

Prayers of Joy *in Uncertain Times*



“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
10 am Mission Fair in the Activities Center

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>	Jan Friedrich
<i>Radio</i>	Donna Davis
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Greg Seaman and Rick Haar
<i>Ushers</i>	Wayne Caughman, Brett, Elise, and Avery White, Bruce and Pam Elser
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Nancy Beasley, Beverly Clark, Sam & Sue Sivewright
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i>	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Music Ministry</i>	Scott Wilson & Logan Anderson and Chancel Choir
<i>Director of Music Ministry</i>	Dan Fry
<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019 9:00 am

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Blessings

Laura Story

Scott Wilson and Logan Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 126)

One: God has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

All: Restore our well-being, O God.

One: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

All: Restore our joy, O God.

**One: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their grain.**

One: Restore our laughter, O God.

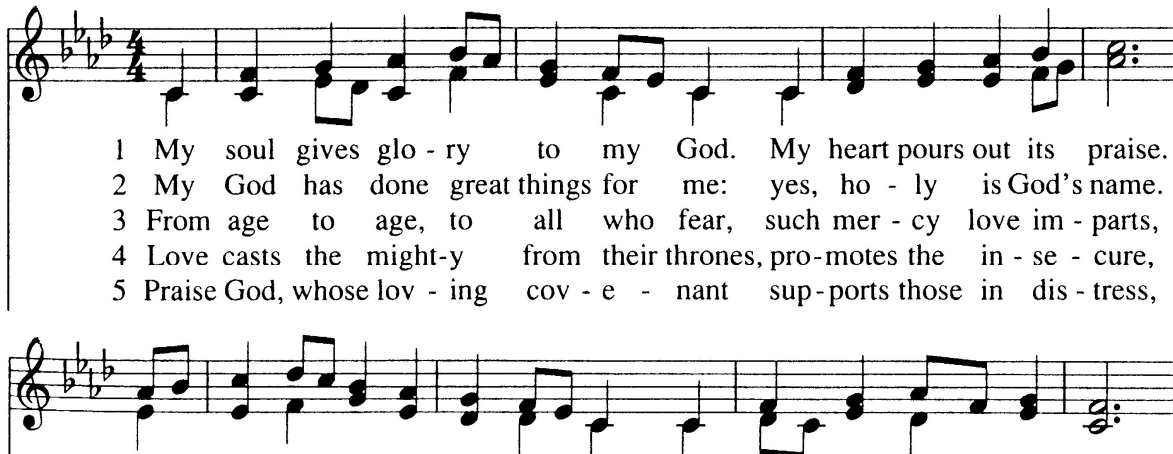
INVOCATION (unison)

Loving God, Divine Bliss -

**As fearful storms rage in our lives, Your light becomes trapped
behind clouds. And yet, we patiently wait for Your Divine rays to
spill upon our lives again. We stay with You until the storms
pass. We remain until we hear songs of comfort and cheer. May
Your laughter sprinkle upon us again. May the joy that transcends
sorrow fill our hearts. May we once again see Your delight
expanding across our world. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

My Soul Gives Glory to My God



1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My heart pours out its praise.
2 My God has done great things for me: yes, ho - ly is God's name.
3 From age to age, to all who fear, such mer - cy love im - parts,
4 Love casts the might-y from their thrones, pro-motes the in - se - cure,
5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup-ports those in dis - tress,

God lift - ed up my low - li - ness in man - y mar-vel-ous ways.
All peo - ple will de - clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
dis - pens-ing jus-tice far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
leaves hun - gry spir-its sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud-den-ly poor.
re - mem-ber-ing past prom-is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

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+PRAYER TO RECONCILIATION

Gracious God, we surround ourselves with clouds instead of naming our items of gratitude. We encircle ourselves with billowing stress instead of searching for Your warm comfort. We grasp misery instead of risking all we have to find happiness again. Forgive us for the times we consciously choose fear and dread instead of love and joy. May Your peace move us to Your realm of tranquility. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Siblings in faith, God's grace is a stirring force, and God's grace will transform our lives. Through God's grace, may we find new ways of living and loving again!

