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## Limitless Love | Courageous Action | Spirited Inquiry

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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.

## PARKWAY UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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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 Evelyn Buretta.

**Flowers** given by given by Cindy Nouri in memory of her parents.

**Treats** provided by Polly & Mike Rutherford.

**Our Prayer Chaplain** this morning is Pam Walker.



If you would like to volunteer for any of these serving opportunities or join the corresponding group, please scan the QR code and click on the **Serving Opportunities Calendar**. Thanks!

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## Mental Health Support

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911... call or text)

24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK) | 800-SUICIDE: 800-784-2433

24/7 Missouri Department of Mental Health 800-811-4760

Text 741741 and someone will text right back...[www.crisistextline.org](http://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

5/31 Jo Grove

5/31 Karla Shelton

6/2 Carmen Bumgarner

6/2 Abby Sperry

6/3 Brenda Walker

6/4 Amanda McDougall

6/5 Paige Brueggemann

6/5 Doug Dischinger

6/6 Chad Miller

## Anniversaries

6/3 Dottie & John Dwyer

6/5 Kent & Diane Tallyn

# JHLTB Sunday

Sunday, May 31, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

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

**Prelude** *Variations on the theme: AZMON, Gotthelf Gläser, 1781-1829*

**Meditation** Food is a common ground, a universal experience. ~ Padma Lakshmi

**Welcome** Let us know you are here!

## Announcements

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

### 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: We gather with varied histories, perspectives, priorities and opinions - yet Christ calls us into one shared purpose.

**Many: We come to learn compassion, practice courage, and grow in clarity.**

One: Jesus stood among ordinary people and said, “Go” - go with love, go with wisdom, go with hope.

**Many: We are called as partners in Christ’s service.**

One: The Spirit of peace moves among us, encouraging us to rejoice, mend what is broken, and care for one another.

**Many: We will not turn away from hunger, suffering, or loneliness.**

One: For a world where all are fed, where dignity is protected, and where leaders remember their responsibility to the vulnerable -

**Many: We will raise our voices and open our hands and hearts.**

One: Christ is with us always - in bread shared, truth spoken, and neighbors loved.

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

**\*Hymn** *O For A World* | #386 Red Hymnal



1. O for a world where ev - ery - one Re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved,
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise.



Where love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.  
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion - voice.  
Tell all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Loving God, you gather us as people still learning, growing, and becoming. In Christ, you call us to be partners in healing, justice, and hope. Open our hearts today. Give us compassion to feed hungry bodies and spirits, courage to speak truth with love, and clarity to care for the needs of all people. Move among us with your grace and peace, and remind us that wherever we go, Christ is with us always - and moving through us to others. Amen.**

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 28:16-20 | Common English Bible

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Creator and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

**Epistle Lesson** 2Corinthians 13:11-13 | Common English Bible

Finally, siblings, good-bye. Put things in order, respond to my encouragement, be in harmony with each other, and live in peace - and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Say hello to each other with a holy kiss. All of God's people say hello to you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Reflection**

**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 is an offering plate in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary too. Thank you for your generosity.

[www.parkwayucc.org/giving](http://www.parkwayucc.org/giving)

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, bless these gifts and the lives that offer them. May they bring food to the hungry, hope to the weary, and strength to all who work for justice and compassion. Send us out as partners in Christ's service - to care boldly, speak truth with love, and help build a world where everyone has enough. Amen.**

### \*Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* | #343 *Red Hymnal*



1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, Called to min-is-tries of grace,
2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, In a small or glob-al sense,
4. So God grant us for to-mor-row Ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, Rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, Break-ing down each wall or fence.  
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row With a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, Side by side and friend with friend,  
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, All God's peo-ple, young and old,  
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, Words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, Our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-qual part-ners in our car-ing To ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether Gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, Make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing Hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

### \*Benediction

### \*God's Light Goes Forth

### \*Jesus Has Left the Building

Join us as we put our faith into action!

# Announcements

Please use the form at [www.parkwayucc.org/communications](http://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](mailto:barbharris@charter.net) or [cynthianouri@gmail.com](mailto:cynthianouri@gmail.com)

## **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.

**TODAY**, he'll offer a limited number of simple headshots available after service (great for job searches, profiles, or anyone needing an updated photo)

## **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 "Jesus has Left the Building" today, 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](mailto:ruthhuebner@hotmail.com)

## **Bread for the World Offering of Letters**

TODAY ~ 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 anytime: Hand-write letters from home and bring them to church anytime.
  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 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](mailto:changyit@icloud.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 *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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:deborahreinhardt@att.net)

## Coffee and Fellowship with AMOE

Come join us on **Thursday, June 4** at 9:15am in the Heritage Room for the monthly gathering of Adventurous Men Out Early. We are rated 'G' for "gossip." Come learn why our wives breathly ask us what's going on in the church the minute we get home. For more info, contact, Richard Scherrer [90fivetpr@gmail.com](mailto:90fivetpr@gmail.com)

## Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!

First three Sundays of June, July, and August—come at 9 am to practice, sing in the service.

**1st Sunday:** Soprano and Alto voices. (Historically “women's voices,” properly “higher voices”)

**2nd Sunday:** Tenor and Bass voices. (Historically “men's voices,” properly “lower voices”)

**3rd Sunday of the month:** All voices! Come “try it on” if you are interested in becoming involved in Parkways quickly growing Music Ministry program!

**4th Sunday:** PUCC instrumentalists and/or small ensemble of singers.

Want to learn more? Contact [aria@parkwayucc.org](mailto:aria@parkwayucc.org)

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue

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

Please join us on **June 9** for our second 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 Two “Wood and Knots” on **June 9**.

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](mailto:raceh@att.net) for questions.

