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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 Greg Schmelig.

Flowers given by Charles and Susan Moellering, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Treats provided by Karla Beck.

Our Prayer Chaplain this morning is Kari Borgmann.



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

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Mental Health Support

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911... call or text)
24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK) | 800-SUICIDE: 800-784-2433
24/7 Missouri Department of Mental Health 800-811-4760
Text 741741 and someone will text right back...www.crisistextline.org
Behavioral Health Network of Greater St Louis 314-449-6713
The numbers below are called Warmlines (not Hotlines).
They are peer run by people with lived experience.
Not all of them are 24/7/365
Teen Warm Line: 1 800-248-8336
Black Warm Line: 1-800-604-5841 (They are divested from the police)
Trans Warm Line: 1-877-565-8860
Project Return Warm Line: 1-800-448-9777 (run away)
Learn more about warm lines: <https://warmline.org/warmdir.html>

Birthdays

8/16 Skip Larson
8/17 Jonathan Williams
8/19 Gerre Langton
8/19 Tom Tupper
8/21 Nancy Masterson
8/21 Cassie Schulenburg

Anniversaries

8/20 Jack & Peggy Sieber

12th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

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

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue*—Ennis Fruhauf

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving. ~ Terry Pratchett

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 *Kum ba Ya* v1, 3 | #338 Red Hymnal



1. *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba
2. Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba
3. Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba
4. Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba



yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
yah! Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
yah! Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
yah! Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Scripture Genesis 45:1-15 | New Revised Standard Updated Edition

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So, no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer.

He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So, it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him,

“Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Call to Worship

One: We come as we are - with the stories we carry, the relationships that have shaped us, and the wounds we still hold.

Many: We come trusting that God meets us in the complexity of our lives.

One: Joseph stood before his brothers who had betrayed him, and somehow, through tears and truth, a new possibility began to emerge.

Many: May we have courage to tell the truth about what has been.

One: May we have grace to imagine what might yet be.

Many: May we discover that reconciliation is not forgetting, but making room for a different future.

One: God of Joseph and his brothers, God who is present in broken families and broken histories –

Many: Gather us into your work of healing, justice, and peace.

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

*Song 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**

God of compassion and courage, we bring before you the complicated relationships of our lives - the people we love, the people who have hurt us, the people from whom we have become separated, and the people with whom we are still trying to find a way forward. In the story of Joseph and his brothers, we hear the ache of betrayal, the power of truth, the vulnerability of tears, and the possibility of reconciliation. Remind us that reconciliation does not require us to pretend that harm did not happen. It does not erase accountability or demand that wounds be forgotten. Instead, teach us to seek a future where truth can be spoken, where forgiveness can be chosen freely, where justice and mercy can meet, and where relationships might be transformed. Give us Joseph's courage to weep. Give us his brothers' willingness to listen. And give us all the wisdom to recognize where healing is possible - and where boundaries are holy. May our worship today make us more compassionate, more honest, and more willing to participate in your work of restoration. 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 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 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Scripture Psalm 133 | Common English Bible

Look at how good and pleasing it is
when families live together as one!

It is like expensive oil poured over the head,
running down onto the beard -

Aaron's beard! -

which extended over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew on Mount Hermon

streaming down onto the mountains of Zion,

because it is there that the Lord has commanded the blessing:
everlasting life.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* | #363 Red Hymnal



1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; When



I want Je - sus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 When my heart is al - most break - ing,
 When my head is bowed in sor - row,



1.2.3. Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. (with me)

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.]

Leadership Moment Courageous Action: *Youth Outreach Ministry*

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 *Down in the River to Pray* - American Folk
Traditional

***Response** *Doxology*

Praise God whose many names abound;
Our Peace, our Rock, Our Holy Ground,
Our Home, our All, Earth's Majesty,
Love, Spirit, Light and Mystery. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we offer these gifts as signs of our hope that what is broken can be repaired, that what is divided can find new connection, and that the world can become more just and compassionate. Use what we give - and use us - to feed those who are hungry, to welcome those who are excluded, to accompany those who are hurting, and to create communities where people can begin again. Like Joseph and his brothers, may we learn that our lives are connected to stories larger than our own. May these offerings become part of a larger work: the work of reconciliation without denial, forgiveness without coercion, justice without vengeance, and love that makes room for a different future. We give with gratitude, with humility, and with hope. Amen.

***Song of Parting** *Will You Come and Follow Me?* | #2130 *Blue Songbook*



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ____ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ____ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ____ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ____ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ____ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ____ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ____ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, ____ will you let my name be known, ____ will you
 stare ____ should your life at - tract or scare? ____ Will you
 clean, ____ and do such as this un - seen, ____ and ad -
 found ____ to re - shape the world a - round, ____ through my
 go ____ where your love and foot - steps show. ____ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ____
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ____
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ____
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ____
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ____

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** *Sojourner*—Robert A. Hobby

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](#). 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

Thank You For Your Support!

