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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 Andy Lowenthal.
Flowers given by Greg Schmelig in honor of November bdays.
Treats provided by Helen and Rich Race.
Our Prayer Chaplain this morning is Kari Borgmann.
If you would like to volunteer for any of these serving opportunities or join the corresponding group, please scan the QR code and click on the **Serving Opportunities Calendar**. Thanks!

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Mental Health Support

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

Birthdays

11-15 Stephanie Polster
11-17 Linda Tossing
11-18 Greg Schmelig and John Russell
11-20 Kim Livengood
11-21 Ella Penico and Carol Wilbois
11-22 Lana Biondo

Anniversaries

11-21 Gerry and Mike Rogers
11-21 Nancy and Jack Litzinger

21st Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live
When you see the (*), please rise in body or spirit - depending on your comfort.

Prelude *Prelude on MADRID*
Arr. Carolynn Hamlin

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Playing it safe is the riskiest choice we can ever make.
~Sarah Ban Breathnach

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

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* | #150, v 2-3 red hymnal



Scripture Matthew 25:14-30 | New Revised Standard Revised (NRSVue)
Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'"
His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

*Call to Worship

One: God calls us to bring our gifts, our questions, and our willingness to participate.

Many: We come with different abilities, different experiences, and different comfort levels with risk.

One: Some are ready to step forward; others need time to consider the possibilities.

Many: There is room for courage and caution, for action and reflection.

One: Like Deborah, may we seek wisdom, speak with courage, and work through conflict.

Many: Like those entrusted with gifts, may we invest what we have - rather than bury it in fear.

One: Come, let us worship the God who calls us into meaningful relationship and faithful action.

Many: May the Spirit move among us, helping us discover what is ours to do.

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

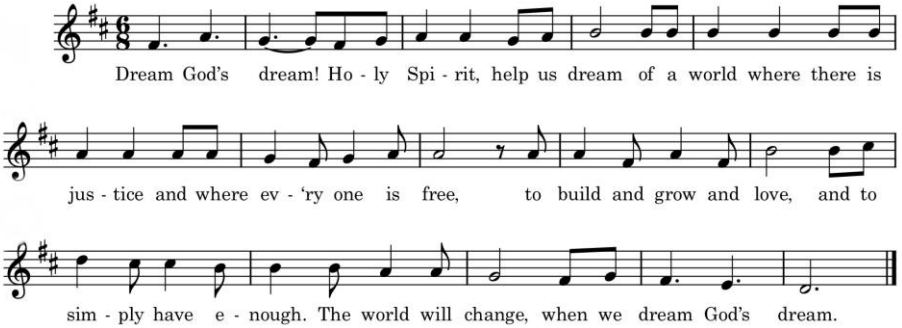
***Song** O God, We Yearn for Safety (tune: O Jesus, I Have Promised)
Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette



*Opening Prayer

Generous and challenging God, you have entrusted each of us with gifts, abilities, opportunities, and responsibilities. Sometimes we are eager to take a risk; other times we hesitate, uncertain of what might happen. Sometimes we lead, and sometimes we need the wisdom of others to help us find our way.
Give us the courage of Deborah to speak up, address conflict, and move toward what is right. Help us recognize when our caution is wisdom and when it is simply fear holding us back.
May we use what we have been given not for our own gain, but for the well-being of others and the flourishing of your world.
Open our hearts to what you are asking of us today. Amen.

***Response** *Dream God's Dream*



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 caregivers will meet them at the door. Older children and youth will be led to Room 12 (lower level) for the Opening Session after Children's Time. Children from age 3 to 2nd grade will stay in 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 class. For children in Room 06, parents please pick them up after worship. Children and youth from age 3 thru high school can be met in the Gathering Space just outside the Sanctuary after worship, as the teachers will bring them back upstairs after class.

Blessing the Children *The Farmer Plants the Seeds*
(tune: *The Farmer in the Dell)*
The farmer plants the seeds,
The farmer plants the seeds,
They grow up strong and spread around,
With lots of grain to feed!

