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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 Mark Sableman.

Flowers given by a very caring PUCcEr!

Treats provided by Carol & Harold Cobb.

Our Prayer Chaplain this morning is Gabriel Requadt.



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

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Mental Health Support

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

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

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

Text 741741 and someone will text right back...www.crisistextline.org

Behavioral Health Network of Greater St Louis 314-449-6713

The numbers below are called Warmlines (not Hotlines).

They are peer run by people with lived experience.

Not all of them are 24/7/365

Teen Warm Line: 1 800-248-8336

Black Warm Line: 1-800-604-5841 (They are divested from the police)

Trans Warm Line: 1-877-565-8860

Project Return Warm Line: 1-800-448-9777 (run away)

Learn more about warm lines: <https://warmline.org/warmdir.html>

Birthdays

7/5 Sue McMillon

7/7 TJ Schowalter

7/13 Gabriel Requadt

7/17 Cynthia Brown

7/18 Joan Degroote

7/18 Joe Biondo

Anniversaries

7/15 Lisa & Mike Mason

7th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

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

Prelude *Concord* by Benjamin Britten (From *Gloriana*)

Transcribed for piano

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Nurturing a good turn is better than starting it. ~Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib

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

Reaffirming our Open and Affirming Covenant

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Welcome Song *You Are Welcome Here*

You are wel - come here, no mat - ter who you are, no mat - ter
where you are on life's jour - ney. You are wel come here,
no mat - ter who you are, come and
join with us, in our U - ni - ted Church of Christ...

Scripture Psalm 119:105-112 | New Revised Standard, Updated

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.

I am severely afflicted; give me life,
O Lord, according to your word.

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever,
to the end.

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, seekers and saints, pilgrims and friends.

Many: We come with our questions, our hopes, our joys, and our burdens.

One: We come, trusting that God welcomes every one of us.

Many: God's word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path.

One: May our hearts be good soil, ready to receive love, justice, mercy, and hope.

Many: Today we reaffirm our commitment as an *Open and Affirming* community,

One: where all people are embraced as beloved children of God.

Many: We choose again the way of extravagant welcome, intentional compassion, and abundant grace.

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

***Song** Draw the Circle Wide

E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b E^b/G B^b E^b/G A^b

Draw the cir-cle_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our_

B^b Dm^{7(b9)}/A^b G G/B Cm Fm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ B^b9sus Am^{7(#5)} B^b7

song, no one stands a-lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle_

E^b A^b Fm⁷ E^b/G Fm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ E^b A^b Fm⁷ E^b

To verses Last time, Fine

wide._____ wide._____

E^b A^b Fm⁷ B^b E^b Fm⁷

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass
 3. Let the dreams we_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

Gm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ B^b Cm Fm⁷

- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but
 great and small; let our lov - ing
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

B^b Gm⁷ Cm⁷ Fm⁷ Gm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ Fm⁷ A^b/B^b Gm/B^b A^b/B^b D.C.

held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms. _____
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call. _____
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door. _____

*Opening Prayer

God of limitless love, You scatter Your grace with astonishing generosity, planting seeds of hope in places we least expect. Open our hearts today that we may receive Your wisdom, not merely with our ears, but with our courageous action. As we reaffirm our *Open and Affirming* covenant today, renew in us our ability to reflect Your wide embrace. Remove the stones of fear, the thorns of prejudice, and the distractions that keep us from bearing the fruits of justice, compassion, and joy. As more information, science and lived experiences come to us, shape our spirited inquiry. Guide our steps by Your light. Mold us into a community where every person is celebrated, every voice is valued, and every life is recognized as sacred. May this time of worship deepen our love for You, for one another, and for the world You so dearly love. Amen.

*Response *Spirit of the Living God* | #322 Red Hymnal

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

Children's Time For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 06 (upper level) where one of our teachers will meet them at the door. Children and youth will gather in Room 13 (lower level) for the Opening Session. Children from age 3 to 2nd grade will then go to Room 12, children from 3rd to 5th grade will stay in Room 13, and youth from 6th to 12th grade will go to Room 15. For children in Room 06, parents please pick them up after worship. Children and youth from age 3 thru high school can be met in the Gathering Space just outside the Sanctuary after worship, as the teachers will bring them back upstairs after class.

