

"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>	<i>Susan Relfe</i>
<i>Radio.....</i>	<i>Sherry Stepp</i>
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	<i>Rick Haar</i>
<i>Ushering Team.....</i>	<i>Donna Davis, Bob & Judy Harms, Scott Gentry, Terry Kalinowski</i>
<i>Welcome Center.....</i>	<i>Eric Gentry, Janet Heil, Shirley Martin, Jerry Messick, Gloria Strohm</i>
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher.....</i>	<i>Tyler Kohrs</i>
<i>Music Ministry.....</i>	<i>Chancel Choir</i>
<i>Director of Music Ministry</i>	<i>Dan Fry</i>
<i>Senior Pastor.....</i>	<i>Rev. Michelle Torigian</i>

St. Paul United Church of Christ

First Sunday of Sunday

March 10, 2019 9:00 am

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Arioso

David Blackwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our souls are created to be God's dwelling place,
and the dwelling place of the soul is God.

**All: As we worship, we experience the God who dwells in us.
Through our worship, we dwell in God.**

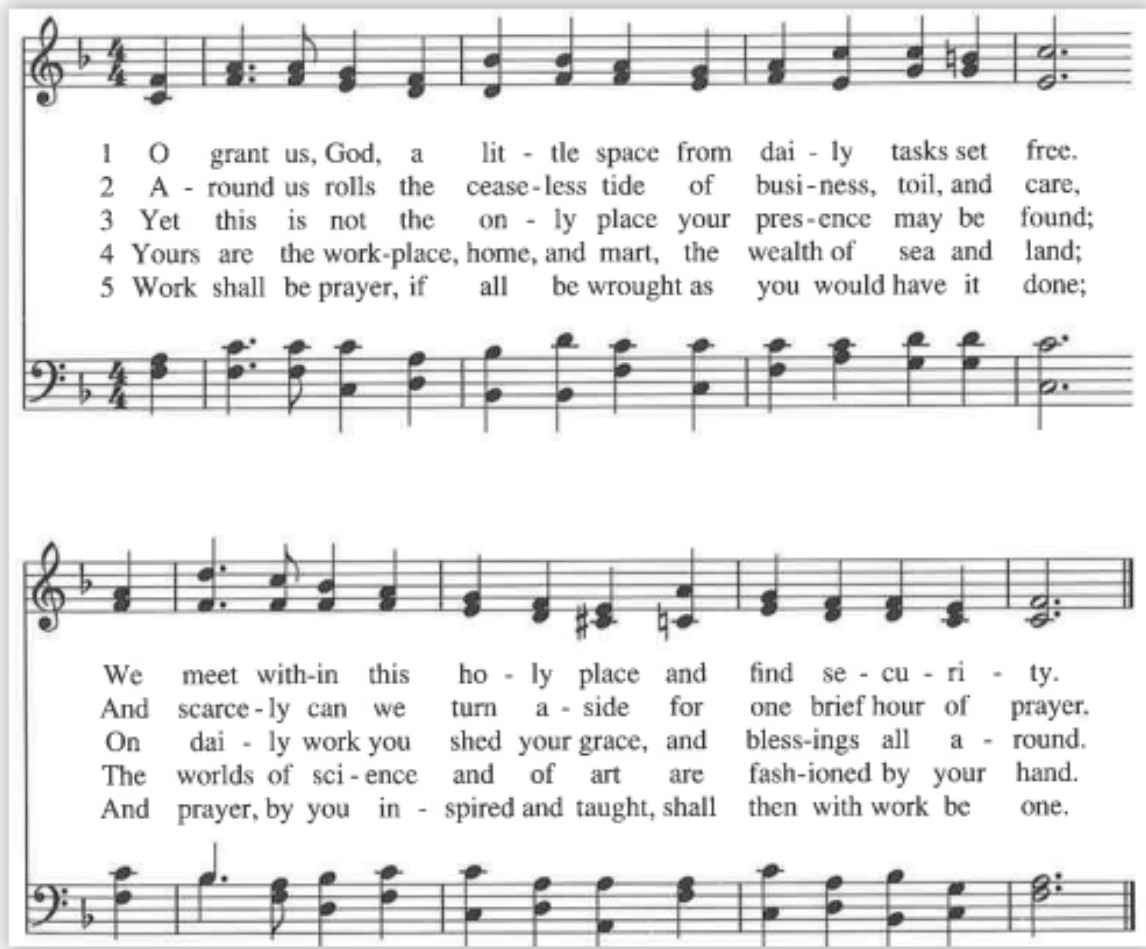
One: As we make the Holy One our dwelling place, no evil shall
overtake us. Come, live and love in the shelter of the Most
High and say, "God is my refuge and fortress in whom I
trust."

**All: Through our worship, we love the God who dwells in us,
and in whom we dwell. God is our refuge and our home.**

INVOCATION (unison)

**Holy One, we come to you in gladness as we begin our
Lenten exploration. You offer steadfast love as our strong
refuge; your boundless grace is our sheltering presence,
and we rejoice! In the unity of worship, we trust that you
will speak to us and through us as we begin this
journey. Prepare our hearts to seek you and embrace you.
With gladness and expectation we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN *O Grant Us, God, A Little Space*



The image displays a musical score for the hymn "O Grant Us, God, A Little Space". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed between the two systems of music.

