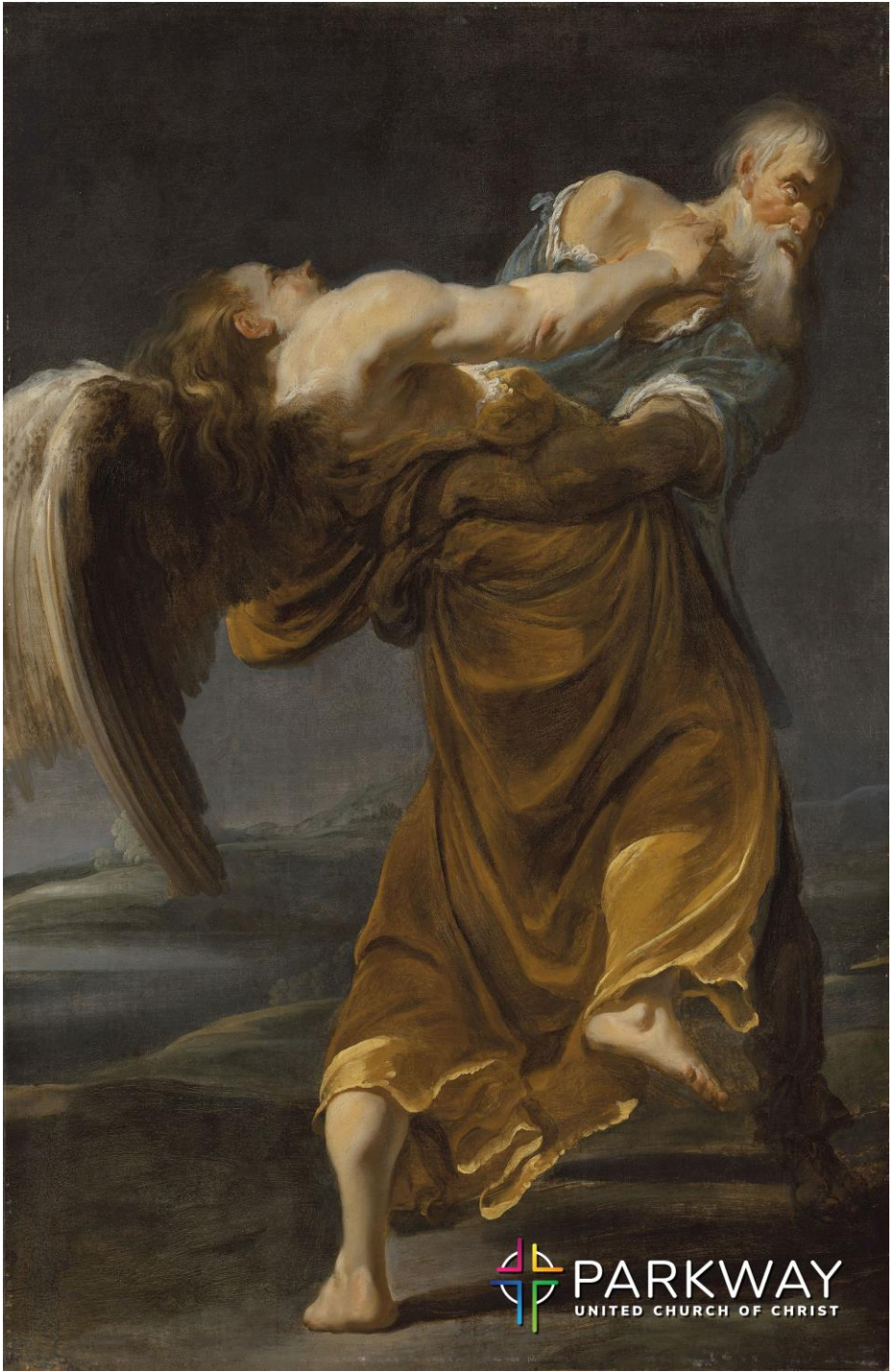




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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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August 2, 2026

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### Purpose Statement

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

### Congregational Statement

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

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# Welcome to Parkway

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

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

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

## Worship Serving Today

**Scripture Reader** is Michelle Singer.

**Flowers** given by the Flowers Team.

**Treats** provided by Harold and Carol Cobb.

**Our Prayer Chaplain** this morning is Lynn Mark.



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

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## Mental Health Support

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

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

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

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

8/3 Brian Waddell

8/4 Lori Connors

8/4 Carole Barner

8/5 Charlotte VonAhn

8/5 Amy Cobb

8/7 Laura McKenzie

8/8 Ruth Peace

# 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, August 2, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

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

**Prelude** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

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

**Meditation** The afternoon knows what the morning never suspected.

~Robert Frost

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

(We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

**Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome Song** *Holy Ground* | #2272 [Blue Songbook](#)

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and I know that there are an - gels all a -

round; \_\_\_\_\_ let us praise \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus now; \_\_\_\_\_ we are

stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Scripture** Matthew 14:13-21 | NRSVue

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: Come, people of every generation - young and old, and everyone in between.

**Many: We come to worship the God who knows us - and calls us by name.**

One: We bring our joys, our struggles, our questions, and our hopes.

**Many: Together we discover blessings we could never find alone.**

One: Christ gathers us, feeds us, and reminds us there is enough for all.

**Many: We will share our gifts, encourage one another, and dream God's future together.**

One: Let us worship the God who transforms struggle into blessing and community into abundance.

**Many: The Spirit softens and strengthens our grateful hearts!**

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

**\*Song** *Standing on the Promises*



1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,



through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - t'ning ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

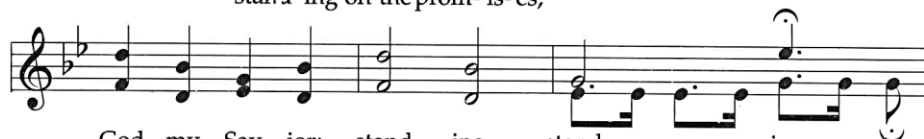


stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

*Refrain*



Stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es,



God my Sav - ior; stand - ing, stand - ing,  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es,



I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

## \*Opening Prayer

Loving God, You meet us in every season of life. You know our struggles, celebrate our joys, and invite us to care for one another with generous hearts. Open our eyes to see each person as Your beloved child. Help younger and older alike to listen, learn, encourage, and grow together. As Jesus fed the crowd and Jacob found blessing through struggle, shape us into a community where hope is shared, gifts are welcomed, and dreams for a fruitful future are nurtured together. Amen.

## \*Response *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me;

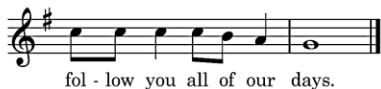
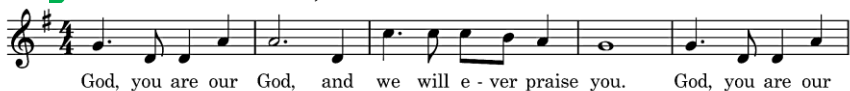
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

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

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

**Children's Time** For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 06 (upper level) where one of our teachers will meet them at the door. Children from age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Room 12, and youth from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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 will come back up with their teachers for Communion with all of us.

## Blessing the Children *God, You Are Our God*



## Offering Our Gifts to God

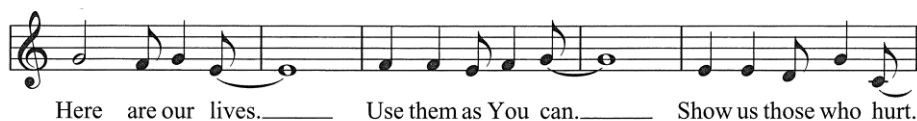
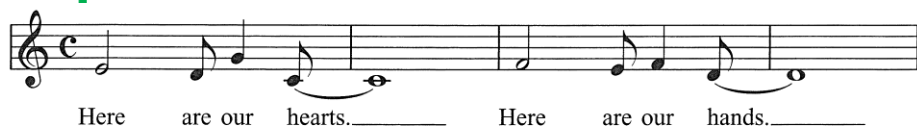


If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate on the stand next to the communion table before the end of the closing hymn. There are offering plates in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary too. Thank you for your generosity.

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

## Offering Interlude *Deep River, African American Spiritual*

## \*Response *Here Are Our Hearts*



## \*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, receive these gifts and the lives that offer them. Multiply them, as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish, so they bring hope, justice, and compassion to our neighbors. May what we share today strengthen relationships across generations, support those who struggle, and help build a future where all can flourish. Amen.**

### **Scripture** Genesis 32:22-31 | Common English Bible

Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River's shallow water. He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me."

He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won."

Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name."

But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel, "because I've seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved."

The sun rose as Jacob passed Peniel, limping because of his thigh.

# Moment of Silent Reflection

## Sermon

### Invitation to the Communion Table

We invite *all* to this **open table**.  
All accepted - no exceptions - as we commit ourselves to limitless love,  
courageous action and spirited inquiry.

### Communion Song

*One Bread, One Body*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,  
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And  
we, though man-y through-out the earth,  
we are one bod-y in this one Lord. *Fine*  
1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,  
2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,  
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,  
wom-an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all. One  
gath-ered to one, for all.

### Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

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

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

## \*Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine/Juice

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

## Communion Interlude Instrumental—Lexie Johnson

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, thank You for welcoming us to this table where all are fed and all belong. Nourished by Your grace, send us into the world ready to see one another, walk with one another through life's struggles, celebrate life's blessings, and dream together of the future you are creating. May we become bread for a hungry world and companions for all who seek hope. Amen.

## \*Song of Parting *For Everyone Born ~ A Place at the Table, v1-3, 5*



- |   |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | For ev - ery - one born, | a place at the ta - ble, |
| 2 | For wom - an and man,    | a place at the ta - ble, |
| 3 | For young and for old,   | a place at the ta - ble, |
| 4 | For just and un - just,  | a place at the ta - ble, |
| 5 | For ev - ery - one born, | a place at the ta - ble, |



|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| for ev - ery - one born,  | clean wa - ter and bread, |
| re - vis - ing the roles, | de - cid - ing the share, |
| a voice to be heard,      | a part in the song,       |
| a - bus - er, a - bused,  | with need to for - give,  |
| to live with - out fear,  | and sim - ply to be,      |



|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| a shel - ter, a space,    | a safe place for grow - ing,   |
| with wis - dom and grace, | di - vid - ing the pow - er,   |
| the hands of a child      | in hands that are wrin - kled, |
| in an - ger, in hurt,     | a mind - set of mer - cy,      |
| to work, to speak out,    | to wit - ness and wor - ship,  |



|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| for ev - ery - one born, | a star o - ver - head,   |
| for wom - an and man,    | a sys - tem that's fair, |
| for young and for old,   | the right to be - long,  |
| for just and un - just,  | 'a new way to live,      |
| for ev - ery - one born, | the right to be free,    |

*Refrain*

*All*

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,

*Fine*

jus-tice and joy!

## \*Benediction

## \*God's Light Goes Forth

## \*Music for Going Forth *God of Grace and God of Glory*

### 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](mailto: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

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# 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](#). 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)

## Listening to Our Online Worshipers!

TODAY 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 this opportunity 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](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

## Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue Starts Up Again - August 4

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

Zoom Link (312) 626-6799; Meeting ID: 898 7822 0593; Passcode: 393204

Please join TAD as we choose our fall/winter reading list on Tuesday, August 4. We'll talk about books that we've been reading this summer or would like to read. Then we'll choose several of the books for our fall/winter reading list. We'd love to have you! Join in at 1:45pm for fellowship or 2pm for book discussion. For more info, contact Jackie Eiffert [jeiffert2@gmail.com](mailto:jeiffert2@gmail.com)

## Build and Strengthen Relationships with AMOE!

Thursday, August 6 | 9:15am | Heritage Room

Men of Parkway Church, it is that time again to gather around some highly caffeinated beverages and solve all of the world's problems, only to completely forget our solutions by the next morning. Questions or comments, please see Richard Scherrer [90fivetpr@gmail.com](mailto:90fivetpr@gmail.com)

## TED on Summer Break ~ See You on August 11

Tuesday Evening Dialogue is wrapping up their Summer Break. It's been a good time to pick our own summer reads. When we resume, we will share our cool book adventures.

We will start up again on **August 11** and will get back to 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.

We'll see you on August 11.

For questions contact Helen Race at [raceh@att.net](mailto:raceh@att.net)

## Eden Thrive Conference 2026

Saturday, August 15 | 9:30am-3pm | 475 E. Lockwood Ave. STL, MO 63119

You are invited to THRIVE 2026, a one-day conference and resource fair at Eden Theological Seminary designed to inspire, equip, and sustain leaders who are making a difference in their communities! Sample non-credit educational programs for yourself. Network and reflect with other leaders. Imagine how these resources can help your congregation or nonprofit organization meet your own goals. Connect with a community committed to thriving together.

Or online via Zoom through Eden's blended educational format.

Registration through QR code or on Campus.



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

### **"Fighting to preserve the rule of law: a St. Louis lawyer's year as President of the American Bar Association" by Bill Bay.**

Sunday, August 16 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Bill Bay, born and raised in St. Louis, has long been a leader in the American Bar Association (ABA) and assumed the role of president in 2024-25. The ABA is the largest voluntary professional association of lawyers, judges, and law students in the world, founded in 1878. Bring your questions and comments for Bill about the role of lawyers in the life of America. We thank Bill's law partner. We can thank Mark Sableman for arranging Bill's appearance at Parkway.

### **"Whether its Abracadabra or Alakazam, Magic is a Wonderful Art," by Tim Shegitz.**

Sunday, August 23 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Did you know that our newest tenant at Parkway Church is the St. Louis Chapter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians? Its Vice President is St. Louis magician Tim Shegitz. He brings decades of magical wisdom and wonder with every appearance. As a regular performer requested at the world-famous Magic Castle of Hollywood, Tim has entertained both professional magicians and fans alike.

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](mailto:90fivetpr@gmail.com)

## Come Have Lunch in Labadie With the Adventurers

Wednesday, August 19 | 11am-2pm | 123 Front Street, Labadie, MO 63055

The Adventurers invite you to join with a group of fun-loving PUCCers on Wednesday, August 19th, and head out to the Hawthorne Inn in Labadie. We'll meet at PUCC for carpooling at 10 or at the Hawthorne Inn at 11 if you prefer to drive separately. We'll enjoy a drive out to the small town of Labadie, a delicious lunch in the cool surroundings of the Hawthorne Inn on a hot August day, and good conversation. Please RSVP to Jackie Eiffert, [jeiffert2@gmail.com](mailto:jeiffert2@gmail.com) by **August 16**. We hope you can join us!

## Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Friday, Aug 21 | 10am | 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:

Monday, Sept 21 at 2pm

Tuesday, Oct 20 at 2pm

Wednesday, Nov 11 at 10am

Monday, Dec 7 at 2pm

Wednesday, Jan 20, 2027 at 10am

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

## Go AWOL this Fall - Adventurous Women Out Late

Come build connections with women this fall with some fun upcoming events!

- Saturday 8/22: Lunch at Tea Party - Carpool from church at 11am.
- Saturday 9/26: "Little Women" at The Rep - Carpool from church at 3pm (show at 4pm). \$57
- Sunday 10/18: Harvest Festival at Tower Grove Park - Carpool after church.
- Friday 11/13: Dinner out

For more info, contact Carmen Bumgarner **cfbum@charter.net**

## Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day

August 27 | 6pm | 11735 Denny Road, Sunset Hills, MO

Recognizing that the loss of a beloved pet is a grief many people carry quietly, St. Lucas United Church of Christ is hosting its first Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day Worship Service.

Established in 2015 and inspired by the beloved poem "Rainbow Bridge", Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day honors the lives of beloved pets and animal companions while acknowledging the very real grief that accompanies their loss. For countless families, the death of a cherished pet is a profound loss that often goes unrecognized.

Grounded in the Christian promise that love is stronger than death, St. Lucas UCC is offering this community worship service as a place of compassion, healing, and hope where people can gather to worship God, remember beloved companions, mourn their loss, celebrate their lives, and give thanks for the unconditional love they shared.

The service includes scripture, music, a reflection, an original spoken-word piece, opportunities for personal prayer, and a blessing of items brought in remembrance of beloved pets. A voluntary offering will benefit a local animal-related nonprofit. The Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day Worship Service is free and open to all people. They are welcoming to all and are dedicated to transforming the world as the hands and feet of Christ. Learn more at **www.stlucasucc.org**

## 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!

## Prayer Corner an opportunity to pray with someone

Monday, August 31 | 7-9pm | 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, 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, 2027 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

## Daughters of Abraham Book Study and Dialogue Group

If you are a woman of the Jewish, Muslim, or Christian faith, you are invited to join this group. They enjoy each other's company, friendship, and sometimes food! They meet approximately every four to six weeks. If you would like to join the St. Louis Chapter, please send an inquiry to **dianedymond@email.com** or visit **daughtersofabraham.com**

## Isalah 58 School Supply Drive

Thank you, Parkway UCC! We have met the goal for washable markers, in one weekend! If you still have some to bring, Isaiah 58 will be happy to use them. However, to meet another need, you could bring jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly. Questions contact Sally Dodge at **s.dodge@hotmail.com**

## 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 early August.

Thanks! Questions? Contact **kevin@parkwayucc.org**



## 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!

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# Prayer List

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

## Celebrations

**Hippie** - foster dog with the Levins, has found a forever home.

## Concerns

**Vivienne Reed** - patient healing after major jaw surgery on 07/28.

**Pam Walker** - healing after other knee replacement surgery.

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

**Jill Schantz Family** - as they grieve/give thanks for her husband Craig.

**Fain Family** - meaningful, joyful employment that supports them all.

**Thiemann family** - grieving/celebrating Bob; Sharon's cancer care.

**Sharon and Chuck** - facing a number of health challenges (Rogers).

**Someone just diagnosed** - stage 4 metastatic melanoma (McKenzie).

**Sam Harned** - fighting a return of cancer after years in remission.

**The people of Seattle** - grieving after deaths at a food festival over wknd

**The Wildfires in Canada** - all those impacted and the helpers.

**Ongoing chaos in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia.**

**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 recent heart surgery (McMillon).

**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** - 3723 Hickory House Lane; StL, MO 63125; 557-243-5699; 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.**

**Our St Louis neighbors finding their way after May ’25 tornado**

**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.

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

**Prayer Chaplain Ministry here at Parkway UCC.**

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

**A House Divided** by Donna Frischknecht Jackson, UCC Communications

I can't seem to master the art of growing bountiful rows of vegetables and meadows of bee-friendly wildflowers.

My farmer neighbors tell me that my problem is I can't throw seeds down and expect success. Growing something beautiful takes some elbow grease - and education. Starting with understanding what type of soil I have. Is it clay, sand, silt or peat?

Truthfully, I have no idea what language they are speaking. I've tried studying up on soil. I even purchased testers to see what I need to amend my soil with. Still, I can't seem to understand the science of the nutrients needed to help various plants grow.

This I do know: My soil is extremely rocky, so any hopes of growing blue-ribbon winning straight carrots are dashed. Rather than deal with the soil I have, I opted for raised beds. But they aren't the carefree option I thought them to be. Even the "good" soil I put into the beds needs care.

My challenges with soil have made me better understand Jesus' Parable of the Sower.

When Jesus wanted to make his point about what it meant to grow in God's Word and till the Kingdom here on Earth, he used soil as a metaphor for the conditions of our heart - where the seeds of justice and love grow.

First, there was soil on a path that the Sower threw the seeds on. Being it was a path; the birds easily saw the seeds, swooped in and gobbled them up. The seeds had no chance of taking root.

Next, there was the rocky soil. The seeds did begin to grow, but the roots could only go so deep, making the plants easily uprooted. And may I add, making carrots wonky.

Then the Sower threw seeds amid the thorns, where they were soon choked by the overgrowth. Finally, the Sower's seeds fell upon good soil where they produced a bountiful yield.

We are all being asked today by Jesus to assess the soil of our hearts. Where are the seeds of faithfulness falling? Are they scattering on safe, well-worn paths that will not lead to deep growth? Are they falling in rocky ground where the roots will not reach deep enough to withstand droughts or even deluges? What about those thorns of distractions and busyness in our overgrown gardens of life? Are they choking our commitment to following in the ways of Christ?

Be honest with your assessment because, as I have learned the hard way, ignoring what needs to be amended doesn't get you the beautiful abundant life God wants for you.

**Prayer:** *God of green pastures, rich soil and abundant crops, help us to be honest with You about the condition of our heart soil. May we admit where we are failing in the growth of Your Word here in our own lives and communities. And then, may we be willing to amend our ways so that truly a garden of hope and peace will flourish. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

## **Don't Kill the Messenger**

Vince Amlin

*As soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the Lord had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! Why do you prophesy in the Lord's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" - Jeremiah 26:8-9 (NIV)*

I subscribe to a daily message about my Enneagram personality type. I'm a nine, which, as my inbox informed me recently, means I tend to seek harmony and avoid discord.

It's true. When something stresses me out, my inclination is to ignore it. I let that ugly email fester unanswered. I pretend I don't hear that strange sound the car has started to make. And God help the person who dares to disturb my manufactured peace with the truth.

It's hard to be the bearer of bad news. Sometimes deadly. Ask Jeremiah, who repeats the words God whispers into his ear and is threatened with a death sentence.

In my better moments, I recognize that the anger I feel at having my peace disturbed is directly related to the truth I recognize in the message I don't want to hear. When I feel moved to shout, "You must die!" at even the smallest provocation of my peace, it's a sure sign that there is a powerful reality I am trying to deny.

### ***Prayer***

*Sacred Disturbance, destroy the false harmony of my chosen ignorance. Give me the courage to kneel before the truth.*

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