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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 evening!

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 Kari Borgmann.

If you would like to volunteer for any of our Sunday 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

4/2 Kevin Rauscher

4/4 Jeniffer Krpan

4/6 Florence Simonson

4/6 Sera Watkins

4/7 Joyce Ruiz

4/9 Phill Waite

4/9 Casca Zander

4/11 Nancy Wessinger

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 2026 | 6pm | Sanctuary, Gathering Space, Garden

Meditation Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ~Colossians 3:12

Prelude *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Song *Sanctuary*

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

Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

(We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

*Call to Worship

One:	Come, all who hunger for justice and mercy. Come, all who long for belonging and grace.
Many:	We gather at a table shaped by liberation - a table remembering courage in the face of empire, a table remembering freedom on the move.
One:	Come, remember the meal of Passover - a story of people rising, of chains breaking, of God siding with the oppressed.
Many:	Come, follow the One who kneels to serve. The One who takes off his outer robe, who bends low to wash weary feet, who teaches us that love looks like humility.

One:	We come with dusty feet and open hearts. We come ready to be changed - not just comforted, but called.
Many:	Come to the table of bread and cup, where all are welcome, where no one is turned away, where love is poured out without measure.
One:	Come, as we prepare for the shadow of Good Friday - not turning away from suffering, but walking together through it.
All:	Let us worship the God of liberation, the Christ who serves, and the Spirit who binds us together in love.

*Lenten Candles Questions Shape Us...

Disciples: *Lord, are you going to wash my feet?*

Jesus: *Do you know what I have done to you?*

We lit seven candles on Ash Wednesday as we embarked on this Lenten journey. We wanted the light of the Holy to illumine our path as we sought to be the words and ways of Jesus. We committed to being infused by the Spirit as we traveled this Lenten season. Even as we knew this was good and important work, we recognized that it wasn't easy - and that we came upon the shadow side of humanity and some of our own unique darkness.

We have extinguished one candle each time we worshiped this season, acknowledging that this can be tough and exhausting work. We snuff all the candles now as we arrive at the desertion and depletion of tonight and tomorrow. We also prepare ourselves for the dawn and love of Easter morning... the light and love of God that never goes out.

*Prayer at the Candles

Holy One, as we finish up this Lenten journey alone and together, we continue to bring the questions that shape us, including: What are my limits? How can we be born anew? Where do we find living water? Who is to blame? Can these bones carry us? What do we believe? Who is this Jesus washing our feet? Why are we forsaken? Whom are we looking for? Who will roll the stone away? You meet us not with easy answers but with invitation - to new awareness that adds momentum to love, to heightened senses and unsealed wells, to dry bones moistened, to burdens seen through compassion, to stones rolled away in hope. In this season of deconstruction and rebuilding, letting go and beginning again - lead us, guide us.

Lift our eyes to the hills, steady our steps in the valley, and make us brave enough to ask, humble enough to listen, and bold enough to follow. Form us into people oriented to justice, thirsting for mercy, alive in resurrection. Amen.

***Response** *Were You There When They Questioned?*

Were you there when they questioned Jesus Christ?

Were you there when he asked them questions too?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to wonder, ponder, discern.

Be with us as we question and respond.

Children's Time Children remain with their families. You may also feel at home around the couches and bookshelf - or drawing/coloring at the tables.

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.

To the Upper Room Luke 22: 7-13

It was the day of Unleavened Bread. Jesus sent Peter and John – “Go and prepare the Passover meal for us.” They asked him, “Where do you want us to make preparations for it?” “Listen,” he said to them, “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks you, ‘Where is the guest room, where I may eat Passover with my disciples?’

He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.’ So they went and found everything as Jesus had said.

Interlude *At that First Eucharist*

Remembering the Passover Story Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord.

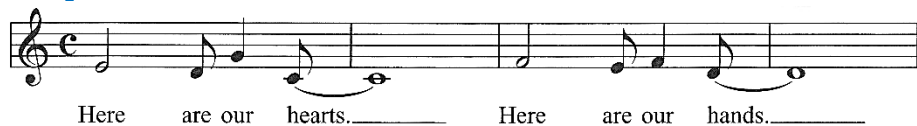
For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Sharing A Meal

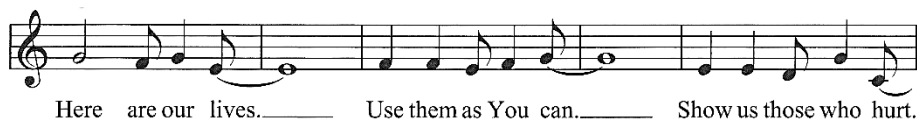
Offering Our Gifts to God 2nd Mile Lent

Heifer Int'l | Lydia's House | Unleashing Potential | Bread for the World

*Response *Here Are Our Hearts*



Here are our hearts. _____ Here are our hands. _____



Here are our lives. _____ Use them as You can. _____ Show us those who hurt.



_____ Show us those in need. _____ Show us how to serve.



_____ Teach us how to see. _____

*Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, you take good care of us in more ways than we know. Your personal love is reflected in the kindness of Jesus, who washed the feet of his disciples. May we show your love to one another and our neighbors through practical deeds. Make us willing to get our hands dirty in assisting others. Help us to discover joy in giving our time, money and heart. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. Amen.

*Song *The Servant Song*, v1-4



- 1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser- vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil- grims on a jour- ney, we are trav- elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad- ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep- ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav- en we shall find such har- mo- ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser- vant, too.
We are here to help each oth- er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor- row till we've seen this jour- ney through.
Born of all we've known to- geth- er of Christ's love and ag- o - ny.

Jesus Is Our Example John 13:2b-5, 12-15

And during supper, Jesus, knowing that God had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

Song *In This Room, a Towel and Basin* text Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
(tune: *Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult*)

In this room, a towel and basin

Stand as gifts we don't deserve.

Christ, you humbly knelt to use them;

Showing us the way to serve.

**On a table, set for dinner
Are your gifts of wine and bread.
Christ, you give to every sinner
Food and love, till all are fed.**

**From you, Lord, we hear a teaching:
"Now I give a new command.
Love as I have loved, out-reaching!
Then the world will understand!"**

**Basin, supper, word and witness -
Then a cross - revealed your Way.
May we put our faith in practice,
Humbly serving you each day.**

Communion Gospel Mark 14:17-25

When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'

Sharing the Bread & Cup *Ubi Caritas, Stay with Me* Taizé

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.]

Going Out to the Garden Mark 14:26-31

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

***In the Garden** Mark 14:32-50

Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?

Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.

Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” All of them deserted him and fled.

***Response** *Were You There?*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

***Departure in Silence**

Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter

Good Friday Prayer Service: April 3 at noon in the Historic Sanctuary.

Good Friday Evening: April 3 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. We will hear Jesus ask, “God, why have you forsaken me?”

Easter Prayer Vigil from the close of Good Friday worship for 36 hours. We are asking for people to be our PUCC prayer partner in one hour slots. Please sign up by clicking or scanning the QR code.



Easter Sunrise: April 5 at 6:30am in the cemetery behind the Historic Sanctuary. The angels and Jesus ask women questions.

Easter Worship: April 5 at 10am. The women ask, “Who will roll the stone away for us?” and we wonder what the disciples will do next.

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

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 *Theo of Golden*, a novel by Allen Levi. We'll discuss the book in thirds on **April 7, 21, and May 5**. We'd love to have you! The book has received a lot of attention and praise for its uplifting message. From the book jacket, "One spring morning, a stranger arrives in the small southern city of Golden. No one knows where he has come from...or why...A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, *Theo of Golden* is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another." Join us for a welcome dose of positivity as we read and discuss *Theo of Golden*. Fellowship starts at 1:45 pm, and book discussion is from 2-3 pm. For more info, please contact Jackie Eiffert at jeffert2@gmail.com

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"The St. Louis Survivors Legal Support, a Lifeline to Victims of Domestic Violence," by Judge Michael Burton.

Sunday, April 12 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

The St. Louis Survivors Legal Support provides free legal representation and advocacy for victims of intimate partner violence and their children in the St. Louis metropolitan area, aiming to improve their access to justice and help them obtain and enforce Orders of Protection.

This critical support system was founded by retired St. Louis County Circuit Judge, Mike Burton. Judge Burton has been the chairman of the St. Louis County Domestic and Sexual Violence Council and established the St. Louis County Domestic Violence Court. He has volunteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Missouri, the Truancy Court of St. Louis County, and the Ferguson and Florissant school districts. Judge Burton's commitment to public service has been remarkable and unwavering, fighting for the welfare of children and their parents.

"Savings Social Security; Hard Choices Ahead," by Jon Haverman, PhD, Economics.

Sunday, April 26 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

One projection estimates that, by 2035, the Trust Fund for Social Security could be exhausted. There have been various proposals to address this shortfall, including: reducing government expenditures, such as by raising the retirement age; tax increases; investment diversification; and borrowing.

Here to help sort these issues out is Dr. Jon Haveman, an expert in economics, who has extensively studied the economics of Social Security and what lies ahead for this program, so central to American society. Jon is the founder of a not-for-profit education resource called NEED that provides key insights on a variety of economic topics. He has been a Speakers Series presenter in the past and has a reputation for providing audiences with edible, objective economic information. Questions? Richard Scherrer at 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Walk Off School Lunch Debt

Sunday, April 12 | 1-4pm | Vlasis Park Pavilion #2; 300 Park Dr. Ballwin, MO
High School Seniors from Marquette, Parkway West, and Parkway Central cannot attend graduation if they have unpaid lunch debt. This walk will raise \$12,000 to eliminate school lunch debt for these students.

You can participate by walking any number of miles, supporting a walker, or donating directly by scanning or clicking the QR code. All fitness levels and ages are welcome.

The event is family friendly with food, fun, and community.

For more info, contact No.School.Lunch.Debt@gmail.com



Tuesday Evening Dialogue

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us on **April 14** 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 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.

Evidence, Empathy, & Excellence in Dementia Care

Friday, April 17 | 8am-4:30pm | 3545 Vista Ave, St. Louis, MO 63104

Join Memory Care Home Solutions and Saint Louis University School of Medicine in the Learning Resource Center for a one-day educational event.

This event is designed for healthcare professionals, caregivers, and anyone supporting loved ones with dementia. Participants will learn practical, evidence-based strategies for compassionate care, communication, and support from leading experts in the field. All are welcome—come learn how we can better care for our neighbors and families living with dementia. Learn more and register here: <https://memorycarehs.org/ceu/>

Eco Stewards Earth-Day Plans

Please join us in the sanctuary, following service on **April 19** to see a beautiful slide show and presentation by Doug Tallamy. He'll share his own journey, turning long damaged farmland into ebullient, biodiversity without spending much money. Doug Tallamy is an entomologist and conservationist focused on native plants and biodiversity. Douglas Tallamy, author and professor of insects, conservation, and the environment, gives slide shows of his own research. He proposes expanding our national parks to our backyards. Yes, *you are Nature's Best Hope*. 71% of land in the lower 48 states is privately owned. We need nature to survive on our planet. It's a web of life. We must nurture it. For more info, contact Lynn Sableman lynnsableman@att.net

Go AWOL this Spring—Adventurous Women Out Late Saturday, April 25 @11am Lunch and Spring Stroll.

We'll meet at church at 11am, carpool to Panera for lunch then head 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. Click or scan QR code to register so Carmen knows how many are attending.



Align with PUC! New Member Sunday

Sunday, April 19 | 10am | New Sanctuary

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, new opportunities. It is with joy and gratitude that we welcome new members into our worship, work and witness at Parkway UCC - in person or virtually. Membership at Parkway UCC could be the next step in your ongoing relationship with God and with other people of faith - though membership is not expected and certainly isn't necessary to be involved in worship, baptism, communion, weddings, funerals or other aspects of church life. As a church member, you have the opportunity to more intentionally grow personally, find a sense of belonging, form lifelong friendships, experience the joy of Christ, discover your spiritual gifts, become more intimate with God, develop your personal prayer style, expand your boundaries, become more Christ-like and more. With our congregational democratic polity, as a church member, you have a voice and vote within our church to weigh in on topics such as the annual budget, church vision, building decisions and more. If this is something you might be interested in, please let us know by reaching to Kevin in person, by phone or email kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330.

Intertwine Interfaith Service Project & Blood Drive

Different faiths. One community. One shared humanity.

Sunday, April 26 | 11am-3pm | Parkway UCC

Blood Drive 11am-3pm in the Fellowship Hall; rsvp with Red Cross. **Service Project** 1-2:30pm downstairs in Room 13. Scan or click QR code so Paige Penico knows how many people to expect.



Join us for a meaningful day of service and connection here at PUCG on Sunday, April 26, from 11am-3pm.

As part of the Intertwine Interfaith Service Project, people of many faith traditions will gather to assemble support kits - including Clean Up Buckets, Hygiene Kits, Period Packs, and Kids Kits - for neighbors in need. These kits will be delivered to the Festival of Sharing, an interfaith organization that distributes them to more than 150 approved agencies across Missouri. We will plan to have this happen at 1-2:30pm downstairs in room 13.

During the same time, we will also host a Red Cross Blood Drive. In a powerful reminder of our shared humanity, people of different faiths will come together to give something we all share—our time, our compassion, and even our blood—to help others. You don't need to bring anything except your kindness and willingness to serve as we put our faith into action together. Experience the joy of sharing.

To schedule an appointment to give blood, visit **RedCrossBlood.org** & enter the code INTERTWINE or call 1-800-RED-CROSS or call 1-800-733-2726. If you have questions, please contact Paige Penico at **andipaige@hotmail.com**

Prayer Corner an opportunity to pray with someone

Wednesday, April 29 | 6-8pm | 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:

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

Respect MO Voters: Sign, Volunteer, Donate 60 Days to Get 100,000 Signatures!

Many have signed Respect MO Voter's petition for a ballot initiative to secure and strengthen the initiative petition process in Missouri which is currently under attack by our legislature. Our time is running out to get the required number of signatures and are in great need of volunteers and signatures immediately. This petition is nonpartisan. Will you give a few hours to help protect initiative petition rights for all Missouri voters? If we sit this one out, the right could be taken forever. If we act now, we can preserve it. Let's not look back and wish we would have done more. Please sign up at

respectmovoters.org/join or contact Michelle Singer
(mrsinger71@gmail.com) or Cindy Nouri (cynthianouri@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE Habitat for Humanity Workdays

On both of Parkway's UCC Habitat workdays, **July 11** and **August 1**, continue Parkway UCC's hands on support of 40 years of Habitat since our members were heavily involved in bringing it to St. Louis. More details to come. For more info, reach out to Tom McKenzie at mckenzie1947@att.net

Holy Week and Easter Word Scramble

loyh kewe	ampl nyduas
wne elfi	numcoinmo
yill	suesj
estno	sclepdii
obtm	odog yridfa
ptmreut	rrypae gilvi
lgnea	kyeodn
valie	nubyn
scors	russtcerino
pgnirs	uymadn shryatud
trosroe	yedabert
veepsree	refrove
tofo shngawi	nurseis
peho	spestalo
rachpe	wsep
refsn	oaccothle

Prayer List

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Celebrations

Holy Week and Easter!

Michael Tapy - walking and getting stronger after heart transplant; prayers and gratitude for the donor and their family (Schmelig).

Yara Levin & other collegians - working on their senior thesis, etc.

Concerns

Kris/Tom McKenzie - her breast cancer diagnosis; treatment plan set.

Pam Walker - recuperating from last week's knee replacement surgery.

Amy Yakel - strengthening after her knee replacement last week.

Kathleen Tarr - healing after last Tuesday's surgery in Ohio.

Don Wandless - home after receiving some new hardware in his hip.

Pat Owens - healing after a fall and surgery; back at Mason Pointe.

Marilyn McDougall - home after rehab post-appendectomy.

Memorial Service for Mildred Hoxie here at 11:30am on Saturday, April 11 ... *Visitation* in the Gathering Space at 11am.

Ongoing chaos in the Middle East - including for the people of Iran. **The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.**

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

US military and their families - including our own **Sera Watkins** deployed thru '26 and **Anthony Williams**, US marine involved in Iran.

Jonathan McPeak - head trauma during missile attack on his ship in Iran; on his way home (nephew of Karla Beck).

