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Purpose Statement

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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 Greg Schmelig.

Flowers given by Moonyeen Powers in honor of her husband Bill who would have been 80 years old today, but unfortunately died earlier this year.

Treats after worship provided by Carol and Harold Cobb.

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



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Mental Health Support

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911... call or text)
24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK) | 800-SUICIDE: 800-784-2433
24/7 Missouri Department of Mental Health 800-811-4760
Text 741741 and someone will text right back...www.crisistextline.org
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

9/28 Kim Weas

9/29 Doug Yakel

9/29 Mike Rutherford

9/29 Lisa Duke

9/30 Pamela Manning

10/3 Kathy Hilgeman

10/3 Denyse Schrenker

10/4 Iris Cameron

16th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, September 28, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Prelude *Na tom pražském mostě (On that Prague Bridge)*, Traditional

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation I believe in the person I want to become. ~Lana Del Rey

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 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 | Inclusive Language Psalter

They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

They shall say to God, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."

God shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence.

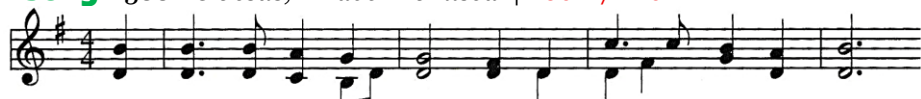
God shall cover you with their pinions,
and you shall find refuge under their wings;
their faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
 nor of the arrow that flies by day;
 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,
 nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
 Because everyone is bound to me in love,
 therefore will I deliver them;
 I will protect them, because they know my Name.
 They shall call upon me, and I will answer them;
 I am with them in trouble;
 I will rescue them and bring them to honor.
 With long life will I satisfy them,
 and show them my salvation.

*Call to Worship

One:	Come, all who seek shelter and rest, for God is a dwelling place more spacious than fear.
Many:	We enter the shadow of the Holy, where love is our refuge and hope is our shield.
One:	No terror of the night, no arrow of the day, no sickness, no shadow, no storm
Many:	can separate us from the presence of God.
One:	The Holy One is with us in trouble, delivering us, sustaining us, giving us life.
Many:	We come as beloved community, and lift our hearts.
One:	We will worship the God of life
Many:	who promises salvation, abundance, and long days filled with love.
All:	Let us worship our God together - Creator, Christ and Spirit.

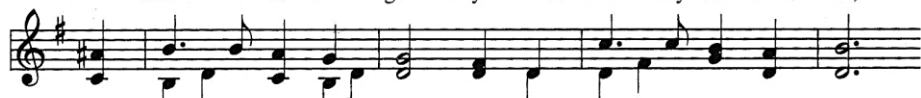
***Song** #388—*O Jesus, I Have Promised* | Red Hymnal



1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,
4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee



Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will;
 That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;



Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.
 But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er And shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my friend.

***Opening Prayer** Lyndale UCC, Minneapolis ~ February 2009

**Holy One, Source of Life known by many names,
 we gather with gratitude for the earth and all who journey on it.
 We give thanks for the interconnectedness of all creation.**

**Source of Justice who is known by many names,
 let us not swerve from the path of right living
 that leads to just and equitable relationships.**

**Open our eyes that we may see the immigrant and undocumented
 whose labor enables and sustains our living;
 the farm worker, the hotel worker, the line cook,
 the childcare provider, the healthcare worker.**

**Give us the will to leave behind the safety of our sanctuaries
 to become your living sanctuary.**

**Help us claim our place in the movement to transform creation—
 that our voice, our heart, our spirit will
 join the voice, heart and spirit of all who
 demand to live with respect, justice, and peace. 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 *Weave*

**Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together in unity and love,
Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together, together in love.**

Reception of New Members

Invitation

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 today!

Questions of the Candidates

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Question About Participation

Welcome and Reception


One:	Let us, the members of Parkway United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.
All:	We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of Jesus.

Greeting of Christian Love

Sponsors: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Parkway United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the family of this local church.

Prayer

Response #438—*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*, v1, 3 | Red Hymnal




1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love:

2. Be - fore our Ma - ker's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;

3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,

4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.

And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.

And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Scripture Luke 16:19-31 | Common English Bible

Jesus said, “There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

“The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. He shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I’m suffering in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain.

Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.’

