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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 Bill Haack.

Flowers given by Linda Tossing in memory of her husband Bill on his birthday.

Treats provided by Michael and Donna Ruzicka.

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
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

9/7 Jackie Eiffert
9/7 Kate Bowermaster
9/10 Kennedy Lawson
9/11 Christy Lindner
9/12 Grant Oehler

15th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live
When you see the (*), please rise in body or spirit - depending on your comfort.

Prelude *Woodbird* based on *Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein* arranged by David Schelat

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Rarely, if ever, are any of us healed in isolation. Healing is an act of communion. - bell hooks

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

Scripture Psalm 149 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition
Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their God.

Let them praise God's name with dancing,

making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in the people;

God adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

to bind their kings with fetters

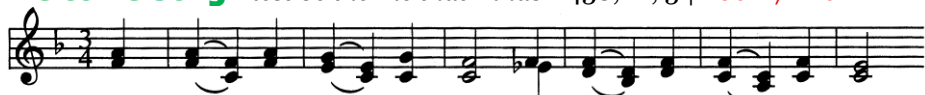
and their nobles with chains of iron,

to execute on them the judgment decreed.

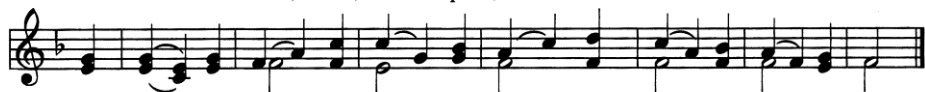
This is glory for all God's faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

Welcome Song *Blest be the Tie that Binds* #438, v1, 3 | Red Hymnal



1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love:
2. Be - fore our Ma - ker's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Scripture Matthew 18:15-20 | NRSVUE

Jesus said, "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by God in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Call to Worship

One: We gather today as people who are always learning how to live with one another.

Many: **Because relationships are not always easy.
Sometimes words hurt. Sometimes trust is broken.
Sometimes we misunderstand one another, or simply
see the world differently.**

One: And sometimes love requires more than kindness.

Many: **Sometimes it asks us to speak up, to set a boundary,
to name what is causing harm, or to invite one another
toward a different way.**

One: Jesus reminds us that when we turn away from one another,
we are invited to find a way back.

Many: **Not through shame or punishment, but through
honesty, humility, and care.**

One: So today, let us make room for both truth and grace -

Many: for the courage to offer correction and the humility to receive it.

One: Let us turn toward one another, trusting that God is present wherever we seek healing, understanding, and a more loving way forward.

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

***Song** *Help Us Accept Each Other* #358 | Red Hymnal



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
3. Let Your ac - cep - tance change us, So that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,



Teach us as sis - ter, broth-er, Each per - son to em-brace.
We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For righ - teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart
We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:



We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
To love them as we find them Or as they may be - come.
The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
Re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

***Opening Prayer**

Loving God, when relationships are strained, give us courage to speak honestly and grant us compassion to listen deeply. When intervention is needed, help us act not from judgment, but from a desire for healing and wholeness.

And when we are the ones who need correction, give us humility to receive it. Keep turning us toward one another and toward your way of love. 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.**

**Spirit of the living God move among us all;
Spirit of the living God make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God fill our lives with love!**

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 5th grade will go to Room 12, 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 will come back up with their teachers for Communion with all of us.

Blessing the Children *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all.
Take my hands, Lord Je - sus, let them work for you.

5
Heal - ing pain and sick - ness, bless - ing child - ren small.
9 Make them strong and gent - le, kind in all I do.

13
Wash - ing tir - ed feet and sav - ing those who fall.
Let me watch you, Je - sus, till I'm gen - tle too.

Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all.
Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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 *The Ho 'oponopono Prayer* - music by Aria Thomé
 Ho'oponopono - meaning "to make right" or "to restore balance" - comes from a traditional Native Hawaiian practice of reconciliation within families and communities. The familiar modern prayer distills this healing intention into four phrases:

I am sorry. (E mihi)

Please forgive me. (E Kala mai)

Thank you. (Mahalo)

I love you. (Aloha wau iā 'oe)

Its power lies in the spiritual movement these words create: acknowledging harm, seeking forgiveness, expressing gratitude, and choosing love. Like confession and reconciliation in the Christian tradition, Ho'oponopono invites us to release resentment, accept responsibility, and open ourselves to restored relationship - with God, one another, and ourselves. Its potency comes not from the words as a formula, but from the humility, sincerity, and loving intention with which they are offered.