1 O grant us, God, a lit - tle space from dai - ly tasks set free.
2 A - round us rolls the cease-less tide of busi-ness, toil, and care,
3 Yet this is not the on - ly place your pres-ence may be found;
4 Yours are the work-place, home, and mart, the wealth of sea and land;
5 Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought as you would have it done;

We meet with-in this ho - ly place and find se - cu - ri - ty.
And scarce-ly can we turn a - side for one brief hour of prayer,
On dai - ly work you shed your grace, and bless-ings all a - round.
The worlds of sci - ence and of art are fash-ioned by your hand.
And prayer, by you in - spired and taught, shall then with work be one.

+CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: Longing for God to hear us, we cry out; humbled by the awareness of our human nature and brokenness, we bring our prayers of confession to God.

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Listener, unlike you, we have turned ourselves away from our neighbors wanting to tell us their stories. We have walked away instead of listening to their pain. We have become irritated by the lives of others rather than being provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Even when offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair. Forgive us, Divine Counselor. Open our minds so we might be more loving. This we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: This is the good news: God gives us hope, God gives us peace, God gives us joy so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God who always listens and always forgives. Amen.

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 & MISSION MOMENT

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

ANTHEM

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Thomas Birkner, trumpet

RESPONSE



SCRIPTURE

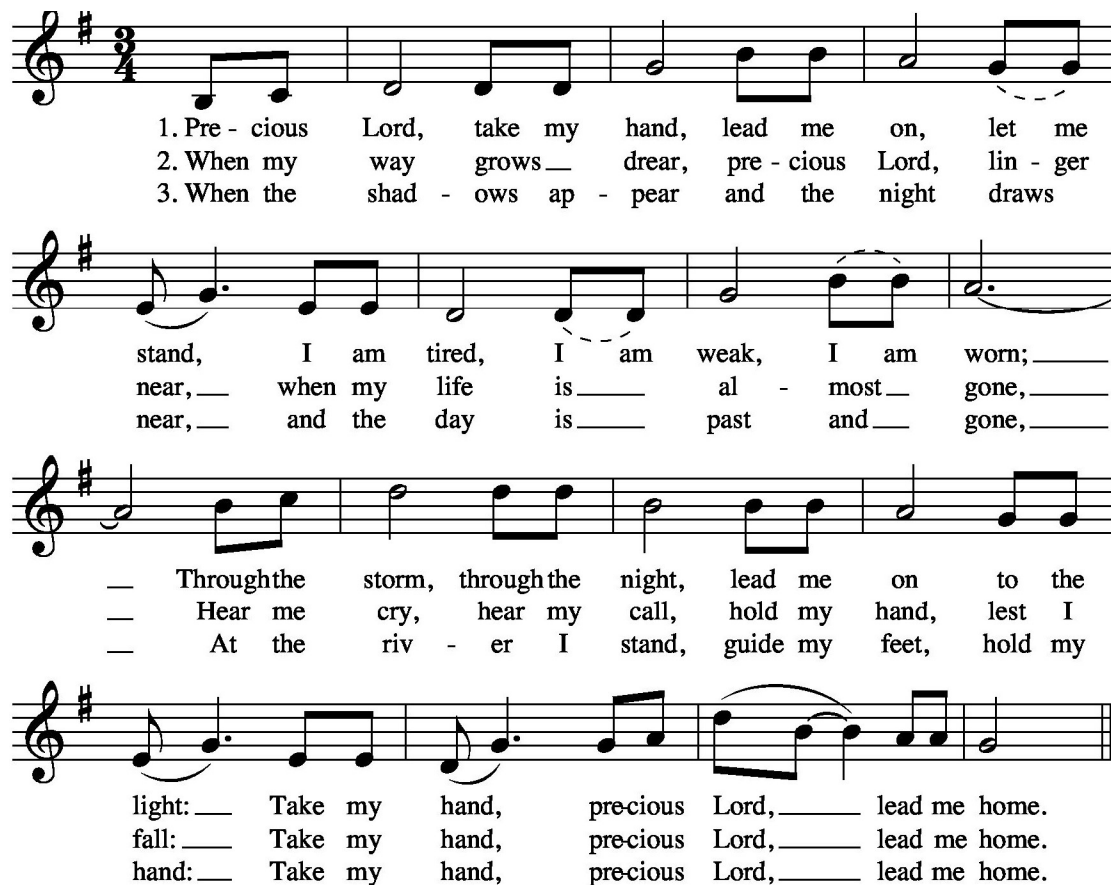
1 Samuel 1:4-28

SERMON

Prayers of Holy Desperation

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; _____
 near, _____ when my life is _____ al - most _____ gone, _____
 near, _____ and the day is _____ past and _____ gone, _____

— Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 — Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
 — At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light: _____ Take my hand, precious Lord, _____ lead me home.
 fall: _____ Take my hand, precious Lord, _____ lead me home.
 hand: _____ Take my hand, precious Lord, _____ lead me home.

