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Purpose Statement

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

Congregational Statement

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

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Welcome *to* Parkway

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

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

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

Worship Serving Today

Scripture Reader is Michelle Brueggemann.

Flowers given by Kari & Keith Borgmann in celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

Treats provided by Carol & Harold Cobb.

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://warmlines.org/warmdir.html>

Birthdays

5/29 Tom McKenzie

5/31 Karla Shelton

5/31 Jo Grove

Anniversaries

5/24 Andrea & Steven Barnes

5/25 Brenda & Doug Sperry

5/27 Erin Frick & Rob Zander

5/30 Kari & Keith Borgmann

5/30 Andy & Sharon Lowenthal

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

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

Prelude *O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God*

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation We are here to awaken from the illusion of our separateness.
~Thich Nhat Hanh

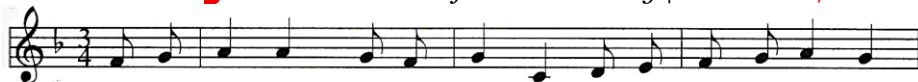
Passing the Peace of Christ

“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 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* | #314 Red Hymnal



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of



flight, Like the vig - or of the wind's rush, Like the
Vine, To the church in faith as - sem - bled, To her
prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the



new flame's ea - ger might:
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare:

Pentecost Scripture Acts 2:1-12 | Common English Bible

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs - we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!”

They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?”

***Call to Worship**

One: In the beginning, the Spirit moved over the waters of creation.

Many: And the Spirit is still moving.

One: At Pentecost, the Spirit rushed through the room like wind -

Many: awakening courage, connection, and previously unleashed potential.

One: Flames of love rested on ordinary people – on every single one of them.

Many: And they discovered that God was speaking through them. God is still speaking.

One: The Spirit gathered strangers into community,

Many: melting barriers of language, fear, and division.

One: Come, Holy Spirit - breathe upon us and through us again and again.

Many: Come, Spirit of justice and compassion - open our hearts to one another.

All: Let us worship our God together - Creator, Christ and Spirit.

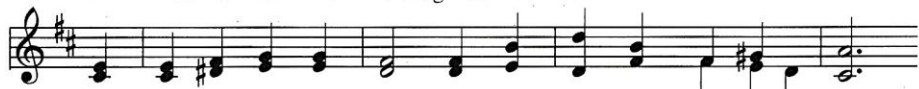
***Song** *On Pentecost They Gathered* | #128 **Red Hymnal**



1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered Quite ear - ly in the day,
2. The peo - ple all a - round them Were star - tled and a - mazed
3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it On all who would be - lieve,
4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en On that day long a - go,



A band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, To wor - ship, sing, and pray.
To un - der - stand their lan - guage, As Christ the Lord they praised.
On wom - en, men, and chil - dren Who would God's grace re - ceive.
Re - kin - dle faith a - mong us In all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, Filled all the swirl - ing air,
What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, What great good news was here?
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, Be - stow - ing life and power.
O give us ears to lis - ten And tongues a - flame with praise,



And tongues of fire a - glow - ing In - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en To van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, Re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
So folk of ev - ery na - tion Glad songs of joy shall raise.

***Opening Prayer**

Spirit of the Living God, You arrive in ways we do not expect - in rushing winds and quiet breaths, in sacred fire and gentle nudges, in words that heal and movements that transform. At Pentecost, You reminded the world that no one is left outside of Your love. Every language mattered. Every voice carried dignity. Every person became part of the story. Move among us today. Stir what has grown tired. Comfort what is wounded. Ignite in us a passion for justice, mercy, and hope. When fear closes us in, open us to one another. When despair silences us, give us words of courage and compassion. When we forget our connectedness, remind us that Your Spirit lives in each of us. May this time of worship awaken us again to Your presence within and among us. 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 *Book Sunday*

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 *You Gotta Shout When the Spirit Says 'Shout'*

A traditional African American spiritual rooted in the lived faith, prolonged suffering, resilience, and joy found within community underneath the hands of oppression during slavery. This song like many of the time, was an act of survival, resistance, prayer, and communal identity. It was designed, or inspired, to be orally transmitted, as we substitute but only one word to create a new verse, i.e. sing, pray, shout...As we sing this spiritual today, we honor not only its beauty and vitality, but also the sacred history, cultural resilience, and enduring witness of the African American communities from which it came.

I'm gonna sing when the spirit says: "Sing!"

I'm gonna sing when the spirit says: "Sing!"

I'm gonna sing when the spirit says "Sing!"

