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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 Michelle Brueggemann.

Flowers are given by Cindy Nouri in memory of her mother's birthday.

Treats are provided by Karen Mariani.

Our Prayer Chaplain this morning is Gabriel Requadt.



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

1/26 Evelyn Buretta

1/27 Grant Doty

1/31 Molly Grisham

Anniversaries

1/26 Lynn & Mark Sableman

1/28 Mike & Karen Scalion

1/31 Ben & Marilyn McDougall

3rd Sunday *after* Epiphany

Sunday, January 25, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Prelude *Pescador de Hombres (Fisher of Men)* by Cesáreo Gabaráin

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Jesus called for nonviolent resistance to Rome and just distribution of land and food. He was crucified because he threatened Roman stability - not as a sacrifice to God for humanity's sins. ~John Dominic Crossan

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 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*, v1 and 4



1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, Called to min-is-tries of grace,
4. So God grant us for to - mor-row Ways to or - der hu - man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
That sur-round each per - son's sor-row With a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, Our com - pas-sion to in - crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car-ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

Scripture Matthew 4:12-23 | Common English Bible (CEB)
Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,
the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light,
and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death.*

From that time Jesus began to announce, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!”

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

***Call to Worship**

One:	When the world feels heavy, and hope seems far away, Jesus steps into the places of uncertainty and fear.
Many:	The light shines in the shadows, and the shadows do not overcome it.
One:	Jesus calls ordinary people - including each of us - not because they are perfect, but because they are willing.
Many:	We come as we are, ready to listen, ready to follow.
One:	“Turn around” Jesus says - not to shame us, but to invite us to move toward a fuller, freer life.
Many:	We turn toward love, justice and compassion.
One:	Come and see. Come and follow. Come and be part of God’s work of healing and hope.
Many:	We gather to worship the God who still calls us by name.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** *Here I Am, Lord*



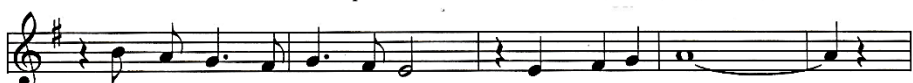
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|----|-------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1. | I, the Lord | of sea and sky, | I have heard | My peo-ple cry. |
| 2. | I, the Lord | of snow and rain, | I have borne | My peo-ple's pain. |
| 3. | I, the Lord | of wind and flame, | I will tend | the poor and lame. |



All who dwell in deep-est sin	My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them,	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them,	My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night,	I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone,	Give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide	Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear My light to them?	Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them.	Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them.	Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Unison



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have



heard You call-ing in the night I will



go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your



peo - ple in my heart.

*Opening Prayer

Holy One, You meet us not in places of power, but along the shorelines of our lives - in our work, our worries, our questions, and our longing. When we feel surrounded by darkness - by injustice, grief, or fear - You speak light, and You ask us to help carry it. Turn us again toward Your way of love. Re-orient our hearts toward compassion. Loosen our grip on what keeps us stuck, and open our hands to receive Your call. As Jesus gathered a community to heal, teach, and restore, gather us now. Make us brave enough to follow, humble enough to learn, and generous enough to share Your good news in word and in action. We offer this prayer with hope, trusting that Your light still shines, and Your call still goes out. 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 06 (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 5th grade will then go to Room 12, and youth from 6th to 12th grade will go to Room 15. For children in Room 06, 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 to the Fellowship Hall for Grace Place after class.

Blessing the Children *This is Where Children Belong*



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-come as part of the



wor - ship - ing throug. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and



cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

Sacrament of Baptism

Invitation, Questions and Promises

Child: Payton Josephine Nienhaus

Parents: Rebecca Palmgren and Justin Nienhaus

Godparents: Emily Susina and Ricky Nienhaus

Congregation

One: Jesus Christ calls us to offer the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to Payton, Becca and Justin as they all live and grow in Christ?

All: We promise our love, support, and care!

