

PALM SUNDAY



H O S A N N A !

“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 Sunday School
11 am 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>	Karen Keuss
<i>Radio.....</i>	Sherry Stepp
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Rick Haar
<i>Ushers.....</i>	Wayne Caughman, Donna Davis, Bob & Judy Harms, Scott Gentry, Terry Kalinowski
<i>Welcome Center.....</i>	Eric Gentry, Janet Heil, Shirley Martin, Jerry Messick, Gloria Storhm
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher.....</i>	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Music Ministry.....</i>	Ben Shepard, Carly Dahm, and Chancel Choir
<i>Director of Music Ministry</i>	Dan Fry
<i>Senior Pastor.....</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Palm Sunday April 14, 2019 9:00 am

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Teschner/Hamlin

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together in this place.

All: Raising our branches in joy!

**Joining all who wish to see Jesus, eager for a healing touch,
and a blessing received.**

One: We gather together in this place.

All: Raising our branches in hope!

**Joining all who wish to hear Jesus, longing for a message of
welcome and acceptance on our journey.**

One: We gather together in this place.

All: Laying down our branches in fear.

**Wondering if we are able to walk with Jesus through the
week ahead, through anguish, accusations, despair.**

One: We gather together in this place.

All: Waving branches of prayer.

Walking toward the Cross and the empty tomb.

INVOCATION

One: Hosanna, O God in the highest!

How you come to us in ways we never expect.

A king on a donkey? A Savior on a cross?

All: How can we recognize you, with us, among us?

Will your message come through?

**Will the palms we wave with joy today
be thrown down tomorrow with doubt?**

**May your Spirit guide us through this Holiest of Weeks,
beside us, around us, before and behind us, within us,
as we pray together in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

+ OPENING HYMN *"Hosanna, loud hosanna" 213NCH*



1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:



To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

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+UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

**Loving God, we confess that the streets of our lives
are often crowded with a parade mood filling the air
masking a callous indifference and lukewarm faith.
Save us from thin hopes and small dreams.**

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Where and when we fail,
God is there to make all things new.
Where and when we reach out
with trembling hands and shaky hearts,
God holds us close and forgives all things.
Go in the knowledge that you are forgiven and cherished. Amen.

All: 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

Twilight Shadows
Ben Shepard, oboe

Buchtel

Whirling Leaves
Ben Shepard, piano

Faber

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in
confessing our faith in the triune God.

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Address and Question about Participation

Welcome and Reception

Unison Welcoming Statement

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Greeting of Christian Love

ANTHEM

Hosanna to the King
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 31:9-16 & Luke 22:39-46

SERMON

Prayers of Anguish

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: In this week ahead we will be asked to walk the hard road of faith and face the full cost of discipleship. The sacrifice we are called to share involves true commitment and devotion. In that Spirit, may we share freely our gifts, tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

Serenade
Carly Dahm, flute

Roman Hoffstetter

+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

**Loving God, as Hosannas fade to cries of despair,
may these gifts be used for peacemaking that settles strife
and justice-seeking that creates all good hope. Amen.**



