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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 Bill Haack.

Easter flowers and ferns are given by a variety of people.

Mark Treats provided by the Hospitality Team.

Our Prayer Chaplain this morning is Lynn Mark.



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://warmlines.org/warmdir.html>

Birthdays

4/6 Florence Simonson

4/6 Sera Watkins

4/7 Joyce Ruiz

4/9 Phill Waite

4/9 Casca Zander

4/11 Nancy Wessinger

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

When you see the (*), please rise in body or spirit - depending on your comfort.

Flowering the Cross Please place your flower in the cross upon arrival or anytime during the Prelude, Welcome Song or Opening Hymn.

Prelude Selections from *Messiah* by George Frideric Handel

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending. ~Maria Robinson

Welcome Song *Morning Has Broken*

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning!

Born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning

Christ's resurrection on this new day!

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

*Easter Proclamation

One:	Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
Many:	Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

*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:	Before the sun had fully risen, before hope felt possible, before the story made sense -
Many:	The women came, carrying grief and spices, ready to tend to what they thought was over.
One:	They wondered, <i>Who will roll away the stone?</i> They expected barriers, endings, silence.
Many:	But the stone was already rolled away. The tomb was already empty.
One:	A voice met them in their fear - “Do not be afraid. He is not here.”
Many:	Not here - not bound by death, not contained by despair, not held by the worst the world could do.
One:	And still, they trembled. They fled in awe and uncertainty.
Many:	Because resurrection doesn't erase fear - it meets us in it - and calls us forward anyway.
One:	This is where our story begins again - not in certainty, but in courage, not in answers, but in movement.

Many:	We come with our questions, our grief, our unfinished hope - and we come anyway.
One:	The risen Christ goes ahead of us - into our lives, our communities, our world.
All:	So, we rise, too. We step into the unknown. We follow where love leads. Alleluia. Amen.

***Lent/Holy Week/Easter Candles** Questions Shape Us...

Who will roll the stone away for us?

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 would come upon the shadow side of humanity and some of our own unique darkness.

We extinguished one candle each time we worshiped this season, acknowledging that this can be tough and exhausting work. As we arrive at the miracles of Easter morning... we delight in the fact that the light and love of God never go out.

***Prayer at the Candles**

Holy One, as we emerge from the Lenten and Holy Week 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.

***Opening Hymn** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* | #123 **Red Hymnal**



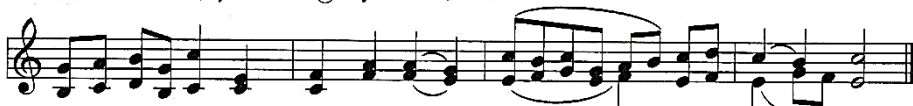
1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

***Scripture** Psalm 118, selected verses

O give thanks to God - for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O God!

We beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name. We bless you from the house of God.

God has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to God, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever!

Handchimes *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Children's Time Children and Youth are invited to Room 13 on the Lower Level following this Children's Time for a special Easter Sunday School. Afterwards, we will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt. We ask parents to pick up their children in Fellowship Hall and go with them on the hunt. There will be appropriate eggs for toddlers in a separate area from the older children. We will wait to start the Egg Hunt until parents are with their children. Happy Easter everyone!

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.

Mission Moment 2nd Mile Lent/Easter
 Heifer Int'l | Lydia's House | Unleashing Potential | Bread for the World

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

Offertory Piano Solo *From Ashes to Resurrection* by Elijah Gwyn

***Response** *Here Are Our Hearts* by Susan Drake and Julie Jennings
 (please sing twice through)

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

Holy One, we bring these gifts as the women came faithfully to the tomb - with questions, with courage, with hope not yet complete. Receive and transform them. Roll away the obstacles that keep us from being more generous and responsive. Turn what we offer into signs of new life in the world. And send us out, even in our uncertainty, to follow where resurrection is already unfolding. We are eager to be more Christlike in the world. Amen.

Scripture Mark 16:1-8 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition
When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

Invitation to the Communion Table We invite *all* to this **open table**.