And obey the spirit of the Lord!

***shout, pray, dance, preach, love**

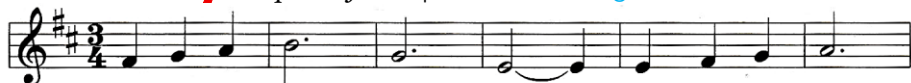
Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 | CEB

So, I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person. Christ is just like the human body - a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *Spirit of God* | #2117 *Blue Songbook*



1. Spir - it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life
 2. Spir - it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace
 3. Spir - it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far -
 4. Spir - it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho -
 5. Spir - it of God in all, we glad - ly hear



be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre -
 and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for
 off lands you hold all the hu - man race in
 ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your
 your call, the life in our hands that sings, the



ate us a - new. _____ Give us the breath
 all liv - ing things. _____ For when we live
 one warm em - brace. _____ No mat - ter where
 love ev - ery - where. _____ We can - not fail
 power of your wings. _____ Born of your grace



to sing, lift - ed on soar - ing wing, }
 your peace, cap - tives will find re - lease, }
 we go, you hold us to - geth - er so, }
 or fall, or know de - feat at all, }
 we rise, love shin - ing in our eyes, }



held in your hands, _____ borne on your wings. —



Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia!



Come, Spir - it, come! _____ come! _____

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.]

Mission Moment Bread for the World | Barb Harris

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 *Veni Sancte Spiritus* from Taizê

***Response** *Pentecost Doxology*

**Praise God whose breath fills all the earth
Whose love reveals our sacred worth
Whose Spirit forms one family
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Spirit of Wind and Fire, You moved among the people at Pentecost until strangers became neighbors and fear gave way to courage. Receive these gifts we offer today - and receive our lives as well. Set our hearts ablaze with compassion, our mouths free to speak truth, and our spirits unwilling to stay silent when people are hungry, excluded, or pushed aside. May Your Spirit move through us not only in worship, but in public witness, in acts of justice, and in words that challenge powers that deny dignity and hope. Make us a Pentecost people - speaking love in every language, sharing bread with all, and daring to imagine a world renewed by Your justice and peace. Amen.

***Song of Parting** Spirit of Gentleness (Spirit) | #319 Red Hymnal

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, Blow through the

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free, Spir - it,

spir - it of rest - less - ness, Stir me from plac - id-ness, Wind,

wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the wa - ters, You called to the
2. You swept through the des - ert, You stung with the
3. You sang in a sta - ble, You cried from a
4. You call from to - mor - row, You break an - cient

deep, Then You coaxed up the moun - tains From the
sand, And You gift - ed your peo - ple With a
hill, Then You whis - pered in si - lence When the
schemes. From the bond - age of sor - row The

val - leys of sleep, And o - ver the e -
law and a land, And when they were blind -
whole world was still, And down in the cit -
cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi -

ons You called to each thing, "A
ed With their i - dols and lies, Then You
y You called once a - gain When You
sions, Our men clear their eyes. With

wake from your slum - bers And
spoke through Your proph - ets To
blew through Your peo - ple On the
hold new de - ci - sions Your

rise on your wings."
o - pen their eyes.
rush of the wind.
peo - ple a - rise.

D.C. al Fine

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** *Praise the Spirit in Creation*

WISE Team Inquiry: A United Church of Christ Ministry

We hope you had a positive experience of worship, fellowship and our Speaker Series last Sunday on our First Annual *Mental Health Sunday*.

Our church is looking at the possibility of becoming a WISE church as set forth by our United Church of Christ.

(WISE = Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged)

We are at the start of this journey and are hopeful it will be a blessed one.

If you are interested in being considered for the WISE Team that would play a formative role in this exploration and study, please scan or click the QR code below.

Thank you!

Questions? Please contact kevin@parkwayucc.org



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 Evening Dialogue

2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 6-8pm | Heritage Room
Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us on **May 26** for our first session on our next book, *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. This book is a 2016 memoir by geobiologist Hope Jahren, blending her personal story with the science of plants, trees and soil, and exploring her career, her friendship with her lab partner Bill Hagopian and her struggles with bipolar disorder. This book is celebrated for its unique combination of scientific insight, candid personal narrative and for winning the National Book Critics Circle Award and becoming a best seller. We will be covering Part One "Roots and Leaves" for our first session on **May 26**.

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.

PHOTO OP: Affordable Photos for Families, Couples, Individuals

We're excited to be hosting portrait photographer Tim Barrick in our community. He works with churches across North America, creating relaxed, welcoming photo experiences that focus on real connection.

On Saturday, May 30, he'll be offering Pay-What-You-Can outdoor mini sessions for individuals, couples, and families. These sessions are simple, meaningful, and tend to fill quickly, so sign up soon.

On Sunday, May 31, he'll also offer a limited number of simple headshots available after service (great for job searches, profiles, or anyone needing an updated photo).

Mini Sessions Saturday, May 30

9 am-7 pm

Drace Park--2310 Cedar Valley Rd.,
Town and Country, MO— just east of
Interstate 270 and south of Clayton Road.
(Art Museum in case of rain.)

To schedule a session, scan or click QR code to contact Tim.



Choir and Music Ministry Invitation

Sunday, May 31 | 9am | Choir Loft in the Sanctuary

We are excited to share that a new chapter in music ministry has begun at Parkway UCC! Aria, our Music Director, warmly invites current singers, former choir members, and anyone who has ever been curious about singing to join us!

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.

All are welcome - come as you are and add your voice to something new as possibilities organically grow. Questions? aria@parkwayucc.org

Spread Kindness With Food | Lasagna Love

Lasagna Love is a global, volunteer-driven non-profit movement that delivers free, homemade lasagna to individuals and families in need. It is a neighbor-to-neighbor movement.

For our **Sunday, May 31** "Jesus has Left the Building" we plan to make 4 pans of lasagna and 4 batches of brownies to deliver to families. One way to participate is to donate non-perishable ingredients for the event. There will be a marked container in the gathering space for your donation. This is a list of needs:

- 4 boxes of oven-ready lasagna noodles (require no precooking). Dollar Tree carries these.
- 4 jars (approximately 28 oz) of pre-made marinara sauce (Plain)
- 4 cans (approximately 24 oz) of crushed tomatoes
- 4 cans of tomato paste
- 4 boxes of brownie mix
- 1 small jar of sweet basil

We will need about 6-7 volunteers to assemble the lasagnas on May 31.

For more info on how to help, contact Ruth Huebner ruthhuebner@hotmail.com

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Sunday, May 31 | 9-11am | Gathering Space

We will hold our annual Bread for the World Offering of Letters event during the Sunday, 5/31 Jesus Has Left the Building (JHLTB) service project event. The Offering of Letters is our opportunity to join people of faith nationwide in a campaign to hand-write thousands of letters to members of Congress about nutrition programs in the U.S. and around the world. When we combine our stacks of letters from PUCC with other Missouri churches, our voices are amplified! There will be many ways to provide hands-on service for the JHLTB Sunday, so we encourage you to write your letters in one of the 5 following ways. Then, we can include your letters in our personal delivery to congressional offices!

1. Write Before Sunday: Hand-write letters from home and bring them to church on 5/31
2. Come early to write: Come to church early on 5/31 and write letters at the tables in the gathering space before worship and service projects
3. Write during the service: Write reasons why you care about fighting hunger on a pre-printed letter template provided at church and submit an online letter via smartphone during the offertory
4. Write for JHLTB project : Write after the service at the tables in the gathering space as your participation in JHLTB service
5. Write after Sunday: Bring in your handwritten letters on Sunday, June 7 and put them in the basket in the gathering space Online letters can be submitted by scanning or clicking the QR code.



For how to get more involved, contact Cindy Levin changyit@icloud.com

May ONA News

Missouri's 2026 General Assembly is over and, once again, the quote from 2 Timothy 4:7 is in my mind ("I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.") It's been a hard legislative session for LGBTQ+ Missourians and advocates but this year we can celebrate. Earlier this month, PROMO Missouri announced that all 58 anti-LGBTQ+ bills were successfully defeated by their legislative team, volunteers, and allies.

Shira, PROMO's public policy director, said Republican legislators "threw everything they had at us" and that every time PROMO reached out to its supporters during the session, thousands showed up. This included a rally in January at the Capitol that included participants from the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance, an interfaith ministry at Parkway UCC.

Please take a moment and send a hand-written thank you note to PROMO to congratulate them for their hard work to protect the rights of LGBTQ+ Missourians and to make our state a more equitable place. Address your cards to: Katy Erker-Lynch (executive director), PROMO Missouri, 2200 Gravois Ave., suite #201, St. Louis 63104. Let Katy and their team know you are from Parkway UCC.