## 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](mailto:aviehm@gmail.com)



## **Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am**

### **"An Extraordinary Career as a Ranger, Green Beret, and Delta Force," by Lt. Col. Mike Maloney.**

June 14 | 11:15am

Lt. Col. Mike Malony (ret.), born and raised in St. Louis, is the grandson of Jerry and Priscilla Debandt. Mike served in the Army Rangers, the Green Berets, and Delta Force; a rare trifecta of elite unit service few obtain. His last assignment was in Delta Force, which is comprised of the best personnel recruited from experienced soldiers in the Green Berets and the Rangers. Mike will recount his adventures in each unit, the rigorous training and selection process, their respective missions, and the leadership skills he learned throughout his extraordinary career. It is notable that June 14th is the birthday of the U.S. Army.

### **"Mark Twain, His Wit, His Words, and His Life," by Bev Schuetz of History Talks.**

Sunday, June 28 | 11:15am

Learn the surprising story of America's most beloved author while laughing at his wonderful

observations on human nature. Follow this Missouri born writer's great successes and personal

happiness as well as his tragic personal and financial losses.

Our speaker, Bev Schuetz, is a popular and dynamic speaker who has created HISTORY TALKS, a series of live presentations. She is known for her unique topics, delightful presentations, and thoroughly researched programs.

HISTORY TALKS combines her skills in public speaking, historical analysis, and creative writing. The results are lectures that reward and enrich those attending her presentations.

All programs are held in the Heritage Room following worship. Grab your coffee and a pastry and come join us. Questions? Richard Scherrer at [90fivetpr@gmail.com](mailto:90fivetpr@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](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org); 314-872-9330

## Pride Fest St. Louis Booth Volunteers Needed

Saturday, June 27 | 10am-7pm | Downtown St. Louis near Soldiers Memorial  
Volunteers are needed to staff the ecumenical booth at this year's Pride Fest St. Louis. Several shifts are available by scanning or clicking the QR code.



Participating faith communities include the UCC, Disciples of Christ, MCC of Greater St. Louis, Sts. Clare&Francis, the Episcopal Diocese, and First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. Use the sign-up link to register. Direct questions to [lgbtfaithalliance@aol.com](mailto:lgbtfaithalliance@aol.com)

## 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](mailto: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  
Questions? Contact [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto: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](mailto:mckenzie1947@att.net)

## WISE Team Inquiry: A United Church of Christ Ministry

Our church is looking at the possibility of becoming a WISE church as set forth by our UCC (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.



Thank you!  
Questions? Please contact [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

# Prayer List

Wednesday, May 27, 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.

**All graduates, teachers and families** – SUMMER for EVERYONE  
**Brett Eiffert and Josie Polaski** married last Saturday.

## Concerns

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

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

**Vicki Boehmer** - before/after heart surgery on May 28 (McMillon).

**Jennifer** - upcoming cancer surgery then treatments (Lowenthal).

**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** - healing and hope after tragedy.

## Continuing

**Alex Wiseman** - living with autoimmune challenges.

**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.

**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).

## **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.**

## **Shelter in a Storm**

Lillian Daniel

*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. - Romans 15:7 (NRSV)*

Late one night in my travels, as storms and lightning canceled all flights and the airport food court started shutting down, I looked at the massive lines of people in front of me looking for a new flight or a hotel room, and I felt a lump in my throat knowing that those of us at the back would probably be unsuccessful. So I asked my UCC church family if anyone knew anyone in Houston, Texas—with the added request that no one respond with emojis, prayers or sympathy; I was tired and lonely and wanted direct leads only.

Believe it or not, within ten minutes, a colleague who used to live in Texas had called on a friend to help a friend, and an hour later, two strangers picked me up at the busy airport, took me to their house, tucked me into their guest room before midnight. My luggage was stuck who knows where, so they gave me one of the many toothbrushes they were already collecting to send to Back Bay Mission through their church. These people were already preparing for guests, just not in their own house, but all those toothbrushes told me they cared.

The next morning, they took me to their church where we shared the experience of hearing a strong sermon, moving music in a minor key, the sweetness of cookies, and the beautiful bitterness of a cup of coffee on that dreaded Time Change Sunday—but I had already received the gospel of the good Samaritan when two strangers picked me up in the rain.

Good to meet you, First Congregational of Houston, and if you ever get stuck in Michigan, we've got you. In a world of suffering, the good news is worth sharing.

### **Prayer**

*Thank you God for the kindness of strangers and for the friends who call their friends to help a friend in a storm. Amen.*

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## Who Will Go for Them?

Vicki Kemper

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” – Isaiah 6:8 (NRSV)*

In my “call story,” there is no temple filled with the hem of God’s robe. There are no six-winged seraphs, no over-the-top drama.

In my story, there’s just an ever-unspooling thread of grace that connects the disparate dots of my life and draws me deeper into Love. There’s a gentle but persistent voice calling in the night.

Less than a month after leaving a long journalism career, I found myself echoing the prophet Isaiah, singing **“Here I Am, Lord”** with tears running down my face. In that moment, the song felt like the convergence of every hard and holy thing that had brought me to my first day of seminary.

Yes, I understand that a 40-year-old Jesuit hymn can feel sappy in a nation beset by white supremacy, gun violence, economic injustice, and the politicization of everything, even public health. I realize that this day, which many churches observe as Trinity Sunday, is not primarily about us.

It is about a Love that listens, a Justice that calls, and a Breath that empowers. It’s about the Holy One who manifests in myriad forms and is known by many names, a Glorious Presence who dwells in our brokenness and a Gritty Savior who seeks mere mortals to go for Them into the heart of humanity.

On this day and every day, the Great Mystery, whose preferred pronouns are sometimes plural, invites our full participation in an epic story, asking, “Whom shall I send?”

### **Prayer**

*“I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.”*

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