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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. Our Nursery for children under 3 is open from 8:50am-12:20pm in Room 6. (This time frame spans *choir practice*, *worship* and *Speaker Series*.)

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 Ruth and Herb Huebner in honor of citizens in poverty in North St. Louis County.
Treats provided by Francesca and Freddie Freezer.
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

11-02 Oscar Waite
11-02 Steve Barnes
11-03 Tod Bowermaster
11-05 Cassie Rosenberger
11-06 Andrea Barnes
11-08 Mwila Kaloto

Anniversaries

11-01 Joan and Steve Degroote
11-04 Betty and Richard Scherrer
11-08 Brad and Michelle Brueggemann

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1, 2026 | 10:00am | Historic Sanctuary & YouTube Live
When you see the (*), please rise in body or spirit - depending on your comfort.

Prelude SINE NOMINE
Arr. Arther Hutchings

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation When love comes to its fullness, then one looks at the friend with affection, on the enemy with forgiveness, on the stranger with sympathy.
~Hazrat Inayat Khan

Passing the Peace of Christ
"May the peace of Christ be with you."

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty* #138, v1, 4



Scripture Matthew 5:1-12 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Call to Worship

One: We gather today to remember the saints who have shaped our lives and our faith.

Many: We give thanks for those who have shown us what love, courage, and compassion look like.

One: Blessed are those who mourn, those who hunger for justice, and those who work for peace.

Many: We remember that God is especially near to the brokenhearted and those who struggle.

One: Taste and see that God is good! Let us join the generations before us who have worshiped, hoped, served, and loved.

Many: With gratitude for those who came before us and hope for those who will follow, let us focus our energies and intentions!

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

*Song *For All the Saints*



*Opening Prayer

Loving God, on this All Saints Day, we give thanks for those whose lives have shaped us through love, courage, and compassion. We remember those we miss and celebrate the many ways their legacy lives on in us. As Jesus reminds us, blessing is found among those who mourn, those who seek justice, and those who make peace. Open our hearts to your presence and inspire us to carry their love forward into the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Response *Dream God's Dream*



Children's Time

Children and youth will be safely escorted across the street for Sunday School. Please meet them downstairs outside their classrooms after worship.

Blessing the Children *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

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 *Blessed Are They*

Aria Thomé



*Response *Here Are Our Hearts*



*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all the ways love has been given to us. We remember the saints whose generosity, faithfulness, and compassion helped build the communities we cherish. May these offerings continue their legacy by bringing hope to those who mourn, food to those who hunger, peace where there is conflict, and welcome to those who feel forgotten. May our gifts, our words, and our actions help make your blessing visible in the world. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 34:1-10 | Inclusive Language Psalter

I will bless God at all times; God's praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in God; let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of God;
let us exalt God's Name together.
I sought God, and they answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon God and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and God heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of God encompasses those who fear God,
and God will deliver them.
Taste and see that God is good;
happy are they who trust in God!
Fear God, you that are God's saints, for those who fear God lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

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 *As We Gather at Your Table*



Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer sung to the tune by Nate Stout



*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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we give you thanks for this holy meal, where we are nourished by your grace and reminded that we belong to one another. Around this table, we remember those who have gone before us, celebrate those who journey beside us, and make room for those who are still finding their way here.

As we leave this place, help us carry the spirit of this table into the world. When others mourn, may we offer comfort. When others hunger for justice, may we stand beside them. When peace seems distant, may we become peacemakers. And when the world overlooks the poor, the grieving, or the vulnerable, may we see them with the eyes of Christ.

God of every generation, may the love we have received become the love we share, so that the legacy of the saints lives on through us. Send us forth in hope, strengthened by your presence and ready to be a blessing.

In the name of Christ, who welcomes us all to the table, and sends us out, we pray. Amen.

*Song of Parting *I Sing A Song of the Saints of God*



*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth IN PARADISUM

Arr. Daniel-Lesur

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**

Council Coffee Chat

Join us back across the street for fellowship and refreshments in the Heritage Room -- please enter through the Fellowship Hall doors as Marthoma will be in the middle of their worship service as we conclude our worship over here. Pick up a treat and beverage and come next door to Room 10 for an informal conversation with our Church Council. Your elected Council wants to hear from you about your thoughts and visions of our shared ministry and mission. Questions? Reach out to our Church Council President, Barb Harris **bharris915@icloud.com**

There Our Hearts Will Be – 2027 Pledge Campaign

The Stewardship Commission was over-joyed with the congregation's response to our kick-off event! As a result, we are now able to update our pledge thermometer to reflect $111,550 towards our goal of $425,000!!

