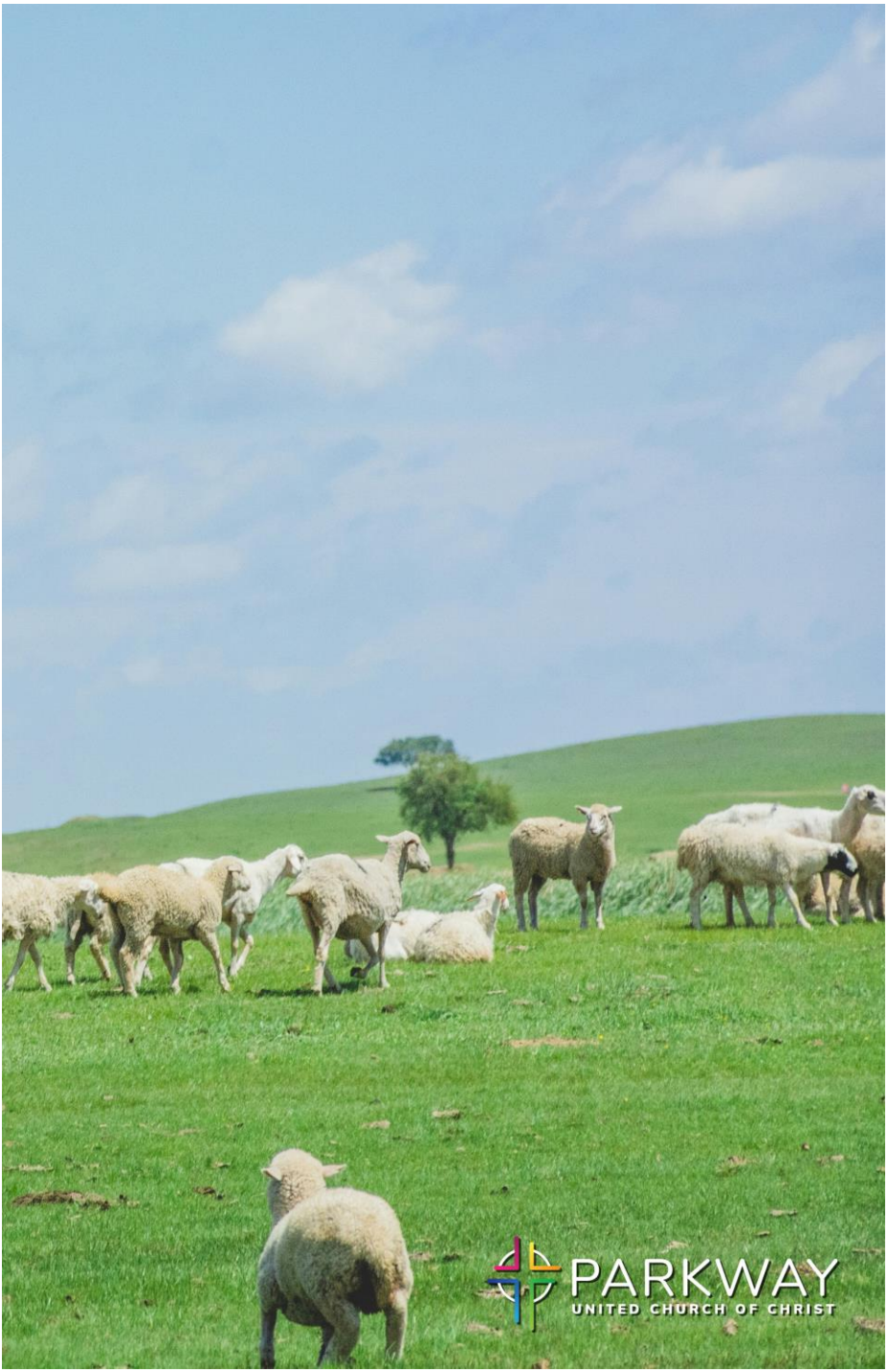
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Purpose Statement

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 Singer.
Flowers given by Linda Tossing in memory of her husband Bill Tossing.
Treats provided by Wyatt Watkins.
Our Prayer Chaplain this morning is Kari Borgmann.

