



 **PARKWAY**
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Purpose Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ strives to be an inclusive community embracing: spiritual nourishment, open-minded inquiry, courageous action, and interfaith partnerships to fulfill God's calling to create a just world for all.

Congregational Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ, with God's grace, seeks to be a congregation that includes all persons, regardless of race, ethnic, or socio-economic background while respecting differences of gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, and mental and physical ability. We aspire to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. We invite all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our open and affirming congregation.

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Welcome to Parkway

Thank you for joining us this morning! If you are with us virtually, please let us know you are here by commenting in the chat or sending an email.

Welcome Children We invite children to full participation in worship. We also have activity bags for young children to use while they are here.

Bell Rung During Lord's Prayer A tradition begun when farmers working in surrounding fields would stop their work and join in prayer.

Worship Serving Today

Scripture Reader is Dawn Jones-Goldstein.

Flowers are given by Ellie Svenson in memory of her husband, John.

Treats provided by Amy Freeman in celebration of the organ.

Our Prayer Chaplain this morning is Pam Walker.



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

2/16 Harrison Tallyn

2/16 Sterling Tallyn

2/18 Dexter Cameron

2/18 Bill Nolte

2/18 Pat Owens

2/21 Jessica Connors

Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, February 15, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Prelude *Vocalise* by Sergei Rachmaninoff, transcribed for pipe organ
Vocalise was played here at our organ dedication concert in 2001!
Happy 25th Anniversary to this beautiful instrument!

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Dream like Martin. Lead like Harriet. Fight like Malcolm. Write like Maya. Speak like Frederick. Dare like Shirley. Think like Garvey. Reclaim like Maxine. Educate like WEB. Challenge like Rosa. Inspire like Barack ~unk

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 *Holy Ground*



We are stand - ing ____ on ho - ly ground, ____
— and I know that there are an - gels all a -
round; ____ let us praise ____
— Je - sus now; ____ we are
stand - ing in his pres-ence on ho - ly ground. ____

Scripture Exodus 24:12-18 | Common English Bible

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there. I’ll give you the stone tablets with the instructions and the commandments that I’ve written in order to teach them.”

So, Moses and his assistant Joshua got up, and Moses went up God’s mountain. Moses had said to the elders, “Wait for us here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur will be here with you. Whoever has a legal dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The Lord's glorious presence settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from the cloud. To the Israelites, the Lord's glorious presence looked like a blazing fire on top of the mountain. Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Call to Worship

One:	Come, all who have climbed hard roads, all who carry questions heavier than answers.
Many:	We gather at the mountain's edge, where cloud and fire once met Moses, where God's glory shimmered beyond human control.
One:	We gather again on another mountain, where Jesus' face shone, the ordinary was revealed as holy, and fear stood beside wonder.
Many:	God still calls us upward - not to escape the world, but to see it more clearly.
One:	Here, in this place, we listen for the voice that says, " <i>This is my beloved—listen.</i> "
Many:	Let us worship the God who meets us in brilliance and shadow, who transforms not just faces, but also changes hearts, communities, and the world.
One:	Come. The cloud is near. The light is already among us.
All:	Let us worship our God together - Creator, Christ and Spirit.

*Song *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty*

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful-ness Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who wert, and art, ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*Opening Prayer

Holy Mystery, You call us up the mountain - into cloud and fire, into brilliance that unsettles and beauty that silences our certainty. You spoke to Moses in thunder and waiting, and to the disciples in light they could barely name. You still speak - not to frighten us into obedience, but to draw us into wonder. When the cloud descends and we are tempted to turn away, teach us to linger and listen. When the voice says, "*Do not be afraid,*" help us believe it. Transfigure us here - not so we can stay on the mountaintop, but so we may return changed: with courage for the valley, clarity for the journey, and love that shines through our ordinary lives. We open ourselves to your presence, to your beloved Son, to the holy work of hearing and becoming. 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 *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*



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

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

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

Scripture Matthew 17:1-8 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition
Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor-rows share?



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev-ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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

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

Leadership Moment Limitless Love: Member Outreach Ministry

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 Selections from *Hannah*, for piano. by Michael Shapiro

*Response Doxology

Praise God for love we all may share.
Praise God for beauty everywhere.
Praise God for hope of good to be.
Praise God for truth that makes us free.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we offer these gifts as signs of our willingness to listen when Your voice unsettles us, to follow when the path leads back into the valley, and to shine - not for ourselves, but for the healing of the world you love. Receive what we bring: our money, our energy, our hope, our fear, and transfigure them into justice that liberates, love that includes, and courage that endures beyond the mountaintop. We pray in the light that guides us and the cloud that still leads us. Amen.