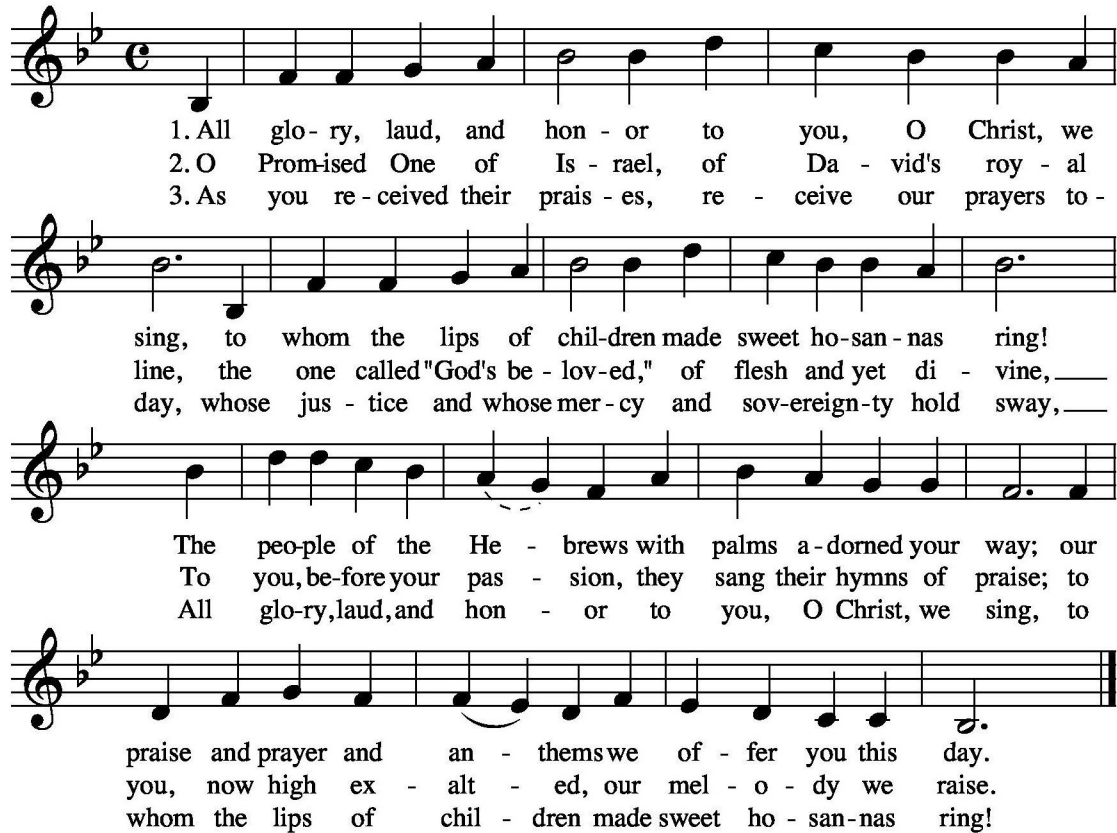
Information about today's service:

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

Gathered Together in Praise: Service Prayers for Palm-Passion Sunday was written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain, Minister for Faith Formation; Curator for Worship and Liturgical Arts.

+HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 216 NCH



1. All glo- ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we
2. O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al
3. As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to -

sing, to whom the lips of chil-dren made sweet ho-san - nas ring!
line, the one called "God's be - lov-ed," of flesh and yet di - vine, —
day, whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway, —

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a-dorned your way; our
To you, be-fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to
All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing, to

praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

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+BENEDICTION

One: Today we shout Hosanna. May this blessed word
remain with us in the week ahead.
God grant us all to follow faithfully where Christ leads us,
and may you all know courage and certainty
that God's Three-in-One presence
will lead you ever closer to the grace that is ours to share. Amen.

+POSTLUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Maker/Hamlin

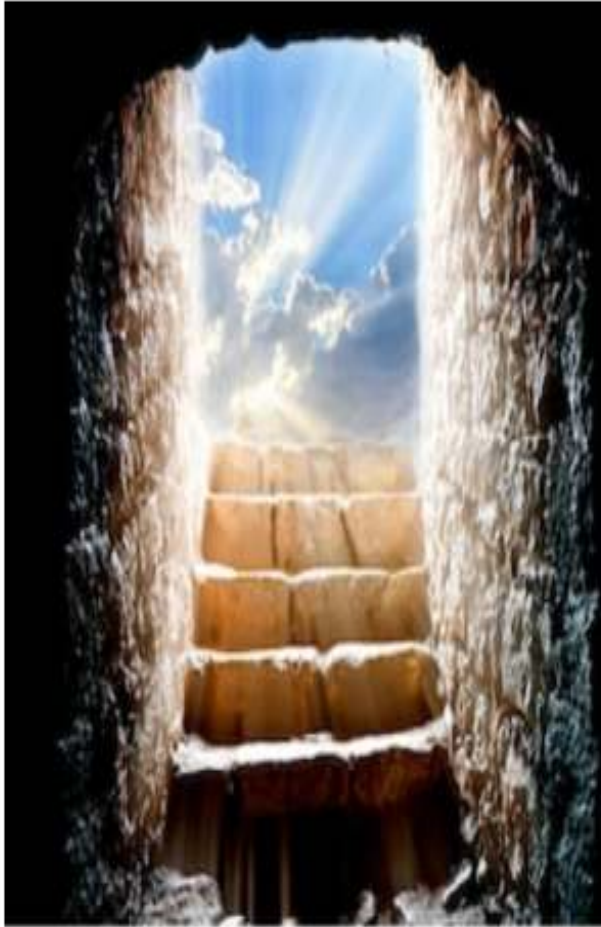


Welcome

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



Easter

April 14 Palm Sunday
9am & 11am Services

April 18 Maundy Thursday
6pm Service in Activities Center

April 19 Good Friday
Noon & 7pm Services

April 20 Bunny Breakfast
10am - noon
Free to kids of all ages

April 21 Easter
9am & 11am Services

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





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.