“The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father’s house. I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don’t come to this place of agony.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.’ The rich man said, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.’ Abraham said, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer #2185—For One Great Peace | [Blue Songbook](#)

1. This thread I weave, this step I dance, this
2. this pot I shape, this fire I light, this
3. this check I write, this march I join, this

stone I carve, this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this
fence I leap, this bone I knit, this seed I nurse, this
faith I state, this truth I sign, this is small part, in

pearl I string, this flag I wave, this note I sing,
rift I mend, this child I raise, this earth I tend,
one small place, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

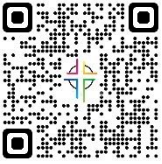
Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

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

Offering Our Gifts to God



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 *Reach Across The Galaxy* by Rose Freeman Gamez (Arr. for organ by Amy Freeman)

*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 *Carol Penner*

We have the means to give. We have the reason to give. There are many waiting for us to give. Yet often, our hands hold back, and we hoard what we have for ourselves. God of grace, help us live and give in your kingdom of love, where there are no enemies, only siblings, and kindness is the air we breathe. Amen.

*Song of Parting #2238—In the Midst of New Dimensions | Blue Songbook



1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are one and we are man - y all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,



Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain



God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea - gles soar, We your



peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

***Music for Going Forth** *Improvisation on Bridge Over Troubled Water*
 by Paul Simon

St. Louis Metro Area Crop Hunger Walk TODAY

TODAY | 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



Announcements

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

Our Communications Team is very active and is exploring all kinds of avenues. Please subscribe to our YouTube Channel today. Our YouTube Channel is [@parkwayuccsl](https://www.youtube.com/@parkwayuccsl). There is a subscribe button under the main heading and brief description of our church. Thank you! Questions? Please contact barbharris@charter.net or cynthiaouri@gmail.com

Tower Grove Pridefest

TODAY | Tower Grove Park

Primarily we need folks to volunteer for the Gateway Open and Affirming (GONA) Booth on Sunday, Sept 28. Please consider signing up! For more information, contact Greg Schmelig greg_schmelig@hotmail.com

You're Invited to a Watch Party

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

September Council Highlights

- Gabriel reported on team reviewing General Synod Resolutions.
- Nancy Litzinger reported that Round 1 of the Goals have been completed and the team will meet at the end of the month to write new Goals.
- The Leadership Commission is meeting to outline a plan to fill vacancies on the Council, Commissions, Committees and Vitality Groups.
- Kris McKenzie presented a motion that the Eco Stewards recommend that groups holding events at church make them as green as possible;e. The motion passed. The Eco Stewards will write a plan, outlining how to have a green event.
- Council discussed converting a bathroom to be Gender Neutral. A team representing Property Commission, ONA Team and Communications Team will prepare a full proposal to Council.

For more info, contact Lana Biondo Lanabiondo66@gmail.com

Adventurous Men Out Early

Adventurous men gather this **Thursday, October 2**, in the Heritage Room at 9:15am for coffee and fellowship. No need to RSVP. All are invited.

Questions? Please contact Richard Scherrer at 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"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 that 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.

"Unseen St. Louis," by Elizabeth Eikmann, Historian and PhD.

Sunday, October 12 | 11:15am-12:15pm | Heritage Room

When historians visit archives, they often find weird, surprising, and fun material that they rarely get to share with others...but that ends here! Dr. Eikmann shares the stories of a selection of images and objects from various St. Louis archives that reveal an unknown side of St. Louis history. The presentation is fun, upbeat, and conversational spanning from the nineteenth century to today, from newspapers and magazines to photography and phonograph records. Elizabeth Eikmann is an expert in St. Louis history, women's history, and the history of photography. She is a teacher, scholar, and public historian and works as the Assistant Director of Curricular Innovation in the College of Arts and Sciences and as a Lecturer in American Culture Studies at Washington University in St. Louis. She is working on her book project, *In Her Image: Women's Photography in Turn-of-the-Century St. Louis*, which explores the role of white practitioners of photography in the linking of racial identification and vision.

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

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue on Zoom

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 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.. 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 S'mores 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. Scan or click QR code to register. For more info, contact Kevin Cameron at kevin@parkwayucc.org



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. We will start our next book, *Solito* on **Oct 14**. *Solito* by Javier Zamora is a 2022 memoir that recounts his 3,000-mile solo journey at age nine from El Salvador through Guatemala and Mexico to the United States to reunite with his parents. The book details the harrowing, treacherous, and lengthy journey that was expected to take two weeks but lasted two months, revealing both the dangers faced by migrants and the acts of kindness and humanity encountered along the way. We will be discussing the first 100 pages. 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 pot luck & join us for our next conversation!
For questions, please contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net.