All: Amen! 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

MISSION MOMENT One Great Hour of Sharing Sandy Wagner

ANTHEM *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. William Dawson
 Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:39-56

CHOIR LENTEN RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Thomas Birkner

CHOIR LENTEN PSALM, FROM PSALM 95 Thomas Birkner

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Thomas Birkner



SERMON Prayers of Joy in Uncertain Times

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: We sing songs of joy in uncertain times, and we serve our world even when our hearts are crying. In days of gladness and despair, we share what we can with God and our neighbor. May we share what we can in this space and time.

OFFERTORY

Abridge

Ashley Grote

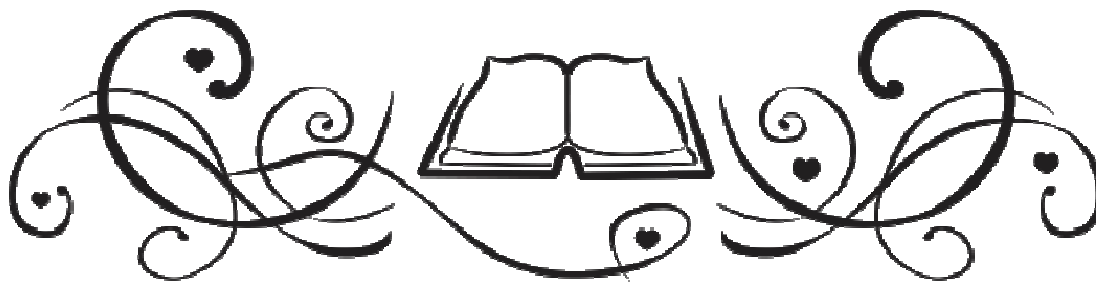
+DOXOLOGY

We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gifts may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

+UNISON DEDICATION PRAYER

From our singing hearts, O God, we share our abundance with you. Bless our gifts. May they transform our congregation and community, and may they transform our spirits and the work of our hands. Amen.



+CLOSING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

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+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Thomas Birkner



+BENEDICTION

One: Divine Bliss -

**As we move throughout this week,
May we push through clouds which mar our way.
May we continue to dream Your dreams.
May we find patience in discerning Your call.
And may we continue to sing songs of comfort and joy until
the storms have passed and the sun's rays find us again.
Amen.**

All: Amen!

+POSTLUDE

Intrada

Robert J. Powell

Information about today's service:

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

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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

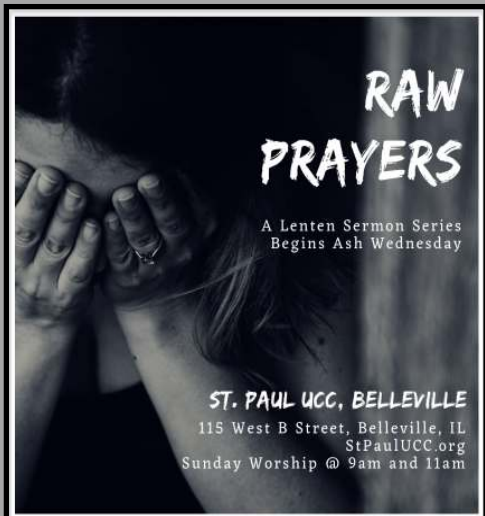
Mid-week Lenten Chapel Services

11:30 am Wednesdays

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.



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

St. Paul Mother's Day Out



St. Paul Mother's Day Out in Belleville is searching for a new Program Director to lead the educational program for children from two to five years of age. The program strives to provide a caring and enriching environment for children to develop and grow socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically. If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for the position to help lead this mission please submit your cover letter and resume to mdodirectorsearch@stpaulucc.org by April 5th, 2019.