Scripture Judges 4:4-5 | Common English Bible (CEB)
Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was a leader of Israel at that time. She would sit under Deborah's palm tree between Ramah and Bethel in the Ephraim highlands, and the Israelites would come to her to settle disputes.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

Time of Prayer *Lead Me, Guide Me*



Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer sung to the tune by Nate Stout



Leadership Moment Courageous Action: *Environmental Ministry*

Stewardship Moment *There Our Hearts Will Be* Kari Borgmann

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.
www.parkwayucc.org/giving

Offering Interlude *Simple Gifts*, American folk
Arr. Andrew Emmet

***Response** *Here Are Our Hearts*

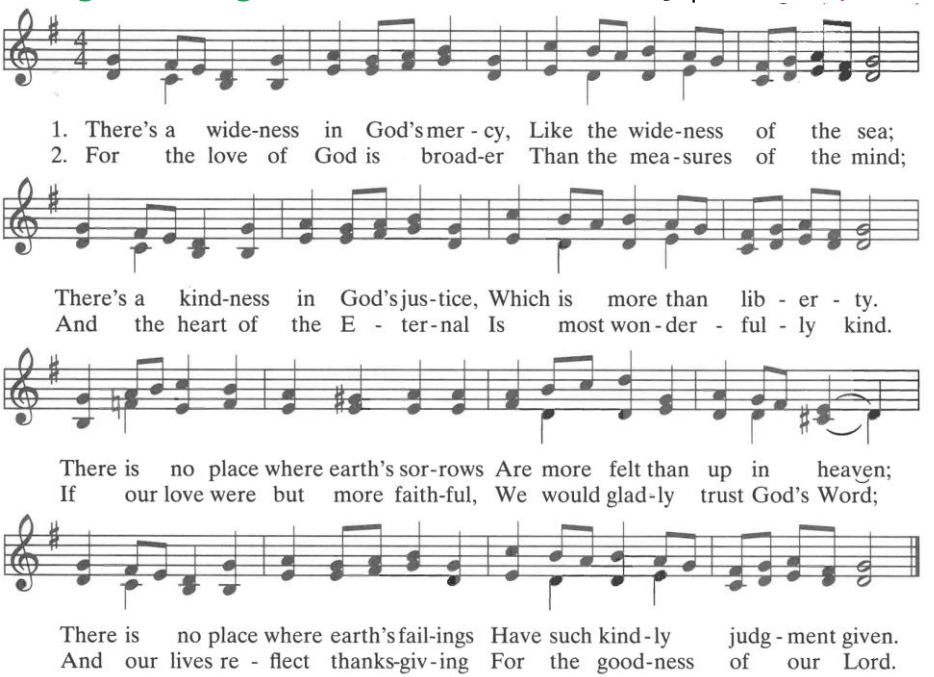


***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, we offer these gifts as a reflection of what we have received and what we hope to share. May these offerings be more than resources placed in a basket. May they represent our willingness to invest in people, nurture possibilities, address needs, and participate in creating a more compassionate and just world. Help us remember that everyone has something to contribute, even when our gifts look different or our approaches differ. Give us wisdom to know when to take a risk, courage to act when something needs to change, and grace when we disagree about the way forward. May what we offer, and what we do with our lives, become a blessing to others. Amen.

***Music Invitation** Aria Thome

***Song of Parting** *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* | #298 red hymnal



***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** *Postlude on IN BABILONE*
Arr. Mark Riippe

A Place to Listen, Question, and Belong

Life brings different challenges at every age. Whether we're navigating uncertainty, loneliness, changing relationships, loss, or simply the demands of everyday life, or one more mid-term advertisement, we all need places where we can connect with others and feel that we belong. At Parkway UCC, our shared experiences of music, worship, and community invite us to explore life's deeper questions together, without expecting everyone to have the same answers or beliefs. Sometimes the questions themselves are enough. Our choir is one expression of this community, where listening matters more than singing, and participation matters more than perfection. With our upcoming **Lessons and Carols service on December 13 and Christmas Eve worship**, consider joining the choir for the season. It's an opportunity to experience the joy of creating music together, with no expectation of continuing beyond Christmas. Come discover viscerally, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually what it feels like to be part of something so sacred and shared. There's room for your voice, your questions, and especially…your ineffable presence. Questions? **aria@parkwayucc.org**