All accepted - no exceptions - as we commit ourselves to limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry.

Come to this table - not because you have everything figured out, but because, like those first witnesses, you carry questions, wonder, and even fear.

They came to the tomb expecting death, but found it empty.

They came carrying spices for endings, but were met with a beginning.

And they fled, trembling and amazed - not yet ready to speak resurrection aloud.

So if you are here today with joy - come.

If you are here today with doubt - come.

If you are here unsure what resurrection even means to you - come.

This is not a table for the certain, but for the searching.

Not for the perfect, but for those still on the way.

Here, in broken bread and shared cup, the risen Christ meets us - not at the end of our faith, but right in the middle of it.

Come, for the stone has been rolled away.

Come, for love is not finished yet.

Come, for Christ is already ahead of us, calling us into life.

All are welcome at this table.

Communion Song *Now the Green Blade Rises*

Cassie Rosenberger (flute) and Keith Doll (guitar)



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



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



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



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

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.]

Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine

Please come forward in the center aisle to receive the gifts of bread and cup. Gluten-free wafers are on the communion table. Grape juice is in the outer ring; wine is in the center. Please return by the side aisles.

All are welcome at this *Open Table*. If it is more comfortable for you to remain seated, someone will bring this simple sacred meal to you.

***Litany after Communion** Drew Ludwig

One:	Jesus was beloved by the poor and the outcast
Many:	but he was a threat to people with power.
One:	Jesus stood against some of the teachings of the Temple,
Many:	so he was a threat to the writers of the law.
One:	Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with those considered unworthy,
Many:	so he was a threat to the ones who were bound by the letter of the law.
One:	Jesus took the titles of "Lord," "Son of God," and "King."
Many:	Those were Caesar's titles: so he was a threat to the government.
One:	Jesus came without violence
Many:	yet he disturbed the peace.
One:	Jesus came proclaiming the Kindom of God
Many:	and the kingdoms of this world were frightened.
One:	Lord, help us to love your people and your kindom more than the kingdoms and leaders of this world.
All:	For yours is the kindom, the power, and the glory - forever. Amen.

***Song of Parting** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* | #464 Red Hymnal



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heav - en re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Postlude** Instrumental Cover of *Here Comes the Sun*

by George Harrison (The Beatles)

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 at TED for friendship and lively book discussions. Our next book is *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston. We will be covering up to Chapter 22 for our initial session on this book on **April 14**. 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/>

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.

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 lynnstableman@att.net

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

Meet at church at 11am to carpool to Panera Bread Co, and then spend the afternoon at 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.



Intertwine Interfaith Service Project & Red Cross 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 PUCU 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

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wen elfi	numcoinmo
yill	suesj
estno	sclepdii
obtm	odog yridfa
ptmreut	rrypae gilvi
lgnea	kyeodn
valie	nubyn
scors	russtcerino
pgnirs	uymadn shryatud
trosroe	yedabert
veeprsree	refrove
onset	cepsi
peho	spestalo
rachpe	wsep
refsn	oaccothle

Puns for today

Test your cluck at the egg hunt.
Eating candy around the cluck today.
You're the coolest chick in the flock.
Let's shell-ebrate!
Don't poach all of my best Easter yolks.
I'm putting all my eggs in one basket.
All of this celebrating is eggs-hausting.
Those Ester eggs are really to dye for.
Easter celebrations are a great way to get people out of their shells.
Let's hope these Easter eggs are all they're cracked up to be.
I need to eggs-ercise off all this chocolate.
What do all the eggs want to do when the egg hunt starts? Scramble!
No bunny lay a finger on my Easter candy.
Don't worry, be hoppy.
You can always count on Easter for being a good hare day.
I'm all ears today.
My favorite music to listen to on Easter is hip-hop.
It's officially time for the egg hunt - let's hop to it!
Gather round and listen to my Easter tail. Don't worry, it has a hoppy ending.
I'm just hare for the Easter candy.
Hoppy Easter to all my peeps!

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 clearly 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:

