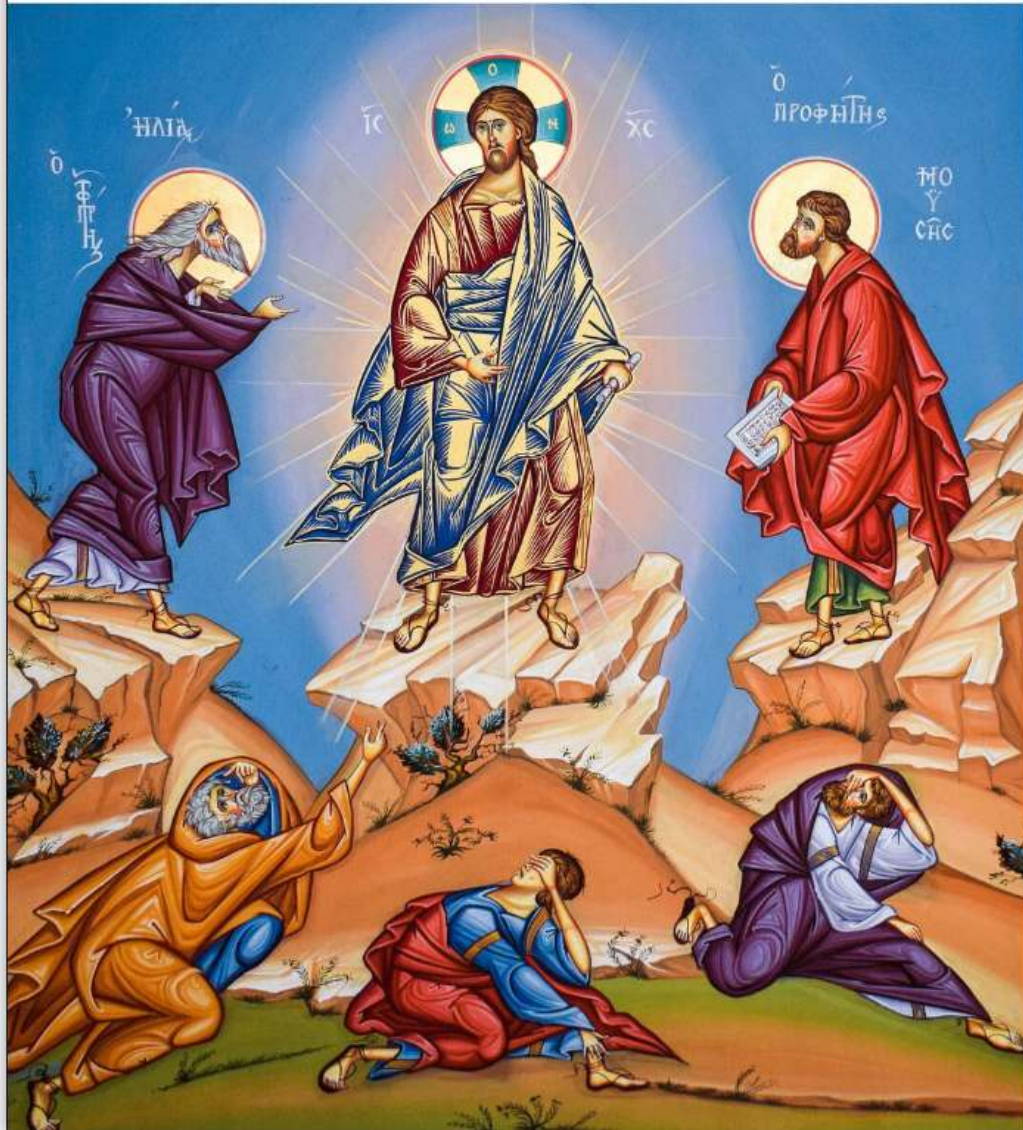


Transfiguration Sunday



“No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
on life’s journey,
You are welcome here.”



Welcome to Worship

Welcome to St. Paul Church. We are glad you are here!

9 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
10am Sunday School
11am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

Information for our friends ~

•Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a theological based sermon.
Our **11am Celebration Service** has contemporary Christian music with an uplifting message.

Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.

- The Nursery is open during 9 am service (first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary)
If the small person gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy.
- Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available, please see your ushers if you have any questions.
- Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio &
streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
- We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today. If you are new to St. Paul,
want your information updated or with us every week– let us know you are here!!
Please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.
- When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify
the church office. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or
phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

LEADING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP

<i>Lay Reader</i>	Lou Ryseff
<i>Radio</i>	Sherry Stepp
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Rick Haar
<i>Ushering Team</i>	Dana Rosenzweig, Beverly Brightwell, Leslie, Carly & Megan Dahm
.....	Tammy & Amber Flach, Judy Saeger, Carol Simon
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Scott Gentry, Jeanine Guthrie, Rose Hoy, Debbie Lippert, Sandy Kramer
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i>	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Music Ministry</i>	Chancel Choir
<i>Director of Music Ministry</i>	Dan Fry
<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian

St. Paul United Church of Christ
Transfiguration / Last Sunday after Epiphany

March 3, 2019 9:00 am

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament † Please stand if able

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

Gerard Krapf

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Something drew us together this morning

All: Something we can't name but which we experience in worship

One: Some holy mystery we call God

All: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus

One: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit

**All: May our experience of the Divine transform our
doubts and fears and prepare us to love the world.**

INVOCATION (unison)

**O God, you are beyond words and description, and your love is
beyond knowledge and explanation. Make our hearts ready to
receive you. Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory
of your transfiguration. We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

O Wonderous Sight, O Vision Fair

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
2 From age to age the tale de - clare, how with the
3 The law and proph - ets there have place, two cho - sen
4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

that the church shall share, Which Christ up - on the
three dis - ci - ples there, Where Mo - ses and E -
wit - ness - es of grace; The voice of God out
man - i - fest to - day What glo - ry shall be
vi - sion's mys - ter - y, For which in joy - ful

moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun, Christ glows!
li - jah meet, they with the Christ God's fu - ture greet.
from the cloud pro - claims the Hu - man One a - loud.
theirs be - yond, who live with - in God's lov - ing bond.
strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

+CALL OF RECONCILIATION

One: Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. "It's good for us to be here. Let's get comfortable." We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (Unison)

God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. Believe and accept God's love and live in God's freedom.

All: We believe! Thanks be to God!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak
Chancel Choir

Paul Bouman

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 34:29-35
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

SERMON

Leaving the Mountaintop

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, 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.**

RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

One: The needs of our world are too numerous to name.
Shelter, food, clean air and water..
Our gifts touch these needs,
but the biggest gift we can give is to love the world
so much that we give of ourselves.
Nothing will transform need more than sacrificial love.
So as you place money in the offering (plate, basket, etc.) today,
don't let your giving be done.
Start planning to go deeper.
May God now bless our hopes and dreams.

OFFERTORY

Let us Break Bread Together

arr. David Hegarty

+DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore;
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

+UNISON DEDICATION PRAYER

Fountain of Blessings, for the gifts in our minds, hearts, and hands, we give thanks. Surround these abundant blessings with your love and guidance. God of plentitude, share your wisdom with us so that we can utilize all gifts to build your Kin-dom. Amen.

+HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table



1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that



word, help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
life; send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is
feast where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and



stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as ____ our
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you ____ for -
least. There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace ____ de -



own; teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
gave; may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
stroy, as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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SERVICE OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

One: This is the joyful feast remembering the life and ministry of Jesus.

All: Each of us has travelled our own road to gather together around this table. We come seeking communion with God and with each other.

One: This table is open to all who wish to know God more deeply, to live in love and faithfulness as Jesus did and to share in the community of God's people.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

One: Holy One, You know and love each of us completely. We gather here to share this food and drink and in doing so remember the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

May our sharing and building up of one another empower us to live boldly and to speak out against injustice and oppression. We pray for the strength to resist the evils of our time, evils which divide us from each other.

Help us to stand for what is life-giving even at the risk of suffering for our beliefs and actions as Jesus did. Give us courage to love others as you love us especially when loving others comes with a price.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice.

Through your Holy Spirit, bless this bread and cup. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the Christ in our midst. Bless those who do not eat with us here now but still remain part of the extended table.

Gracious God, we thank you for your goodness and your constant presence with us as we remember Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

One: On the night of the Passover, Jesus asked for his friends to meet in a room-a room away from the chaos of the outside world to celebrate friendship, share concerns, rest with friends, and build the body and soul. The bread was blessed and broken by Jesus who shared the bread with his friends. Those present were thankful for the time and space of the feast.

All: We eat this bread in remembrance of the celebration between Jesus and his friends and the life-changing love of Christ.

One: At the wedding at Cana, as the wine vats ran dry, Mary knew the value of hospitality. The tables were to be filled, and the cups overflowing. Jesus blessed the vats filled with water, turning them into wine. The best refreshment was enjoyed by all.

All: We drink from our cups to celebrate the presence of Christ with those he loves. As we partake, we remember the new covenant.

One: As many were fed by the words of Jesus, they hungered for food. The loaves and fish were blessed and shared by Jesus, and thousands were fed!

