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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 Readers are Vivienne Reed and Henry Waite.

Flowers given by the Changyit-Levin family in memory of Lazette Bevers Chang-Yit Nichols; and by Louise Reeves in celebration of her mother, Naomi Runtz's, birthday.

Treats provided by Kari & Keith Borgmann

Our Prayer Chaplain this morning is Pam Walker.



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

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Mental Health Support

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

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

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

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

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

8/30 Naomi Runtz

9/1 Rick Hasler

9/5 Julie Stappenbeck

9/5 Vivian Allison

Anniversaries

9/1 Lara & Jared Reed

Youth Sunday!

Sunday, August 30, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

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

Prelude *The Fabric of Time*, composed by Elijah Gwyn

Welcome Kacey Brueggemann

Good Morning, we'd like to welcome you to our Youth Sunday Service.

We're glad you're here!

Meditation Kacey Brueggemann

The best teachers are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see. ~Alexandra K. Trenfor

Passing the Peace of Christ Kacey Brueggemann

As followers of Christ, we are called to be peacemakers in a hurting world.

Let us share God's peace with each other. We invite you to greet those around you with a symbol of that peace.

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

Lighting the Candles Vivienne Reed and B Brown

Ring the Bell Ryan Ruzicka

Welcome Song *You Are Welcome Here*

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 100 | Vivienne Reed

Be joyful in God, all you lands; serve God with gladness and come before God's presence with a song.

Know this: it is God that is God; It is God who has made us, and we are God's; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates with thanksgiving; go into these courts with praise; give thanks to God and call upon God's Name. For God is good; God's mercy is everlasting; and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Call to Worship Thad Gwyn

Leader: From the wiggles of our youngest to the wisdom of our elders,

Everyone: We gather together in praise.

Leader: From those who are just learning to speak, to those who have prayed for decades,

Everyone: We lift our voices together.

Leader: No matter our age or where we are on life's journey, God meets us here.

Everyone: Let us worship God together – Creator, Christ and Spirit!

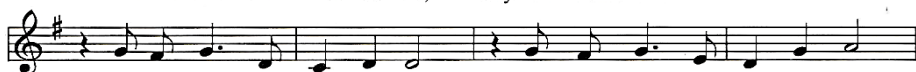
Song *Here I Am Lord*



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|----|-------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1. | I, the Lord | of sea and sky, | I have heard | My peo - ple cry. |
| 2. | I, the Lord | of snow and rain, | I have borne | My peo - ple's pain. |
| 3. | I, the Lord | of wind and flame, | I will tend | the poor and lame. |



All who dwell in deep - est sin	My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them,	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them,	My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night,	I will make their dark - ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone,	Give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide	Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear My light to them?	Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them.	Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them.	Whom shall I send?

*Refrain
Unison*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have



heard You call - ing in the night I will



go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your



peo - ple in my heart.

Opening Prayer *Paige Brueggemann*

Loving God, thank You for the joy, energy, and fresh perspective this youth group brings to our church family today. As we lead and worship together, open our hearts to Your Word. Guide our thoughts, our words and our songs, and remind us all of the difference we can make in Your world. In Jesus' name... 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.

Mission Moment *Youth Mission Week Paige Brueggemann and the Youth*

Children's Time *Travelers: Immigrants and Refugees*

Performed by the children of PUCC

Scene 1: Abraham and Sarah

Scene 2: Moses and Aaron

Scene 3: Ruth and Naomi

Scene 4: Joseph and Mary

Blessing the Children *God, You Are Our God*



God, you are our God, and we will e - ver praise you. God, you are our



God, and we will e - ver praise you. we will seek you in the mor - ning, and



learn to walk in your ways, and step by step you'll lead us, we will



fol - low you all of our days.

Scripture *Hebrews 11:13-16 | Henry Waite*

All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God - who has prepared a city for them.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon *God's Vision, An Infinite Fabric of Time* Elijah Gwyn
(transcript included in this worship bulletin for you to ponder later)

Response *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.