*Song of Parting *In the Midst of New Dimensions*



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



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



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



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

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

***Music for Going Forth** *Spinnliedchen (Spinning Song)* by Albert Ellmenreich

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"Growing Up in St. Louis over the Last Century," by Ron Elz, aka Johnny Rabbitt.

TODAY | 11:15am | Heritage Room

History comes alive with this program by St. Louis radio legend, Ron Elz, also known as Johnny Rabbitt. Mr. Elz was the first to use the Johnny Rabbitt moniker and helped popularize the name during the 1960's at the radio station KXOK. After some time away from the Rabbitt persona, Mr. Elz resumed using the Johnny Rabbitt name in 1975 and since has hosted the classic oldies show Route 66 on KMOX. He also has continued his legacy by presenting programs that explore interesting and novel nostalgic times in the River City.

What makes nostalgia so powerful? It's because of its bittersweet quality - a mix of happy recollections and a slight sadness for what is lost. Join us as Johnny/Ron takes us down memory lane with stories, legends and myths, fun photos, some trivia, and a few quips and jokes. Questions? Richard Scherrer at 9ofivetpr@gmail.com

Announcements

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

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

Support the Immigrant Community at a Faith Rally

TOMORROW Monday, Feb 16 | 10am-12pm | MLK Bridge, St Louis

Indivisible St. Louis is partnering with members of the clergy and faith community for a special rally on Presidents Day. Like many activists, these religious leaders have been moved to action by recent heartbreaking events. The clergy and faith community call on people across our region to gather for a Presidents Day Rally, bringing faith and justice together on the MLK Bridge. Join us as we lift a moral voice and hold space for all who wish to stand in solidarity with immigrant communities and call for an end to the devastating treatment so many are facing. This gathering will be a peaceful and prayerful witness, offering a way for those who have grown weary of violence and intimidation to show up grounded in conscience, compassion, and care.

We will meet at the base of the bridge at 10am and walk up to the middle to meet with those from the other side of the bridge. The rally includes music, testimonies of those experiencing injustice, and words of faith and hope.

** A 9am BUS FROM SHAARE EMETH MAY HAVE SEATS REMAINING!

Together, we will call for an end to violence and intimidation and for meaningful immigration reform. The blood of our kin cries out from the ground, and tears flow from the places where they are forced to hide. We cry out for wholeness, healing, and justice for all. This is an outdoor event. For your own safety, please be mindful of weather conditions and wear comfortable walking shoes. Questions? kevin@parkwayucc.org today.

Ash Wednesday Worship this week at 7pm

Come back this Wednesday evening as we begin our Lenten journey to Holy Week and Easter. We will have the option of receiving ashes on your forehead or the back of your hand as we recall the work of the season – asking questions, remembering Jesus' words and ways, allowing the Spirit to guide us into being more faithful. *Daily devotion booklet gifts available for you now.*

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 *The Lion Women of Tehran*, a novel by Marjan Kamali, in 3 sessions on **February 17, March 3, and March 17**. We'd love to have you! The book is a heartfelt, epic novel of friendship, betrayal, redemption, and the struggle for women's rights set against three transformative decades in Tehran, Iran. Fellowship starts at 1:45pm and the book discussion is from 2-3pm. For more info, please contact Jackie Eiffert at jeiffert2@gmail.com

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

Thursday, Feb 19 | 6pm | Zoom ID: 852 4980 9914 Passcode: 886683

Parkway UCC is offering a limited 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.



We'll be engaging with Section 3: Religious Background next.

Click or scan QR code to get a copy. Let Gabriel Requadt know

you'll be attending by emailing him at gabriel@parkwayucc.org

Experience Ramadan at our annual Intertwine Interfaith Iftar!

Saturday, February 21 | 5:15-7:30pm | Parkway UCC

Share a delicious meal prepared by our friends from TASOM and learn about fasting and other Ramadan traditions. This is a meaningful opportunity to celebrate varying perspectives as well as the similarities that unite Muslims, Jews, and Christians.

Questions? Please reach out to Lisa Mason
lmason624@sbcglobal.net or Paige
Penico.andipaige@hotmail.com



Click or scan 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.

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

Friday, April 17 at 10am

Tuesday, May 12 at 2pm

Monday, June 29 at 7pm

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

Isaiah 58 Ministries Groundbreaking Celebration

Tuesday, February 24 | 10am | 4164 Chippewa St, St. Louis 63116

You are invited to the groundbreaking of the Isaiah 58 Ministries new facility. For nearly 60 years, Isaiah 58 Ministries has served individuals and families across South St. Louis by addressing food insecurity and providing access to basic necessities. In recent years, the number of households seeking assistance has continued to grow, along with a shift in where many of their guests now live. These changing community needs prompted them to think intentionally about how and where they could best serve their neighbors moving forward.