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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

Beloved Friends, God wishes to be seen and wishes to be sought. God wishes to be trusted. There are multitudes of individuals who long for God, who are seeking God, but do not know where or how to search. May this church, this congregation be a lamp to light the pathway for those who are seeking God. Our offerings—financial and other—help us to shine our collective light brightly so that fellow -seekers may find their way. Give, that we might shine more brightly.

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Paul Johnston

Thomas Birkner, trumpet

+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

Thank you, O God, for loving us and laboring with us as we seek you and as we help others in their seeking. Bless these offerings which we return to you. May our light illumine someone's path. Guide us in your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest your presence in the world. Amen.

Information about today's service:

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

Julian of Norwich, *Love's Trinity: A Companion to Julian of Norwich*. Long Text translated by John-Julian, OJN. © 2009, Order of St Benedict. Pieces of worship are taken from Julian's writings in this translation.

Dwelling in the Shelter of God's Love: Service Prayers for the First Sunday of Lent was written by the Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson, Founder and Director of the Center for Spiritual Light, NYC.

Call to and Prayer of Reconciliation and Assurance of Grace based on prayers at Lectionary Liturgies written by Thom M. Shuman and found at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2018/11/liturgy-wcommunion-for-november-2018.html>

+CLOSING HYMN

Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream,
soon bears us all away;
We fly for - got - ten, as a dream
fades at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in a - ges past,
our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while trou - bles last,
and our e - ter - nal home!

+RESPONSE

$\text{♩} = 66$ **2** *a tempo*

Now in this time as you gave your Son, grant us thy peace.

+BENEDICTION

One: Let us go forth following as the Holy Spirit leads us. Know that “angels will guard your heart and your soul, and will bear you up” so that even in harm’s way you will not be consumed. Friends, whether in falling or in rising we are ever protected in God’s love. Even as we journey, we abide in the shelter of God’s love. Go forth on your journey. Amen.

All: Amen!

+POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Olivet*

David Blackwell

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

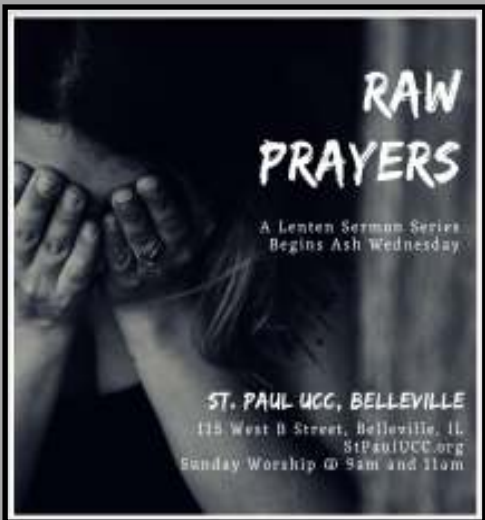
Mid-week Lenten Chapel Services 11:30 am Wednesdays Beginning March 13th

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.



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

**CONGEGATIONAL
MEETING
(rescheduled from Feb)
TODAY
immediately following the
9am service**



The *Music* today is in celebration of:

Wallace Joe Smith

on what would have been
his 80th Birthday,
February 7th.

*With love from his sister and family,
Osceola & Ken Mueller.*

The Culinares will be cooking

Sunday, March 17!

**Join us after 9am service
for a
wonderful meal,
fun and fellowship!**



Shirley Fritz
Memorial Scholarship

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

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.



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)

Thank You!

Thank You to the
Mingles & Singles
for donating the money to
purchase 13 round
white tables for the church!!

Thank you also to the
Culinaires
for purchasing a new
garbage disposal for the kitchen!
Working together to
make St. Paul better!!



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
Family of
Ray Schilling

For Your Thoughts

Every next level of your life will demand a different you . *Anonymous*

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.
Robert Frost

Life is not always a matter of holding good cards, but sometimes, playing a poor hand well. *Jack London*

This Week

Sun, Mar 10 **9am Traditional Serv**
 10am Sunday School
 11am Celebration Serv
Mon, Mar 11 10am exercise class
 3pm Gov French
 4:30 Girl Scouts
 6pm Mission Bd
Tues, Mar 12 9am Quilters
 5pm Comm Dinner
 6pm Basketball
 6:30 Shufflers
Wed, Mar 13 9:30 Baby Class
 11:30 Lenten Service
 3pm Gov French
 Band / Bells / Choir
Thurs, Mar 14 4pm Masterworks
 6pm BP Rehearsal
Friday, Mar 15 3pm Gov French
 6pm BH Rehearsal
Sat, Mar 16 6:30 M&S Party@Kochs
 7:30 Belleville
 Philharmonic Concert

For Your Information

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



March 17th 12pm-1:30pm
St Paul UCC Library
Topic: Healthy Living For Your Brain and Body

Thank You

Weekly Attendance

	Feb 24, 2019	Feb 25, 2018
9am /11am	136/21	118/24

Offering for 02/24/2019 - \$18,556

General Fund

Needed each week \$13,281

Giving to... \$101,288
Budget to... \$106,248

Total Budget \$690,615