As Kari indicated during last Sunday's Stewardship Moment, it is not always about money, instead it includes participation in such church activities as worship, ministry, care for neighbors, involvement with the youth and its service beyond our walls. *As a reminder - any pledge amount is welcomed!* Something to reflect on - when I was in my 20's, I had extremely tight budget and I could only commit to an hour's salary a month as part of my pledge commitment. However, instead I gave my time and energy towards teaching Sunday School and helping with the Youth program.

If you would like to pledge, you may do so either by using the included QR code which will take to you the PUCC website (parkwayucc.org), select Worship & Giving, then select Pledging. Or you are welcome to use a Pledge Card available on the table just outside the sanctuary.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Tossing at **ltossing@att.net** or Kari Borgmann at **Kari_Borgmann@yahoo.com**

A Taste of Turkey - Cooking Class

TODAY Sunday, November 1 | 1-4pm | TASOM - 9201 Watson Rd 63126

TASOM Cooking Classes are back! Cooking classes were temporarily paused while they completed their move into their new TASOM building. Now that the move is complete, they're excited to restart classes and welcome interfaith friends into their beautiful new space! Come experience their new home, where food, culture, and community come together.

Menu: *Beyti Kebab, Salata and Baklava*!

Spaces are limited, so reserve your spot today and be part of this for $25
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/authentic-turkish-cooking-class-a-cultural-experience-tickets-2002852452601?aff=oddtdtcreator
Questions? Reach out to **kevin@parkwayucc.org**

Voices That Remain: Music, Memory, and the Light to Come

On All Saints' Day, we remember the voices that have shaped our faith and the songs that continue to echo within us. As Advent approaches, I invite you to add your voice to that living tradition!
Join the Parkway Choir for November and December only, preparing for a traditional **Lessons and Carols on December 13 and Christmas Eve.** Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, filled with learning, laughter, friendship, and shared accomplishment. No musical experience or commitment beyond Christmas is needed. There is nothing contractual - only to help bring a resounding joy that will repeat over and over this season. Together, let's create something prayerful and beautiful as we welcome the birth of Light Itself this Christmas into our community.
Questions? Contact Aria Thome **aria@parkwayucc.org**

Shine Your Light: Information on MO State Amendment 7.

On October 14, our Church Council authorized a new team entitled ***Shine Your Light***. Through explanations and action suggestions in response to local, state, and national political issues, this team intends to be a catalyst toward a just world, consistent with our mission as a church. We are seeking a few members to guide this effort; If interested contact Ruth Huebner at ruthhuebner@hotmail.com
As the November 3rd elections approach, please consider your position on one of the Missouri ballot items: *Issue Amendment 7*
https://www.senate.mo.gov/26info/pdf-bill/tat/SJR95.pdf
Ballot Language: *Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to establish a permanent public endowment fund to support state government instead of taxing Missouri residents, prohibit the General Assembly from appropriating or diverting the fund, and eliminate state-imposed taxes once the fund generates sufficient revenue to replace them?*
Analysis: This is a rework of Amendment 5 from the August 4 Primary Election that was defeated by 80% of voters in Missouri. The ballot language implies a tax cut and proposes an endowment fund. The General Assembly has the power to set up a public endowment fund and cut taxes without voter approval. However, Amendment 7 states: "the General Assembly shall retain full authority to appropriate funds from any lawful source and to enact legislation establishing or increasing taxes or other revenues as necessary". Like Amendment 5, Amendment 7 will allow MO legislators to raise taxes without voter approval. This amendment increases the opportunity for bribery of legislators and shifts the burden of taxes from the wealthy to the poor.
Suggested Action: Please Vote on or Before November 3.

Your Voting Plan on or before Tuesday, November 3

Let us know if you need help with your plan to vote this election season.