LAST SUNDAY!!!!!! 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.



MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK AND COMMUNION SERVICE

Please join us on April 18 as we observe Maundy Thursday with a 6 p.m. potluck dinner followed by an informal communion service.

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. We invite all who attend to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share.

Sponsored by your Worship, Christian Education and Stewardship Boards :-)



The Women's Guild April Rummage Sale was a great success! After expenses we made a little over \$1,500 which will be given to various missions!! It's heartfelt to see our Franklin

Neighborhood neighbors come to our rummage sale and find very budget friendly prices! There are some who come and purchase items for their students who are underprivileged, three ladies came from an East St Louis Baptist Church who purchased several items to give back to their underprivileged neighbors, another couple of ladies gave all remaining shoes to another charity and all remaining blankets to the Humane Society and Syndy Kalinowski purchased several purses to give to a Women's Crisis Center. We have some very "WONDERFUL" people!!

Thanks to everyone who helped set up, donated to, and worked our April Rummage Sale. Special thanks to Pat Kinney and Roger Henke for helping with setup and take away, Julie Morton and Walt Ortmann for set-up (we couldn't do this without you!), to Stephanie Elmore for tear down, to Dolly Kirsch for always sending an Ad to the Belleville News Democrat and to all the ladies of our St Paul Women's Guild for setting everything up, for Baking, for Pricing, for Adding, for Bagging and Packing up afterwards!! We love you all!!

Palm Sunday

By Christina Rossetti

*I lift mine eyes, and see
Thee, tender Lord, in pain upon the tree,
Athirst for my sake and a thirst for me.
"Yea, look upon Me there,
compassed with thorns and bleeding
everywhere,
for thy sake bearing all, and glad to bear."
I lift my heart to pray:*

*Thou who didst love me all that
darkened day, wilt
Thou not love me to the end always?
"Yea, thee My wandering sheep,
yea, thee My scarlet sinner slow to weep,
come to Me, I will love thee and will keep."*

*Yet am I racked with fear:
behold the unending outer darkness drear,
behold the gulf unbridgeable and near!
"Nay, fix thy heart, thine eyes,
Thy hope upon My boundless sacrifice:
will I lose lightly one so dear-bought
prize?"*

*Ah, Lord; it is not Thou,
Thou that wilt fail; yet woe is me, for how
shall I endure who half am failing now?*

*"Nay, weld thy resolute will
to Mine: glance not aside for good or ill:
I love thee: trust Me still and love Me still."*

*Yet Thou Thyself has said,
when Thou shalt sift the living from the
dead*

*some must depart shamed and
uncomforted.*

*"Judge not before that day:
trust Me with all thy heart, even tho' I slay:
trust Me in love, trust on, love on,
and pray."*



2019 Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

BOOK BAZAAR

Books Cookbooks Magazines Paperbacks
 New & Unusual Books Rare Books DVD's
 CD's Games & Puzzles Textbooks

Wednesday, May 1

9am-7pm

\$5.00 Admission

Thursday, May 2

9am-7pm

Free Admission & Special Discounts

Friday, May 3

9am-7pm

Free Admission & ½ Price Books

Saturday, May 4

8am-12pm

Free Admission & \$3 per Bag of Books or 2 Bags for \$5

Location: St. Paul United Church of Christ 115 West B Street Belleville, IL 62220

For more information please contact the Auxiliary Office at 257-5545 or memauxiliary@bjc.org

GRADUATION CELEBRATION



The St. Paul Faith Family would like to celebrate with those in our congregation who are graduating this year from high school, college, or other educational institutions. On May 5th, we will list the graduates in the News & Notes and honor you and rejoice in your major milestone.
Let everyone share the joy of your special day!

Please fill in the form below and put it in the offering plate, or return it to the Church Office by April 28th.

Graduate Name: _____

Name of school from which you are graduating: _____

Grade graduating from or Degree receiving: _____

Honors received: _____

Future Plans (ie. College, work, grad school) _____

Email: _____ phone number: _____

Mother's Day Honor Roll

Mission Board invites you to honor your Mother (or any special woman in your life) on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th! Give a donation in her name and she will be placed on the Mother's Day Honor Roll in News & Notes on Mother's Day! Donations should be placed in the offering basket along with this form, or mailed/dropped off to the church on or by May 5th. Your donation supports the many missions of St. Paul UCC ! Please place your donations in the offering basket along w/this form or mail to the church office.