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]

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]

Continuing

Alex Wiseman - living with autoimmune challenges; new doctor appts.
Christopher Haack - healing of fractures and ligament injury in foot.
Diane Doty - hospice care after cancer diagnosis (Grant's mom).
Carole Gwyn - ongoing health issues (David's mother).
Judy Brueggemann - continuing health challenges (Brad's mother).
Rita Holly - waiting for transplant match (Nouri).
Randy Cosby - healing as multiple myeloma has returned (Reinhardt).
Ed Calcaterra - optimistic as immune therapy commences (Litzinger).
Jeff Wentworth - nearing the end of his life; hospice care (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).
Mark McKenzie - for healing, clarity, refreshment (Tom's brother).
Emi - 5 year-old with Children's Hospital for chemo (McConnell).
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).
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.

Other

Sera, Wyatt Watkins & family as she is deployed until end of 2026.
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.

2nd Mile Lent & Easter 2026

Heifer International heifer.org

Heifer International does more than put food in the mouths of hungry people. Heifer helps people to feed themselves. The goal of every Heifer project is sustainability -- project partners achieving self-reliance. And year after year, as partner families “pass on the gift” of knowledge and one or more of their animals’ offspring to others in need, they become links in a network of hope, dignity and self-reliance that helps hundreds of others care for themselves.

Lydia’s House lydiashouse.org

Lydia’s House offers secure housing and immediate community for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. We have 50 confidentially located, fully furnished apartments where families can find refuge, safety and support. Our transitional housing is one of the largest in the country and the only program of its kind in eastern Missouri.

Each family at Lydia’s House is provided an advocate to help guide them through the process of recovering from abuse. All family members are connected to support services, including individual and group resources, to help them build the skills that are necessary not only for surviving but thriving in the wake of trauma.

UP - *Unleashing Potential* [formerly Neighborhood Houses] upstl.org

Neighborhood Houses has loved children in St Louis and helped resilient families to be even more so since 1913.

Strengthening Resilient Families: partners with families to strengthen their core foundation with sustainable resources to build stability. Our program focuses on building bridges between schools and families and empowering families with resources, education, and support to advance social-emotional and financial well-being while enabling children to focus on learning.

After School Programs: UP provides before and after school care for kids from Atlas Elementary (charter school), all elementary schools in the University City School District, and at Immanuel UCC for the

Ferguson/Florissant School District... fun & creative activities, homework assistance, character education, cultural awareness, health & fitness focus, arts & crafts, supervised recreation, and much more!

GeoQuest Program: expands access to education, hands-on learning, and skill training in geospatial technology for children in K-8 grades.

Bread for the World bread.org

We can end hunger in our time. Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Bread's mission is to educate and equip people to advocate for policies and programs that can help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

Food banks are essential - and we must focus on advocacy. Why?

Because federal nutrition programs provide roughly 10 times as much food assistance as private churches and charities combined. With the stroke of a pen, our government leaders have the power to create policies and programs that impact millions of people at once.

Our faith in Jesus is the foundation for our mission and compels us to love our neighbors near and far. We are led by the values of our faith to stand up for those experiencing hunger all over.

“Open your mouth for those who cannot speak, and for the rights of those who are left without help.” --Proverbs 31:8a

If you have a gift for 2nd Mile please mark it 2nd Mile.

Thank you.

Pro Voice Support Group on Zoom

In our current political climate, conversations about abortion - particularly for those who have had abortions personally - can feel overwhelming. This support group offers a confidential affinity space for those who have experienced abortion to share their stories and perspectives *without conditions or expectations*. ALL perspectives, emotions, and stories are welcome. This group is facilitated by a PUCCer with experience.

What Does it Mean to be Pro-Voice? In our society, conversations around abortion are highly polarized and emotionally charged, and often focus on systemic impact rather than individual stories. For those who have personally experienced abortion, it can be difficult to find stigma-free spaces to express the full range of possible feelings that may come with that experience-- relief, grief, gratitude, guilt, empowerment, regret, etc. A pro-voice model centers the needs and stories of those who have had abortions without requiring them to adopt a prescribed set of emotions or beliefs about their experience.

Who can attend this group? This space is open to anyone who has had an abortion at any point in their life. In order to ensure group confidentiality and safety, we ask that those who have not personally experienced abortion (e.g. family, partners, loved ones) to abstain from participating in this group.

How can I attend? For more information (including meeting info and logistics), please reach out via this form by scanning or clicking QR code:

