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October 4, 2026 ~ World Communion Sunday

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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 Ashley Milam.

Flowers given by Jackie Eiffert in Memory of her husband Kenton's birthday.

Treats provided by Vicki Guth and Lynn Mark.

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

10/06 Steve Degroote

10/06 Linus 'Nathan' Waite

10/06 Alicia Rutheford

10/06 Samantha Jones

10/08 Brenda Sperry

10/09 Daniel and Eve Hasler

10/09 Michael Ruzicka

10/09 Kris McKenzie

10/10 David Peek

10/10 Melanie Muehnick

10/10 Bill Schulenburg

Anniversaries

10/06 Suzie and Bill Schulenburg

10/09 Kaylyn and David Schulenburg

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 4, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

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

We are so pleased to be celebrating World Communion as one congregation: Marthoma Church of St Louis and Parkway United Church of Christ. Please stay after worship for refreshments and reconnections! *Joy!*

Meditation Jesus knows we must come apart and rest awhile, or else we may just plain come apart. ~Vance Havner

Prelude *Variations on AURELIA*

Arr: Janet Linker

Choral Introit *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

Welcome

***Kiss of Peace**

One: O God and Lord of all, make us worthy to greet one another with the Kiss of Peace, freed from insincerity and united in love.
To you, Creator, Christ and Spirit, we ascribe praise and glory,
one God, now and forever.

Many: Amen.

One: Peace be with you all.

Many: And with you also.

One: In the love of God, let us greet one another in Peace.

All: May the love and peace of our Jesus Christ abide with us forever

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Scripture Lesson Psalm 23 | King James Version - shared in Malayalam

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Welcome Song *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. _____ Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. _____ Where
 is in par-don - ing that we are par - doned, _____ in



there is in - ju - ry, your par-don, Lord, _____ and
 there is dark - ness, _____ on - ly light, _____ and
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, _____ and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you. _____
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. _____
 dy - ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life. _____



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek _____ so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole. _____ To be



un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, _____ to be



loved as to love with all my soul. _____

Scripture Psalm 19 | Inclusive Language Psalter

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows God's handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard. Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a newlywed out of their chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of God is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of God is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of God are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of God is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The awe of God is clean and endures forever; the judgments of God are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often they offend? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer.

***Call to Worship**

One: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the earth is filled with expressions and evidence of God's love.

Many: We gather from different places, cultures, and experiences, yet we belong to one another.

One: God entrusts this world to our care - not as owners, but as stewards.

Many: May we receive what we have been given with gratitude and share it with generosity.

One: Around Christ's table, there is room for all.

Many: The Spirit calls us and weaves us together into one human family.

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



1. The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,
4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 By schis - ms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;



From heaven He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es, With ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union
 With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 May live eternally.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have forgotten your command to love you with all our hearts, with all our soul, with all our strength, with all our mind and love our neighbors as ourselves. Many a time we have abandoned you in various life situations. We have neglected our studies, gone astray after wrong companionship, always wandering after worldly pleasures. In our homes, in our places of work and in our social life, we have failed in the mission you have entrusted to us. We have also made little use of the possibilities you have provided us. Unable to recognize you as our creator and sustainer, we grope in darkness. Forgive us, Lord our sins, and in your mercy accept us as your heritage. Hear us, we ask this in the name of our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Almighty God, in your great mercy you have promised forgiveness of sins to all who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn to you. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

One: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Many: Glory be to you, O God.

Children's Time For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 6 (upper level) where one of our teachers will meet them at the door. Children from age 3 to 2nd grade will then go to Room 12, children from 3rd to 5th grade will go to Room 15 and youth from 6th to 12th grade will go to Room 16. For children in Room 6, parents 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 Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children,

All the children of the world.

Every child in every land,

Jesus holds them by the hand.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Words of Faith Formation *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Creator, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Creator, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator, through whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became one in Being with us.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Creator.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and Christ's kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Creator and the Son.