Igniting Joy

Folk Concert Benefitting Peace Community Building

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

Join the community 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

Trunk or Treat Around the Bend

Join us for one of the most entertaining and fun-filled events at PUCC: Trunk or Treat! The 1½ hour event starts at 5pm, **Saturday, October 18**. We need kids, youth & the young at heart to make the event a success. Immediate sign-up needs: car trunks (goal is 25) and candy.

At the event volunteers needed: greeters, game hosts, activity helpers, face painting, grilling/serving hot dogs, decorations for outside & inside, photographers and much, much more. There is a place for everyone who wants to help.

How to sign-up: In the Gathering Space at church, through One Church by clicking or scanning the QR code, or email Karen Mariani at ksmariani59@gmail.com



Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Monday, October 20 | 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:

Wed, Nov 19 at 10am;

Fri, Dec 12 at 10am;

Mon, Jan 12 at 2pm

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

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. Visit interfaithstl.org to register. Seats sell out fast!

Prayer Corner an opportunity to pray with someone

Wednesday, October 29 | 7-9am | 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:

Thu, Nov 13 from 6-8pm

Tue, Dec 9 from 8-10am

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

New Book Pre-Order: *Advocacy Made Easy*

PUCer Cynthia Changyit Levin's new book, *Advocacy Made Easy: How to Turn Civic Frustration into Powerful Action*, is now available for pre-order.

This concise, 70-page guide offers step-by-step instructions to help both new and seasoned advocates effectively engage with elected officials at every level of government. It includes updated guidance on writing op-eds, navigating AI in advocacy, and crafting persuasive messages using the "EPIC" format.

Autographed copies with personal inscriptions are available for \$15 through her website **<https://www.changyit.com/books>**, with official launch day set for October 29. For more information or to join her launch team, email **cynthia@changyit.com**.

Touring the Old Courthouse - A Site of Past Resistance

Thursday, October 30 | 10am | 11 North Fourth St., St. Louis

Please join with the Adventurers on a trip to the Old Courthouse. We'll meet at the church at 9:30am for carpooling or around 10am at the Courthouse. We'll explore the newly renovated and accessible museum at our own pace.

Afterward, the group will head to O'Connell's for lunch (4652 Shaw). Come join in on the fun and meet some other PUCers!

The Old Courthouse in Downtown St. Louis, part of Gateway Arch National Park, was built between 1839 and 1862. It hosted landmark cases, including the Dred Scott and Virginia Minor trials, and over 300 freedom suits by enslaved African Americans. Beyond its history, it's a beautiful site to explore. Visit archpark.org to learn more. Click or scan QR code to prepurchase parking (\$10).



The only cost for the Old Courthouse is a small, shared contribution for carpool parking. Please RSVP to Jackie Eiffert by **Friday, October 24**, so that we can make sure we have enough drivers and can secure parking in advance for the carpool cars at **jeiffert2@gmail.com**

AWOL—Adventurous Women Out Late

Come build relationships with other PUCers.

Hey ladies! We are looking at our winter 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. Questions? 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 **ccjcobb@aol.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**

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

Thanksgiving Baskets for Circle of Concern

Fall started this week, and it is time to think about changing leaves, cooler weather and fall activities. The Thanksgiving Basket program at Circle of Concern is one that our 750 client families love. Parkway and 6 other area churches will again provide shelf stable food that can be boxed and distributed to clients, along with fresh fruit and vegetables, a frozen pie and an Aldi's gift card. We will begin collecting the 10 items and the boxes will be packed and then delivered to Circle on **November 8**. We will again be responsible for filling 100 boxes. The items needed are listed below. Lana will place a crate in the vestibule and the list of items can be found on the information table under the bulletin board. Many thanks for participating in this important outreach activity.

Items needed: cornbread muffin mix; bag or box of stuffing mix; can of cranberry sauce; can of pumpkin; jar of gravy - turkey or chicken; broth - chicken or vegetable; can of corn; can of green beans; can of fruit; box of dried mashed potatoes. For more info for how to help, contact Lana Biondo lanabiondo66@gmail.com

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

Prayer List

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Celebrations

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

Doug and Amy Yakel - as he retired last week!

Hispanic Heritage Month - September 15 through October 15
(maybe a visit to Cherokee Street is what you need? Diana's Bakery?!)

High Holy Days for our Jewish siblings right now.

Our PUCC Prayer Chaplain Ministry.

Concerns

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.

The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.

Our St Louis neighbors after the tornado in May.

Typhoon Ragasa - Philippines, Taiwan, Macao, Hong Kong, China.

Continuing

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

Cathy and Rick Hasler - both recuperating from 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.

Cindy Changyit Levin family as they grieve/give thanks for her mother

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.

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.