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Bunny Breakfast

Saturday, April 20th

10am-Noon

St. Paul UCC Activities Center

115 West B Street, Belleville, IL

(park & enter off C Street)

stpaulucc.org

Free event & Everyone is welcome

Breakfast ~ Egg Hunts ~ Games ~ Easter Bunny



A decorative border composed of numerous small, colorful Easter eggs with various patterns like polka dots, stripes, and swirls, arranged in a rectangular frame around the central text.

Easter Eggs are needed!!

Please bring plastic eggs with candy
or other age-appropriate items stuffed inside
for the Bunny Breakfast, to church
until Thursday, April 18th. Thank you!

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.



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)



Spring Concert
Sunday, April 28, 3 PM
St. Augustine Catholic Church
1910 West Belle St.
Belleville, IL
metroeastcommunitychorale.org
Free admission
Join the MECC at our annual Spring
Concert. Enjoy popular and spiritual
music sung by over 50 voices.

St. Paul UCC

Mission Fair

Sunday, March 31

10am - 11:30am

115 West B Street (enter on C Street)

Belleville, IL

stpaulucc.org

**Come & find out more about the
groups of St. Paul church and
organizations in our community.**

Information
on events
and groups

Free to the
Public



Prizes!

Fellowship
and Fun!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Welcome to Oebaki Oebaki (pronounced Oe-ba-key) is a small village in West Timor, Indonesia. It is considered one of the poorest communities in the country. The prefix “Oe” means water, but drought has stolen this town’s identity. Poverty abounds, and families struggle to feed their children. Imagine having a garden, but not being able to feed your family, or digging into the sand of a dry river bed in search of drinking water. Imagine your child whose been diagnosed with stunted growth, a preventable early childhood condition with lifelong consequences. Now imagine the world the way God intends. God imagines a world where all are fed, everyone has access to clean water, and all children grow up healthy. The author of Ephesians writes, “Now to God be the glory, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine...” (Ephesians 3:20). Your gifts to One Great Hour of sharing help make this world look more like the world God imagines. In Oebaki, your gifts help support well-trained savings and loan groups that allow families to buy resilient vegetable seeds for farming, yarn for weaving stunningly beautiful traditional fabric, and egg-laying chickens for a sustainable source of protein essential to prevent child stunting. These enterprises produce excess goods that families sell to generate income. Today in Oebaki, those who once struggled during the dry season and drought can now maintain a diversified diet by eating stored root vegetables from the last harvest, supplemented with greens purchased at the market. Nelci Tlonaen works hard in Oebaki with her husband and three children—two in elementary school and one entering high school. Despite the current drought, she feels confident that her family will persevere. “Even now, I can afford clothes and food for my children. I don’t have any difficulty paying for their school.” That’s what happens when we imagine the world as God intends. Through your gifts, a new reality exists for families in Oebaki and around the world.



**We will be collecting today
for One Great Hour of Sharing.**

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FINE ARTS PRESENTS



ARIANNA STRING QUARTET

**St. Paul United Church of Christ
115 West B Street (enter on C St)
Belleville, IL
stpaulucc.org**

APRIL 7TH 3PM

The Arianna String Quartet is the quartet-in-residence at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. They will be performing Haydn's The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross. Written for the Cathedral in Cadiz, Spain in 1787, this extended work portrays the suffering of Christ on the cross.



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 pop-up 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 the Illinois South Conference labeled Operation Shimmer, and they'll go to this project. Thank you for your unwavering support of DuBois Center.

2019 SUMMER ADVENTURES



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DuBoisCenter.org

The Camp & Retreat Center of
the Illinois South Conference
of the United Church of Christ