Two years ago, their organization began a visioning process to identify a space that could become the heart and hub of community support — a centralized location designed to increase access, dignity, and connection for those they serve. They are proud to share that this vision is now becoming reality. The purchase of this building represents a long-term investment in the surrounding neighborhoods and in the broader effort to strengthen food access, stability, and community wellbeing throughout St. Louis. They would be honored by your presence at their Groundbreaking Celebration. The event will include brief remarks, recognition of community partners, and an opportunity to celebrate this important milestone together. We hope you will be able to join them as they mark this meaningful step forward.

Reproductive Healthcare

Our Church Council recently adopted several UCC General Synod Resolutions. One includes affirming the right of all people to access reproductive health care and that the choice to have and care for children is a sacred decision which should not be forced on anyone. Parkway is facilitating several opportunities to learn more about the political, personal, medical and family well-being implications of this issue.

Two small group discussions, each limited to 8 participants, on **Tues, Feb 24, 7-8:30pm, and Sat, Feb 28, 2-3:30pm**, will be facilitated by Ruth Huebner, PhD in Psychology & former child welfare research consultant for the US Children's Bureau. The purpose is to provide men and women the opportunity to share their views and experiences of reproductive healthcare. On **Saturday, March 21, 3-4:30pm**, Ruth will present and lead discussion to build understanding of reproductive healthcare decisions in the context of families -- the possibility of medical complications, the long-term commitment of effective parenting, potential family challenges. RSVP to **827mariani@gmail.com** or click or scan QR code for all these programs.



On **Sunday, March 1**, after worship, Lisa Williams will lead a program addressing "Who should make decisions about reproductive health?" Lisa is the St. Louis County organizer for Abortion Action Missouri. She has a Master of Divinity from Eden Seminary and a law degree from Washington University.

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 read a variety of books 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 sessions to complete. Bring a dish to share for the pot luck & 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.

Join With the Adventurers As We Head to Rawlings

Wednesday, February 25 | 10am-1:30pm | 462 W. Port Plaza Dr., 63146

Please join the Parkway Adventurers as we head to the Rawlings Experience in Westport Plaza. We'll meet at church at 9:30am for carpooling, or at Rawlings at 10am. We'll have lunch at a nearby restaurant TBD. From Rawlings' Webpage: "Rawlings, the number one baseball brand worldwide and creator of the iconic Rawlings Gold Glove Award, offers sports fans and athletes a truly memorable, immersive experience at its new world headquarters location. Visitors can swing the latest Rawlings bats, design their own custom glove, or explore priceless artifacts highlighting the game's greatest moments and careers." Everyone is welcome. Please come and meet some new Parkway friends! Contact Jackie Eiffert for questions and to RSVP, jeiffert2@gmail.com

Gospel Roots A Black History Month Celebration

Friday, February 27 | 7pm | Central Baptist Church

Back for an encore performance after last year's acclaimed debut, "Gospel Roots" is a powerful Black History Month concert celebrating the Black community's rich cultural heritage, history, and resilience through music and song. The concert features uplifting gospel performances by the 60-voice Community Gospel Choir, honoring the struggles and triumphs of Black Americans throughout history.

"Gospel Roots" commemorates Black history and celebrates the enduring power of music as a tool for bringing together our community.

This concert is free, but they are asking you to reserve your general admission seat and donate what you can per seat. They need your support to keep presenting this great music as a gift to the community. ***Last year's concert was standing room only, so reserve your seats now by clicking or scanning QR code.***



St. Pat's Dinner Come Support Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, February 28 | 4-7pm | Samuel UCC

Please bring family and friends! Call the church office for tickets 314-727-9540, or purchase at the door. If you can't make it, please consider sending a contribution! Tickets are \$20. Kids 6-10: \$6. Special thanks to the Kern Meat Company and others. Every cent goes to Habitat for Humanity!

Camp MoVal Trivia Night

Friday, March 6 | 6pm | St. Peter's UCC; Washington, MO

Get your kicks on Route 66 at a fun-filled Trivia Night benefiting Camp Moval! Join the fun at St. Peter's UCC, Washington, MO. Doors open at 6pm, with the first question at 7pm. Cost is **\$25 per person** (tables of 8), including soft drinks, beer, and wine. Presented by the Grape Country Cluster of UCC Churches.