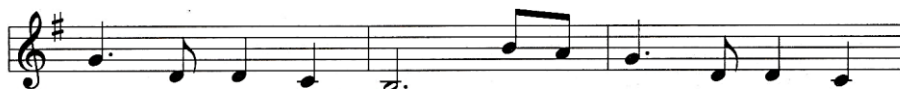
Act of Baptism and Baptismal Prayer

The Right Hand of Fellowship and Gifts from the Church

Response *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*



1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
3. When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was
5. In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too
7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing Lord to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.

2. I was there when you were but a child with a
 4. If you find some-one to share your time and you
 6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

D.C.

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Scripture Psalm 27:1, 4-9 | Inclusive Language Psalter

God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; and though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in God.

One thing have I asked of God; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of God all the days of my life; to behold the fair beauty of God and to seek God in God's temple. For in the day of trouble God shall keep me safe in their shelter; God shall hide me in the secrecy of their dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now God lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

Therefore, I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to God.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *Cares Chorus*

I cast all my cares up-on you, _____ I
lay all of my bur - dens down at your feet, and
an - y-time that I don't know what to do, I will
cast all my cares up - on you. _____

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

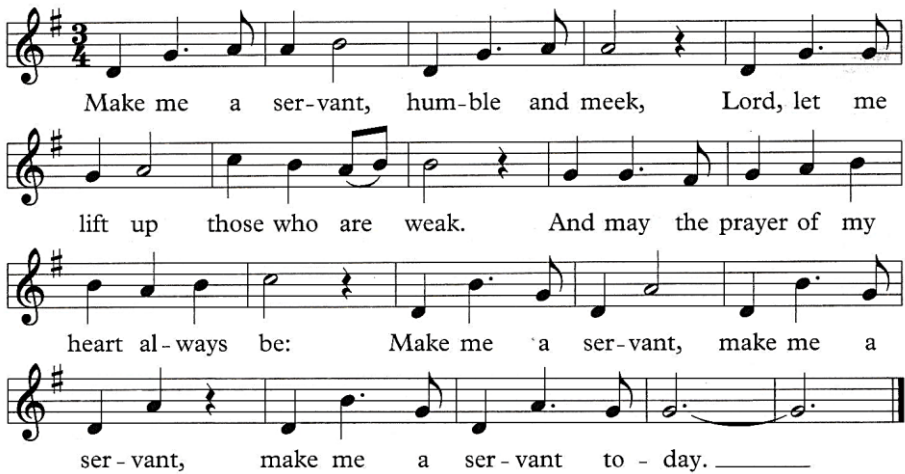


If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate on the stand next to the communion table before the end of the closing hymn. There are offering plates in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary too. Thank you for your generosity.

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Offering Interlude Improvisation on *You'll Never Walk Alone* by Oscar Hammerstein II and Richard Rodgers

***Response** *Make Me a Servant*



Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek, Lord, let me
lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my
heart al-ways be: Make me a ser-vant, make me a
ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to-day. _____

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of the calling light, You meet us along the roads of ordinary life and invite us to follow - not toward power or comfort, but toward healing, justice and love. As we share our gifts, shape us into servants. Loosen our grip on what we cling to, and turn our offerings - of money, time, and courage - into signs of Your kingdom among us. Use what we give to mend what is broken, to lift those pushed to the margins, and to shine Your light in places that feel forgotten. Make us Your servants, faithful in following, generous in sharing, and bold in love. Amen.

***Song of Parting** *Will You Come and Follow Me?*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad-mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** *Pescador de Hombres (Fisher of Men)* by Cesáreo Gabaráin

Lunch with Marthoma Congregation after worship TODAY!

Plan to stay after worship for a meal, friendship and a brief mission project! It's Potluck, so please plan to bring something to share. You can drop it off in the kitchen before 10am. The ovens will be on low if you need to keep your item warm. Marthoma's worship service will end at 11:30am and they come over to the Fellowship Hall from the Historic Sanctuary right away. As we wait for them, we have some table conversations to help PUCers get to know one another even better. As a faith community, it is important that we deepen our connections with one another. The conversations will be a blessing. Come!

