ing o'er you, Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** "The Last Day of [Astronomical] Summer" by Liam Wilkinson

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 cynthiaouri@gmail.com

QUESTIONS from LAST SUNDAY'S TOWN HALL

Council held a Town Hall on Sunday, September 14, 2025, and presented 6 questions for discussion. We have completed the first set of 12 goals, and before the Goal Writing team meets again on Sunday, September 28, we would love your input on these questions. Please share your ideas with Nancy Litzinger or Lana Biondo before September 26 at nancywlitzinger@gmail.com or Lanabiondo66@gmail.com. Paper copies of these questions are available on the table under the bulletin board.

1. What does Parkway UCC do well? How do you describe us to your neighbors and friends?
2. How can you imagine worship being more meaningful for you?
3. What can we do to attract new members and families to Parkway?
4. What do you see as challenges in our church in the next 5-10 years? How do we best address these?
5. How can we better serve our interfaith partners and the diverse community at large?
6. How can the church support you so that you are more comfortable using OneChurch?

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am "Hand Me Down Music," by Cindy Nouri and Rich Race.

TODAY | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Do you remember a melody or jingle or rhyme that makes you feel happy? Have you ever wanted to play an instrument? Cynthia Nouri and Rich Race will present "Hand Me Down Music" where they will play and discuss the social origins and popularity of folk and old time music.

"The Economics of Immigration," by Jon Haveman, PhD

Sunday, October 5 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Immigration can give substantial economic benefits - a more flexible labor market, greater skills base, increased demand and a greater diversity of innovation. However, immigration is also controversial. It is argued immigration can cause issues of overcrowding, congestion, and extra pressure on public services. There is also a debate about whether immigration of unskilled workers leads to downward pressure on wages and even unemployment of native workers. Here to help sort these issues out is Jon Haveman, an expert on the economics of immigration. He has been a Senior Economist with the President's Council of Economic Advisers, an Economist with the Federal Trade Commission, and held a faculty position in the Business School at Purdue University.

Jon may surprise us about the true, objective economics of immigration, helping to dispel myths and untruths about this controversial and timely topic.

All programs start after worship service at approximately 11:15am in the Heritage Room. For questions, kindly contact Richard Scherrer at 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Prayer Vigil For an end to gun violence

TODAY | 4pm | 808 N Mason Rd. Creve Coeur, MO

Please join St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and their interfaith siblings for a service of lament, hope, and resolve as we honor gun violence survivors, remember gun violence victims, and call for meaningful action to save lives.

September Eco Steward Report

Join us September 21 for SUNDAY at Eden Seminary

At 4pm a multi-faith service will celebrate solar power, clean energy, and the gifts of our sun and creation. We will meet at the Quadrangle of Eden Seminary (near the fountain) with parking available near Peace UCC and the Eden Bookstore. Contact info to register: www.eden.edu

You're Invited to a Watch Party on September 30

Tuesday, September 30 | 6-8pm | Metropolitan Congregations United

Join us for the Keynote Address of Faith in Place's 2025 Annual Environment & Spirituality Summit featuring Robin Wall Kimmerer. Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*, which has earned Kimmerer wide acclaim. *Braiding Sweetgrass* was a book read and enjoyed by TED this year. After the keynote, we will discuss how we can give and receive healing to the earth around us and create a healthier and more just world. Drinks provided. Bring a snack to share. Call MCU to register at: 314-367-3484

River Clean Up at the Arch: National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 27 | 9am-12pm | The Arch

Please see the link below. You need to create an account with the Gateway Arch Park Foundation to register.

<https://www.archpark.org/events/national-public-lands-day>. For questions, reach out to Grace Teofilo Hilker, Volunteer Manager at grace.teofilo@archpark.org

Prayer Corner an opportunity to pray with someone

Monday, September 22 | 4-6pm | 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:

Weds, Oct 29 from 7-9am

Tue, Dec 9 from 8-10am

Thu, Nov 13 from 6-8pm

Sat, Jan 10 from 7-9am

We can arrange a phone call or Zoom for another time if you'd like. Just reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 6-8pm | Heritage Room

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us at TED for friendship and lively book discussions. Our current book is *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. It is an emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America. We will be discussing the Chapters 11 through the end of the book at our next session on **Sept 23**.

We read a variety of books in TED related to social justice, spirituality, different faiths, history, relationships, current events and nature. We also may choose some random books just for fun. Most books take three or four sessions to complete. Newcomers are always welcome!

Bring a dish to share for the potluck & join us for our next conversation!