For registration, donations for the silent auction, or more information, contact Jeff Remelius at **Bembemchurchpastor@gmail.com** or **573-437-3698**.

SAVE THE DATE! Gateway ONA Convocation 2026

Saturday, March 7 | 8:30am-3pm | Parkway UCC

Theme: Open and Affirming: Sacred, Seen, and Called. This Annual Convocation is for members of local churches who are exploring or living into what it means to be Open and Affirming. Workshops, guest speakers and worship will be a part of this amazing day!

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Derek Terry, (he/him) Acting Executive Director of the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ and part-time pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a nationally known pastor, artist, and activist committed to justice, inclusion, and creative resistance.

Doors open and light breakfast available at 8am. Worship begins at 9am. We are once again collecting canned goods to donate to Doorways. We will collect these at the door. The Eden Seminary Bookstore will have resources available during the event. Bring your travel mug and enjoy refreshment during the day. Please complete a separate registration and email address for each person. Registration cost: \$25.00. Click or scan QR code!



Any questions, contact Lorin Cope at **buckeyeohio@hotmail.com** or 314-772-4772

Eco Steward February Report

I wanted to give everyone an update on our FunDrive information. As of today, Feb 15, we have 3 more Sundays to drop off items. That would be the 22nd, March 1 and 8. Any other time during the week is still ok, just let Gabriel know when and where to find them at **gabriel@parkwayucc.org**. The best place to drop items off would be on the bench in the gym/dining area or right by those doors when you enter the Gathering Space.

Please remember that only soft goods, such as clothing, linens, bedding, curtains, shoes, purses, backpacks, jewelry, belts or anything that you wear on your body, is considered as soft goods and should go in black or white garbage bags. We have more bags in the gathering space on the table by the bulletin board if you'd like or need additional bags. Household goods should go in boxes. That includes kitchen items, toys, games, knick-knacks, etc. Books and media such as VHS tapes, CD's, DVDs etc. should go in SEPARATE boxes. We are paid a different rate for each of these categories, so that's why it matters. If boxes are closed, we don't know what's in there, so please label Household or Books.

We have done very well with our drive so far. I want to let you know about bonuses we get if we can push our total poundage a little higher. We have approximately an estimated 700lbs of Household goods now and if we get this up to 1000lbs, we will receive an extra \$50. With books and media, we have an estimated 500lbs. If we get that up to 700lbs, we'll receive an extra \$50. We have approximately 2700 TOTAL pounds of everything. If we get that total up to 3000lbs, then they give us a \$75 allowance toward renting a U Haul (which we will need). So, if we have a big enough push in these next 3 weeks, we should reach all of those goals. THANK YOU!

Last, but not least, stay tuned for our help request as it gets closer to our drop-off date of March 14. We will need help loading at church and unloading at Savers in Ellisville. Besides the U-Haul, and a Horse Trailer from Lynn Sableman, we may need a truck or two along with the driver, from our members. Only 5 vehicles can drop off our load on Saturday, March 14 at 1pm. So, we can have a caravan of 5 large vehicles at our designated time. We hope to load up the U-Haul and Horse Trailer on Friday afternoon, the 13th. That way, we'll know how many additional trucks we might need and can call the ones who may have volunteered their trucks.

THANKS AGAIN AND please "SAVE THE DATE" for those dates for dropping off, loading (March 13) and unloading (March 14 at 1pm). ~Polly Rutherford

Prayer Corner an opportunity to pray with someone

Tuesday, March 24 | 3-5pm | 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:

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

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. Cookies will still be available for another month. More details on how to purchase online are in the eNews or reach out to gabriel@parkwayucc.org

The 2026 Easter Egg Hunt is 7 weeks away (March 28)

It's not to early to shop for both candy and plastic easter eggs.

We need small-size candy (2" max).

We prefer plastic eggs with attached tops, and will accept used plastic eggs.

Volunteer sign-ups for this fun event will go up in the next week or so.

In the meantime, on behalf of the "Big Bun", thank you!

Questions? contact the "fun bun crew" organizer, Karen Mariani

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Prayer List

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Celebrations

Black History Month.

Concerns

Family and friends of Bill Klein - as they grieve/give thanks for him.

Pat Owens - hospitalized after flu; discharge to rehab center pending.

Clara Zander and family as she heals from recent eye surgery.

Ellie Svenson - as she continues to grieve and give thanks for Howard.

Diane Doty - hospice care after cancer diagnosis (Grant's mom).

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

Jackie - hospitalized for tests (sister of Nick McMillon).

Marianne - courage, strength, wisdom (Marilyn McDougall's sister)

Tumbler Ridge BC community - mourning and loving one another.