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

4/26 Richard Scherrer
4/28 Sylvie Delannay
4/28 Harper Downing
4/29 Meredith Downing
4/29 Kathy Ferrell
4/29 Atticus Reed
5/1 Amber Waddell
5/2 Amanda Crawford

Anniversaries

4/30 Cheryl & Rick Schrenker
5/2 Sue & Paul Stohr

4th Sunday *of* Easter

Sunday, April 26, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live
When you see the (*), please rise in body or spirit - depending on your comfort.

Prelude Improvisation on *Like a Shepherd He Feeds His Flock* by Bob Dufford, SJ

Welcome Let us know you are here!

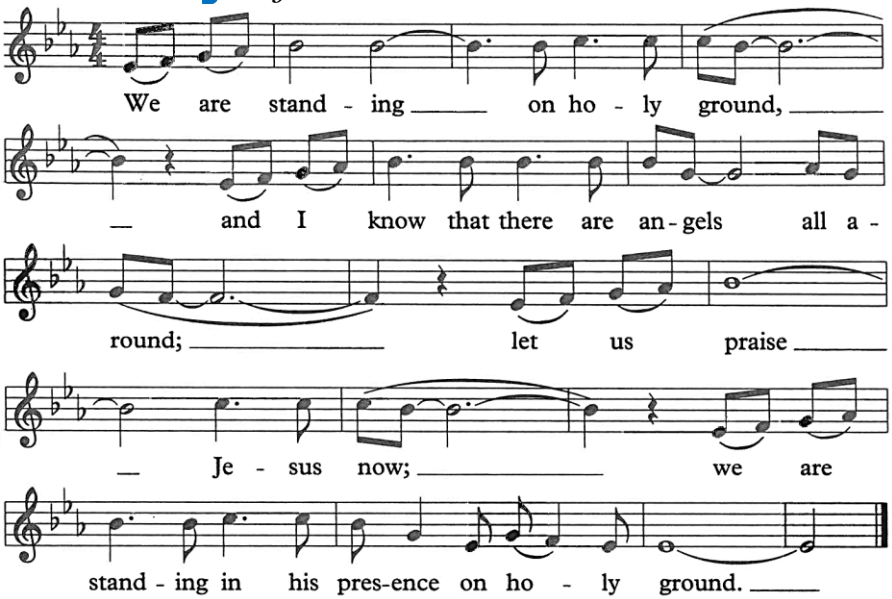
Meditation When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful. ~ Malala Yousafzai