All: We eat this meal in the presence of Christ knowing that we must go forward with courage, feeding others with foods that sustain the souls and bodies of those who hunger.


One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Distribution of Elements


Christ welcomes to the table all who seek his presence. The outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. The two inner circles contain wine. Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served, so we may commune together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Generous God, Thank you for being refreshed at this meal that we have shared together. Through Scriptures and this meal, we have been reminded of the importance of staying closely connected with You in spirit and with others in community. Now send us out refreshed, renewed and ready to proclaim and embody your love for all people as Jesus did. Amen.




1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our




ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -



to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us



sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our



like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com-plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

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+HYMN

We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding

+BENEDICTION

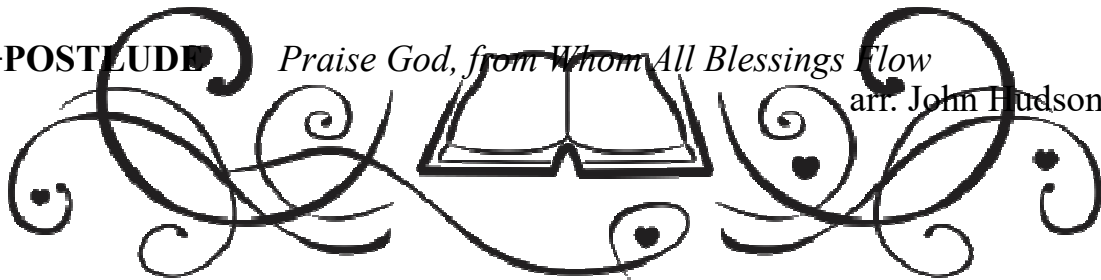
One: May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship. We have been changed. We can't be silent anymore. We have seen the Light of the World. Go and share the radiance of love!

All: Amen!

+POSTLUDE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

arr. John Hudson



All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded.

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Call to Reconciliation, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace, Invitation to Offering, Prayer of Dedication and Benediction from **“The Indescribable Radiance of Love”**: **Service Prayers for Transfiguration Sunday** written by the Rev. Dr. David Bahr, pastor of Park Hill Congregational United Church of Christ in Denver, Colorado.

The music today
is sponsored
in honor of:
Our 35th
Wedding Anniversary
Lynn & Lucy Bradley



Welcome

We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

Sunday mornings ~
9am worship
in sanctuary
10am Sunday School
on 1, 2 & 4 Sundays
11am worship
in Heritage Hall
stpaulucc.org

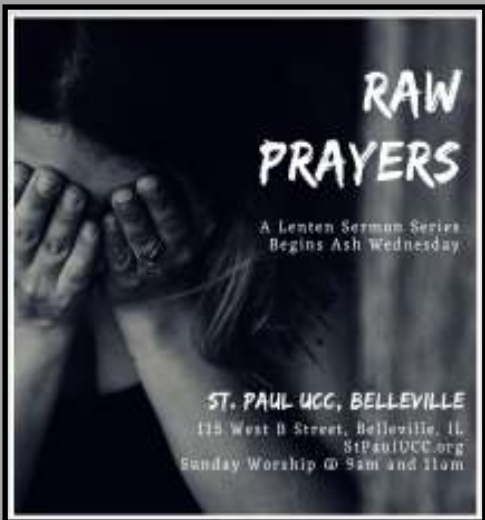
Mid-week Lenten Chapel Services 11:30 am Wednesdays Beginning March 13th

Musical offerings by St. Paul musicians,
as well as readings and hymns

Light lunch following service

Freewill Donation

Plan to come and be with us
as we meditate during Lent mid-week.



Mar 6 Ash Wednesday

Noon & 7pm

April 14 Palm Sunday

9am & 11am

April 18 Maundy Thurs

6pm

April 19 Good Friday

Noon & 7pm

April 20 Bunny Breakfast

10am – noon

April 21 Easter

9am & 11am



Lent

Please join us for a Shrove Tuesday
traditional pancake and sausage supper on
March 5th beginning at 6 pm. Hosted by
Mingles & Singles and the Christian
Education board, this is your last chance to
wear your beads and masks and enjoy a piece
of King Cake before Lent begins on Ash
Wednesday. A free will offering will be
received to help defray the cost of the meal.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



CONGEGATIONAL MEETING (rescheduled from Feb) Sunday, March 10th immediately following the 9am service Mark your calendars!



Pot Holders Please!

The kitchen is need of new or gently used pot holders. (No oven mitts, thanks) Bring to the kitchen or the office. Thank you!



Shirley Fritz Memorial Scholarship applications are now available in the Welcome Center, Church Office and on our website, stpaulucc.org.