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 cynthianouri@gmail.com

Prayer for Christian Unity - 2026

TODAY | 7pm | 12136 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Join Christians from local St. Louis communities in prayer for Christian unity at St. Monica Catholic Church.

Drawing from the Christian Churches of Armenian, this year's prayer highlights the story of Noah and the covenant made between all people and God. The theme for the Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 is taken from Ephesians 4:4, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." This hope of salvation in Jesus unites all believers. RSVP is optional but appreciated by scanning or clicking the QR code.



Tuesday Evening Dialogue

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us at TED for friendship and lively book discussions. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, Jan 27**. This will be our second session on the book *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller and we will be discussing Chapters 12 to 24. This novel will make you laugh out loud but it also brings to life how much books can change how you think and look at life. The author works in pertinent issues of our times including censorship, racism, homophobia and misogyny among others.

We read a variety of books in TED related to social justice, spirituality, different faiths, history, relationships, current events and nature. Bring a dish to share for the potluck & join us for our next conversation! Newcomers are always welcome.

Please join us in person at 6pm or on Zoom starting at 6:45pm. Contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net for questions.

January ONA News

In 2026, this column will include advocacy opportunities, storytelling, and ideas for our congregation to further lean into its Open & Affirming covenant.

First, let's talk about this weekend's opening of "Authentic Selves."

This photo exhibit shared the stories of 16 trans or nonbinary people using outstanding color portraiture and personal testimonies. We welcomed as a guest speaker Jordan Braxton to the opening reception. Jordan has been an activist in the St. Louis LGBTQIA+ community for almost 40 years, raising awareness about HIV/AIDS, intersex and trans rights. In entertainment and fundraising circles, she is known for her illusion of the incomparable Dieta

Pepsi. “Authentic Selves,” which will be on view through Feb. 8, not only combats the misinformation about trans people seen in the media, but it also celebrates the courage and joy of these individuals.

Right out of the gate, the Missouri Legislature has begun its attack on trans youth and athletes in the early days of its 2026 session. Of the 44 anti-LGBTQ+ bills that have been filed so far, seven aim to make our laws permanent that ban trans young people from accessing healthcare and playing sports. There also are bills that ban social transitioning in schools and force teachers to out trans students. Please sign up at [PROMO Missouri](#) to track these harmful bills and use your voice to testify in person or submit written testimony. There is, however, a spot of good news for LGBTQ+ youth! Amplify the Arch is a conference (Feb 8) by and for queer youth. Held at the Renaissance Airport Hotel, the full day will include workshops, artists, performances, a human library experience, resource booths and more. Volunteers are needed. Consider attending and supporting Amplify the Arch.

Family Iftar Dinners be a guest of a Muslim family to experience a fast-breaking together

As the Holy Month of Ramadan approaches, the Turkish American Society of Missouri (TASOM) warmly invites you to participate in a Home-Based Family Iftar Dinner with a local Muslim host family.

Please RSVP by scanning or clicking QR code by **Feb 1**. After matching you with a host family, they'll share details about your host's address, contact information, and background. This event is free of charge and open to everyone, regardless of faith. Join TASOM for an evening of delightful food, meaningful conversation, and new friendships. They look forward to connecting you with a welcoming family in your community!



Speak Out: A Banner Party Create signs for future protests, vigils

Sunday, February 1 | 1:30-4pm | Fellowship Hall

This is a drop-in event; come with ideas, materials (if possible*), and as many hands as possible; we will spread out on the tables and create signs and banners to be used at public gatherings.

- Children and friends are welcome.
- Participants take their signs and banners with them for future events.
- One or two fabric banners will be left at PUCC for use by anyone who wants to borrow them.

