



Parkway UCC and Mar Thoma

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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 Readers are Nancy Litzinger and Lisa Davidson

Flowers given by Lana and Joe Biondo in celebration of nature as the season has turned to fall.

Treats after worship provided by Mary Joy.



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

10/15 Marina Williams

10/16 Maya Cameron

10/18 Matthew Stolze

Anniversaries

10/12 David & Marsha Peek

10/14 Andrew & Julie Simonson

18th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, October 12, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

We are so pleased to be celebrating World Communion as one congregation: Mar Thoma Church of St Louis and Parkway United Church of Christ. Please stay after worship for refreshments and reconnections! Peace.

Meditation

നിന്റെ നിശ്ശബ്ദ സ്നേഹം എന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ സംഗീതമായി.

Your silent love has become the music of my life. ~ Sugathakumari

Prelude *Mr. Carpenter*, Traditional, Arranged by Ray Henderson

Welcome

*Kiss of Peace

One: O God and Lord of all, make us worthy to greet one another with the Kiss of Peace, freed from insincerity and united in love. To you, Creator, Christ and Spirit, we ascribe praise and glory, one God, now and forever.

Many: Amen.

One: Peace be with you all.

Many: And with you also.

One: In the love of God, let us greet one another in Peace.

All: May the love and peace of our Jesus Christ abide with us forever

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. _____ Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. _____ Where
 is in par-don - ing that we are par - doned, _____ in



there is in - ju - ry, your par-don, Lord, _____ and
 there is dark - ness, _____ on - ly light, _____ and
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, _____ and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you. _____
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. _____
 dy - ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life. _____



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek _____ so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole. _____ To be



un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, _____ to be



loved as to love with all my soul. _____

Scripture Lesson Psalm 23 | King James Version - shared in Malayalam

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***Call to Worship**

One: The Holy One is our Shepherd; we lack nothing.

Many: God leads us to green meadows and still waters, restoring our weary souls.

One: Even when the path winds through shadowed valleys, we will not be afraid—Love walks with us.

Many: God's rod and staff comfort us, guiding us with mercy and justice.

One: God sets a feast before us, and our cup overflows with grace.

Many: Surely goodness and compassion will follow us, and we will dwell in God's beloved community all our days.

All: Come, for God calls us together.

***Hymn #442—The Church's One Foundation | Red Hymnal**



1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 2. Elected from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
 4. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,



She is His new creation By water and the word;
 Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
 She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;



From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
 One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vision glorious Her long-ling eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she presses, With every grace endowed.
 And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union
 With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 May live eternally.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have forgotten your command to love you with all our hearts, with all our soul, with all our strength, with all our mind and love our neighbors as ourselves. Many a time we have abandoned you in various life situations. We have neglected our studies, gone astray after wrong companionship, always wandering after worldly pleasures. In our homes, in our places of work and in our social life, we have failed in the mission you have entrusted to us. We have also made little use of the possibilities you have provided us. Unable to recognize you as our creator and sustainer, we grope in darkness. Forgive us, Lord our sins, and in your mercy accept us as your heritage. Hear us, we ask this in the name of our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Almighty God, in your great mercy you have promised forgiveness of sins to all who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn to you. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

One: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Many: Glory be to you, O God.

Children's Time For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 09 (upper level) where one of our teachers will meet them at the door. Children from age 3 to 2nd grade will then go to Room 12, children from 3rd to 5th grade will go to 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 will come back up with their teachers for Communion with all of us.

Blessing the Children *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children,

All the children of the world.

Every child in every land,

Jesus holds them by the hand.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Words of Faith Formation *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Creator, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Creator, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator, through whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became one in Being with us.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Creator.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and Christ's kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Creator and the Son.

With the Creator and the Son they are worshiped and glorified.

They have spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

Offertory *Holy God We Praise Thy Name*

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Praise God whose love is fully known;
Creator, Christ, and Holy One. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious and loving God, we give thanks for the gifts we have share
- gifts of time, talent, and treasure - symbols of our gratitude and
our commitment to the work of your kindom on earth.**

**On this World Communion Sunday, we remember the table that
unites us across continents, cultures, and communities. May these
offerings help build bridges where there is division, bring hope
where there is despair, and provide sustenance to all your children
who hunger for justice, peace, and love.**

**As we partake in communion, remind us that your Spirit calls us to
embrace diversity, celebrate unity, and work for a world where
every person knows they belong at your/our table.**

**Bless these gifts, bless our hands as we share them, and bless our
hearts to serve faithfully, in the spirit of Christ who taught us to
love without borders.**

Amen.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 66:1-12 Nancy Litzinger

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of God's name;

give God glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name."

Come and see what God has done.

God is awesome in deeds among mortals.

God turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in God,

who rules by might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of God's praise be heard,

who has kept us among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;
you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Reflection Rev. Kevin Cameron

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:11-19 Lisa Davidson

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Reflection Rev. Varughese John

Invitation to the Communion Table We invite all who love God, follow Jesus and want to grow in the Spirit to come to this open table on this World Communion Sunday. Truly, all are welcome!

Communion Hymn *Now the Green Blade Rises*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;
2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,
3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;
Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

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.]

Intercessory Prayer

One: In our intercession let us pray for the whole human family with the unceasing prayer of Christ the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord for justice and peace in the whole world, and for fullness of life for everyone; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For all who live in this city, for the removal of all that divides us, and for true harmony in our country; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For all who work on the land and in industry, for those engaged in commerce, and for all who provide for our needs; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For teachers and students, scientists, artists and writers and for all who influence the minds and hearts of people, *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For those who are suffering, the poor and hungry, the destitute and oppressed, the sick and the dying, and for all who help them; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For all to whom authority is entrusted in this and other countries and especially for our President and Congress; the Governor and legislators of this state, and for all who exercise power over their fellow women and men; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For the unity of Christians and all people, for their witness and service in the world; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Blessing the Elements

May the Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread that it may be to us the communion of the Body of your Beloved Son and our Lord and God Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this cup that it may be to us the communion of the Lifeblood of your Beloved Son and our Lord and God Jesus Christ. Amen.

Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine

Please come forward in the center aisle to receive the bread and wine. All are welcome! Gluten-free wafers are on the communion table. Grape juice is in the outer ring; wine is in the center circles. Please return to your seat by the side aisles.

Communion Interlude *Let us Break Bread Together*

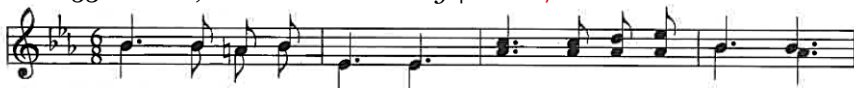
***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: Let us give thanks to God in communion with each other, with Christians everywhere, and with our needy neighbor, in whom we daily meet the living Christ.

Many: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own.

Give us the reverberating gifts of this holy communion: unity of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #536—Lord, Make Us More Holy | Red Hymnal**



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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Lord, make us more ho - ly, | Lord, make us more ho - ly, |
| 2. Lord, make us more lov - ing, | Lord, make us more lov - ing, |
| 3. Lord, make us more pa - tient, | Lord, make us more pa - tient, |
| 4. Lord, make us more faith - ful, | Lord, make us more faith - ful, |



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| Lord, make us more ho - ly, | Un - til we meet a - gain. |
| Lord, make us more lov - ing, | Un - til we meet a - gain. |
| Lord, make us more pa - tient, | Un - til we meet a - gain. |
| Lord, make us more faith - ful, | Un - til we meet a - gain. |



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| Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, | Un - til we meet a - gain. |
| Lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, | Un - til we meet a - gain. |
| Pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, | Un - til we meet a - gain. |
| Faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, | Un - til we meet a - gain. |

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Benediction**

One: You are a blessed people.

Many: We will go to be a blessing in the world.

One: You are the face of Jesus.

Many: We will go to be love and compassion to all.

One: You are the family of God.

Many: We will go in the Spirit to serve our siblings wherever we may find them.

Announcements

***Postlude** Improvisation on *Canticle of the Sun* by Marty Haugen, based on the words of St. Francis of Assisi)

Join us now for refreshments and reconnections with Mar Thoma and Parkway UCC members and friends.

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 cynthianouri@gmail.com

Gathering Space Refresh: What's the Story?

A year ago, members of Parkway's Communications Team toured our Gathering Space, asking ourselves, "Is this a welcoming space? What messages do these surroundings send when someone walks into our church?" There was ample room for improvement! First, our team wrote definitions for the phrases "Limitless Love, Courageous Action, and Spirited Inquiry," ordering a new banner to proclaim these values above our large bulletin board, which was updated to become a hub for sharing timely information.

We realized that the entryway was an overlooked "first impression" space and made efforts to tidy that area. The 25+ year old stained carpet in the Gathering Space was no longer able to be cleaned, so we found a budget-friendly carpet and installer. Water damage in the ceiling and walls around our windows also needed to be addressed, and Parkway's Property Commission took up refreshing the walls and floor financed by our Building Fund, making the frayed furniture the Comm Team's next significant challenge. We are fortunate that an anonymous donor offered to replace the worn items, with a protective finish for all tables to avoid the need for coasters. To serve our members and visitors in this connected age, a phone charging station was added to the credenza between the bookcases. Our new "bigger table" serves as a reminder of our commitment to welcoming all and offers space to build community over food, meetings, card writing, and coloring.