Blessing the Children *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus, I have de -
cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol-low
Je - sus — no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

Scripture Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 | Common English Bible

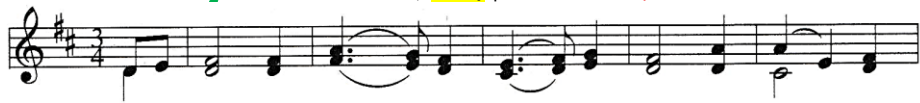
That day Jesus went out of the house and sat down beside the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he climbed into a boat and sat down. The whole crowd was standing on the shore.

He said many things to them in parables: “A farmer went out to scatter seed. As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path, and birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn’t deep. But when the sun came up, it scorched the plants, and they dried up because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked them. Other seed fell on good soil and bore fruit, in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one. Everyone who has ears should pay attention.”

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *Just As I Am*, v2-4 | #370 Red Hymnal



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,
4. Just as I am, Thy love un - known Has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea,



come to Thee,
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
I be - lieve,
Thine a - lone,

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

[A variety of names for God are welcome here – including in the Lord's Prayer.]

Offering Our Gifts to God



If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate on the stand next to the communion table before the end of the closing hymn. There are offering plates in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary too. Thank you for your generosity.

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Offering Interlude *For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table*

Text: Shirley Erena Murray and Music: Jane Marshall

Musical notation for the offering interlude, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The lyrics are: and God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice and joy, com-pas-sion and peace: yes, God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice, jus-tice and joy.

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
jus - tice and joy.

Verses sung by choir

For everyone born, a place at the table
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead
(refrain)

For one and for all, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for all and for one, a system that's fair.
(refrain)

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.
(refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.
(refrain)

***Response** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*, v1-2 | #369 Red Hymnal

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y - where, Lord,
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

an - y - time! I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, You have sown Your love into our lives, and from that abundance we offer these gifts. Bless them, and bless us, that together they may become seeds of welcome where there is exclusion, seeds of justice where there is inequity, seeds of healing where there is hurt, and seeds of hope where despair has taken root. As we have renewed our *Open and Affirming* covenant today, help us live it - not only with our words but with our actions, so that all who encounter this community may know they are loved, valued, and welcomed as they are. Amen.

***Song of Parting** *Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives, v1-2, 4-5*
 (tune: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*)



1. Im - par - tial, com - pass - ion - ate God of all lives,
 2. Un - ho - ly, un - just - i - fied fear we in - cite,
 3. Cre - a - tor of beau - ty, we stand not in pride,
 4. Our hope is your free - dom for both great and small,
 5. All hon - or - we give you, O help us to see,



in Christ you have shown us your love ac - tual - ized,
 when we shun our neigh - bors yet cling to our rights.
 we do not as - sume you will stay on our side.
 to strive for per - fec - tion and know all means all.
 your chil - dren are wor - thy to claim vic - to - ry.



in - car - nate and weak in the arms of the poor,
 Your chil - dren still wan - der the streets left in pain,
 For yours is the sa - cred, un - tar - nished by sin,
 We chal - lenge and quest - ion each law with - out grace,
 And so let our ac - tions flow out of our praise,



de - stroy - ing all sys - tems that keep closed the door.
 we pass laws a - gainst them to prove our dis - dain.
 a re - fuge for out - casts that all may come in.
 af - firm - ing the im - age of Christ on each face.
 to seek trans - for - ma - tion, your Kin - dom to raise.

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** *The Trout* by Franz Schubert. Arranged for piano.

Make a Joyful Noise!

Summer Sundays - come at 9am to practice and sing in the worship 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 Parkway’s quickly growing Music Ministry program!

