

WHAT IS GOOD?
TO DO JUSTICE
TO LOVE KINDNESS
TO WALK HUMBLLY
WITH OUR GOD



PARKWAY
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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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 Andy Lowenthal.

Flowers given by Jackie Eiffert in honor of her husband, Kenton, remembering him on his birthday.

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

10/6 Steve Degroote

10/6 Linus Waite

10/6 Alicia Rutherford

10/8 Brenda Sperry

10/8 Dawn Friedmann

10/8 Scott Biest

10/9 Michael Ruzicka

10/9 Kris McKenzie

10/10 David Peek

10/10 Melaine Muchnick

10/10 Bill Schulenburg

Anniversaries

10/6 Suzie & Bill Schulenburg

10/9 David & Kaylyn Schulenburg

17th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, October 5, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Prelude *Melody from a Newfoundland Sea Shanty*

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation I have a mustard seed; and I am not afraid to use it.

~Pope Benedict XVI

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 #2164—Sanctuary | [Blue Songbook](#)



Lord, pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu-ar-y, pure and
Lord, pre-pare me to be your lov-ing e-cho, kind and
ho-ly, tried and true. With thanks-giv-ing, I'll be a
gen-tle, tried and true. With thanks-giv-ing, I'll be a
liv-ing sanc-tu-ar-y for you.
liv-ing sanc-tu-ar-y for you.

Scripture Luke 17:5-10 | Common English Bible

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after plowing or tending sheep, ‘Come! Sit down for dinner?’ Wouldn’t you say instead, ‘Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink?’ You won’t thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you? In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, ‘We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty.’”

***Call to Worship**

One:	What does the Holy One ask of us?
Many:	To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.
One:	We gather as seekers of justice -
Many:	longing for a world where all are fed, safe, and free.
One:	We gather as people of compassion -
Many:	ready to love and care for our neighbors and creation.
One:	We gather as fellow travelers on the journey -
Many:	walking humbly together with God, step by step - toward justice, kindness, and peace!
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** #420—*God of Grace and God of Glory* | Red Hymnal



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

***Opening Prayer**

God of grace and God of glory, we gather in awe of your presence and your power. You clothe us not in fear but in courage, not in pride but in compassion, not in selfishness but in generosity.

Pour your Spirit upon us today, that we may stand strong against injustice, that we may walk gently with the earth, that we may love boldly in a world that hungers for healing. Free us from the ways of division, open us to the wisdom of inclusion, and guide us in the paths of 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 #368—I've Got Peace Like a River | Red Hymnal

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in - a my
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in - a my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in - a my

soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain in - a my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.

Scripture 2Timothy 1:1-14 | CEB

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, to promote the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

To Timothy, my dear child.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I'm grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night. When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you. Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.


So don't be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord or of me, a prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God's power. God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on God's own purpose and grace that

has been given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. Now this grace is revealed through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus. He destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news. I was appointed a messenger, apostle, and teacher of this good news. This is also why I'm suffering the way I do, but I'm not ashamed. I know the one in whom I've placed my trust. I'm convinced that God is powerful enough to protect what has been placed in my trust until that day. Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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.

www.parkwayucc.org/giving

Offering Interlude *'Tis the Gift*

First Sunday Choir

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning, we come 'round right.

*Response #591—*Old Hundredth* | Red Hymnal

**Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we bring these gifts not as tokens of duty, but as signs of our desire to follow in the way of Jesus - a way of compassion, courage, and justice. May these offerings be transformed into acts of healing, feeding the hungry, lifting the broken, and building a world where all are loved. Shape us, too, as living offerings - our hands ready to serve, our voices ready to speak truth, our hearts open to care without condition. In following Jesus, we seek not wealth or power, but the abundance of grace, peace, and community. Bless these gifts and bless our lives, that together we may be the kind of community most needed now. Amen.