TAD's Final Zoom on *The Book Club for Troublesome Women*

November 3 (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, November 3rd, as Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD) has its final discussion of *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*. We'll discuss Chapters 26 - the end of the book, and anything else from the book that participants want to discuss. We'd love to have you join us on Zoom on November 3rd! Feel free to stop in at 1:45 for fellowship before the book discussion starts. We'd love to have you join us on Zoom! For more info, reach out to Jackie Eiffert **jeiffert2@gmail.com**

Election Night Communion

Tuesday, November 3 | 7pm | Webster UMC - 600 N Bompart WG 63119
All are welcome and encouraged to gather at Webster United Methodist to worship and to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion together. This service is a collaboration of Maplewood, Unity, Webster, Lafayette Park, and Grace United Methodist Churches, and it is open to all. The Church is called to be a community of resistance and refuge, and the unity of the sacrament is stronger than the toxic animosity of an election. So go to the polls, then come to the table. Questions? Debbie Reinhardt **deborahreinhardt@att.net**

The Day After ~ Conversations Over Cookies or Pie

Cookie Chat!
Wednesday, November 4 | 10-11am | Gathering Space
Join us the morning after the election for a conversation about what you are thinking and how you are feeling. We will also share some ideas about faith responses to where we find ourselves.
We will have coffee, cocoa and cookies. Feel free to bring a dozen cookies – though not necessary! Questions? kevin@parkwayucc.org

Let's Have Pie!
Wednesday, November 4 | 7pm | Peace UCC at Eden Seminary
Let's talk about what comes next: not who won, but how we live and work together to build the community we want. Special thanks to the Peace UCC bakers who will provide homemade pies. The doors open at 6:30pm and tabletop conversations start at 7pm. Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/real-conversations-tickets-2003462115118?aff=oddtdtcreator

AMOE ~ Adventurous Men Out Early

Thursday, November 5 | 9:15am | Heritage Room
Remember the "Coffee Talk" SNL sketch? Well, the men of Parkway have their own version. We next meet on Thursday, November 5 at 9:15am in the Heritage Room. Want to sleep in and not get up that early? That's just fine. Please come when you can.
Questions? Please see Richard Scherrer **90fivetpr@gmail.com**

Circle of Concern's *Thanksgiving Program* – thru Nov 6

Five area churches are collecting 10 different food items as part of Circle's Thanksgiving care for families. This year, however, instead of packing each of the items in individual boxes, they 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!

Goal: 100 of each of the items listed below. All items need to be at church by Friday, November 6 and placed in the 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, apple sauce, mandarin oranges), chicken/turkey/vegetable broth (32oz 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**

Go AWOL! *Adventurous Women Out Late*

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

Friday 11/06: Dinner out - RSVP to Carmen and receive the details.

Sunday 12/13: *Allegro* Concert - details to come in early November.

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

Tuesday Evening Dialogue *How to Read a Book*

Tuesday, November 10 | 6pm in person; 6:45pm Zoom | Penico Home; Zoom

November 10 only - gather at Paige Penico's home (ask Helen for address). Please join us for our last session discussing *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. This novel follows the journey of three characters, Violet, Frank and Harriet and their converging paths. The author explores the effects of incarceration, the healing power of books, finding a family and the importance of forgiveness of self and others.

We will be discussing the last third of the book from Chapter 22 "Violet" (p. 191) to the end of the book. Paige has offered to host TED this evening to give us the amazing opportunity to meet and learn about her parrots - since African Gray parrots have a very important role in this book.

TED meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the Heritage Room. Potluck dinner starts at 6pm; book discussion starts at 7pm.

If you can't join us in-person you are welcome to Zoom starting at 6:45pm. For questions contact Helen Race at **raceh@att.net**

ZOOM LINK:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84944039731?pwd=0zUOvAjuiGPmKEpn2Jyg08gIAeDx0y.1 > Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

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. UPDATE: we need 100 more gravy packets and several more can openers by November 8. Thanks for your support! Questions? Sally Dodge **s.dodge@hotmail.com**

Speaker Series

Sunday, November 8 | 11:15am-12:15pm | Heritage Room
"Kent and Jameson's Excellent Adventure," by the Tallyn Boys.
A Boundary Waters canoe trip is a back country camping adventure centered on canoe travel through a vast, roadless network of glacial lakes and pine forests, along the U.S.-Canada border, You pack all your food, shelter, and clothing and then you paddle across lakes. When the land blocks your path, you "portage"- meaning you carry the canoe and all your heavy gear across dirt, rock, or mud trails to reach the next lake. There are no roads, motorized vehicles, cell towers, or electricity. It forces you to unplug from modern technology and align your schedule with the rising and setting of the sun. The region boasts some of the cleanest, most pristine water in America. It is also designated as a dark sky sanctuary, making it a premier destination for stargazing and viewing the Northern Lights. The Tallyn Boys, along with Sara and Steven completed their boundary waters adventure last summer and now will share their story of a lifetime, family adventure.