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

Want to learn more? Contact aria@parkwayucc.org

Job posting Christian Education and Youth Director

A great opportunity for a part-time 20 hours/week Christian Education and Youth Director. We are a faithful people with a warm heart and generous spirit. We are an intentionally inclusive congregation in a great facility in a prime location. We want to become even more vital and relevant to children, teens and adults. Please contact us if you would like to know more

– employment@parkwayucc.org

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Join the PUCC Safety Team!

The Safety Team is looking for a few more members to help ensure Parkway UCC remains a safe, welcoming place for everyone on the premises during our Sunday Morning Experience.

As a team member, you will build relationships with Council members, church staff, the congregation, building renters, and local emergency services (medical, fire, and police).

What You’ll Do:

- **Learn:** Get trained on the safety procedures and technology currently in use at Parkway.
- **Serve:** Be onsite one Sunday a month from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. (*Note: This includes a 9:00 AM walkthrough with the on-duty police officer and serving as a safety observer during worship*).
- **Guide:** Direct the congregation during unexpected events (such as severe weather, medical emergencies, fire evacuations, or building intruders). You will be responsible for calling 911 and guiding others, not directly handling the emergency itself.
- **Connect:** Attend occasional Safety Team get-togethers.

Have a conversation or contact any of these people if you have questions!

- Lisa Davidson davidsonls@wustl.edu
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- Rich Race racerichardg@gmail.com

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

Habitat for Humanity Weekday Crew

Parkway has filled our quota for Habitat/Parkway days on **July 11** and **August 1**, but Habitat is always looking for weekday volunteers. Contact Tabatha for details at tabatha@habitatstl.org

For more info, reach out to Tom McKenzie at mckenzie1947@att.net

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

“Hope Without Borders: Delivering Vaccines Where They’re Needed Most,” by Dawn Jones-Goldstein, MS.

TODAY, July 12 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Our speaker, Dawn Jones-Goldstein, is a Pfizer vaccine scientist and a member of Parkway UCC. She works at Pfizer’s Chesterfield location, which primarily focuses on vaccines research and development. Key work includes formulation, development, analytical testing, and manufacturing of drug candidates for clinical trials.

Dawn Jones-Goldstein’s presentation will explore how global collaboration has changed the trajectory of childhood disease in Southern Africa — and how emerging vaccines against RSV and Group B Strep (GBS) may further reduce infant death and lifelong disability.

Together, we’ll look at what happens when science, stewardship, and compassion intersect to protect the next generation.

“The Life and Legacy of Teddy Roosevelt,” by Sam Harned.

Sunday, July 19 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Our Speaker explores the remarkable life and career of Teddy Roosevelt, from his youth in Gilded Age New York through his political rise and eventful post-presidential years. As one of America’s first truly activist presidents, Roosevelt helped shape the political landscape of the early 20th century. His biography is filled with energy, ambition, and action.

Sam Harned was a legendary Clayton High School history teacher, now retired but never far from an opportunity to teach. Sam is known for a teaching style that sometimes emphasizes minimal technology. No power points here!

All programs are held in the Heritage Room following worship. Grab your coffee and a treat and come join us. Questions? Richard Scherrer at 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Support WashU Research Public Comment Opportunity

The federal government has proposed significant changes to regulations governing federally funded research that could impact research, clinical trials, student training, and innovation at Washington University.

The WashU community is encouraged to learn more, submit a public comment, or sign a petition through the Protect Our Research Enterprise campaign. The public comment period closes **tomorrow, July 13**.

Visit the Protect Our Research Enterprise website through the QR code to learn more and participate, or contact Lisa Davidson davidsonls@wustl.edu



Listening to Our Online Worshipers!

Weds, July 15 at 10am | Sunday, August 2 at 11:15am

Whether you worship with us online regularly or from time to time, we want to hear from you. Please join us for a Zoom conversation about your online worship experiences. We want to learn from you so we can better support and engage with you.

Please RSVP for one or more of these opportunities and we will send you the Zoom link and some of the questions that we hope will spark good sharing.

Questions? Speak with kevin@parkwayucc.org

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Wednesday, July 15 | 2pm | 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:**

Friday, Aug 21 at 10am

Monday, Sept 21 at 2pm

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

Youth Mission Trip 2026 STL Experience

God is still speaking! We are planning on doing a Saint Louis mission trip from **Sunday, July 19** after worship service until **Thursday, July 23**.