Week	Main Camp	Rustic Village
June 9-14	Just You & Me* Camp Quest* (1-3) Settler (3-5)	Horsin' Around (5-7) Trekkin' It (5-8)
June 16-21	Middle School Week Splash! (5-8) Trail Mix (5-8)	High School Week Wrangler (8-12) X-Plore (8-12)
June 23-28	Just You & Me* Boy Meets Camp* (1-3) Settler (3-5) — LEAD (10-12) —	Girls Who Camp (5-8)
July 7-12	Settler (3-5) Nature's Lab (5-7) Splash! (5-7)	Outback (6-9) Saddle 'Em Up (7-9)
July 14-19	Camp Quest* (1-3) Discovery* (1-3) Imagine That! (4-7) Movin' & Groovin' (4-7)	Horsin' Around (5-7) Trekkin' It (5-8) Saddle 'Em Up (7-9)
July 21-24	Girl Power* (1-3) Pony Express* (4-6) Family Camp* (Adults & Children)	

(Grades Completed) *Part-Week Sessions

Experience DuBois Center this Summer

Explore God's creation on acres and acres of beautiful terrain. Swim and boat in the lake. Ride a horse. Go for a hike. Sing around the bonfire and experience the wonders of the night. Play wacky games and make new friends. Be yourself, try new things and grow your faith.

Be part of a Christian community. See how amazing serving God is! Days at DuBois are filled with a variety of activities which are adapted for different age groups and provide a progression of experiences. There is an exciting line-up of great summer camps for all ages at DuBois Center.

duboiscenter.org

A full week at Camp costs \$400 +/-.

If you'd like to provide scholarship assistance, write your check to St. Paul UCC and designate it "DuBois Scholarship." You'll help provide a wonderful opportunity for one of our young people.

Lindenwood Personal Care Donation

For the month of April, we are collecting personal care items for the college students at Lindenwood that may be struggling.



If you would like to contribute, please bring your donation to the *Lindenwood Personal Care Donation Box* in our Collection Corner. Thank you.

BEACON TRIVIA CHURCH CHALLENGE

Get a group of 8 or 10 together from your church and be known as the Best Trivia Team in Town for 2019

Put the trophy
your trophy



#1 Team
in
church
case!



Beacon Trivia Night — April 27, 2019 — 7 pm

St. Augustine Church Hall

Everyone will know your Church's table—Bring your own decorations \$20 per person but when you reserve your church table BEFORE April 14 you save \$5 per person.

Cash prizes—Raffles—Silent Auction

Bring Your Own Snacks—Drinks will be available

Call Carol at 222-8942 to reserve your church team table

(you can have more than 1 church team table too)