Morning Prayer Atticus Reed

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of each new day. Open our eyes to see your beauty in the world around us. Open our hearts to love our neighbors just as you love us. Give us courage to stand up for justice when things are unfair. Give us peace when we feel stressed or worried about our day. Walk with us at school, work, with our friends, and in all we do. Help us remember that we are never alone, and that we are wonderfully made.

We remember and pray for each of the groups we connected with during our mission week. We pray for the homeless and hungry, may they be met and served with compassion and caring. Give them strength and courage to face each day and the obstacles they encounter. We pray for the children returning to school. Give them hearts to learn and help them to show kindness to each other. Be with the people with disabilities, seen and unseen. May they find the resources needed to make their lives easier. Be with those who visit our nature centers and parks, may they be awed by your creation and be surrounded by your presence and peace.

We pray for family, friends and those members of our church family facing illness or struggles. Give them your comfort and peace.

We lift these prayers to the One who taught us to pray, saying:

Lord's Prayer Atticus Reed

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 Oscar Waite



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 *Spes Gravissima: Journey Toward a Divine*

Home, composed by Elijah Gwyn

(Elijah Gwyn: violin; Thad Gwyn: cello; Henry Waite: bass)

Response *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Prayer of Dedication Ryan Ruzicka

We give thanks for this offering and for the many ways we are connected - across generations, across our congregation, and across the world. Help us teach one another, young and old, that faith is not only something we believe. It is something we do: in the kindness we share, the justice we seek, and the welcome we offer to everyone. May these gifts become acts of love, near and far.

Strengthen our commitment to immigrants and refugees, and help us be a community where every person knows they belong, has dignity, and is always welcome. Take what we have given, and use it to make more room for hope, friendship and justice in our world.

Amen.

Closing Song *Peace Like a River*



1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an



- riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in - a my
foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in - a my
o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in - a my



- soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.
soul. I've got foun-tain in - a my soul.
soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.

Benediction Elijah Gwyn

May the God who loves you give you the strength and compassion to love our neighbors, to protect the vulnerable and to work for peace in the world.
Go in peace. Amen!

Announcements

***Postlude**

Annual Church Picnic Now...

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 and Richard Scherrer. We hope you'll join us for this special day together!

Today's Sermon Transcript Elijah Gwyn

I often wonder: how many generations have passed since Jesus was born? Since Moses was given the Ten Commandments? Since Adam and Eve were created? Likely, hundreds upon hundreds, lined up one after another. A generation enters, stays for a few years, and leaves - only for the next one to arrive shortly. We build, we create, we discover, leaving it to our children to continue our legacy. Think about how small the number of people who exist today is compared to the entirety of humanity: all the people who have existed and those yet to exist. The latter is impossible to know; it could be trillions upon trillions. Or maybe we don't make it that far. Who knows, after all, but God?

Regardless of how many will breathe on Earth, a simple fact remains: generations are not independent. The actions we take today have a direct impact on those who will live tomorrow. This is precisely why, throughout our history, we have depended on education systems and other initiatives to educate youth; without them, future generations would be left with nothing. Forced to restart, forced to live without the progress we have accrued over millennia. If but one singular generation fails to educate the next, the chain of progress and succession, progress and succession - the chain that has guided our species forever - is broken. If a generation fails to do what is needed, the next will suffer.

I like to think of the history of the universe as an infinite fabric of time, a cloth stretching from the earliest days of the cosmos to the farthest future. Everyone who exists now is but a notch in this fabric; we cannot see beyond our days on this cloth because the fabric is still being woven. Woven by the power of God, by the choices the current generation makes. Our species is not a mere notch, not a singular generation, but the fabric in its entirety. Every second of every day, our species is traversing this fabric. We are, in a way, refugees escaping the pains of yesterday to search for a new tomorrow.

But being such a tiny notch on such a massive fabric, what is our purpose today? The purpose we fulfill while we are living, with the time we have available? Well, that purpose is quite simple. Just as migrants and refugees move toward a

future that they cannot yet see, God calls each generation to prepare a future for those who come after.

Think about today's scripture reading. The passage honors the ancient biblical figures in the Old Testament who are often portrayed as the fathers and mothers of the human race - like Abraham, Sarah, and their children. They spent their entire lives searching for meaning, working to fulfill God's wishes... yet His plan was not yet clear. God's fulfillment of his promises was far beyond what their eyes could perceive, hovering above notches in the fabric of time that were still morphing into existence. They knew that though they were existing on earth at the moment, their true home was a divine, eternal city. Heaven. It is here that they would find their true homeland; it was not yet ready for them, but they were still unwavering in their dedication and beliefs.

Writing scripture like this was crucial at such a point in time. The original audience of the book of Hebrews was, after all, generations facing severe persecution for their beliefs—persecution so strong that they struggled to see beyond the haze and upwards to see the perpetual home they had only ever heard of, yet desired so deeply. At this time, Christ's sacrifice had already swept away the heavy burdens that generations before had suffered. Hence, these people would indeed have a home to return to after all their struggles: the divine city that God had been promising ever since the beginning of the biblical narrative.

But it was those who had lived generations before who had not yet entered this city. They were wandering blindly, groping for something they would never see in their earthly hardships, something only their descendants would experience. But after years of waiting—waiting that spanned not years, not lifetimes, but generations—God fulfilled his promise. His word was proven true. Though these people were “strangers and immigrants” on Earth, as the passage suggests, a journey that lasted generations towards salvation, led by God, ended when we received redemption from our sins through Jesus. Redemption so that those who endured persecution would have hope beyond the strains that marred their time on Earth.

It was a continuous vision that allowed humanity to be saved. Though innumerable people “died in faith without receiving the promises,” they knew that these promises would eventually arrive. Though they could see no further than where they stood on the fabric of time, they trusted that those who would exist on different fibers would see the fruit of their efforts.

Nevertheless, it was not only believing in God's mission that was required of those before Jesus. Rather, we also had to actively obey God's commands, especially when they were not yet clear. Take Noah—despite persistent mockery, he was told to construct a vast ark because humanity would be cleansed, so that generations upon generations later could live better lives. Noah never saw these future generations, yet he trusted God all the same. Or Abraham, who was told to leave his nation, everything he had ever known, behind, so that an entirely new homeland could be established. A homeland in which future generations would thrive. Abraham never saw these future generations, yet he trusted God all the same. And Moses, who had to leave Egypt and lead an entire people into the desert to the Promised Land.

He led a people who were displaced- people on the move, people between homes, yet people still guided by the will of God. Guided so that a new generation would mature and eventually enter Canaan. Moses never saw these future generations, yet he trusted God all the same.

These actions were the mandatory, inextricable consequence of faith; if these people, and so many more, had never fulfilled these commands, it would have proven that they had no faith to begin with, no faith to guide their people to the ultimate goal. Yet they *did* believe. They *did* build the ark. They *did* leave their homes. They *did* lead the people.

They *did* trust God, the only being capable of seeing the universe's fabric in its entirety.

But this fulfillment of these commands was but one set of tasks out of many that God has planned for us, only one journey, one magnificent thread out of hundreds flowing across the fabric. So how can we help contribute to these goals? How can the individual, when confronted with the vastness of humanity, with the extensive plains of time stretching before them, ever hope to make a difference? The answer is that we must work together to translate these divine goals into practical steps. We must, as a society - as a species - attempt to fulfill God's wishes.

Just as God loves each and every one of us the same, even the smallest action can have a great impact. Across generations of journeys, it was never about doing the most in a single life. It was always about making an impact in your lifetime, so that those who follow you can expand upon and enrich it, just as we have always built upon the progress of generations past.

Use your talents, the gifts bestowed upon you, to make your unique impact. Whether you're an adult or part of the next generation - the next notch of the fabric—your efforts can be heard. Your efforts can echo across the folds of the fabric, heard and felt by those hundreds of years beyond today. Volunteer your time to organizations that make a difference. Reduce your carbon footprint. Conserve resources. Donate to high-impact organizations that can continue to make a difference that will last not only today, but tomorrow, too.

Doing all of this ensures that future generations will live better lives, be more capable of making their own impacts, their own echoes. To continue to voyage towards a better world, notch by notch. We can't possibly hope to do this perfectly, but God weaves our relatively small faithfulness into the larger fabric. It's a similar case for Jesus; he unleashed the power of forgiveness so that a thousand generations more may continue to live with hope. We are migrants who must lean into God's guidance for our futures, trusting that God is weaving something better ahead of us and for all humanity. Amen.

Elijah turned 15 a couple of weeks ago and just started his freshman year of high school at Parkway North. Learn more about him and his forthcoming book, *The Sea of Knowledge: Navigating Academic Decline with Self-Directed Learning*, at elijahgwyn.com. You can also sign up for his newsletter.

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

Job Posting Office & Building Administrator

Full-time opportunity for an office and building administrator to partner with Parkway United Church of Christ in fulfilling its mission by working conscientiously with staff, members, visitors, and tenants. This person performs administrative tasks and manages facility usage, exhibiting a helpful demeanor toward all and enthusiasm in supporting the church's goals/core values of limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry. We are a faithful people with a warm heart and generous spirit. We are an intentionally inclusive congregation with a great facility in a prime location. Please contact us soon with a cover letter and resume - employment@parkwayucc.org

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

Come Join with TAD for the book discussion on Atmosphere

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 us on **Tuesday, September 1**, for fellowship, learning, and fun with TAD as we continue our discussion of Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid, pages 111 - 221 (up to Summer 1983). Atmosphere is an epic novel set against the backdrop of the 1980s space shuttle program, about the extraordinary lengths we go to live and love beyond our limits. An ambitious young woman named Joan Goodwin is content with her life as a professor of physics and astronomy until she comes across an ad seeking the first women scientists to join NASA's space shuttle program. Joan is selected for the program, and through her experiences begins to question everything she thinks she knows about her place in the observable universe.

We'd love to have you join us on Zoom on September 1! Feel free to stop in at 1:45pm for fellowship before the book discussion starts. For more info, reach out to Jackie Eiffert jeiffert2@gmail.com

AMOE Invitation

Featuring an exotic coffee brew we just call "a cup of coffee," Adventurous Men Out Early gather this **Thursday, September 3**, in the Heritage Room at 9:15am. As Jim Nantz says, it's "a tradition unlike any other." All are welcome. For more info, contact Richard Scherrer 90fivetpr@gmail.com

The Greatest Night in Baseball

Sunday, September 6 | 6-9:30pm | 2301 Grizzlie Bear Blvd, Sauget, IL 62206

Grab your baseball hats and rolls of toilet paper (yes, you read that right!) for the greatest night in baseball! The last home game of the season for the Gateway Grizzlies is a fun-filled evening for all. At the end of the game, fans teepee the stadium while fireworks celebrate the end of the season. Everyone is welcome! RSVP through the QR code. tickets are \$20. Liz Lyons will send you your tickets as we get closer to the end event. For more info, contact Liz Lyons lizardstifel@gmail.com



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, Sept 8**, as we continue 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 second third of this book which is up to page 230 Chapter Jack.

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

For questions contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net

Parkway Cooks to the Swing into Action

As you may remember, after the May 2025 Tornado, many St. Louis residents in North St. Louis were made homeless. A group called 314 Oasis was formed through grants to help citizens with home repair advice, housing, and food. A group of Parkway UCC members volunteered to assist with some lunches for forty clients this fall. Including Linda Tossing, Kris McKenzie, Deborah Reinhardt, Diane Brost, Harold Cobb and myself. Our first day to provide a meal is **September 11**. We will gather at 9:30am in the Parkway kitchen to assemble some hearty sandwiches, sides, fruit, and, of course, brownies from our own Sweet Bakers.

Please feel free to join us in the assembly line of making sandwiches, slicing tomatoes, and putting lunches together in brown paper bags. A group will head down to their offices on Delmar to help serve around 10:50am. If you wish to help, we will need a case of bottled water, 40 bananas, 40 apples, 48 case assortment of chips. If you can assist with any of these donations, please contact Carol Cobb ccjcobb@aol.com. We have some donations from Parkway members, but appreciate additional help. Other lunch prep days include Nov 13 and possibly Dec 11.