***Response** *For the Fruits of All Creation*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, may these gifts become signs of our commitment to turn toward one another - rather than away. Use what we offer to mend what is broken, to strengthen what is fragile, and to make room for truth, grace, and belonging. Amen.

Scripture Romans 13:8-14 | NRSVUE

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 *Come, Share the Lord*

1. We gath - er here in Je - sus' name, Christ's love is
2. God joins us here, to break the bread, our God who
3. We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the
burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; for through the lov - ing One, Cre - a - tor
pours the cup is ris - en from the dead; the One we love the most is now our
glo - ry of our God while prais - ing; now we an - ti - ci - pate the feast for
makes us one. Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share our God.
gra - cious host. Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share our God.
which we wait. Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share our God. | V3 ends here.
No one is a stran - ger here ev - ery - one be - longs;
We are now a fam - i - ly of which our God is head;
find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for give all wrongs.
though un - seen God meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of connection, at this table we have been reminded that none of us stands alone. When we turn away, call us back. When we cause harm, give us courage to make repair. When we need correction, give us humility to receive it. And when others are struggling, give us the grace to meet them with love. May we leave this table more willing to turn toward one another. Amen.

*Song of Parting *We All Are One in Mission* #435 | Red Hymnal



1. We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice To wit - ness in God's name;
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed And let our song be heard.



Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, Our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion Com - pels us from a - bove
To touch the lives of oth - ers By God's sur - pris - ing grace
We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,



To plan and work to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
So ev - ery folk and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** Postlude on *Ar Hyd Y Nos*

Arranged by Wilburn Held

The Greatest Night in Baseball

TODAY | 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. For more info, contact Liz Lyons lizardstifel@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

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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Habitat for Humanity We Need Your Help

Habitat St. Louis has committed to the construction of 40 adjacent to the tornado affected area of St. Louis. We need finances to do these jobs and people to come and build them. We need managers to lead. Experience is not necessary. Habitat will find a job for you and train you to do it if needed. Be part of Parkway's long and productive history with Habitat for Humanity St. Louis. For more info on how you can help, contact Tom McKenzie mckenzie1947@att.net or go to <https://www.habitatstl.org/>

Announcements

Please use the form at www.parkwayucc.org/communications for all announcements for our media. Bulletin and eNews deadline: noon Monday.

Our Communications Team is very active and is exploring all kinds of avenues. Please subscribe to our YouTube Channel today. Our YouTube Channel is [@parkwayuccstl](https://www.youtube.com/@parkwayuccstl). There is a subscribe button under the main heading and brief description of our church. Thank you! Questions? Please contact barbharris@charter.net or cynthianouri@gmail.com

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 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 ccjcoobb@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

Friday, 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 **aviehmahmann@gmail.com**

Special Olympics Bocce Tournament

Saturday, Sept 12 | 11am-3pm | 123 Leon Hall Parkway, Hillsboro, MO 63050

Three more volunteers are needed to join Kevin and Judy McLachlin 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



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 15**, for fellowship, learning, and fun with TAD as we continue our discussion of *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid, starting at Summer 1983 (page 222 - end). *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 15! 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

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 ccjcobb@aol.com

Fall Friendship Dinners Signup

It's time once again to schedule our Fall Friendship Dinners. You can sign up to be both a host and a guest, or just sign up to be a host or a guest. Please also indicate if you are interested in a kids included family-friendly potluck event to be held at the church. There is a sign-up poster on the bulletin board or you can sign up using this QR code. Please provide your contact information; hosts need to indicate how many guests they can accommodate. The deadline to sign up is **Sunday, September 20**. The Friendship Dinner Committee will meet to organize the groups. Dinners are being planned for September, October, or November. IDEAS: host a potluck dinner, meet at a restaurant, or have an appetizer meal. For additional information or to sign up, please contact Kathy Burcham at kathleenburcham@sbcbglobal.net



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

Pen Pals Needed to Write LGBTQ Inmates in Missouri

The LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance is starting an initiative to write LGBTQ+ inmates in Missouri state prisons. The interfaith coalition, in response to news of trans inmates no longer having access to hormone replacements (HRT), this summer partnered with Black & Pink- description - an organization that advocates on behalf of incarcerated queer, trans, and HIV-positive individuals-and PROMO Missouri to write messages of encouragement. Dozens of inmates have asked for a pen pal. Learn more about becoming a pen pal to an LGBTQ+ inmate during an upcoming training, **7pm on Sept 21** by Rev. Jason Lydon, a Unitarian Universalist minister and movement leader based in the greater Chicago area. To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP to Jeanette Mott Oxford of the Prison Ministry Team at Epiphany United Church of Christ. Zer email is jmo.mott.oxford@gmail.com

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.

Prayer Corner an opportunity to pray with someone

Friday, September 25 | 6:30-8:30am | 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:

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

Life Line Screening Event

Friday, Sept 25 | 8am-5pm | 2841 N Ballas Rd, St. Louis, MO 63131

You're invited to a Life Line Screening event! It will be held at **Parkway United Church of Christ**.

Anyone **age 40 and older** is invited to participate. Screenings are simple and painless, with special pricing of **\$129** for four kinds of screenings:

- Carotid Artery Disease
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
- Peripheral Artery Disease

Appointments are required. To schedule, call **800-324-9458** and use promo code **HABCO01**, visit **LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC**, or text **“circle” to 216-279-1607**.

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 **cfbum@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

Volunteers needed for The Longest Table Dinner

We're celebrating Good Neighbors Week with a community-wide dinner on **Sept 30** at Dayspring Baptist Church and we need you on our hospitality team.

Parkway United Church of Christ is partnering with our neighbor, Dayspring Baptist Church (1001 Municipal Centre Drive, Town & Country, Mo.) for The Longest Table. This free, catered dinner will be from **6:30-8pm** and we need helpers from both congregations to assist with set up, greeting, checking in, clean up, and serving as table captains. The table captain leads small table discussions of eight to ten people using a provided script.



Use the QR code to sign up to be part of our hospitality team. The event organizer soon will have an RSVP website for those interested in attending The Longest Table dinner, so stay tuned. Questions? Please contact www.stlsvp.org/the-longest-table

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 had their first meeting on Thursday. More to come!

Thanks! Questions? Contact kevin@parkwayucc.org

Prayer List

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Celebrations

Gabriel Requadt - called to be pastor at Immanuel UCC, Sedalia, MO; Ordination here at 3pm on September 20 – all are invited!

Concerns

Evelyn Buretta - healing after fall and multiple broken bones in AZ.

Cindy Wessel - memorial service for her mother took place last week.

Changyit-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 9/01.

Barb Harris and friends as they grieve and give thanks for Marge.

Bedo Family - dealing with multiple losses/griefs (Yakel).

Gabriel/Shane Requadt - remembering their dog Beau with fondness.

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

The floods in Nepal and Tibet - grief, recovery, healing, hope.

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).

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).

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

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

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).

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.

Today

Vince Amlin

Take care, siblings, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. - Hebrews 3:12-13 (NRSV)

My 4-year-old was being a pill. She wouldn't eat dinner. Splashed all the water out of the tub. Fought tooth and nail over getting into her pajamas.

I yelled. I lost my cool. I sent her off to bed with only the most perfunctory of goodnight kisses.

As I moved to leave the bedroom, she mumbled, “You say ‘tomorrow.’”

It's a ritual she and her mom started that I had to learn. I was supposed to tell her what would happen when she wakes up.

I sighed.

I sat on the edge of her bed and began, “Tomorrow is Friday. I don't have to work, so it's a daddy and Nola day. Let's have fun, OK?”

“OK.”

And like that, my daughter reminded me. There is a tomorrow. A time when, with any luck, I would not be quite so tired or quite so irritated. A time when I could imagine having fun with her again.

And if there is a tomorrow, that must mean there is a today. That the moment at her bedside was “today.” And it was as good a time as any to start again.

I wonder if this is possible with grown-ups, too. To forgive, to soften, to turn my heart back to the Living God. To be reminded that I have all I need to show love in this very moment. Every day. As long as it is called “today.”

Prayer

Living God, thank you for today, every day.

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from our God is Still Speaking writers:

<https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>