A few weeks ago, PROMO and the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance held a community meeting to talk strategy for the summer as the campaign to defeat the new Amendment 3 ramps up. The referendum, which strips back reproductive choice and gender-affirming care for Missouri youth, may appear on the ballot as early as August. Find ways to get involved with PROMO by visiting <https://www.mobilize.us/?q=PROMO%20Missouri> and sign up to pledge your support of trans Missourians, phone bank, or deep canvass. Abortion Action Missouri also is working to defeat Amendment 3; follow their work or volunteer here <https://abortionactionmissouri.org/events/>

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue on Zoom

1st & 3rd Tuesday | 1:45pm fellowship | 2:00-3:00pm discussion

Zoom Link (312) 626-6799; Meeting ID: 836 7061 7428; Passcode: 480007

Please join with TAD as we read and discuss *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi.

We'd love to have you! *The Henna Artist* is a tale of perseverance, history, self-worth, and forgiveness, highlighting the power of family. A young woman named Lakshmi makes her way from her 1950s rural village to the pink city of Jaipur, and becomes the henna artist in a society pivoting between the traditional and the modern. On **June 2**, we'll discuss chapters 6-14.

Fellowship starts at 1:45pm, and book discussion is from 2-3pm. For more info, please contact Jackie Eiffert at jeiffert2@gmail.com

Parkway Adventurers headed to National Museum of Transportation Planes, Trains, and Automobiles - and more!

Wednesday, June 3 | 9:30am-1:30pm | 2933 Barrett Station Road

Join us for Planes, Trains, and Automobiles, plus much more. The Parkway Adventurers are off to The National Museum of Transportation in a neighborhood near us. This unique museum was founded in 1944 with 42 acres of all types of transportation. Included in their collection are steam, diesel, and electric locomotives, passenger and freight cars, automobiles, streetcars, buses and aircraft. The adults ticket price is \$16 and for seniors is \$14, although a discount can be obtained with Groupon. There is free parking and we will be doing a self-guided tour. Lunch following will be about 11:30am at The Corner Grill and Pub. 13645 Big Bend Rd Valley Park, Missouri. We will leave from the church at 9:30am or you can meet us at the museum at 10am. Any questions and RSVP contact Carol Cobb, ccjacob@aol.com

Fundraising Night at Steve's Hot Dogs in Chesterfield

Wednesday, June 3 | 5-7:30pm | Steve's Hot Dogs, 17089 N. Outer 40 Road

Join the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance for an evening of great food, fun games, and wonderful fellowship. The restaurant will donate a proceed of all sales but we need at least 25 people to come to the location to dine in or take out. So, bring the family! Call a few friends! And we'll see you at Steve's Hot Dogs. For more info, contact Deb Reinhardt deborahreinhardt@att.net

Every Child's Hope: Hope Rising Black & White Gala

Saturday, June 13 | 5pm | Ameristar Casino, St. Charles

You are cordially invited to an uplifting evening that celebrates the hope ECH brings to every child, the healing we offer to every family, every day. Scan or click QR code to register! For more info, contact Ashley Milam aviehm@gmail.com



Prayer Corner an opportunity to pray with someone

Wednesday, June 17 | 9-11am | 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:

Friday, July 31 from 1-3pm

Monday, Aug 31 from 7-9pm

Friday, Sept 25 from 6:30-8:30am

Saturday, Oct 10 from 8-10am

Tuesday, Nov 17 from 3-5pm

Monday, Dec 14 from 7-9pm

Wednesday, Jan 13 from 10am-12pm

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

ALS Walk 2026 - Loving the Penicos and Eifferts

Saturday, June 27 | 10am | Forest Park

Too many of us have been touched by the tragedy of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS. Join us to raise awareness and funds for ALS research and patient/family support at this walk honoring those impacted by ALS. The event is full of community spirit and hope.

Register now to join the ALS Walk by scanning or clicking the QR code. Choose "join a team" and search for **PUCCLoving the Penicos and Eifferts**. On June 27, check in begins at 8:30am; walk begins at 10am. **NOTE:** Children of all ages can participate in the walk. For more info, contact Lisa Mason

lmason624@sbcglobal.net



Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Monday, June 29 | 7pm | Panera on Manchester Rd, Des Peres by 270

Join us for a beverage and sweet treat. Come connect! No need to RSVP - just show up!

Upcoming dates:

Wed, July 15 at 2pm

Fri, Aug 21 at 10am

Mon, Sept 21 at 2pm

Tues, Oct 20 at 2pm

Wed, Nov 11 at 10am

Mon, Dec 7 at 2pm

Wed, Jan 20 at 10am

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

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, May 20, 2026

Celebrations

Dr. Emma Ross - DVM graduated from Mizzou CVM on May 15 and begins her veterinary career at *Arch Animal Hospital* on June 1.