2019 Adult Mission Trip

The adult mission team has chosen to help with recovery efforts in Hattiesburg, MS the week of June 2 - 8. The city was devastated by a 2016 flood and a 2017 tornado. The recovery effort will build 400 new homes and rehab 1500 existing homes. If you are interested in the trip or would like more information, please contact Roger Harris 277.3805 / roger.harris@bankofamerica.com Reservation deadline is March 31, 2019.



VBS - Save the Date - VBS

VBS will be on June 10th-14th this year—make sure to mark your calendars!



Keep your evenings free for VBS!
It's gonna be a 'Roar'ing good time!

Mingles & Singles St. Pat's celebration

Saturday, March 16th at 6:30pm
Judy Koch's house
2316 Slammer Dr, Belleville
Bring an appetizer or dessert and your adult beverage of choice and PARTY!



Our Easter Celebration

There are two special ways in which you can share in the Easter celebration.

We will be decorating the altar area with assorted spring flowers.

You may purchase a spring flower and/or make a memorial gift. Please use the form below.

EASTER MEMORIAL GIFT

Gift is given:

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

ASSORTED SPRING FLOWERS

The price is \$10.00.

Gift is given:

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

Please have this form and the appropriate check in the church office by Sunday, April 14.

You may take your flowers home after the 9:00 am service of worship on
Easter Sunday, April 21 or pick them up on Tuesday, April 23. Thank You.



stpaulucc.org

We have a wonderful team of St. Paul friends that keep our website up-to-date and interesting
Check out our website for:

Pastor Michelle's Sermons	Events	St. Paul History and Archives Info	
Calendar	Videos and Slide shows	MDO Info	Fine Arts Concert Info
President's Corner and Pastor's Letter from OSP		Youth Group Info	
Music Ministry Info	Our Team	News&Notes, Bulletins and OSP's (& more)	

St. Paul Women's Guild **SPRING Rummage** **& BAKE Sale**

**It's that time of year again for the St. Paul Women's Guild Rummage Sale!!!
And it's that time of year again -- for YOU to bring unwanted items to the church.**

All items such as clothing, children's things, household knick-knacks, linens,
books, dishes, small appliances (no furniture or tv's)
-- anything that you think would be of some use to someone in our community.
Please come to parking lot by garage door and then call office on buzzer
- we will come help.

Your items are needed **BEFORE** April 5th at Noon,
so that they may be set up for sale on Friday evening, 5:30 until 8:00 pm

Friday, April 5 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Saturday, April 6 9:00 am- Noon
(\$1.00 Brown Bag Special)

ST. PAUL UCC MISSION & OUTREACH FAIR



**SUNDAY, MARCH 31
10AM - 1PM**

We invite you to attend this
enlightening event
to discovery all the
possiblities around us.

Come and find out
more about:
BEACON
CampDuBois
Center of Hope
Community Interfaith
Food Pantry
Franklin Neighborhood
Association
Hoyleton Youth &
Family Services
Kids for Christ
Kindercottage
Lindenwood
Shoeman Water Project
St. Paul Fine Arts Concerts
St. Paul Home
and more!

**115 WEST B STREET
(ENTER ON C ST.)
BELLEVILLE, IL
stpaulucc.org**

CRAFTY MANIA

Proceeds to Benefit: The Summer Youth Musical (SYM)

Are you a Scrapbooker, Card Maker, Jewelry Maker, or like to Sew?
What ever your craft, join us!! Spend the day doing what you like!!

What: All Day Crafting

Bring your crafts & friends – have a 'crafty' day

When: Saturday, March 23, 2019

9am – 4pm

Reservation Deadline: March 18th

Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 4th

(Early Birds are entered in special drawing)

MANY RAFFLES AVAILABLE including CRICUT ACCESSORIES

Raffle tickets available for purchase at Crafty event!

Where: St. Paul UCC

115 West B Street (entrance on C Street) Belleville, IL

Price: \$30.00 with lunch / \$25 no lunch

Includes: snacks, vendors, reserved space, attendance prizes

Extended Hours Available! 9am–10pm \$35.00 per person (meals served) / NO meals \$30.00

Please note: IF the minimum number registered is not met by the deadline, the event will be
CANCELLED. NO Refunds given after March 21, unless cancelled by St. Paul.

Contact Person: Diana Haar - dmhaar@charter.net

Make checks payable to: St. Paul UCC

Mail payment & reservation to: St. Paul UCC
115 West B Street, Belleville, IL 62220
Attn: Crafty Mania

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I would like to sit by:

My craft is:

Enclosed is my payment of : (please circle ONE below)

- 1) \$30.00 with lunch 9am-4pm 2) \$25.00 no lunch 9am-4pm
3) \$35.00 w/lunch & dinner 9am-10pm 4) \$30.00 no meals 9am-10pm

Thank you!!!