Sunday, November 15 | 11:15am-12:15pm | Heritage Room
"Building Brain Healthy Habits," a Presentation of the Alzheimer's Association, St. Louis Chapter
Research shows there are everyday habits you can build today to help protect your memory and thinking as you get older- even reducing your risk of cognitive decline and possibly dementia. Join us to learn about healthy habits for your brain; the brain-heart connection; why brain health is important at all ages, and how to build your personalized action plan for brain-healthy habits.

All programs are held in the Heritage Room, following Worship from 11:15am - 12:15pm. Questions? Richard Scherrer **90fivetpr@gmail.com**

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Wednesday, November 11 | 10am | Panera: Manchester Rd, Des Peres by 270
Join us for a beverage and sweet treat. Come connect! No need to RSVP - just show up!
Upcoming dates:
Monday, December 7 at 2pm Wednesday, January 20 at 10am
Questions? Contact **kevin@parkwayucc.org;** 314-872-9330

PUCC Cooks Swing into Action - *Lunch for Tornado Victims*

Friday, November 13 | 9:30am | Kitchen
As you may remember, after the May 2025 Tornado, many St. Louis residents in North St. Louis became homeless. A group called *314 Oasis* was formed through grants to help citizens with home repair advice, housing, and food. A group of PUCCers volunteered to assist with some lunches for forty clients this fall - including Linda Tossing, Kris McKenzie, Deb Reinhardt, Diane Brost, Harold and Carol Cobb. Our first day to provide a meal was **October 9**. We will gather again on 11/13 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 slicing tomatoes, making sandwiches, and putting the 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**.
[Our next opportunity will be December 11.]

StL Storytelling Festival *A Boy and a Diva* with Archy Jamjun
Friday, November 13 | 7-8pm | Gathering Space at PUCC
PFLAG and the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance partner to present an evening with Archy Jamjun, curator of Outspoken LGBTQ stories at Sidetrack in Chicago. Archy will share a funny and heartwarming look at his coming-out story and the iconic divas who provided the soundtrack. The performance is for adults and will be followed by Q&A and refreshments. RSVP is appreciated but not required. Questions? Ready to RSVP? Contact Debbie Reinhardt **deborahreinhardt@att.net**

Interfaith Intertwine Faith 250 How have our faiths shaped America?
Saturday, November 14 | 6:30-8:30pm | Fellowship Hall and Gathering Space
Continue to mingle and deepen relationships with our Muslim and Jewish friends for an evening of conversation, learning, and community as we explore the role that different faith traditions have played in shaping America.
The evening will include Havdalah (a candle ceremony that closes out the Sabbath), a discussion on Faith 250 and faith
contributions to America, perspectives from different faith communities, and small-group table conversations.
We are looking for a few people to bring halal and kosher treats to enjoy together during the discussions.
People of all faiths and backgrounds are warmly welcome. We hope this evening creates an opportunity to learn from one another, build friendships, and celebrate the diverse faith communities that are part of the American story. We look forward to seeing you!
Questions? Ready to RSVP? Want to bring an interfaith snack to share? Please fill out this form: https://forms.gle/qSDmdDbbe9g8XyBs8
Please reach out to our own Paige or Lisa, PUCC Intertwine Coordinators.
Lisa Mason **lmason624@sbcglobal.net**
Paige Penico **andipaige@hotmail.com**

Parkway Adventurers: *Weldon Spring Site and Interpretive Center*
Friday, November 20 | 9:30am carpool | St Charles and Defiance MO
Have you ever wondered what that big hill is on Highway 94 near Francis Howell High School? Come find out! Please join the Parkway Adventurers as we head to *The Weldon Spring Site and Interpretive Center* (opened in 2022), followed by lunch at *Defiance Ridge Vineyards*.
If you'd like to carpool, please meet at the church at 9:30 and we'll tour the facility starting at 10am. There will be a short talk by a docent followed by self-guided exploration of the museum and site. *The Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center* delves into the history of the area and details the cleanup process that resulted in construction of the 41-acre engineered disposal cell related to the *Manhattan Project*. The surrounding gardens, prairie, trails, and disposal cell viewing platform are open to the public to explore. It's a

beautiful site and a fascinating museum. The disposal cell is open to the public during daylight hours via a staircase and crushed gravel walkway.
A viewing platform allows a panoramic view of St. Charles County and surrounding Howell Prairie. *The Interpretive Center* is located at 7295 S Highway 94, Saint Charles, MO 63304, and *Defiance Ridge Vineyards* is at 2711 S Hwy 94 Defiance, MO 63341. Please email Jackie Eiffert if you questions and/or are planning to attend **jeiffert2@gmail.com**