ERIC MOELLER: A Night of Liberative Music

September 11 | 7pm | 6273 Eichelberger St., St. Louis

Righteous rage! Defiant hope! Join us for a night of liberative music featuring UCC pastor Eric Moeller at *The Chapel of the Arts* at Hope UCC.

Presented by the All In Music Project. For more info, go to

www.allinmusicproject.org

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 aviehmnn@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

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

“The Eads Bridge, a Revolution in American Bridge Building,” by Chris Naffziger.

Sunday, September 13 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Chris Naffziger is a historian of the built environment in St. Louis. His background is in Italian Renaissance and Baroque art. He has worked in various museums including the National Gallery of Art and the Saint Louis Art Museum. He currently writes for his blog St. Louis Patina and St. Louis Magazine. He gave a lecture last year at Parkway UCC Church. The Eads Bridge is one of the most recognizable landmarks in St. Louis and one of the oldest spans across the Mississippi River. But its story also figures into the broader architectural and engineering trends that were developing throughout the world. In this lecture, Chris will explain how the Eads Bridge revolutionized bridge building in America, while transforming the city of St. Louis at the same time.

“Making a Home: Art, Design, and the Life You Choose,” by Renee Flanders.

Sunday, September 20 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

This is our second “This Old House” speakers series program. Our speaker, local artist Renee Flanders, tells the story of transforming a neglected house into a personal sanctuary through art, design, and an openness to possibility. Illustrated with renovation images and personal narrative.

Ms. Flanders is an artist and interior designer whose work emphasizes authenticity and thoughtful design. Her approach reflects a belief that beauty, when taken seriously, can shape how we live and experience our homes.

All programs are held in the Heritage Room, following worship and ending around 12:15pm. Grab a cup of coffee and a pastry and join us.

Questions or suggestions for a program? Richard Scherrer at 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Shaw Neighbors for Neighbors: Supporting Immigrant Families

Sunday, September 13 | 2-4pm | 4200 Blaine Ave, St. Louis

Join MaTovu for an afternoon of live music, community, and solidarity at a benefit concert supporting our immigrant neighbors.

Enjoy performances by:

- Greenwood Trio
- Wild Mountain Thyme Machine with Lukas Simpson

Every dollar raised will be donated to Abide in Love STL, a local organization that supports detained immigrants and their loved ones. Snacks and drinks will be available by donation throughout the afternoon. Silent auction featuring your favorite local visual artists.

Tickets are available on a sliding scale from \$20-\$40, or you can make an additional donation through the QR code. For more info, contact Dawn Jones-Goldstein dawn.michelle.jones@gmail.com



Ordination Service for Gabriel Requadt!

You are cordially invited to the Ordination Service of Gabriel Requadt on **Sunday, September 20, at 3pm**, here at Parkway UCC. All are welcome! Gabriel has accepted a position as the Senior Minister at Immanuel UCC in Sedalia, MO. There will be a reception afterwards. For any questions, or if you'd like to help, please reach out to Gabriel or Carol Cobb gabriel@parkwayucc.org or cjcobb@aol.com

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Monday, Sept 21 | 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:

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

Women of Faith Supper with Interfaith Partnership STL

Thursday, Sept 24 | 6-8pm | 717 Weidman Rd, Ballwin, MO



The 2026 supper will focus on “The Origin of and Respect for Women’s Dignity,” a panel discussion featuring representatives from the Hindu, Baha’i, and Ahmadiyyah Muslim traditions. The conversation will explore the historical and spiritual roots of women’s dignity across these faiths, and how respect for women’s roles continues to be a shared value in interfaith dialogue. Register and learn more through the QR code.

Go AWOL this Fall - Adventurous Women Out Late

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

- 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 cbum@charter.net

St Louis Metro CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, September 27 | 2-3pm | 475 E Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves

The annual SL Metro CROP Hunger walk is rapidly approaching. Parkway UCC has consistently been a leading supporter of the walk which is greatly appreciated. CROP Hunger Walks are held in over 500 communities raising millions to eradicate hunger and poverty in over 35 countries. 25% of the funds raised stay locally to fight hunger and this year will be donated to Circle of Concern, Webster Rock Hill Ministries and a new organization, Growing Food Growing People. The remaining 75% supports the global mission of



Church World Service (CWS) which is used to reduce hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Please join us either in person or virtually to walk, give and change the world, one step at a time. Use the QR code to donate or join the Parkway UCC team. For more info, reach out to Pam Manning

pmanning5078@gmail.com

Book Launch by Lesley Hunter

Seats sold out fast for Lesley Hunter's book launch of *Madness to Manifestation!* But you can still support her by getting her book through the QR code. In this courageous and deeply reflective memoir, Lesley traces her journey from collapse to coherence. Through EMDR, nervous system regulation, transcranial magnetic stimulation, and relentless self-inquiry, she transforms what once felt like madness into integration. Along the way, she reclaims the intuitive gifts inherited from her grandmother, the empathy modeled by her mother, and the discipline instilled by her father, refining sensitivity into strength. For more info, contact Lesley's Aunt - Jo Grove **jjgroveo8@gmail.com**



Flowers & Refreshments needed at Parkway!

Flowers and Refreshments needed at Parkway Pretty Please! Two Vitality teams provide people to help promote our limitless love and welcoming to Parkway UCC. From hot, warming coffee to a variety of refreshments provided by weekly donors and welcoming ushers, to our friendly greeters we provide an excellent environment. Another team provides care for our beautiful sanctuary with candles, flowers and communion preparations, lay readers, and decorations of various holidays in the sanctuary. Flowers are donated by members and friends and pay \$35 online or by check to the office. Team members purchase the flowers for the donors, arrange them and either ready them for the donor to take home or cut them up in small vases for home-centered and other bound friends.

Refreshments are provided by members or friends and purchase treats as they wish. We ask donors for about one hundred small items. Check the sign-up poster in the Gathering Space and sign up by signature or QR code leading you to the website. To learn how you can be involved with these teams, contact Carol Cobb **cobster70@gmail.com** *Thank you!*



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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parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Two Ways to Get Involved at PUCC!

The Leadership Commission is looking for members who would like to share their experience and help support the work of the church.

Personnel Relations Committee

Help connect our non-pastoral staff, Council and congregation, including assisting with job descriptions and interviews. Experience in HR or working with staff is helpful but not necessary.

Tenant Relations Committee

Facilities & Rentals

Help coordinate with the groups, individuals and organizations who use our church space and match their needs with our available facilities. Experience with real estate or rental contracts is helpful but not necessary.

Interested in getting involved? Please reach out to **Lana Biondo, Nancy Litzinger, Deborah Reinhardt** or **Emma Zyriek-Rhodes** on the Leadership Commission.

WISE: 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**

Prayer List

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Celebrations

Students, families, teachers, administrators, staff as school resumes!

Liam, Jo Grove's grandson - settling into Vienna for undergrad work.

Gabriel Requadt - called to be pastor at Immanuel UCC, Sedalia, MO;

last day at PUCC 9/13. Ordination here at 3pm on 9/20 – all invited!

Concerns

Cindy Wessel - memorial service for her mother took place on 8/25.

Changvit-Levin Family - as Yara starts teaching middle school, Summer begins her NASA internship and they all remember Cindy's mother at her birthday 8/24 and the first anniversary of her death on 9/1

Bedo Family - dealing with more than one type of loss (Yakel).

The Requadts - remembering their dog Beau with fondness.

Murphy - diagnosed with thyroid cancer (Zyriek-Rhodes' dog).

Barbara Mester Degnan - family/friends in grief (Litzinger).

Regina Santos Avila - that she feels love and light (Wagner-Muns).

Lorraine and Dick Lewis - healing, strength, stamina (Litzinger).

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.

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).

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 Ververlo - 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.