The grief and groaning of Minneapolis and the nation over ICE.

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

The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.

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

Continuing

Alex Wiseman - living with autoimmune challenges; new doctor appts.

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

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

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

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

Rebecca - continued healing after brain surgery (Bowermaster).

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).

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; healing after surgery (Akers).

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

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

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]

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.

Spilling the Living Tea

Kaji Douša

[The disciples] were astonished that [Jesus] was speaking with a woman... Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" -John 4:27-29 (NRSV)

She came for a chore, but she left with an assignment.

She carried too much pain, history, judgment, and—without even knowing—she carried it all the way to Jesus. She just went to put some water in her jar and get back to it.

Jesus didn't turn away from her, knowing all he knew, which was *all* the tea (her personal business). He met her. He answered her. He took her tea and gave her *living water*.

The Samaritan woman ran home with her testimony. She said, "Come see this man!" She didn't have all the answers. She didn't need them. She had her story. She had her blessing. She had her call.

She is the first preacher of the good news.

What has Jesus blessed you with? What knowledge, what experience, what blessing has been entrusted to you?

Your story matters. Your testimony matters. Because when Living Water flows into dry places, you can't hold it in. You've got to tell somebody.

Prayer

Jesus, you saw her. You see me. You answered her. Answer me. You blessed her. Bless me, so that I may tell somebody. Amen.

Consider signing up to receive these UCC daily devotions
from our God is Still Speaking writers:

<https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>



TODAY In Sunday School

Jesus performs another miracle by healing a man on the Sabbath who was born blind, causing division and doubt within the Pharisees (John 9:1-41).

THE POINT

Jesus draws us into relationship even through our brokenness and disbelief.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

Pharisees were a group of Jewish leaders who separated themselves from common life. They were devoted to the Torah, God's law, rigorously teaching and following it. They were influential and authoritative in their interpretation of Scripture. Pharisees resisted outside influence—cultural, religious, political—holding strictly to the law they followed. The New Testament Gospels tell of instances when they challenged Jesus' actions as being unlawful, such as when he healed on the Sabbath in John 9:13-17.

STORY SUMMARY

A man who was born blind had been forced to provide for himself by begging. Some assumed he was blind as a punishment for a sin. Jesus denied this claim and healed the man. The man shared this with others. Those who heard about this miracle brought him before the Pharisees. The Pharisees refused to believe that Jesus gave the man his sight. They accused the man of being a sinner and sent him out of the synagogue. Jesus came to the man and revealed his identity as the Son of God. The man believed.

PRACTICE: Fellowship

Lives are changed and the Body of Christ is built up through loving and caring relationships. Acts of fellowship are any actions that build these relationships. In today's Scripture passage Jesus called himself the light. As a family, shine the light of Jesus into the lives of someone you know through a friendly visit, call, or card.

NEXT WEEK In Sunday School

Jesus declares that he is the Resurrection and the Life and brings his friend Lazarus from death back to life (John 11:1-44).

Want to go deeper with the lesson and learn more about what our Children and Youth are up? Scan or click the QR code!



GOING DEEPER

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? Consider the following basic pattern as a way of forming family devotions:

- ❖ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time." Pray a simple prayer together.
- ❖ Take a moment to check in with each other; what are each person's "highs" and "lows" today?
- ❖ Read aloud from the Daily Bible Readings from below. Discuss the questions following each.
- ❖ End with a blessing, by simply tracing a cross on each other's forehead. The Lord's Prayer is a good way to end your devotion time. If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotions.

Note: This is only a suggested pattern. It will vary with your household's context and patterns. What works best for you? First thing in the morning? Over breakfast? Bedtime? Be creative and flexible with how you practice and keep your devotions!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY: John 9:1-41

Jesus identified himself as the light and healed a man who was born blind. In what ways is Jesus like a light to you?

MONDAY: Matthew 17:1-13

The disciples experienced the transfiguration. What does the name God calls Jesus mean to you?

TUESDAY: Luke 12:22-34

Jesus gave a lesson about worrying. What things do you worry about?

WEDNESDAY: John 10:1-18

Jesus is identified as the Good Shepherd. How does the image of Jesus as a shepherd show you his care for you?

THURSDAY: Luke 15:1-7

Jesus tells the Parable of the Lost Sheep. How do you feel knowing that Jesus will always search for you?

FRIDAY: John 10:22-30

Jesus said that his sheep hear his voice and he knows them. How do you hear the voice of God?

SATURDAY: John 10:31-42

Jesus' signs pointed to his identity, but the Jews were still upset that he indicated that he was equal with God. What brought people to believe in Jesus: his signs or his identity?