Seeking donations (or loan) of materials: ideas for slogans/messages, cardboard (corrugated and/or poster), markers, large-letter stencils, rulers, pencils, acrylic paint, inexpensive brushes, newspapers (to protect tables), sharp scissors, box cutters, masking/painter tape (for almost-instant lettering!), duct tape, packing tape, sturdy cardboard rolls or wooden pickets, one staple gun and staples... No fabric donations needed- I have plenty! Also snacks and drinks!

However, SEEKING iron-on adhesive cloth (NOT interfacing; must adhere on both sides), and loan of fabric scissors and 1-2 irons/ ironing boards.

If you want to put a (muted color) tattered family quilt or bedspread to a new use, though, it would make an awesome banner... or two, if cut in half. DONATIONS RECEIVED between Jan 25 and Feb 1. Please contact Karla Beck with questions or to donate at **Madamebeck@yahoo.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 with TAD as we read and discuss *Tom Lake*, a novel by Ann Patchett, in one more session on **February 3**. We'd love to have you! In the spring of 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of her life years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. Fellowship starts at 1:45pm and the book discussion is from 2-3pm. For more info, please contact **jeffert2@gmail.com**

Rooted in Faith and Justice: Christian Calls to Conscience & Cries for Peace in Palestine

Thursdays, starting Feb 5 | 6pm | ZOOM Meeting ID: 852 4980 9914
Passcode: 886683

In the December, the Church Council adopted a motion to the affirmation of certain principles from the General Synod 35 Resolution "Declaration for an End to Genocide in Palestine." We *affirm* that all are made in God's image and are deserving of life free from oppression, persecution, and violence. We *reject* any theology or ideology including Christian Zionism, Supercessionism, antisemitism, anti-Arab, anti-Palestinian, or anti-Islam bias that would privilege or exclude any one nation, race, culture or religion within God's universal economy of grace.

Parkway UCC is encouraged to receive this Resolution as a prophetic call and in an effort to live into this, we'll be offering a five-week reading club of *Rooted in Faith and Justice* over Zoom. The book offers a powerful and enlightening perspective through the eyes of Palestinian Christian leaders and thinkers, helping us to understand the complexities and injustices of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Each week, we'll cover a different section, starting with section 1. Click or scan QR code to get a copy. Let Gabriel Requadt know you'll be attending by emailing him at **gabriel@parkwayucc.org**



Amendment 3: Know the Truth. Protect Abortion!

Monday, February 9 | 7pm | B'nai Amoona, 324 S. Mason Rd., St. Louis, MO
Join Congregation B'nai Amoona and the NCJWSTL Path Coalition to hear our very own Dana Sandweiss speak about the new Amendment 3 and what you need to know to protect abortion rights. Sign up by February 5 by emailing **jkbernstein314@gmail.com**

Prayer Corner an opportunity to pray with someone

Wednesday, February 11 | 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:

Tuesday, March 24 from 3-5pm;

Wednesday, April 29 from 6-8pm;

Monday, May 18 from 1-3pm;

Wednesday, June 17 from 9-11am

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

Faith Perspectives An Interfaith Conversation about Reproductive Justice

Saturday, February 14 | 9am | Shaare Emeth, 11645 Ladue Rd., St. Louis, MO

Join members of the Access MO Clergy Advisory Board for an interfaith panel discussion about reproductive rights and beliefs from different faiths.

The panel will include Rev. Kevin Cameron, Rabbi Andrea Goldstein, and Rev. Deborah Krause, and will be moderated by Access MO President & Co-Founder Dana Sandweiss.

Please park in the north parking lot and enter through the North Lobby. Coffee, tea, and light breakfast snacks will be served at 9am. Conversation begins at 9:30am.

Scan or click QR code to register.