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*

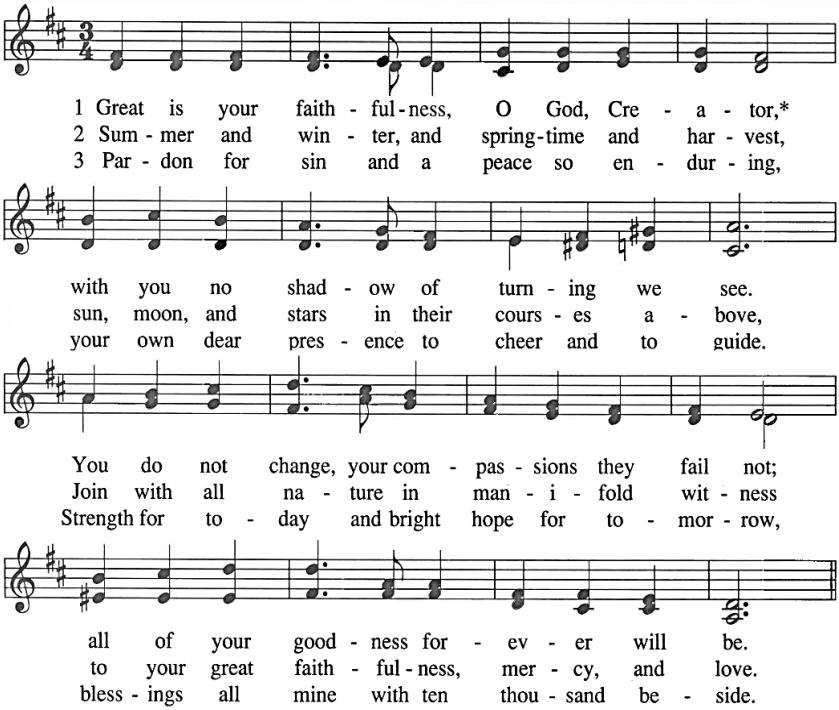


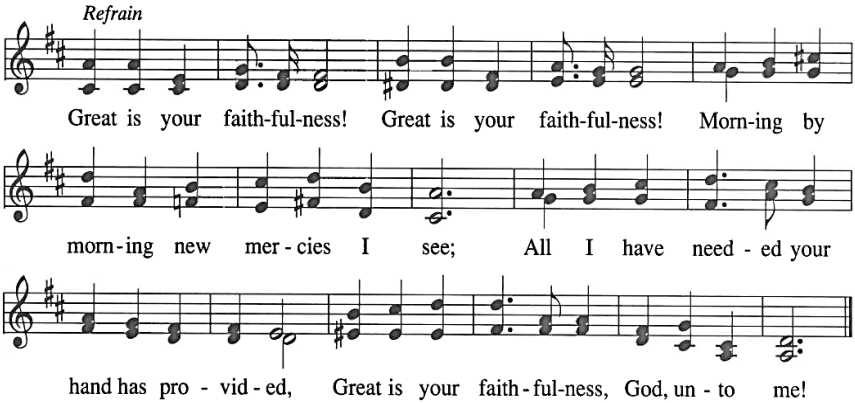
Scripture Psalm 23 | King James Version
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Call to Worship

One:	The Lord is our shepherd, guiding us beside still waters, restoring our souls.
Many:	**Even when we walk through shadowed valleys, we will fear no harm, for we are held in God's care.**
One:	Jesus says, "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will find ample pasture and safety."
Many:	**We come, seeking life in its fullness, the life that breaks chains, heals wounds, and opens doors.**
One:	God prepares a table for us, even in the presence of our doubts, threats and fears.
Many:	**We gather, fed by God's abundance, called to share mercy, justice, and love with all creation.**
One:	Come, let us worship the Shepherd who leads us, and follow the Gatekeeper into life everlasting.
Many:	**We will work to weed out the voices that are unfaithful, unjust, unrelenting.**
One:	We will fine tune our senses to be more and more available to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
All:	**Let us worship our God together - Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

*Song *Great is Your Faithfulness*





*Opening Prayer

God of all paths, You call us by name and lead us to refreshment. Open our hearts to Your guidance, our ears to Your voice, and our hands to Your work. Help us to follow where Christ calls us, even when the way is uncertain, to bring healing where there is hurt, justice where there is oppression, and hope where despair lingers. Restore our souls, O God, and feed us at Your table, so that we may rise from this place ready to walk Your paths of peace, mercy, and abundant life. We pray in the name of the Shepherd, the Gate, and the One who gives us life to the full. 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 2nd grade will then go to Room 12, children from 3rd to 5th grade will stay in Room 13, and youth from 6th to 12th grade will go to Room 15. For children in Room 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 back upstairs after class.

Blessing the Children *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

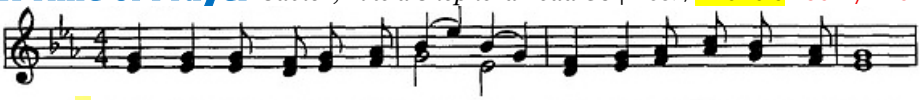
Scripture John 10:1-10 | Common English Bible

I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice."
Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying.
So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life - indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

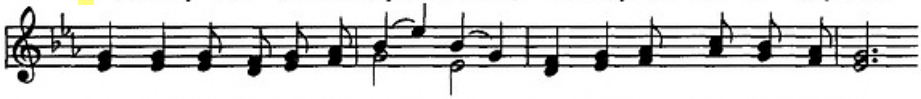
Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

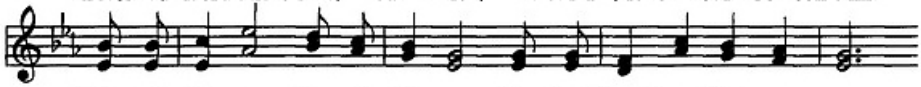
A Time of Prayer *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* | #387, v1 and 3 Red Hymnal



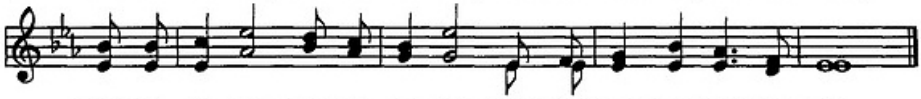
1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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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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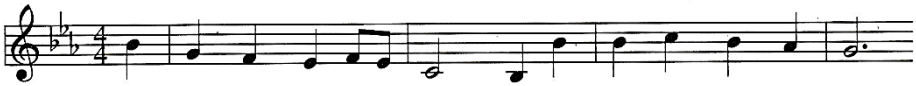
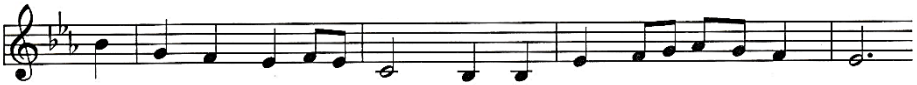
Offering Interlude *O Shepherd Divine* by Herbert Work