Doing the mission trip here will allow for more flexibility between ourselves and your families. We'd love to have your youth for all of it, or even some of the service projects. We'll have a variety of projects ranging from beautifying the church to helping the greater Saint Louis community, topping things off with a St. Louis Riverfront Cruise! For more info, or if you'd like to help during this, please reach out to Gabriel Requadt gabriel@parkwayucc.org

STL Riverfront Cruise - Extra Tickets!

We have *three* extra tickets to the Riverfront Cruise happening **Thursday, July 23 at 6pm**, with the youth at their end of their mission trip experience. Catch some of the best downtown views with a riverboat cruise in St. Louis.

The riverfront cruise lasts for one-hour along the Mississippi River. The riverboats are docked on the historic cobblestone levee on the St. Louis Riverfront. If you would like one of the tickets, please email gabriel@parkwayucc.org

Information Session

Missouri Amendments in August and November

Sunday, July 26 | 11:15am-12:30pm | Heritage Room

The ballot for the upcoming August and November elections will contain several proposed amendments to the Missouri Constitution that will have a major and long-lasting impact on our state.

Aside from the info session happening at Congregation Shaare Emeth in June, Michelle Singer is hosting an event after worship to help us also understand the effects of a yes or no vote on these important ballot measures. Gain the knowledge you need to make an informed decision on these amendments BEFORE you enter the voting booth. For more info, contact Michelle Singer mrsinger71@gmail.com

NAMI Night at the Ballpark

Tuesday, July 28 | 6:45-10pm | Busch Stadium

NAMI Night at the Ballpark! Come cheer on the Cardinals as they take on the Chicago Cubs. Ticket price is \$50 and includes a right-field loge seat, a jumbo hot dog and soda and a special t-shirt supporting the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). If you would like to join us, please contact Amy Yakel at 314-956-0217 or da_yakel@att.net by **Sunday, July 19**.

Prayer Corner an opportunity to pray with someone

Friday, July 31 | 1-3pm | 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, Aug 31 from 7-9pm

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

July Alzheimer's News Scientists identify 'daily step count' to delay Alzheimer's by 7 years

In this age of biohacking and taking wellness habits to extreme, it's easy to overlook the small, daily habits that keep us healthy. But those habits are often the most powerful.

A simple habit that many people underestimate is walking. Walking not only lowers the risk of heart disease; it lowers the risk of Alzheimer's. In fact, a 2025 study pinpointed the daily step count associated with delaying Alzheimer's by seven years – that's pretty major.

In the study, published in Nature Medicine, researchers found that walking between 3,000 (1.25m) and 5,000 (2.1m) steps a day delayed cognitive decline by an average of three years. They also found that walking between 5,000 and 7,500 steps a day delayed cognitive decline by seven years.

"This study offers some of the clearest evidence yet that regular walking can meaningfully slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease and points to a specific biological reason," Dr. Maila said explaining that the brain is like a network of pipes that need to stay clean and clear.

Dr. Maila explains that waking increases blood flow to the brain, which helps flush out debris before it has a chance to accumulate. She says that walking also reduces inflammation and triggers the release of protective brain chemicals that essentially act as a “maintenance crew,” keeping the pipes in better shape from the inside.

A higher daily step count increases the benefits. You may wonder if running is more beneficial for brain health than walking. “The faster you go, the more steps you get in,” Dr. Rong Zhang, PhD., a Southwestern neurologist says that walking and running are both beneficial.

“Effects of running versus walking on the brain may be influenced by age. For instance, running at high intensity may be more beneficial to younger or middle-aged people. Walking, a relatively low intensity of exercise, may be more suitable for older adults to maintain brain health,” he says. In both cases, there is increased blood flow to the brain, which is why both are beneficial. So, if you enjoy walking more than running, stick with that; your brain will certainly benefit.