Harvest Decorating... Advent Decorating

Saturday, November 21 | 10-11:30am | Sanctuary
We'll decorate the chancel area with harvest items for Sunday, November 22. **Hanging of the Greens** for Advent and Christmas will take place after worship on Sunday, November 22... Advent begins on *November 29*!
Help us celebrate the holidays by decorating the Sanctuary, Gathering Space and out front! Questions? Carol Cobb **ccjcobb@aol.com**

Learn the Art of Sourdough

Saturday, November 21 | 1pm | Heritage Room
Join us for a hands-on Sourdough Workshop to discover the secrets to baking your own delicious bread from scratch. Learn about the history of sourdough, basic sourdough terminology, and basic techniques to establish your own sourdough tradition in your own kitchen. Each participant will go home with their own live sourdough starter and a loaf ready to bake later that night! Light refreshments will be provided.
• Cost: $20 per person - proceeds will benefit the PUCC Outreach Ministry.
• Bring: A large mixing bowl (preferably not metal) and a mixing spoon.
• Tools beneficial to have at home for afterwards: digital scale, dutch oven
• RSVP Deadline: Saturday, November 14
To reserve your spot, please contact Michelle Brueggemann **michellebrue82@gmail.com**

Know What to Do in a Medical Emergency

Sunday December 6 | 12-2:30pm | Fellowship Hall
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 in Parkway's Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 6 from 12-2:30pm. Emergency procedures are included for both adults and children. 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 - a few spots remain.

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 - $55/participant. There is no charge for residents of West County EMS Fire Protection District. Thus, home address is required with registration.

If you have questions or want assistance signing up, please contact Richard Race **racerichardg@gmail.com**

Pen Pals Needed to Write LGBTQ Inmates in Missouri

The LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance is writing to LGBTQ+ inmates in Missouri prisons. The interfaith coalition, in response to news of trans inmates no longer having access to hormone replacements (HRT), has 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**

All Church Read – *Blessed Minds*

Monday, November 30 | 1-2:15pm on Zoom | 6:30-8pm in the Heritage Room
Calling all PUCCers to be a part of a book discussion! From time to time, we come upon a book that we would like as many PUCCers as possible to read. **Blessed Minds:** *Breaking the Silence About Neurodiversity* is such a book. *Good Reads* invites us to explore ~
Many churches are unintentionally exclusive toward people whose brains work differently. *Blessed Minds: Breaking the Silence About Neurodiversity* helps churches embrace the gifts of neurodiversity and become a place of belonging for all. In this book, we will learn
• What neurodiversity is (and isn't)
• How to create neuroinclusive worship
• Practical tips for welcoming neurodivergent families.
• Theological insights into neurodiversity as part of God's good creation.

Look for a print or audio copy through your favorite provider. We will have a few copies available as we want to help clear the path for wide participation.

Join us on Monday, November 30 from 1-2:15pm on Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83486577938?pwd=VbBK04u8I3I8hp8tOprfbldalOkbsL.1 Meeting ID: 834 8657 7938; Passcode: 107488

Available in person? Come Monday, November 30 from 6:30-8pm to the Heritage Room. Bring some treats to share if you'd like!
Questions? **kevin@parkwayucc.org**

Signs! Signs! Everywhere There's Signs!

You have noticed signs in front of PUCC encouraging people to "Vote No on 3." This decision was unanimously approved by our Church Council.

The United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting reproductive freedom and access to healthcare, including abortion. It comes down to the belief that people should be trusted to make deeply personal healthcare decisions with their doctors, their families, and according to their own faith and conscience.

Amendment 3 goes beyond abortion. A "yes" vote would repeal the reproductive healthcare protections Missouri voters approved in 2024. It would also impact gender-related care for minors.