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

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Wednesday, September 24 | 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:

Mon, Oct 20 at 10am;

Wed, Nov 19 at 10am;

Fri, Dec 12 at 10am;

Mon, Jan 12 at 2pm

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

PUCcEr Ella Penico Is Rizzo in Grease at SEMO

Saturday, September 27

Take a day trip with us to *Southeast Missouri State University* to see Ella in **Grease**. We will carpool from church at 10am, have lunch in Cape Girardeau and enjoy Grease at 2pm. Scan or click QR code for ticket details.

After the show, we will greet Ella and her mother Paige and then return to St Louis – maybe stop for a treat en route!?

It's a 2-hour drive to Cape Girardeau, so we estimate being back to PUCC by 6pm. Questions? Contact **kevin@parkwayucc.org**



Next Youth Event - Aloha Mini Golf!

Saturday, September 27 | 3pm | 13502 Big Bend Rd, Valley Park, MO 63122

Get ready to hit the links for our next youth event at Aloha Mini Golf! They've got a new course, some tasty snow cones, and some even better fun. Hope your kids can come! Any questions, contact Gabriel at **gabriel@parkwayucc.org**

Tower Grove Pridefest

September 27-28 | Tower Grove Park

Primarily we need folks to volunteer for the Gateway Open and Affirming (GONA) Booth on Sunday, Sept 28th...however, there are a few slots on Saturday, Sept 27th. Please consider signing up! For more information, contact Greg Schmelig **greg_schmelig@hotmail.com**

Align with PUCC! New Member Sunday

Sunday, September 28

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, new opportunities. It is with joy and gratitude that we welcome new members into our worship, work and witness at Parkway UCC - in person or virtually. Membership at Parkway UCC could be the next step in your ongoing relationship with God and with other people of faith - though membership is not expected and certainly isn't necessary to be involved in worship, baptism, communion, weddings, funerals or other aspects of church life. As a church member, you have the opportunity to more intentionally grow personally, find a sense of belonging, form lifelong friendships, experience the joy of Christ, discover your spiritual gifts, become more intimate with God, develop your personal prayer style, expand your boundaries, become more Christ-like and more. With our congregational democratic polity, as a church member, you have a voice and vote within our church to weigh in on topics such as the annual budget, church vision, building decisions and more. If this is something you might be interested in, please let us know by talking with **kevin@parkwayucc.org**

St. Louis Metro Area Crop Hunger Walk

Sunday, September 28 | 2-3pm | 475 E. Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves, MO

This year's Crop Hunger Walk is at Eden Seminary in lovely Webster Groves.

Registration begins at 1:30pm and step-off for the walk is at 2pm. Do not worry if you don't want to walk. You can gather

that day, volunteer to help us or join Parkway's team and donate online. Click or scan the QR code to register, or go to

www.crophungerwalk/saintlouismo and add Parkway UCC to the upper right search bar. The money raised goes to

local partners and around the world through Church World Service. For more info, contact Sue Moellering **susieqslp@sbcglobal.net**



Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue

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 Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue, TAD, on **October 7** for discussion of the last third of the book Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and

Loving the Bible Again, by Rachel Held Evans. Evans was a progressive Christian writer, blogger, and speaker known for challenging conservative

evangelical beliefs and advocating for women and LGBTQ+ rights within Christianity. Her writing explored a more inclusive and questioning approach

to faith. Please join us for fellowship and discussion. We'd love to have you!

Fellowship starts at 1:45 pm and the book discussion is from 2 pm - 3 pm. For more info, please contact **jeiffert2@gmail.com**

Hey! Hay! Youth Hayride and Smores Fall Fun at Queeny Park

Saturday, October 11 | 6-9pm | Queeny Park

Calling all middle schoolers and high schoolers! Ask a friend to join us for this autumn adventure. We will meet at church, gather up some chairs and smores ingredients and head to Queeny Park for a 45-minute hayride and an hour around a private fire. We will be back to church around 9pm. For more info, contact Kevin Cameron at kevin@parkwayucc.org

“Rainbow of Talent” A Coffeehouse Event

Sunday, October 12 | 3-5pm | 5007 Waterman Blvd

Are you a musician, vocalist, poet, writer, or actor? You're invited to participate in an open mic for the LGBTQ+ community to celebrate National LGBTQ+ History Month. The event is at First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. We're creating a space to celebrate LGBTQ+ history and creativity! If you're interested in being a part of this ALL-AGES coffeehouse performance, Click or scan QR code to register.