There Our Hearts Will Be ~ 2027 Pledge Campaign

The Stewardship Commission continues to be grateful for the response for 2027 pledges from the congregation! As of last Sunday, we are currently at $195,000 which is 45 % of our goal of $425,00.

Giving is an act of faith. When we give, we place our trust in God rather than in what we own.

As a reminder - any pledge amount is welcomed!

If you would like to pledge, you may do so either by using the included QR code which will take to you our website, or http://www.parkwayucc.org website, then select Worship & Giving, then select Pledging. Or you are welcome to use a *pledge card* available on the bulletin table.

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

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**

Speaker Series

TODAY - 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**

TAD Begins Next Book - The Thursday Murder Club

November 17 (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 17th, as Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD) begins the book The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. Set in a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to solve cold cases and investigate unsolved murders. The book is a blend of witty humor, clever puzzle-solving, and a warm-hearted look at aging and deep friendship. We'll discuss this book over three sessions. Please read through Chapter 33 for this meeting. We'd love to have you join us on Zoom on November 17th! Feel free to stop in at 1:45 to visit and share what's happening in our lives, and get to know one another better, before the book discussion starts. For more info, reach out to Jackie Eiffert **jeiffert2@gmail.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**

Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil and Community Gathering

Friday, November 20 | 4-7pm | MTUG and the Transgender Memorial Garden
3133 Oregon Ave, St. Louis, MO 63118

Join Metro Trans Umbrella Group (MTUG) for *Transgender Day of Remembrance*. Event opens at 4pm with food, drinks, and community. At 5:30, after the sun goes down, we'll walk together to the Transgender Memorial Garden for a service led by Nokie Rae, MTUG's Executive Director, with words from Eli Anthony, Outward Pastor at Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis and Blessings from the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Afterward, MTUG stays open until 7pm for anyone who wants to stay, eat, and be together. Please start with us so we can walk to the garden as a group. If walking a few blocks is hard for you, let us know and we'll give you a ride. If you'd like to help set up, please email **info@stlmetrotrans.org**

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**

Advent Decorating

Sunday, November 22| 11am | Sanctuary

Hanging of the Greens for Advent and Christmas will take place after worship on Sunday, November 22, as 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**

TASOM Thanksgiving: Annual Friendship Dinner

Monday, November 23| 6-8pm | 9201 Watson Rd, St. Louis, MO 63126

Our Muslim friends from the Turkish American Society of Missouri (TASOM) have invited us to their new home! This year's annual Thanksgiving gathering is especially meaningful because after a long journey of planning, building, and dreaming, their *new TASOM building is finally ready to host events and dinners*, and they would be honored to welcome you for this special evening.

They are grateful for our friendship and support throughout the years, and they look forward to celebrating this occasion together.
The evening will feature:

- A traditional Thanksgiving dinner with vegetarian options.
- Opportunities to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.
- Stories of gratitude, community, and friendship.
- A special reflection on the journey to their new community center.

As TASOM begins this new chapter, they would be honored to share their table and their gratitude with you.
Please RSVP:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_E998jbkXobVChxrNOWypdXVH1DJg-heN8r4nBMY_2OA7rQ/viewform

Tuesday Evening Dialogue *New Book on the Horizon*

Tuesday, November 24 | 6pm in person; 6:45pm Zoom | Heritage Room
Please join us on Tuesday November 24 for Potluck at 6pm in the Heritage Room and book discussion starting at 7pm. Our next book is currently in the process of being selected and will be included in next week's eNews and Sunday bulletin. If you can't join us in person, you are welcome to attend on Zoom which starts at 6:45pm.
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