As an *Open and Affirming* congregation, we believe that caring about dignity, personal autonomy, and access to appropriate healthcare includes our transgender neighbors and young people, too.

Putting signs in front of our church is one way we can make our values visible in our community. It isn't about telling everyone what they must believe. It's about being honest about what we believe and what we feel called to stand for.

And separation of church and state doesn't mean churches have to remain silent about public policy. It means the government doesn't impose the beliefs of one religion on everyone else. In fact, an interfaith partner approached us with the request to put up the sign. As people of faith, we can speak about the values that guide us and advocate for the policies we believe reflect those values while respecting that others may come to different conclusions. This is part of what it means for us to live out our faith through ***Limitless Love, Courageous Action, and Spirited Inquiry.***

Contact Barb Harris, Council President (barbharris@charter.net) or Kevin Cameron, Pastor (kevin@parkwayucc.org) if you have questions or comments.

Parkway UCC, 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.
Limitless Love: Just as God's love knows no boundaries, our love and care extend to all of God's children. We are an inclusive community and engage in interfaith partnerships to grow in love and widen our welcome.
Courageous Action: We believe that following Christ's example means taking action to advocate for and support those in pain or in need. God calls us to oppose injustice and create *a just world for all*.
Spirited Inquiry: We seek spiritual nourishment through open-minded inquiry, not prescribed doctrines. We value questioning and respect varied beliefs, appreciating both ancient scriptures and contemporary wisdom. *God is still speaking*.

Allergic to God

Molly Baskette

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked. - Galatians 6:7a (NRSV)

Ask the evangelical internet, and you might hear that Christianity is under attack by malevolent forces that hate Jesus Christ. The opposite is true: plenty of folk are angling to make our country a right-wing Christian theocracy, with some success.

But where I live in the Bay Area, to admit publicly that you are a Christian is to court immediate and vehement scorn. Which honestly I get, when I see how some of my co-religionists behave. Many of my neighbors think all Christians are fools, bigots, and/or potential domestic terrorists.

So I knew what I was in for at the Bay Area Book Festival, trying to sell something very few people wanted: a memoir of progressive faith. I'd even brought free stickers with quotes from the book. One sticker echoed Rumi, "Dance when you're broken open." Another said, "God is not an a-hole." Still another said, "God didn't send the disaster, but She will use it."

One guy glanced at my stickers, saw the word "God," and looked up at me. "Good luck with that," he said flatly, before moving on.

It's one thing to come for me and the spiritual siblings to whom I'm albatrossed by the name Christian. It's another thing to scorn God when you've had very little firsthand exposure to Christian community.

It's like they have an allergy to something that their bodies think is poison but might, under the right circumstances, turn out to be the bread of life.

Prayer:
God, we are a stubborn and prejudiced people, some in one way, some in another. Bend us. Feed us. Heal our anaphylactic response to what is truly You. Amen.

Consider signing up to receive these UCC daily devotions
from our God is Still Speaking writers if you don't already:

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

Prayer List

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Celebrations

Early Voting is open - *Vote with Love!*
PROMO Deep canvassers!
October foci: Hispanic Heritage; Breast Cancer; Books; Emotional Wellness; LGBTQ+ History; ADHD Awareness
All Saints Day 11/1 - please bring photo/item to remember loved ones.
Brenna Race & Christopher James wedding 11/7 (Rich/Helen Race)

Concerns

Andrea Barnes - preparing for surgery on October 29.
Val Detjen - recuperating from surgery last week.
Evelyn Buretta - being released from rehab facility; home PT in AZ.
Hoffman Family as they grieve and give thanks for Ralph.
Rick/Cheryl Schrenker and family **-** mourning/remembering Teresa.
Donna - strengthening in rehab after hospital (Dottie Dwyer's sister).
Kenelma and others - unjustly detained in ICE facilities (McDougall).
Patricia - brain damage from overdose (Jones-Goldstein).
Georgette - living with cancer (Jones-Goldstein).
Trans inmates in MO prisons who are denied gender-affirming care.
Victims, families, community of **recent school shootings** in the US.
The people of **Spain** - grief after the catastrophic and deadly train crash.
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).
Mark McKenzie - strengthening after hospitalization (Tom's brother).
Matthew and Tiffany - as they sort through his many medical challenges and find a path forward with family support (Thomé).
Lindsey - parenting 4 with Brent; lung cancer diagnosis (Schmelig).
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.

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