For more info, contact Debbie Reinhardt or the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance at deborahreinhardt@att.net

Igniting Joy

Folk Concert Benefitting Peace Community Building

Sat, Oct 18 | 7pm | 475 E Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves

Join the music at Eden Theological Seminary for an inspiring evening of folk music featuring Wendy Bruner, Merry Keller, Susan Drake, and Julie Jennings—with special remarks from Dr. Starsky Wilson, CEO of the Children's Defense Fund, on empowering children through literacy and leadership. Suggested donation: \$20 at the door. Proceeds benefit Eden Theological Seminary. Learn more by clicking or scanning QR code.



Celebrate Children's Sabbath

Sun, Oct 19 | 10am | Wehrli Chapel, Eden Theological Seminary

The service celebrates the work of Peace UCC toward child well-being. Peace UCC hosts Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools enrichment summer, after-school and winter break programs.

The Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson will be preaching. Dr. Wilson is the CEO of the national Children's Defense Fund. The service will be live-streamed.

Join the VisionWalk Team!

Saturday, October 18 | 9am | Creve Coeur Park, St. Louis, MO

Join us for a family-friendly walk, resource fair, and activities for all ages. Together, we're advancing the fight against blinding diseases and building a brighter future, one step at a time. 9am registration. 10:30am walk begins. Let's cure blinding retinal degenerative diseases together!

Please join PUCC's VisionWalk team, the Believers, or make a donation to the Foundation Fighting Blindness and help us save and restore sight to the 10 million Americans living in darkness. Scan or click the QR code.



The team is walking in support of someone very dear to us with a blinding eye disease. We hope that you will support the team by making a donation and joining them at VisionWalk!

Join the fight and help us accelerate our mission! For more info, please contact Jo Grove jogrove08@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE Trunk or Treat

The 2025 Trunk or Treat is **Saturday, October 18** from 5 -7 pm. Save the date for this fun-filled event! Volunteer & Candy sign-ups will start September 21. Please join us! If you can help out, contact Karen Mariani ksmariani59@gmail.com

33rd Annual Interfaith Dinner & Celebration 2025

Tuesday, October 28 | 6-8pm | 4970 Oakland Ave, STL, MO

Since 1985, hundreds of people have gathered at the Annual Dinner to celebrate our region's vibrant interfaith community, renew commitments to one another, and invest in the bridge-building efforts of IPSTL.

Each year the Interfaith Partnership honors one or two members of the interfaith community for their steadfast commitment to deepening relationships across lines of difference. As awardees, these individuals are recognized for bravely bringing people together, for actively building an interfaith community that is responsive and resilient, for working towards collective transformation, and for being a friend to many.

All proceeds go to supporting the activities and service projects of Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis. Register by clicking or scanning QR code. Seats sell out fast!



AWOL—Adventurous Women Out Late

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.



Saturday, November 8 from 9:30am-12:00pm

Explore some historical highlights of St Louis architecture and how they changed the area from blighted to monumental. Tour begins at Union Station. Click or scan QR code to register.

Saturday, December 6 from 2-4pm

Come enjoy live theater with us - *Emma* the play - based on the novel by Jane Austen at The Rep. Click or scan QR code to register.



Question? Contact Carmen Bumgarner at
cfbum@charter.net

SAVE THE DATE Parkway Adventurers go to Kitchen Conservatory

Wednesday, November 19 | 11am-1:30pm | 9011 Manchester Rd

Parkway Adventurers can enjoy a Plymouth Thanksgiving Meal and Demonstration at The Kitchen Conservatory. Enjoy a Thanksgiving-inspired meal, as Audrey Scherrer prepares a velvety pureed carrot soup topped with ginger raisin chutney, pan-seared and roasted chicken used in a flavorful chicken salad with the drippings, topped with a red wine vinaigrette and fresh croutons served with a crisp white wine, plus caramelized honey pumpkin pie with fresh whipped cream. There are only 16 available seats. The cost is \$55 a person. Please register and pay online with Parkway's One Church, or by clicking or scanning the QR code, as soon as possible, as there is a 16-person limit.



Questions- Carol Cobb **ccjacob@aol.com**

Respect MO Voters

We are collecting signatures for Respect MO Voters. It's a cross partisan, volunteer group dedicated to getting an amendment on the MO ballot 11/26. This amendment will prohibit the legislature from undoing the will of the majority of voters, as was done after the 11/24 vote. This is why it's cross partisan. Whichever side of the aisle you identify with, the majority will of the people should prevail.

Please stop by our table in the gathering space before or after Sunday services. Take some information about the group, consider joining the movement, and sign the petition. For more info, contact Michelle Singer
mrsinger71@gmail.com

Autumn Opportunities for Good Samaritans

Isaiah 58 Ministries. To help complete Thanksgiving dinners, our church is asked to donate

150 cans of cranberry sauce for clients in Midtown and South St. Louis. Please place cans of cranberry sauce in marked containers in the lobby. This food drive ends **November 7**.