Go AWOL this Winter – Adventurous Women Out Late

Sunday, February 22 @2pm *Primary Trust* at The Repertory

Theater. Join us as we experience the winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Eboni Booth's hilarious and heartwarming play offers up a modern, tiki-lit homage to slices of Americana such as *Our Town*, *Harvey*, and *It's a Wonderful Life*. Kenneth's predictable life - Mai Tais at his favorite bar and a steady job at a local bookstore - begins to unravel, forcing him to confront a



childhood loss and the uncertainties of adulthood. With guidance from an imaginary friend, a kind waitress, and a splash of liquid courage, he discovers that trust, love, and friendship - much like the perfect Mai Tai - are best mixed in unexpected ways. Tickets are \$40. Click or scan QR code to register.

Friday, March 20 @5:30pm Dinner and Oscar-nominated Film.

Dine at Pierce Creek (<https://www.piercecreekstl.com/>), then enjoy an acclaimed movie (TBA) around the corner at AMC Crève Coeur. Please RSVP so we know how many tickets to purchase. (Carmen will purchase tix and you can Venmo her or give her cash.)

Sunday, April 19 @12pm Lunch and Spring Stroll. Bring your lunch to church and we'll eat together after worship and adult education (ECO Stewards are planning something to celebrate Earth Day), then carpool to the

Missouri Botanical Garden to enjoy the spring flowers! Feel free to meet us there if that is better for you. We will pay our admission at the door since some people have memberships.

Sunday, May 17 @6pm Community Choir Concert. Enjoy one another's company and a great concert with our own Michelle Brueggemann at the renovated Powell Hall! Ticket prices TBA -- link to purchase will be shared as soon as available.

Questions? Contact Carmen Bumgarner - cfbum@charter.net

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Monday, February 23 | 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:

Wednesday, March 25 at 2pm Tuesday, May 12 at 2pm

Friday, April 17 at 10am Monday, June 29 at 7pm

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

Standing with Women's Reproductive Rights

Parkway UCC has a proud history of standing with people who have been negatively affected by the prevailing sentiment and/or political climate. In late 2024 Church Council voted to support several Synod resolutions to focus on making a difference in our community. A small group met this week-end to discuss how we can live into "Resolution: Denouncing the Dobbs Decision and Proclaiming Abortion as Healthcare." We are planning several small group events in February and March. There will also be an after-church presentation on **March 1**. If you want to be a part of planning the community events, please contact Nancy Litzinger or Karen Mariani at nancywlitzinger@gmail.com or ksmariani59@gmail.com.

We believe individual health choices should be individual rights. We ask that you read an excellent summary of the struggle in the state of Missouri today by scanning or clicking the QR code. The Missouri Independent, a non-profit state newspaper reported on 1/9/26 about a trial, started Monday in Kansas City, litigating the parameters of Missouri's new reproductive rights amendment.



FUNDrive—Help Support Two Causes!

We encourage Parkway members and friends to join the Parkway Eco Stewards' FUNDrive, which is collecting clothing and household items. By participating, you will recover space, shoppers will find bargains, and the world will benefit from lower carbon emissions.

We accept the following materials: clothing, household textiles, small household goods, books, and media. Bags and boxes will be accepted until **March 7**, with funds going towards the Youth Group Mission Trips and Eco-Stewards Pollinator Garden. Drop off bags and boxes in the Fellowship Hall, to your right, when you walk in on Sundays. If dropping off items during the week, please coordinate with Gabriel at gabriel@parkwayucc.org for a

time that works. Questions-contact Polly Rutherford,

pollyrutherford@gmail.com

[Some have asked about donating furniture. This drive does not include furniture, so contact *Home Sweet Home* - <https://homesweethomestl.org/>]

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Girl Scouts cookies are on sale at PUCC! Be on the lookout after worship to order some from our PUCCer Girl Scouts to support them, as well as purchase some extra ones for PUCC collegians that we'll send to later. More details on how to purchase online are in the eNews or reach out to

gabriel@parkwayucc.org

Stewardship Campaign 2026

If you would like to make a financial pledge toward our mission and ministry for 2026, please visit **<https://parkwayucc.org/giving/>**

Your involvement helps keep our passion for limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry rooted in love and moving forward. We so appreciate your support! Parkway UCC strives to be an inclusive community embracing spiritual nourishment, open-minded inquiry, courageous action and interfaith partnerships to fulfill God's call to create a just world for all.