With the Creator and the Son they are worshiped and glorified.

They have spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

Offertory *There Shall be Showers of Blessing*

There shall be showers of blessing;
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.

Refrain:

Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.

There shall be showers of blessing,
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys,
Sound of abundance of rain... *refrain*

There shall be showers of blessing:
Send them upon us, O Lord;
Grant to us now a refreshing,
Come and now honor Thy Word... *refrain*

***Doxology** *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Praise God whose love is fully known;
Creator, Christ, and Holy One. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we offer these gifts as signs that we understand that what we have is entrusted to us, not owned by us. Use our gifts to nourish communities, heal what is broken, welcome those who are pushed aside, and help your world flourish. May our generosity extend beyond this place until your vineyard becomes a place of justice, peace, and abundant life for all. Amen.

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 21:33-46 | Common English Bible (CEB)*

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death.

"Again, he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

"But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other,

‘This is the heir. Come on, let’s kill him and we’ll have his inheritance.’ They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Jesus asked, “When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

They said, “He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it’s ready.”

Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read in the scriptures, The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it’s amazing in our eyes? Therefore, I tell you that God’s kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on.”

Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

Invitation to the Communion Table We invite all who love God, follow Jesus and want to grow in the Spirit to come to this open table on this World Communion Sunday. Truly, all are welcome! Joy!

Communion Hymn *I Come with Joy #507*



1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent



free, In awe and won - der to re - call His
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And
near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We
ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll



life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.
live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

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.]

Intercessory Prayer

One: In our intercession let us pray for the whole human family with the unceasing prayer of Christ the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord for justice and peace in the whole world, and for fullness of life for everyone; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For all who live in this city, for the removal of all that divides us, and for true harmony in our country; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For all who work on the land and in industry, for those engaged in commerce, and for all who provide for our needs; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For teachers and students, scientists, artists and writers and for all who influence the minds and hearts of people, *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For those who are suffering, the poor and hungry, the destitute and oppressed, the sick and the dying, and for all who help them; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For all to whom authority is entrusted in this and other countries and especially for our President and Congress; the Governor and legislators of this state, and for all who exercise power over their fellow women and men; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: For the unity of Christians and all people, for their witness and service in the world; *Lord in your mercy.*

Many: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Blessing the Elements

May the Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread that it may be to us the communion of the Body of your Beloved Son and our Lord and God Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this cup that it may be to us the communion of the Lifeblood of your Beloved Son and our Lord and God Jesus Christ. Amen.

Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine

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 to your seat by the side aisles.

Communion Interlude

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Let us give thanks to God in communion with each other, with Christians everywhere, and with our needy neighbor, in whom we daily meet the living Christ.

Many: **Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own.**

Give us the reverberating gifts of this holy communion: unity of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

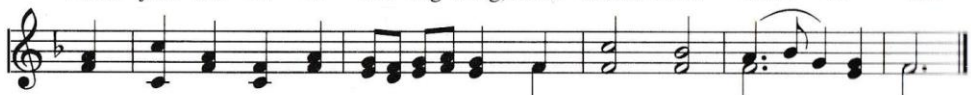
*Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #142 | Red Hymnal



1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
3. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,
4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all!

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Benediction**

One: You are a blessed people.

Many: We will go to be a blessing in the world.

One: You are the face of Jesus.

Many: We will go to be love and compassion to all.

One: You are the family of God.

Many: We will go in the Spirit to serve our siblings wherever we may find them.

***Postlude** *Postlude on CORONATION*

Arr: Mark Rippe

Join us now for refreshments and reconnections with Marthoma and Parkway UCC members and friends.

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

Family Friendship Lunch ~ TODAY!

Sunday, October 4, 2026 | after church | Parkway UCC playground
In the event of inclement weather, we will move the event to Fellowship Hall. As in the past, hot dogs, chips, and lemonade will be provided. Please feel free to add to the meal and bring items your family and others will enjoy. The playground will be available, and we will have other activities as well! Questions? Kathy Burcham kathleenburcham@sbcglobal.net

Come Join TAD for Zoom Book Club of Troublesome Women

October 6 (1st & 3rd Tuesday) | 1:45pm fellowship | 2:00-3:00pm discussion
Zoom Link (312) 626-6799; Meeting ID: 898 7822 0593; Passcode: 393204
We'll start our next book on October 6th, *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick. The book follows four suburban housewives in 1963 Northern Virginia who form an impromptu book club called "The Bettys" after reading Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique*. The book has 360+ pages, so we'll read around 120 pages every two weeks. We'd love to have you join us on Zoom on October 6! 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

Parkway Inquirers

Thursday, October 8 | 6:30-7:45pm | Heritage Room

Inquirers is an opportunity where a couple of PUCCers and the pastor gather with visitors to learn more about one another and the church's mission, vision, values, goals and people. These sessions help us feel connected and give the church space to express gratitude for visitors as we all enrich, enliven and encourage one another. Please RSVP today kevin@parkwayucc.org

Parkway Cooks Swing into Action

Friday, October 9, 2026 | 9:30am | PUCC Kitchen

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 **October 9**. 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 join us in making sandwiches, slicing tomatoes, and putting lunches together in 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 assortment of small bags 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 Dec 11.

Prayer Corner An opportunity to pray with someone

Saturday, October 10 | 7-9am | 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:

Tuesday, Nov 17 from 3-5p

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

Speaker Series October features two popular past speakers

Sunday, October 11 | 11:15am-12:15pm | Heritage Room

"An Insider's Insights about Asbestos Litigation," By Attorney Ray Fournie.

Asbestos litigation is the longest-running mass tort in U.S. history, dating back to the late 1960s. Today, there are 600,000 asbestos claims pending and more than 40,000 new claims filed every year. While the vast majority of workers exposed to asbestos may never contract an asbestos-related illness, when illness does occur it can arise decades after exposure. It is estimated that asbestos claims may continue for another 50 years.

You've seen the TV commercials featuring lawyers beseeching victims of asbestos exposure to call them and realize justice through compensation. But beyond that what is the straight scoop, the real truth?

Our speaker, attorney Ray Fournie, has the answers and has developed a deep understanding about the subject as a decades-long insider, defending industry in asbestos litigation. He knows the history, the legal landscape, the medical diseases attributed to asbestos, the economics, and everything in between. This is history brought to our Speakers Series audience in the first person. Now retired, Ray's legal skills have been recognized through such awards as "Best Lawyer in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions," and The Best Lawyers in America (2007-Present, and Who's Who in American Law.

Sunday, October 25 | 11:15am-12:15pm | Heritage Room

"I Hike, Therefore I Am ~ Chapter 3," by Savannah Bluejski.

Welcome back Savannah. Our youthful trekker returns to the Speakers Series podium to recount her thrilling hiking adventures. Our faithful subscribers will remember her last visit, when she spoke about her adventures on the Appalachian Trail. The "Big Three" long-distance hiking trails in the United States, often called the Triple Crown of Hiking, are the Appalachian Trail, the Pacific Crest Trail, and the Continental Divide Trail (CDT). Savannah's quest for adventure has now taken her on the CDT, which is 3,100 miles long and runs from the Mexico border to Canada through New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana, follows the Rocky Mountains, and is the longest of the big three.

All Speaker Series programs are held in the Heritage Room following worship. Grab a cup of coffee and a treat and join us.

Questions or comments, contact Richard Scherrer 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Tuesday Evening Dialogue *How to Read a Book*

Tuesday, October 13 | 6pm in person; 6:45pm Zoom | Heritage Room; Zoom

Our next TED is on Tuesday, October 13 and that will be our first session on our next book *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. This novel follows the journey of Violet, Frank and Harriet and their converging paths. The author explores the effects of incarceration, the healing power of books and the importance of forgiveness of self and others.

We will cover this book in three sessions and will be discussing up to Chapter 13 "Harriet" (page 94) for October 13.

TED meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the Heritage Room. Potluck dinner starts at 6pm and the book discussion starts at 7pm. If you can't join us in person you are welcome to attend on Zoom which starts at 6:45 pm. If you Contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net or 314-401-4382 for questions

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84944039731?pwd=ozUOvAjuiGPmKEpn2Jygo8gIAeDxoy.1>

Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 5-6:30pm | Parkway UCC front parking lot

Join us for one of the most entertaining and fun-filled events at PUCC:

Trunk or Treat! We need kids, youth & the young at heart to make the event a success. The goal is to have 25 car trunks and lots of candy.

Volunteers needed: greeters, game hosts, activity helpers, face painting, grilling/serving hot dogs, decorations for outside & inside, photographers and much, much more. There is a place for everyone who wants to help.

Rain plan: move inside to Fellowship Hall and Gathering Space.

Questions? Karen Mariani ksmariani59@gmail.com

Go AWOL this Fall - Adventurous Women Out Late

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

- 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

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Tuesday, October 20 | 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:

Wednesday, November 11 at 10am

Monday, December 7 at 2pm

Wednesday, January 20 at 10am

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

DRAG Bingo for ONA Mission and Ministry

Saturday, October 24, 2026 | 6pm | Wydown United Church This event raises funds for the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ and Alliance Q of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Open and Affirming Churches are invited to prepared gift baskets to donate to the Silent Auction - proceeds from the baskets will go to scholarship those attending the National Gathering of both organizations.

Register here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/drang-queen-bingo--2026>. Cost: \$25.00 per person.

Please register each person individually with a distinct email address, as bingo cards will be emailed in advance. You may print your cards or bring them on your electronic device. Doors open at 6pm and program begins at 6:30pm. (Wydown United was formerly, First Congregational Church UCC and is located at 6501 Wydown Blvd in Clayton 63105)

Align with PUCC! New Member Sunday

Sunday, October 25 | 10am | New Sanctuary

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, new opportunities. It is with joy and gratitude that we welcome new members into our worship, work and witness at Parkway UCC - in person or virtually. Membership at Parkway UCC could be the next step in your ongoing relationship with God and with other people of faith - though membership is not expected and certainly isn't necessary to be

involved in worship, baptism, communion, weddings, funerals or other aspects of church life. As a church member, you have the opportunity to more intentionally grow personally, find a sense of belonging, form lifelong friendships, experience the joy of Christ, discover your spiritual gifts, become more intimate with God, develop your personal prayer style, expand your boundaries, become more Christ-like and more. With our congregational democratic polity, as a church member, you have a voice and vote within our church to weigh in on topics such as the annual budget, church vision, building decisions and more. If this is something you might be interested in, please reach out to Kevin in person, by phone or email **kevin@parkwayucc.org**; 314-872-9330.

Eat Pizza & Raise Dough for CROP at Dewey's Pizza

Tuesday, October 27 | 4-9pm | 736 N Ballas Rd Creve Coeur MO 63141
Dine in or carry out! Mention *Give Back Night* when ordering. Twenty percent of the sales will be donated to CROP/CHURCH WORLD SERVICE to address hunger and poverty - globally and locally. All orders must mention *Give Back Night* in order for CROP to benefit. Thank you for putting your faith into action. Questions? Sue Moellering **susieqslp@sbcglobal.net**

CPR/AED/First Aid Certification Class Know What to Do in a Medical Emergency

Sunday, November 1 | 12-2:30pm | Gathering Space
A Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) plus Automated External Defibrillator (AED) plus Stop the Bleed (STB) plus First Aid certification class presented by West County EMS will be onsite here at PUCC. Emergency procedures are included for both adult and pediatric victims. The certification is good for two years (This class was last held at Parkway in 2024). The class is for participants in the Parkway and Marthoma congregations. You must register by name and home address in advance. Class size is limited to 16 participants. Why is this important? There is a chance that victims of choking, heart failure, or serious external bleeding may die before an ambulance arrives. The real first responders are the people in the building that know what to do. Parkway UCC will cover the cost of the class. Register in One Church (link will be available next week) or by contacting Richard Race at **racerichardg@gmail.com**.

WISE: A United Church of Christ Ministry

Our church is looking at the designation of WISE church as set forth by our UCC (WISE = Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged)
Our team will be reaching out to you with opportunities to participate in this journey. More to come!
Questions? Contact **jogroveo8@gmail.com**; **kevin@parkwayucc.org**

Thanksgiving Circle

Hello Parkway! The weather is changing and we are starting to think about the fall holidays. Five area churches are collecting 10 different food items as part of *Circle of Concern's Thanksgiving Program*. This year, however, instead of packing each of the items in individual boxes, we are displaying all products in a special corner of our Pantry and allowing clients to make their own choices.

The need is great in west St. Louis County, SNAP services are being cut, grocery prices are extremely high and *Circle* is currently serving the highest number of families ever!

I am hoping for 100 of each of the items listed below, to be available to clients the week of November 8th. Therefore, all items will need to be brought to church by Saturday, November 7th! I will have plastic crates, marked COC Thanksgiving, by the food bins in the Gathering space. Thank you for once again for helping our neighbors in this way.

Items Requested: Canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, canned fruit (pineapple, peaches, applesauce, mandarin oranges), chicken, turkey or vegetable broth (32-ounce carton), boxed stuffing mix, jar of turkey or chicken gravy, cornbread mix, box of instant potato flakes, canned green beans, canned corn.

Questions? Lana Biondo lanabiondo66@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Isaiah 58

Parkway has chosen to donate 25 can openers and 350 Gravy Packets (turkey, chicken, etc) to *Isaiah 58* ministries in the City. We need to collect them by November 8th. Thanks for your support! Questions? Sally Dodge s.dodge@hotmail.com

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 from our ONA Team via Debbie Reinhardt deborahreinhardt@att.net

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 our own Tom McKenzie mckenzie1947@att.net or go to <https://www.habitatstl.org/>

Planting Seeds Initiative

Hopefully, you have had a chance to review the materials for this initiative on contributing to Parkway's future. Materials about all of this are in the Gathering Space.

Questions: See Mark Sableman, Kris Impastato, or Sally Dodge at msableman@att.net, kristina.impastato@gmail.com, s.dodge@hotmail.com

Prayer List

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Celebrations

Shaine & Reverend Gabriel Requadt - settling into their new home as Gabriel and Immanuel UCC, Sedalia have begun their shared ministry.

Concerns

Family/friends of Pat Owens - as they grieve and give thanks for her.

Nancy & Jack Litzinger - as he settles in to a care center this weekend.

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

Acacia Health Ctr at Sagewood; 4555 E Mayo Blvd; Phoenix AZ 85050

Mark McKenzie - for healing and reassurance (Tom's brother).

Gibson Family - grieving two family deaths by suicide (Sieber).

Brady Abel - cancer surgery 9/30 (PUCC friend - now UCC Rev in AZ).

Trans inmates in MO prisons who are denied gender-affirming care.

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).

Judy Brueggemann - continuing health challenges (Brad's mother).

Jonathan - healing after head trauma during mission in Iran (Beck).

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

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

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

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.

Emi - 5 year-old with Children's Hospital for chemo (McConnell).

Kenton & Teal Blacksten - K's many health challenges due to diabetes

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 - *Liberty Village*, 6955 State Route 162, Room 302B, Maryville, IL 62062; 618-900-3624 [birthday, January 15]

John Nourse *The Village at Cape Albeon*; 3300 Lake Bend Dr, #166; Valley Park, MO 63088 [birthdate: October 26]

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.