*Song of Parting *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Unison



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low



Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
Je - sus?— No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth *We've Come This Far By Faith* by Albert Goodson

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 [@parkwayuccsfl](https://www.youtube.com/@parkwayuccsfl). 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

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am **"The Economics of Immigration," by Jon Haveman, PhD**

TODAY | 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 1:45pm and the book discussion is from 2-3pm. 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 | Wehrl 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 jogroveo8@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

October 2025 Alzheimer's News

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is **Saturday, October 25**, at 8am at the Chesterfield Amphitheater. Registration opens at 8am. The opening and Promise Garden Ceremony is at 10am. Walk is to follow in Central Park. Everything is outside. The Parkway team should meet at the Veteran's Honor Park (by the flags) at 9:30am so PUCC can do this together.

Parkway team donations can be given to Joyce Ruiz and she will send them in. Please make checks payable to: Alzheimer's Association.

For more details on current and future Alzheimer's research, visit **alz.org/Research**. You can learn more by going to **www.alz.org/help-support/resources** or the Alzheimer's Helpline which is accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master's level clinicians to assist with crisis situations, decision making, and disease information. Tools and support are also available in Spanish.

Want to learn more about the Alzheimer's Association and what they do here in St. Louis? Visit **www.alz.org** and/or contact PUCC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at **joyceruiz7@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. Visit **interfaithstl.org** to register. Seats sell out fast! You can also go to:

<https://interfaithstl.org/annual-celebration>

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**

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**

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**

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, October 1, 2025

Celebrations

New Members: Alex/Lexi Johnson; Diane Brost; Gabe/Alex Wiseman!

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.

Concerns

Pat Owens - recent hospitalization... undergoing a variety of tests.

Brian - reeling from house fire that took everything (Amy Yakel cousin).

Grace - healing of a broken ankle; receiving hospice care (Svenson).

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

Debbie Sutcliffe - potentially facing another cancer diagnosis (Akers).

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

Violence across America - *including gun violence.*

The people of the Philippines after the deadly earthquake this week.

Ongoing chaos and grief in the Middle East.

The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.

Our St Louis neighbors after the tornado in May.

The US Government Shutdown - that compromise will rise.

Continuing

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

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 Venverlo - 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 [birthdate: January 15]

Mildred Hoxie - *Sunrise at Bluemont Park*, 5900 Wilson Blvd. #253, Arlington, VA 22205; [birthdate: January 15]

Bill Klein - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr, #104; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: March 8]

John Nourse *The Village at Cape Albeon*; 3300 Lake Bend Dr, #166; Valley Park, MO 63088 [birthdate: October 26]

Pat Owens - *Mason Pointe* - 13190 South Outer Forty Rd, #2303; Town and Country, MO 63017; 314-323-7194 [birthdate: February 18]

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.

LAST WEEK in Sunday School

God called Moses to lead God's people out of slavery. In spite of Moses' protests and insecurities, God worked through him to free the Israelites (Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17).

TODAY in Sunday School

After being freed from the Egyptians, the Israelites complain about the lack of food. God provides manna and quail for them to eat (Exodus 16:1-18).

THE POINT

God sends blessings even when people complain and grumble.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

The first five books in the Old Testament are known as the Torah. The Torah is more than a list of laws that must be obeyed; it is a collection of instructions or teachings on how God wanted the Israelites to live. It teaches the Israelites how to live God-centered lives. The Torah also teaches how to live in a community, loving and caring for others. Overall, the teachings in the Torah establish the roots and identity for the Israelite people. It is a history of the people

STORY SUMMARY

After the Israelites were delivered from Egypt, they experienced hunger while wandering in the wilderness. They complained about the lack of food and longed to be slaves again, thinking that nothing could be worse than this. God heard their grumblings and rained bread (manna) from heaven. God gave specific instructions for how much to collect and how much to eat. God also sent quail at night. God met their needs with just enough for each day.

PRACTICE: Worship

The Israelites grumbled and complained after God miraculously delivered them from captivity. We can worship God by giving God our thanks and praise for what God has given us, rather than grumbling that what we have been given does not meet our standards. What can your family be grateful for that has become routine and perhaps even boring to you? Take time to say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for this blessing!

NEXT WEEK in Sunday School

In the middle of the night, a boy named Samuel hears a voice calling his name. It is God calling Samuel to be a great leader for Israel (1 Samuel 3:1-21).