Signage throughout is now more consistent to help guests find their way around the building. While waiting for delivery of our new oak furniture, we created colorful art for our walls, pairing nature scenes with meaningful quotations from the Bible, Judaism, Islam, science, and poetry to declare our values to all who enter. A home-like feeling in our refreshed Gathering Space now says, "No matter who you are, you are welcome here in our United Church of Christ."

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am "Unseen St. Louis," by Elizabeth Eikmann, Historian and PhD.

TODAY | 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 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 Next Weekend

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



Enjoy a Potluck Dinner & 1946 the Movie

Sunday, October 19 | 5-8pm | Fellowship Hall

1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture is a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. The ONA Team at Parkway UCC is sponsoring this screening and potluck supper in observance of LGBTQ+ History Month. Bring a simple dish to share for our meal at 5 p.m. and we'll move into the Gathering Space after at 6 p.m. to watch the film. Dessert and discussion, led by Pastor Kevin, will follow the film. Scan or click QR code to RSVP and let Debbie Reinhardt know what potluck item you'll be bringing. For more info, contact Debbie at deborahreinhardt@att.net



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

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 Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue, TAD, for our next book starting

Tuesday, October 21. *To Life: A Celebration of Jewish Being and Thinking*

by Harold Kushner (author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*)

awakens non-Jews as well as Jews to the exuberance and enjoyment, the

rewards and relevance of Judaism today. We'll discuss the first 3 chapters.

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**

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Sat, Oct 25 | 10am | 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

5th Annual Drag Queen Bingo

Saturday, October 25 | 6-9pm | Parkway UCC

Five Rounds of Bingo and other fun games. \$25 per person

and includes soft drinks and pizza. Click or scan QR code to

register. Participants can bring their own snacks and drinks

(no alcohol, please). Proceeds to benefit Gateway ONA

scholarship and Alliance Q, the open and affirming

ministry of the Disciples of Christ.



"For Such a Time as This" Advocacy Panel

Monday, October 27 | 7pm | 201 W. Adams

As the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance closes its program year, our October meeting will equip faith communities for effective advocacy. We'll gather at **Kirkwood United Methodist Church** for the panel *"For Such a Time as This."*

Panelists include:

- **Jeanette Mott Oxford**, former Missouri House Representative, longtime advocate for equity, and organizer of public witness at this summer's UCC Open & Affirming convention.
- **Rev. Megan McLaughlin**, pastor at Christ Lutheran (ELCA), who testified against anti-trans bills in Jefferson City and works with Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries to support LGBTQIA+ clergy.

PROMO will also be with us - Missouri's statewide LGBTQ+ public policy and advocacy organization that confronts systemic inequities to liberate the full spectrum of the LGBTQ+ community from discrimination and oppression.

They will share advocacy stories, tips for organizing, and practical next steps. Attendees will receive handouts and on-site action items. We will also collect food for Metro Trans Umbrella Group's pantry (preferred: pop-top canned goods, shelf-stable milk, and snacks).

Please RSVP by **Oct. 24** to lgbtfaithalliance@aol.com

Questions? please contact PUCCer Deb Reinhardt in person at the email above.

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. Click or scan QR code, or 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**



STRIKE! STRIKE! Support Special Olympics Bowlers

Sunday, November 9 | 12:30-4pm | 1254 Dougherty Ferry Rd, Valley Park, MO

The annual STL Special Olympics Bowling Tournament is around the corner. We are looking for three people to join Kevin at Bowlero to be lane assistants who will greet athletes assigned to their lane, help athletes in bowling in the correct order and make sure athletes are on the correct lane for league style bowling. Lane assistants will also record final scores on sheets provided, cheer on the athletes, and most importantly HAVE FUN TOGETHER! If you have always wanted to volunteer with Special Olympics this is your chance! Click or scan QR code to register. Maximum capacity for event is four, so sign up fast! For more info, contact Kevin Cameron **kevin@parkwayucc.org**



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

Join us for a concert at the Focal Point!

Friday, November 7 | 8-10pm | 2720 Sutton Blvd Maplewood, MO 63143

Please join Rich & Helen Race, Cindy Nouri & David Eagleton for a concert at the Focal Point. Kentucky Music Hall of Fame members and recipients of the International Bluegrass Music Association's Distinguished Achievement

Award, the McLain Family Band are internationally known as one of the most spontaneous, creative, and spirited groups performing original and traditional bluegrass music. Parking is across the street. Please contact Cindy at cynthianouri@gmail.com



or Rich at racerichardg@gmail.com if you would like to carpool. Tickets are \$26 in advance or \$31 at the door. Scan or click QR code to register.

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 8, 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?!)

World Communion Sunday with Mar Thoma siblings this Sunday.

Concerns

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

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).

Violence across America - *including gun violence.*

Ongoing chaos/grief in the Middle East - and the *peace talks.*

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 - continuing to make progress with his healing.

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 mom.

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

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).

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

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 [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]

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.