Original Cemetery Cleanup

Sunday, November 29 | 11:30am – 1:30pm | 1930 Windmoor Place 63131
German Evangelical Protestant Cemetery (first burial in 1849)
Join us as we honor our ancestors and care for their resting place just down the street off Clayton Road and the overpass at 270. Bring leaf blowers, trimmers or rakes you might have handy. Please bring gloves and a water bottle. We will have our church shredder there too. All ages welcome.
Questions? RSVP? Please contact Joe Biondo **jjbiondo19@gmail.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 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**

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**

Coffee and Conversation with Kevin

Monday, December 7 at 2pm | 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 date: Wednesday, January 20 at 10am
Questions? Contact **kevin@parkwayucc.org;** 314-872-9330

Meet and Greet our Newest PUCC Staff Member

Tuesday, December 15 | 10-11:30am | Heritage Room
Barb Harris, Council President, is hosting a series of meet and greets to allow members to meet our new staff member, Jennifer Wassenaar. The first seven people who respond will be invited for December 15. Others will be invited in 2027. Hope many of you can participate! Questions? RSVP? Please contact Barb Harris **barbharris@charter.net**

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

Friday, December 11 | 9am | 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 help provide lunches for fifty clients this fall and winter, including Linda Tossing, Kris McKenzie, Deb Reinhardt, Diane Brost, Harold and Carol Cobb. Our first day providing a meal was October 9, and another was Nov. 13. We will gather again on **Friday, December 11 at 9am** in the Parkway kitchen to heat donated brunch casseroles, make a festive fruit salad, and bake muffins for a holiday brunch.

A group will head down to their offices on Delmar to help serve at around 10:50am. We will accept donations of brunch casseroles and fruit we can cut up for a festive salad. If you can assist with any of these donations, please contact Carol Cobb **ccjcobb@aol.com**

Go AWOL! *Adventurous Women Out Late:* Allegro Concert

Sunday, December 13 | 3 pm |
Allegro Choir has a home here as they rehearse weekly in our sanctuary and we have a connection with a good number of singers.
For more info, contact Carmen Bumgarner **cfbum@charter.net**

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**

Shine Your Light Team: The Election is Over ~ *Now What?*

The recent election results were truly remarkable. Regardless of how each of us voted, we proudly exercised our voice and shone our light on issues that matter. Together, we strengthened the initiative petition process, rejected gerrymandered maps, protected the public's right to vote on tax increases, preserved reproductive freedom, and approved critical funding for the Parkway School District.
After such significant victories, it may be tempting to take a well-deserved break until the next election cycle. Yet the months ahead present an important opportunity to focus on strengthening the political systems that influence fairness, representation, and social justice. With pre-filing of legislative bills for 2027 beginning on December 1, now is the time to stay informed, build momentum, and work together to understand and advance policies that reflect our shared values and vision for a more just and inclusive Missouri.

Our Next Steps:
● Post information about current state and local legislative actions as they arise.
● Concurrently post analyses of ideas designed to modernize our democracy and strengthen social justice. For example, we plan future postings on the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, and the psychological, social and financial implications of Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Missouri.
● Meet with new team members in November or Early December.

Suggested Action: Consider volunteering to serve on this team with 4-6 meetings per year. Interested? Please contact Ruth Huebner **ruthhuebner@hotmail.com** Watch the worship bulletin and eNews for more information.

Flowers and Treats 2027 Share the Joy of Worship and Fellowship! The 2027 Flower and Treat Calendar is now open, and a poster is in the Gathering Space. Donors will be encouraged to sign up on One Church; the team can show you how, or we can do it for you if requested. A QR code will help with that process. Donating flowers is easy through the Flower Team. The charge for two bouquets is $35.00, payable on One Church through credit card or a check in the offering plate. A representative will contact you the week before the date you select to confirm your flower choice and whether you'd like to take them home or donate one or both bouquets for homebound members. All members, young or old, appreciate donated refreshments after worship. We ask for about 100 small cookies or treats. Leave them unopened before service and then open them at the end of service. Please take home leftovers or wrap tightly and place in the church freezer for another time. For more information, contact Carol Cobb **ccjcobb@aol.com** or **Cobster70@gmail** or connect with Jennifer in the church office **jennifer@parkwayucc.org**

ECO Stewards ~ November

Hello from your Eco Steward Team. As we are enjoying the fall colors from our Pollinator Garden, we are excited about a new project in the works. This area is the ravine grounds on the north side of the parking lot, bordering Jennifer Lane. In this area, as well as all around the church, dead trees have now been removed, and others have been trimmed up. The ravine area has sunny, as well as shady, spots and we are envisioning a natural habitat area that would include shrubs, bushes, pollinator plants, etc. to offer color and peacefulness to the area that would also support wildlife health. We are not experts, but want to do it right, so we are partnering with Nick and Sue McMillion's granddaughters, who work in Habitat Restoration and Design. They've offered to help us redesign this area to improve our church's aesthetics. The project and partnership could create opportunities to strengthen our educational and environmental efforts within the church and the community. This includes identifying invasive and beneficial plant species on site as well as utilities, drainage, sun patterns and potential new plant material, along with a newly programmed design. We will be hosting a few all-church workdays and will announce them as they are determined. This would be a great opportunity to involve our youth as well, for many obvious reasons, so parents please keep this mind when the time approaches.
We look forward to making progress on this project and appreciate your support in elevating our connection to the natural world and our community.
A reminder from last month's article: **This fall, if you have seeds from natives in your own garden and would like us to use them for future plantings, please put them in a container and label them and give them to one of the Eco Steward members: Polly Rutherford, Lynn Sablemann, Michelle Singer, Kris McKenzie, Cindy Nouri or Linda Tossing.** Questions? **pollyrutherford@gmail.com**

Prayer List

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Celebrations

Veterans Day - as we remember, grieve, give thanks and pray today.
The students from Neuwoehner High School across the street who will place flags on the graves of veterans in our Elm Lawn Cemetery on 11/11.
Brenna Race/Christopher James - married 11/7 (Rich/Helen Race)

Concerns

Jo Grove - a number of medical tests this week and next.
Andrea Barnes, Val Detjen, Evelyn Buretta - healing journeys.
Donna - strengthening in rehab after hospital (Dottie Dwyer's sister).
Mike Bassler - medical issues and surgeries (Dodge).
Ongoing chaos in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia.
US military and families - Sera Watkins and **Anthony Williams**.

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]

Continuing

Alex Wiseman - living with autoimmune challenges.
Lori Connors - ongoing health concerns and challenges.
Carole Gwyn - continuing health issues (David's mother).
Judy Brueggemann - dealing with health challenges (Brad's mother).
Mark McKenzie - strengthening after hospitalizations (Tom's brother).
Matthew and Tiffany - as they sort through his many medical challenges and find a path forward with family support (Thomé).
Kenelma and others - unjustly detained in ICE facilities (McDougall).
Woodson - 4yo heart transplant recipient; more surgery this wk (Yakel)
Mac (Woodson's grandpa) - Parkinson's diagnosis (Yakel).
Bert - recovering from a car accident (Yakel).
Patricia - brain damage from overdose (Jones-Goldstein).
Georgette - living with cancer (Jones-Goldstein).
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 - through his ongoing health issues.
Gail, Bill and Christopher Haack - chronic health challenges.

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.



This unique event will get you in the spirit of Thanksgiving as we celebrate our diversity and unity with Imam Sabry; Sikh Punjabi dancers; a Christian Science reading; a song from Cantor Dan Brodsky from Temple Emanuel; Darius Savage and the New Northside Missionary Baptist Gospel Choir; Greek dancers; a Druid reflection; a Bahai reading; the Krishna children and youth performance and more.
Questions? Reach out to **kevin@parkwayucc.org**
Please RSVP on the IPSTL website - https://interfaithstl.org/