High school seniors & collegians - theses, finals, graduation, etc.

Brett Eiffert and Josie Polaski will be married on May 23 in Knoxville, TN... recently baptized Estela will be the flower girl!

Concerns

Rick & Cheryl Schrenker - as they grieve/give thanks for his sister.

Kris McKenzie - good results from her surgery; waiting for next steps.

Herb and Ruth Huebner - after his fall and multiple fractures in arm.

Jennifer - upcoming cancer surgery then treatments (Lowenthal).

Remmert Family - sudden death of Nancy on Mother's Day (Yakel).

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

Uganda and The Congo *in a time of Ebola.*

The Islamic Center of San Diego Shooting.

All lawfully present non-permanent refugees who were legally resettled in the US prior to January 2025 who have lost their SNAP food benefits (May 1) and will lose their Medicaid benefits (October 1). They will also lose eligibility for ACA Marketplace subsidies (January 2027) because their Green Card applications have been paused (Livengood).

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 - healing after head trauma during mission in Iran (Beck).

Bob & Jan - health, wholeness, peace, joy (Laura Waite's grandparents).

Ed and Mary Calcaterra - as he receives hospice care (Litzinger).

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 & Amy, daughter B - loving one another thru his cancer journey.

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).

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.
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.

One Hand

Kenneth L. Samuel

Again, a message came to me from the Lord: “When your people ask you what your actions mean, say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will take Ephraim and the northern tribes and join them to Judah. I will make them one piece of wood in my hand.’” - Ezekiel 37:15 & 18-19 (NLT)

Celebrations and expressions of diversity always pique my interest.

I've visited the Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota and listened to Native Americans talk about why the memorial and the Black Hills region itself are so significant to their culture.

I've talked to Muslims in Dubai during Ramadan and gained so much insight into why Muslims designate a special time of the year to abstain from certain pleasures in order to focus on spiritual integrity and family unity.

I've dialogued with students in the Philippines, wrestling with the theological quest to be true to the gospel of Christ while being responsible leaders in a repressive political context.

Diversity allows us to discover ourselves through the lenses of people who are very different from us. Yet the wondrous diversity of the globe must still acknowledge the oneness of the globe itself. All human diversity is some variant of the same humanity:

Elections in Paris, France remind people in Paris, Tennessee of how crucially interdependent the democracies of the world are.

Global economic instability highlights the impact of divergent nations and corporations on people worldwide, their shared destinies all in one hand.

Pandemics, hurricanes, wildfires all remind us that everyone on the planet is in the hand of one global environment.

The universal need for sabbath reminds us that despite our religious distinctions, we are all in the hand of one transcendent Ground of Being.

Prayer

Lord, when we allow our differences to divide us, please continue to remind us that you've still got the whole wide world in your hand. Amen.

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Sending the Word Home For your spiritual nourishment during the week.

TODAY in Sunday School

The Holy Spirit fell on the disciples on Pentecost and allowed them to preach the good news to people of all nations and languages. Paul called upon the Philippians to rejoice that God had redeemed them (Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7).

THE POINT

Proclaiming the good news about Jesus Christ is cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing!

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

Shavuot (pronounced shah-voo-OAT) means “weeks” and is a “week of weeks” (7 x 7) after Passover. It is the 50th day after Passover, so in Greek it was called “fiftieth” (Pentecost). This was originally a festival which celebrated the harvest of wheat, and one of three pilgrimage festivals when the Jewish people were commanded to travel to the temple to give the first fruits of their harvest to God. Later, the festival was connected to the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai. This is why so many people were in Jerusalem at that time.

STORY SUMMARY

God gave the disciples the Holy Spirit during the festival of Pentecost with the gift to preach the good news in many languages. Peter defended their preaching from accusations that they were drunk and appealed to the prophecy of Joel about the Spirit being poured out on believers. Later, Paul called upon the Philippians to rejoice in God’s love even when they were anxious or troubled, receiving God’s peace instead of fear.

PRACTICE: Prayer

Paul encourages the Philippians to pray to God about their anxieties, rejoicing and giving thanks despite their fears. As a family, create a prayer jar. Write down any anxieties or prayer requests that you have. As you put them in the jar, say a prayer of thanksgiving to God and ask for God’s peace. At the end of the week, read through the prayers. How has God addressed your requests?

Come Back for Vacation Bible Summer!

The Sunday School year has ended! Congrats to all! But Our VBS program is just about to begin. Starting June 7, we’ll have something amazing for the children. Travelers: Immigrants & Refugees. Have a blessed summer!

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