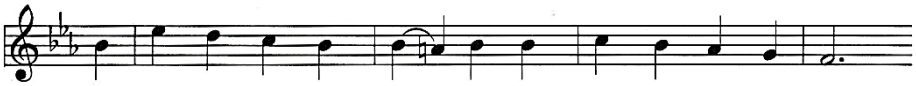
*Response *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*



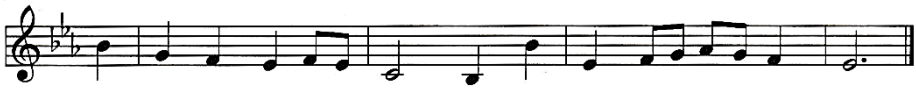
1. We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
2. You on - ly are the Mak - er Of all things near and far;
3. We thank You, then, Cre - a - tor, For all things bright and good,



But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand;
You paint the way-side flow - er, You light the eve - ning star;
The seed-time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food;



God sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey You, By You the birds are fed;
Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer, For all Your love im - parts,

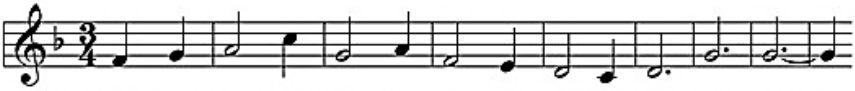


The breez-es and the sun - shine, And soft, re - fresh-ing rain.
Much more to us, Your chil - dren, You give our dai - ly bread.
And what You most would wel - come, Our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

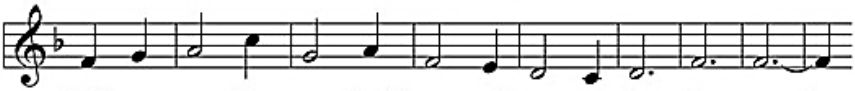
*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, You call us to follow, to step into paths of justice, compassion, and love. Bless these gifts, and bless our hands and hearts, that they may reflect Your radical welcome and mercy. May we use what we have - not just money, but our time, our voices, our presence - to walk alongside the weary, to feed the hungry, to speak for those without a voice. As we are called to follow Christ into the world, help us to go with courage, to risk comfort for the sake of others, and to live as signs of your hope. Let these offerings be seeds of transformation, planted in the soil of Your creation, nurtured by Your Spirit, and bearing fruit that brings life and dignity to all. Amen.

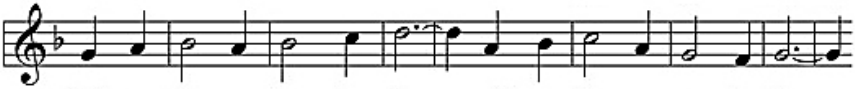
*Song of Parting *Will You Come and Follow Me?* | #2130 Blue Songbook



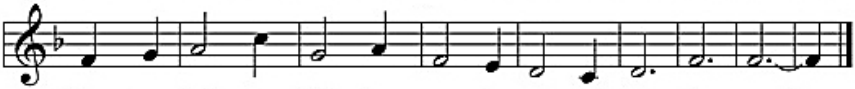
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



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 and Our Music Goes Forth *Hahlellujah, Hahlellujah, Christ is Risen From the Dead*

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** 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**

Give-A-Meal Sundays ~ Sharing our abundance with those who are in need

Thanks to your generous donations to our two partner food pantries, Isaiah 58 and Circle of Concern, on the first Sunday of the month. Please continue to add extra nonperishable food items as you are able for the North St. Louis Tornado Relief collection. Suggested items are canned green beans, corm, fruit, soups, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, meats, packages of spaghetti and pasta sauce, mac n' cheese, rice, mashed potatoes, and baking items. Also needed are diapers, baby wipes, formula, and other baby and personal hygiene items for mothers and babies requested by Planned Parenthood for the North St. Louis Tornado Relief and other nearby agencies. Questions? Evelyn Buretta at **burettaevelyn@gmail.com**; Sally Dodge at **sdodge@hotmail.com**

Intertwine Interfaith Service Project & Red Cross Blood Drive Different faiths. One community. One shared humanity.