We are profoundly grateful for your support during Bill's hospitalization and recovery. We are so appreciative of your prayers, cards, and help with rides. A special thank you goes out to Kevin, who went exceptionally "above and beyond" the call of duty! We are truly blessed to be part of the Parkway UCC family. ~Bill, Gail and Christopher Haack

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.

TODAY | 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 and Parkway member, Mark Sableman, for arranging Bill's appearance.

"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

Help PUCeR Elisabeth Doty, New Teacher in Mississippi

Thank you to so many of you for following up about Elisabeth's request for help as she begins the adventure of teaching high school math through the Mississippi Teacher Corps (<https://www.mtc.olemiss.edu/>). Want to help? Please reach out to kevin@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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Exciting News for Habitat for Humanity - Historic 40 Home Development

Tuesday, August 18 | 10am-12pm | 4200 Evans Avenue, St. Louis, MO

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Join the development partners to learn more details of the scope, scale, timelines, and the futures impacted by this historic 40 home, \$17 million development. Remarks by elected officials and organizational leadership. Those in attendance are invited to view renderings of the proposed home designs and write messages to future homebuyers on framed walls which will be installed into the newly constructed homes. All members of the community and press are welcome to attend! RSVP is requested through the QR code. Contact Tom McKenzie for more information. **mckenzie1947@att.net**



Join With TAD For Another Year of Fellowship, Learning, Fun

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

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

TAD is kicking off another year of fellowship, fun, and learning through reading and discussion. Will our next book be spiritual, historical, biographical, or something else? Please check the eNews or Bulletin next week to find out our next book, or email **jeiffert2@gmail.com**. Join us on **Tuesday, August 18** at 1:45 pm for fellowship or from 2-3pm for book discussion. We'd love to have you.

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** 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). \$30. Ten tickets total. Register through QR code.
- Sunday 10/18: Harvest Festival at Tower Grove Park - Carpool after church.
- Friday 11/13: Dinner out
- Sunday 12/13: Allegro—More details to come in early November.



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

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 6-8pm | Heritage Room

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us for our next TED session on **Tuesday, August 25** as we begin our discussion on the novel *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. It starts with what seems to be an ordinary day, however, everyone in the world opens their front door that day to find a small wooden box. This box holds your fate inside: the answer to the exact number of years you will live. In an instant, the world is thrust into a collective fantasy. The author introduces complex characters whose decisions and lives interweave with one another. This book is described as an enchanting, uplifting and invigorating story about family, friendship, hope and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest. We will be discussing the first third of this book which is up to page 113 Chapter Ben.

Please join us at 6 pm for Potluck Supper followed by Book Discussion at 7 pm. If you can't make it in person, please join us on Zoom.

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

Hunter from Kirkwood UCC will preach. Kevin is one of the pastors leading this service.

Annual Church Picnic

Join us on **Sunday, August 30**, for a special Youth Sunday! Our Youth will lead worship, and our children will share a special performance. After worship, we'll gather for a fun summer picnic with food, games, and plenty of fellowship. And what's a summer celebration without ice cream? An ice cream truck will be on hand to sweeten the day, with dessert generously provided by Betty & Richard Scherrer. We hope you'll join us for this special day together!

Questions? Contact Ingrid at **scharf.ingrid@gmail.com**

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

Eco Stewards August Newsletter

Greetings from Eco Stewards: Just an update here. Our consultation visit from Audubon, regarding consultation for our Pollinator Garden and beyond, was cancelled due to heat a few weeks ago, and is rescheduled for **Monday, August 17** at 1pm. Anyone interested is welcome to tag along.

We are taking a field trip to Stacy Park on **September 8** to take a 1 mile walk around their reconstructed native Prairie. It is in Olivette at 9750 Old Bonhomme Road, near Olive.

The 3-acre reconstructed prairie offers a diverse community of native grasses and wildflowers. These plants provide an important food source for native birds and butterflies.

Prairies are home to a stunning diversity of plant, animal, and insect life. At least 800 native plant species alone occur on Missouri's prairies. Prairies provide habitat for hundreds of native pollinators, many of which are essential for food crop pollination.

We will be meeting at PUCC to Carpool at 1pm on September 8. If you'd like to join us for this interesting afternoon walk or to learn more about Eco Stewards, let Polly Rutherford or Lynn Sableman know at pollyrutherford@gmail.com or lynnsableman@att.net

Back-to-School Supply Drive, and Golf Classic for ECH

Back-to-School Drive (Now–September 11)

Every Child's Hope is currently collecting school supplies and backpacks to help children and families begin the school year with confidence. Whether you're able to donate supplies, share the drive with friends or coworkers, or simply help spread the word, every act of support has an impact.

Use the QR code containing [most needed items](#) and Amazon Wish List.



Every Child's Hope Golf Classic – September 14

ECH's annual Golf Classic is one of their signature fundraising events. While they have enough volunteers for the day-of, they need support in sharing the information for in-kind donations and sponsorships

Thank you for the countless ways you support Every Child's Hope. They look forward to meeting many of you soon and working together throughout the year. If you ever have questions or would like to get more involved, please don't hesitate to reach out.

For more info, reach out to Ashley Milam aviehmamm@gmail.com

Special Olympics Bocce Tournament

Saturday, Sept 12 | 11am-3pm | 123 Leon Hall Parkway, Hillsboro, MO 63050
Four volunteers are needed to join Kevin in facilitating the games they will be at Hillsboro High School. We will facilitate the games, cheer for the athletes, and keep score of the matches. We will assist with the breaking down and loading up the equipment into SOMO vehicles. Training will be provided by Bocce experts and T-shirts will be given to volunteers. Contact Kevin to volunteer kevin@parkwayucc.org

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)

Our ten-member team has formed and will be commissioned later this month.

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

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**

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**
- Phillip Waite **pwaite82@gmail.com**
- Nick McMillon **mcmillon2004@att.net**
- Karen Mariani **ksmariani59@gmail.com**
- Rich Race **racerichardg@gmail.com**

Prayer List

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Celebrations

Wesley Krew Nguen - born to Pauline Nguyen on August 4... great-grandmother Evelyn Buretta is there helping out.

Students, families, teachers, administrators, staff as school comes soon.

Concerns

Vivienne Reed - patient healing after major jaw surgery.

Pam Walker - healing after other knee replacement surgery.

Cindy Wessel and family as they mourn and celebrate her mother.

Pleis Family - grief/gratitude for Jack who died by suicide this week.

Kari Ward - recovering from surgery (Litzinger).

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

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

John "Pink" Floyd and family - as he receives cancer treatments.

The people of Colombia - recovering/grieving after earthquake.

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).

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

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

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.

PUCF 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.

MEMORY KEEPERS



Dementia Caregiver Therapy Group

This clinician-led group offers dementia caregivers a space to share experiences, ask questions, and participate in guided discussion with others walking a similar path.

About this Program

- 8 sessions (September-December)
- Twice monthly on Thursdays
- Space limited to 10 people
- Located at Community Christian Church
623 Meramec Station Road, Ballwin, MO, 63021
- Virtual group available upon request
- Medicare and some other insurances are accepted
Private pay rate is \$25/session

TOPICS INCLUDE

- STRESS AND EMOTIONAL REGULATION
- CAREGIVER SELF CARE
- NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR THE PERSON WITH DEMENTIA
- DEALING WITH DIFFICULT BEHAVIORS
- ISOLATION & LONELINESS
- FAMILY CONFLICT & DYNAMICS
- DAILY COPING
- RESILIENCE & BUILDING A SUPPORT TEAM
- SAFETY
- AMBIGUOUS LOSS & END OF LIFE CARE

Lead Facilitator:
Cheryl Kinney, LCSW, MSW
Co-Founder, Memory Keepers, LLC



To enroll, call or email Cheryl Kinney, MSW, LCSW at 314-266-9131 or cheryl@memorykeepers.org

Just Corn

Kate Winters

Great is [God], and greatly to be praised. [God's] greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. - Psalm 145:3-4 (NRSV)

I was looking forward to teaching the day's lesson in my Intro to Religious Studies course at Mercy College in Toledo, Ohio. Early in the semester, I had become aware that my nursing and pharmacy students, though inquisitive and thoughtful, were skeptical about anything without scientific proof. On this day, the lesson explored awe: what it is, what it teaches, and how it is a core aspect of spirituality and life as a human being.

I began by asking if anyone could define the word "awe." Silence. Not discouraged, I asked them when the last time they had experienced something they might call "awe." Again, silence.

So, I told them about the evening before. I was driving home from school on Highway 75, which is lined by corn fields. The sun was setting at such an angle that it appeared to have set all the tassels on top of the stalks on fire. The fields looked as if they were aflame in glory. It took my breath away. I had to pull over. All I could do was express gratitude to the One who had granted me this vision.

A young woman called out from the back row in an exasperated voice: "Doctor Kate, it was just corn!"

I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. It confirmed for me that book learning wasn't all we needed to do that semester. Developing a reverent awe for creation is the most reasonable thing we can do to heal our planet and bless one another.

When was the last time you experienced awe in your body, mind, and soul? What did it teach you?

Tell someone about it. Share it, so that this essential spiritual practice of awe is cultivated for generations to come.

Prayer

God of creation, give us the eyes to see the glory of just corn in a cornfield, and the heart to embrace the mystery of all creation. Amen.

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