CHRISTIAN ED SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE ST. PAUL CONGREGATION
 Christian Ed youth are participating in a service project called *Plarn*. You take plastic bags and recycle them into Bed rolls for the community in need. It takes 500 to 700 bags to make one bed. The bed rolls provide a waterproof, bed bug, lice free bed that also provides warmth. This project will also take the participation of the congregation. So if you are wanting to do something worthwhile, this is your opportunity for a great community project and also support our St. Paul youth in this worthwhile project. To start out we will need you all to collect plastic bags (large blue container in hallway). On March 17 when you go to the breakfast at coffee hour we will be putting on a demonstration how these plastic bags form together for crocheting. Please take



time to participate in collecting bags, & if you wish you can do some of the other steps at



home while you are watching TV. Looking forward to all of you participating together to support our youth and community.

Operation Shimmer

Have you ever marveled at the sun across the lake at DuBois Center? You're not the only one. Whether from a canoe, pontoon, bridge or beach, you can't help but appreciate the shimmer that comes across the lake from sunrise to sunset. In many ways, the lake is the heart of our camp. It supports camp activities, as well as wildlife and plants. Stand still and listen to the water lap, and feel the pulse of the camp. Just as human hearts sometimes need a little extra care, our lake needs some extra care right now, with some pressing improvements. The spillway pipe has outlived its lifespan. Temporary repairs bought time, but some Muskrat Love (for those of you old enough to remember the song) has hastened the need to make a major repair before summer camp this year. This means cutting the dam, replacing the pipe, rebuilding the dirt, and resurfacing the road. The only week out of the year when this is logically feasible is Holy Week, when there are no groups in camp. There's one other improvement needing to happen before summer, and that's air conditioning in Oak Lodge. Can we get an Amen? The shimmer of the lake in late July would look so much prettier if we all were shimmering a little less in the summer heat. It also will make the camp more attractive and accessible for campers and guests. Some dedicated AC funds are waiting to be used, and they will cover a portion of the cost. So welcome to Operation Shimmer. These expenses are larger than our typical improvement, and they need to happen over the course of the next four months. Based on estimates for both projects, our goal is \$60,000, with \$10,000 already received. The first money in goes to repair the spillway so the work can happen in April. Air conditioning will go in second, but still before camp fills in June. It's a tall order in a short time, but these projects require immediate attention. DuBois Center has tackled sudden expenses in the past with support from across the Conference. This time is no different. We need your donations, your Lenten fundraisers, your popup yard sales and trivia nights to meet the \$60,000 goal by the end of May. These repairs just can't wait. Help us keep our aquatic heart healthy and keep the shimmer on the lake. Donations can be sent to either address on the back, designated for Operation Shimmer. Thank you for your unwavering support of DuBois Center.



For Your Prayers

Bruce Elser
Marsha McCoy
Bill Whicher

For Your Thoughts

I exist as I am, that is enough. *Walt Whitman*

We know what we are, but know not what we may be.
William Shakespeare

A loving heart is the truest wisdom. *Charles Dickens*

This Week

Communion Sunday

Sun, Mar 3 **9am Traditional Serv**
10am Sunday School
11am Celebration Serv

Mon, Mar 4 10am exercise class
3pm Gov French
4:30 Girl Scouts

Tues, Mar 5 9am Quilters
1pm Food Prep
5pm Comm Dinner
6pm Basketball
6pm NAMI –Gen Rm
6pm Strove Pancake Dinner

Wed, Mar 6 *Ash Wednesday*
12 Noon Service
3pm Gov French
7pm Service
Band / Bells / Choir

Thurs, Mar 7 1pm Homeless BB Mtg
4pm Masterworks
6pm Worship Bd
6:30 PFLAG

Friday, Mar 8 9:30 S&N Bd
3pm Gov French

For Your Information

We want to know
YOU are here!
Please make sure
to sign in the pew pad
in your pew.



NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness
of So. Illinois will be conducting free classes
here at St. Paul. Tuesdays evenings at 6pm
beginning March 5th. NAMI's Family to Family
will cover a different topic each week.
Class space is limited.



Thank You

Weekly Attendance

	Feb 17, 2019	Feb 18, 2018
9am /11am	112/19	106/16

Offering for 02/17/2019 - \$7421		General Fund		Needed each week \$13,281	
Giving to...	\$82,732				
Budget to...	\$92,967				
Total Budget					\$690,615