TODAY | 10am-3pm | Parkway UCC

Blood Drive 10am-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.

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**

Family Friendship Potluck

TODAY | 11:15am | Parkway UCC

Join us after the service for our Family Friendship Potluck on the church playground - a perfect chance to relax while the kids play and everyone connects. We'll provide grilled hotdogs, lemonade, and water. If it's raining, we'll move indoors. Come enjoy an afternoon of food, laughter, and community - we'd love to see you there! (Rain plan is to be inside!)
Questions? Connect with Cindy Wessel.

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

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

TODAY | 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 (raising the retirement age; tax increases; investment diversification; and borrowing).
Dr. Jon Haveman is an expert in economics and has extensively studied the economics of Social Security and what lies ahead for this program. 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.

"Mental Health Sunday: Understanding the Journey Toward Wellness," by Dr. Jeremy Shuman.

May 17 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Join us for a special Mental Health Sunday presentation as we fulfill the United Church of Christ's mission to provide education, compassion, and support for those navigating mental health challenges. We welcome Dr. Jeremy Shuman, a licensed psychologist and Clinical Director. With over a decade of experience in the field, Dr. Shuman will lead an informative session designed to demystify the complexities of mental healthcare, including debunking the mistaken trope that "everything happens for a reason," but reaffirming how faith can bolster resilience. During this program, Dr. Shuman will address several vital questions: What exactly are mental disorders? Roots and Risks: What causes these conditions, and who is most at risk? How are mental health disorders diagnosed? What evidence-based treatments are available today?
Questions? Richard Scherrer at **90fivetpr@gmail.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: Mon, May 18 from 1-3pm; Weds, 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

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 our second session on *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston. Described as bittersweet and remarkably perceptive, this book is a hilarious, feel-good, clever novel about grief, forgiveness, redemption and finding family. We will be discussing the book up to Chapter 42 for our session on **Tuesday, April 28**.
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.

Choir and Music Ministry Invitation

We are excited to share that a new chapter in music ministry is beginning at Parkway UCC! With myself, Aria, and Amy, we warmly invite current singers, former choir members, and anyone who has ever been curious about singing to join us beginning **May 3**.
This invitation is extended to instrumentalists, too!
Whether you have years of experience or simply a desire to explore your voice, you are welcome! This is an open invitation to help shape a renewed vision for our music ministry as we discover new possibilities together. If you're interested in participating, please meet Amy and Aria in the choir loft at **9am before service**.
All are welcome - come as you are and add your voice to something new as new possibilities organically grow. Questions? **aria@parkwayucc.org**

ONA April Newsletter Putting Our Words Into Action

On Tuesday, amid glorious spring blooms in beautiful Tower Grove Park, a group of faith leaders gathered to share a crucial message to trans, intersex, and nonbinary Missourians: You are sacred and holy. You are loved. We support you.

The LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance, an interfaith ministry at Parkway UCC, this week unveiled its Statement of Support for Trans, Intersex and Nonbinary Missourians. While it is a statement of affirmation and support, the document also calls on Missouri lawmakers and administration members to stop their persecution of gender non-conforming people. The statement — signed by 27 faith communities and organizations, as well as several additional lay leaders and clergy — was read by a chorus of straight and queer voices as part of a 30-minute public program.

This interfaith effort comes at a critical time for our state. With just weeks before its adjournment, the state Legislature is debating anti-trans bills in both chambers that could restrict where trans Missourians can exist in everyday spaces, including schools, shelters and public life. The new Amendment 3 referendum on November's ballot will (if passed) constitutionally ban gender-affirming healthcare for trans youth, as well as prevent women from accessing safe abortions in Missouri. The LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance statement also states such medical decisions must be up to individuals and their doctors, not the state.

The LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance will work with PROMO Missouri, the state's public policy and advocacy organization for LGBTQ+ Missourians, on ways to get our message to key lawmakers in Jefferson City. We also will continue to advocate with local organizations, including Metro Trans Umbrella Group, Trans Housing Initiative St. Louis, and PFLAG.

The Faith Alliance and PROMO will hold a community meeting at 6pm on **Monday, May 18**, at Eliot Unitarian Universalist Chapel (100 S. Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, MO) that will include a potluck meal, a "teach-in" about Amendment 3, and a phone banking opportunity. If we are to be successful changing hearts and minds in Missouri, we need many helpers, so please mark your calendar to attend.