North St. Louis Tornado Relief, food. Please add extra nonperishable food items on Give-a-Meal Sundays and throughout the autumn season for Sunday give-aways to people affected by the St. Louis tornado. Please place items in marked containers in the lobby. Suggested items are canned green beans, corn, fruit, sweet potatoes, soups, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, meats, packages of spaghetti, mac n' cheese, rice, mashed potatoes, and baking items.

North St. Louis Tornado Relief, nonfood. Our church is a collection point for Planned Parenthood as they gather diapers, baby wipes, formula, and other baby and personal hygiene items for mothers and babies affected by the St. Louis tornado. We are also asked to contribute any such items throughout the autumn season. Please place items in the marked containers in the Gathering Space library area.

Questions? Please contact Sally Dodge s.dodge@hotmail.com; and Evelyn Buretta burettaevelyn@gmail.com

Health Information

Many of us, for years, relied on various federal government websites for evidence-based recommendations to make choices in managing our health care. With the current turmoil in the Department of Health and Human Services, many people are looking for other sources of information. The New York Times recently listed independent sites with a record of tracking evidence-based health information. We list them here for any who wish to use them:

1. For vaccine information the Vaccine Education Center

<https://www.chop.edu/vaccine-education-center/about-vec> maintained for 25 years by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

2. For Women's Health **<https://www.acog.org/womens-health>** maintained by The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

3. Check misinformation on the searchable Cleveland Clinic Health Library **<https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health>**

4. For children's health questions healthychildren.org

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/Pages/default.aspx> from the American Academy of Pediatrics

5. To receive timely information about rapidly moving outbreaks, The Tracking Report **<https://mailchi.mp/brown/tracking-report-subscription>** from the Brown University School of Public Health is useful.

~ submitted by John Russell

PUCC Shirts Available for Sale!

Show your church spirit and spread a little love wherever you go! Our new church t-shirts are comfortable, soft, and perfect for everything from Sunday worship to community events. They feature our church name/logo so you can wear your faith out loud. Shirts are just \$15 each in a variety of sizes. Click or scan QR code to purchase your PUCC shirt today!



For any questions, contact Gabriel gabriel@parkwayucc.org



DOWNLOAD OUR 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.

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 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, September 17, 2025

Celebrations

Pat Owens - moved within *Mason Pointe Senior Living Community*.

Doug and Amy Yakel - as he retired this week!

Hispanic Heritage Month - September 15 through October 15.

Concerns

Cindy Changyit Levin and family as they grieve/give thanks for her mother
- <https://www.vondelsmithmortuary.com/memorials/lazette-nichols/5633259/index.php>

Kate Moran - severe pain from Lyme disease (Borgmann).

Mary Faith Green and husband Ted - after her heart surgery (Akers).

Violence across America - *including gun violence*.

Ongoing chaos and grief in the Middle East (Gaza prayer below)

The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.

Our St Louis neighbors after the tornado in May.

Continuing

John & Dottie Dwyer - gaining strength after his heart procedure; PT.

Carol & Harold Cobb - healing after her hip replacement surgery.

Cathy and Rick Hasler - both recuperating from surgery.

Kathy and Bill Hilgeman - making strides after knee surgery.

Karla Beck - as her brother seeks care and the family shares peace.

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

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

Emi - 5 year-old undergoing chemo at Children's Hospital (McConnell).

Elaine - healing after cancer surgery (Melanie Muchnick's mom).

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

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

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

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

Ron Mudica - receiving hospice care; stage 4 cancer (Akers).

Derek - dying from alcoholism; grace for his father David (Akers).

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

Bob Messey - serious health concerns (Svenson).

John Ruiz's oldest brother and wife - healing in Cape Girardeau.

John & Nancy Tallyn - his heart condition; her recurring leukemia, etc

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

Danny Ververlo - awaiting a kidney transplant (McDougall).

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

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

Haack's doctor and his wife Christine - her ongoing health crisis.

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.

Prayer for Gaza City by Maren Tirabassi

Holy One, we grieve for Gaza City, and our hearts are sick,

We cry out for the cries of God's children in the midst of bombardment and the ground offensive.

Another summer of war is past, and the harvest is starvation and terror.

God, your heart breaks for the brokenness of your daughters and sons in Gaza, for there is no balm in this new Gilead,

and the people of the world weep a fountain of tears,

day and night, watching from far away,

the slaying of your precious children. Amen

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.