Reminder about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

As the year begins, many retirees will be required to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from their Individual Retirement Accounts 2026. You may give up to \$111,000 in 2026 from your IRA to qualified charities, including Parkway, and these Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) have tax advantages. Your gift may satisfy all or part of your RMD, resulting in less taxable income. In addition to reducing taxes, making QCDs may in some situations lower Medicare premiums or even cause less taxation of Social Security.

To make a QCD, the donation must go directly from the custodian of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to Parkway UCC, as the charitable recipient. That is, you may not make a personal withdrawal from your IRA and then pass that on to Parkway; only contributions made directly from the IRA to Parkway qualify as QCDs. Generally, the procedure for making a QCD is to contact the administrator of your IRA and ask that a gift be made directly from the IRA to Parkway. If you have check-writing features on your IRA, you can write a check on the IRA directly to Parkway.

The funds must be removed from your account and deposited by the recipient by December 31. Parkway will provide you with a written receipt for your gift made through your IRA. You can consider establishing a continuing QCD over a series of years. For example, you might wish to create a QCD of \$3000 in each of five years. This would result in a contribution of \$15000 over the five years with the tax advantages described above.

If you wish to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution, we recommend that you consult with your tax or legal advisor to make sure you have followed the proper procedures, and that the QCD fits with your tax and estate planning objectives.

Prayer List

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Celebrations

Luncheon with Marthoma congregation this Sunday.

Concerns

Carol and Harold Cobb - as she recuperates from hip surgery.

Lewis Burcham - 103 yr old with a serious health problem (Stan's dad)

Diane Doty - cancer diagnosis; care plan being created (Grant's mom).

Jaden - born premature on 12/8; healing from lung surgery (Diane Brost's grandson).

Clara Zander and family as they prepare for her eye surgery on Jan 30.

Roger - lung failure (nephew/cousin of the Pleis-Eiffert family).

Carl and Marsha Ramey - dealing with his colon cancer diagnosis.

Edward Calcaterra - living with esophageal cancer (Litzinger).

Kate - health challenges including shingles (Borgmann niece).

The grief and groaning of Minneapolis and the nation over the death of *Renee Nicole Good*.

Ongoing chaos/grief in the Middle East - including Iran.

The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.

The people and leaders of Venezuela.

Our St Louis neighbors finding their way after tornado in May.

Continuing

Alex Wiseman - seeking diagnosis/treatment for health concern.

Jeff Wentworth - nearing the end of his life; hospice care (Grove).

Howard - just diagnosed with cancer of the tongue (Svenson).

Senobia and Joe Martin - grieving their daughter; Joe is ill (Grove).

Derek - end stage alcoholism; grace for his father David (Akers).

Carl and Marsha Ramey - dealing with his colon cancer diagnosis.

Edward Calcaterra - living with esophageal cancer (Litzinger).

Rebecca - continued healing after recent brain surgery (Bowermaster).

Virginia Krus - healing after leg amputation (Evelyn Buretta's sister).

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

Lori Connors - healing and strengthening.

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

Tina - complications of Legionaries' disease (Jones-Goldstein).

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

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

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

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

Kathy - diagnosed with lymphoma, preparing for surgery (Akers).

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

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

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

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

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]

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.

Prayer Chaplain Ministry here at Parkway UCC.

Drivers Needed

From time to time, PUCCers are in need of rides to medical appts when their usual circle of support is unavailable. Some in our church family also need help getting to worship. Please let kevin@parkwayucc.org know you are willing to help. You will be added to the list of potential drivers and will receive an email once we have a request for a ride.