For more information, contact the Faith Alliance at **lgbtfaithalliance@aol.com** or visit **https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/789511/** to RSVP for the meeting.

Be a Buddy! Special Olympics Spring Games

Saturday, May 2 | 8:15am-3pm | Westminster Academy

This is one of the most rewarding volunteer jobs of all time! You will be paired directly with 1-2 athletes. You are required to spend the entire day together, accompanying them to each of their events to ensure they are on time and cheer for them as they compete, eat lunch together and visit Victory Village.

Note: Due to the nature of this job, you must be over the age of 16 (or directly accompanied by someone who is) and must be able to commit to this job for the entire day or until your athlete leaves. PUCC is gathering four volunteers to join Kevin in the role of BUDDY! Click or scan the QR code to register. For more info or encouragement … or if you need help registering, contact Kevin Cameron at **kevin@parkwayucc.org**

Sourdough Workshop

Saturday, May 2 | 10am | Fellowship Hall kitchen

Come join us to learn about making sourdough and gut health! You will take home a sourdough loaf ready to bake, an established sourdough starter, recipes and instructions, and a community of support! Light snacks included. Scan or click QR code to RSVP by **April 26**. Cost is $30/person, paid at the door, with a portion of the cost benefitting the PUCC youth mission trip. Reach out to Michelle Brueggemann with questions, **michellebrue82@gmail.com**

Missouri Mid-South Conference Women's Retreat

Register for the **2026 Conference Women's Retreat**, to enjoy a weekend of reflection and spiritual rest. The event is **May 1–3 at Camp MoVal**. Check-in begins at 5pm on Friday at the camp welcome center. Friday evening program begins at 7pm in the fireside room. Registration is available for the full weekend ($170) or day-only ($80).

If you sign up for the day-only option, you are invited to all activities, including the Friday evening program.
Contact **alysha@mmsucc.org** with any questions. Register by clicking or scanning QR code.

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 one more section on **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 **jeiffert2@gmail.com**

Common Ground ~ visions of unity, purpose & joy:

Paintings & Poetry by Angela L. Chostner

Thursday, May 14 | 4:30-7:30pm | Longview Farmhouse Art Gallery
Celebrate the strength of the human spirit and rediscover the ways we are all connected! Meditative paintings and poetry by St. Louis artist (and PUCCer) Angela L. Chostner invite viewers to journey within. This solo exhibition features vibrant acrylic paintings, poems to reflect upon, and a participatory room for self-expression. Consider what happens when we choose not to weigh the world, but to create a new way. Art Opening free, all are welcome.

Go AWOL this Spring—Adventurous Women Out Late

Sunday, May 17 @4pm St Louis County Community Choir Concert.
Enjoy one another's company and a great concert with our own Michelle Brueggemann in the STLCCC at the renovated Powell Hall! Ticket prices $40 -- Carpool from church at 3pm. Concert at 4pm. Click or scan QR code to sign up. Questions? Contact Carmen Bumgarner **cfbum@charter.net**

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. Click or scan QR to register. You can also use this link: **https://tinyurl.com/3e4c6j5d**. For more info, reach out to Tom McKenzie at **mckenzie1947@att.net**

Prayer List Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Celebrations

We are Easter people!
Yara Levin & other collegians - working on their senior thesis, etc.
New Members @PUCC - Carole, Emma, Herb, Ruth, Vicki, Sue, Nick.
Interfaith Intertwine Blood Drive/Service Project on April 26.

Concerns

Kris/Tom McKenzie - her breast cancer diagnosis; treatment plan set.
Mike Rutherford, **Pam Walker, Amy Yakel** - new knee strength!
Kathleen Tarr - healing after recent surgery in Ohio.
Bob & Jan - health, wholeness, peace, joy (Laura Waite's grandparents).
Ed and Mary Calcaterra - as he receives hospice care (Litzinger).
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 May '25 tornado

Continuing

Alex Wiseman - living with autoimmune challenges; new doctor appts.
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).
Jonathan McPeak - head trauma during missile attack on his ship in Iran; home now in the US and doing better (nephew of Karla Beck).
Laura Gywauli - living with acute myeloma leukemia (Reinhardt).
Rita Holly - waiting for transplant match (Nouri).
Randy Cosby - healing as multiple myeloma has returned (Reinhardt).
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.

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]

Other

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