VBS Save the Date - VBS

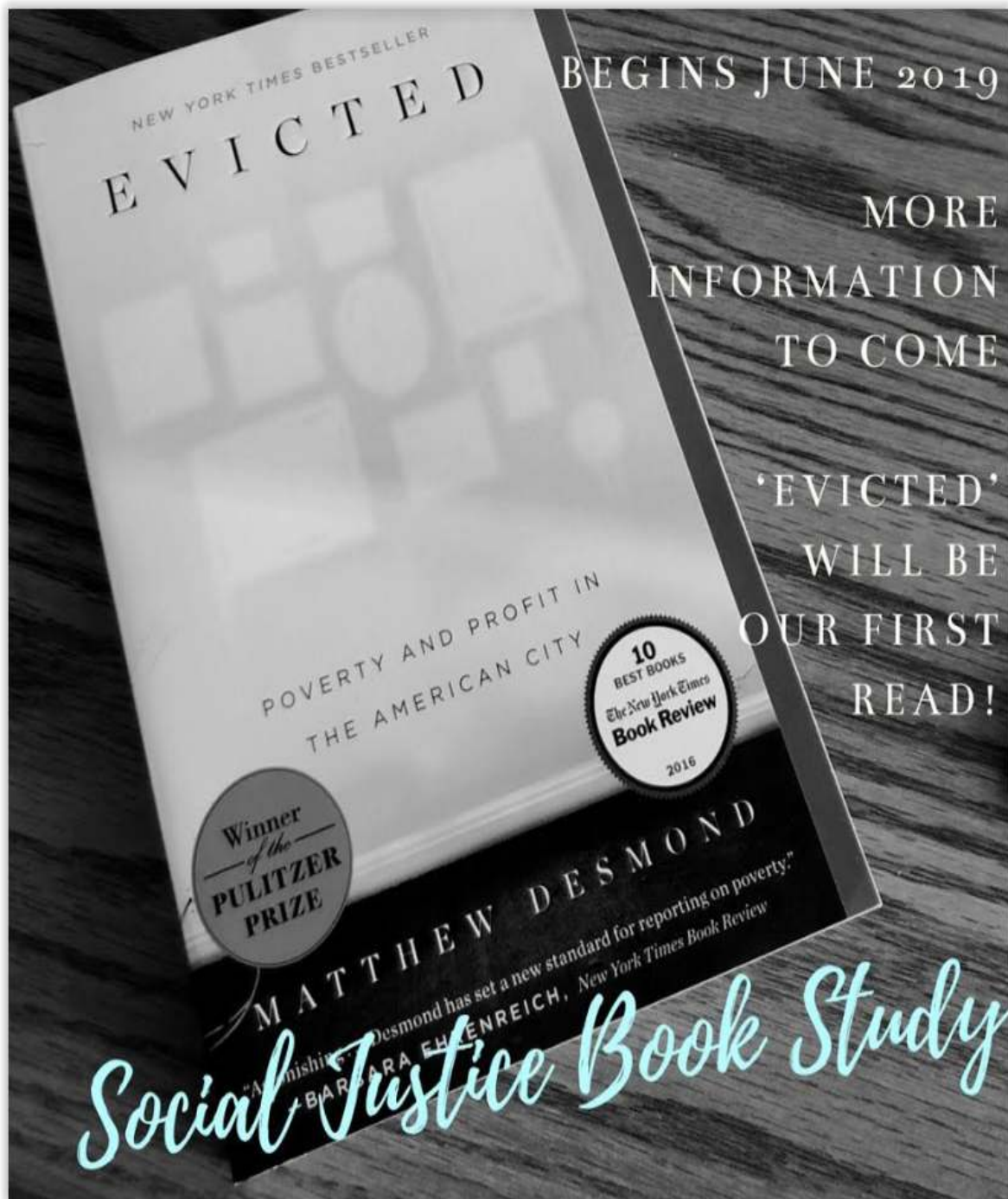
VBS will be on June 10th-14th this year—make sure to mark your Calendars!

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



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.TODAY!!



BEGINS JUNE 2019

MORE
INFORMATION
TO COME

'EVICTED'
WILL BE
OUR FIRST
READ!

Social Justice Book Study

For Your Prayers

The family of
Bill Cummins
Bruce Elser
Marsha McCoy
Doris Steiner
Linda Steiner
Bill Whicher

For Your Thoughts

Your mind is a powerful thing. When you fill it with positive thoughts, your life will start to change. – Unknown

It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light. — Aristotle Onassis

Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't. – Rikki Rogers

This Week

Sun, Mar 31 **9am Traditional Service**
10am Mission Fair

Mon, Apr 1 10am exercise class
3pm Gov French
4:30 Girl Scouts

Tues, Apr 2 **ELECTION DAY**
9am Quilters
1pm Food Prep
5pm Comm Dinner

Wed, Apr 3 **11:30 Lenten Service**
Band / Bells / Choir

Thurs, Apr 4 1pm Homeless Mtg
4pm Masterworks
6pm Worship Bd
6:30 PFLAG

Fri, Apr 5 **RUMMAGE SALE**
5:30-8pm

Sat, Apr 6 **RUMMAGE SALE**
9am –Noon

For Your Information

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



**Genealogy Class is meeting
this Wednesday, April 17th
at 10am in the
Genesis Rm.**

For more information,
contact Rick Drake or the
church office.

Thank You

Weekly Attendance

	Mar 17, 2019	Mar 18, 2018
9am /11 am	129/18	136/21

Offering for 03/17/2019 - \$10,093		General Fund		Needed each week \$13,281	
Giving to...	<div></div>	\$145,285			
Budget to...	<div></div>	\$146,091			
Total Budget	<div></div>				\$690,615