For more details on current and future Alzheimer’s research, visit **alz.org/Research**. You can learn more by going to **www.alz.org/help-support/resources** or the Alzheimer’s Helpline which is accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master’s level clinicians to assist with crisis situations, decision making, and disease information. Tools and support are also available in Spanish.

Want to learn more about the Alzheimer’s Association and what they do here in St. Louis? Visit **www.alz.org** and/or contact PUCC’s Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer’s Association, Joyce Ruiz at **joyceruiz7@gmail.com**

TED on Summer Break ~ See You in August!

TED is now on Summer Break. It’s a good time to pick a fun summer read then join us when we resume in August and we can share our cool book adventures.

We will start up again on **August 11** and will resume our usual schedule of meeting in the Heritage Room on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 6pm for Potluck Supper followed by 7pm book discussion. We meet in person and also have Zoom available at each meeting.

Have a fun summer and we’ll see you in August!

For questions contact Helen Race at **raceh@att.net**

TAD is Taking a Break

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue is taking a break until sometime in August. We’ll resume meeting in August, and we will discuss books we’ve read over the break and will choose our next books then. For more info, contact Jackie Eiffert **jeiffert2@gmail.com**

VBS ~ Vacation Bible Summer Overview

Jesus calls us to “love your neighbor as yourself,” and Leviticus 19:34 extends that command: “You shall love the immigrant as yourself.”

This VBS explores God’s call to welcome and care for immigrants and strangers. Migration is woven throughout Scripture. Abram and Sarai journeyed to a new land, Ruth left Moab and joined God’s people, and even Jesus was a refugee when his family fled Herod’s violence. These stories remind us that God is present with people on the move. Today, people continue to immigrate in search of safety and hope. Jesus teaches that when we welcome the stranger, we welcome him. Through service and justice, we live out God’s love in the world. Every two weeks, our Sunday School will explore a new lesson through crafts, games, science, music, and more, culminating in a youth-led worship service on **August 30**.

We hope your children will find joy, meaning, and spiritual growth in VBS!

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.



We will have our initial meeting in July.

Thanks! Questions? Contact kevin@parkwayucc.org



July Jubilee of Magic!
A KIDS' MAGIC SHOW

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Steve!
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Christian the Magician!

July 18th
2pm

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Prayer List

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Celebrations

Beibarys, former exchange student of Gerry and Mike Rogers from Kazakhstan, has been awarded a scholarship for the fall semester at Algebra Bernays University in Croatia.

Concerns

Bill & Gail, Christopher Haack - Bill engaged in PT; strengthening.

Family/friends of Deanna - grieving/giving thanks for her (Levin).

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.*

US military and families - **Sera Watkins** and **Anthony Williams.**

Continuing

Alex Wiseman - living with autoimmune challenges.

Lori Connors - ongoing health concerns and challenges.

Carole Gwyn - ongoing health issues (David's mother).

Vicki Boehmer - healing after heart surgery last week (McMillon).

Jennifer - upcoming cancer surgery then treatments (Lowenthal).

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.

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

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.

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).

Peace and Justice near and far.

US Military around the globe.

Prayer Chaplain Ministry here at Parkway UCC.

Gabriel Requadt - ‘ordainable pending call’; interviewing with churches now.

July news from Faith Alliance

Wow, what a busy and rewarding Pride Month! A photo wrap up, as well as member article by Laura Roberts from Grace UCC in O'Fallon, Mo, are part of this info-packed newsletter. Take a minute to give it a read, and as always, suggestions are always welcome. You can do so through the QR code!



I'm also thinking about this month being the Faith Alliance's anniversary! Two years ago, July 20, a small group of us met around a table at Parkway UCC to formulate an idea of an coalition of affirming congregations. While there always will be more we can do, let's take a moment to reflect on what's been achieved. You all are a blessing! Happy Anniversary, friends!

Love, Deb
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Summer Word Scramble

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HECBA
CNIICP
ATVCOINA
WIGSNIMM
DNEAOMEL
QERABUEB
KSROIWEFR
ASDASNL
MRSEMU
CNPMAIG
UTLYERBFT
NDAEGRGNI
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