Circle One:

In memory of

In honor of

Mother/Loved One's Name _____

Your Name _____ Phone # _____

**District 118 Food Drive
is on Wednesday, April 17**

Community Interfaith Food Pantry needs volunteers to help on this day at
the pantry from 9am—2pm
with processing the incoming donations.
Please contact Mike at 355-9199 if you would like help!

2 ways to help the Community Interfaith Food Pantry



LETTER CARRIERS'
FOOD DRIVE
SAT., MAY 11, 2019

PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION IN A BAG BY YOUR MAILBOX.
WE'LL DELIVER IT TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.

National Partners



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

A Leadership Development Fund has been established to increase the quality of leadership across the entirety of the congregation and its mission and ministries by providing encouragement and financial assistance for St. Paul members. Formal and informal classes, seminars, workshops and facilitation of group and on-site leadership development will enhance the mission and ministries of St. Paul UCC.

All St. Paul Leadership Development Grants will be applied for through and recommended by an established St. Paul governance body (i.e. the Church Council, a Board, Committee or Task Force), to the St. Paul Leadership Development Fund Committee for approval and disbursement.

The Leadership Development Fund was created by Pastor Gus Kuether in honor of his 60th year in the ministry and will be held by St. Paul UCC as a designated fund. The Leadership Development Fund will be administered by the Leadership Development Fund Committee. All grants will be partial and will only cover part of the total costs for attendance and participation. Upon completion, an oral or written report of learnings and suggestions for application at St. Paul will be rendered to the St. Paul recommending body within 60 days.

Grant applications are available in the church office. For more information please contact Sue Hoffmann. 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



Beacon Trivia Night — April 22, 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)

Spring Concert Sunday, April 28, 3 PM

St. Augustine Catholic Church
1910 West Belle St.
Belleville, IL

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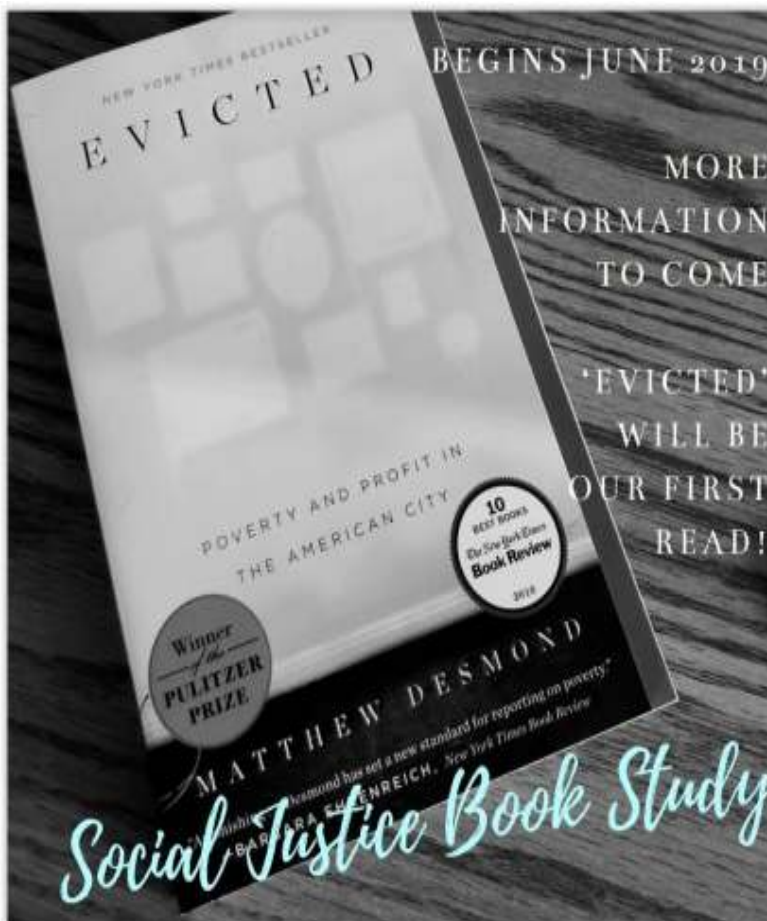
Free admission

Join the MECC at our annual Spring
Concert. Enjoy popular and spiritual
music sung by over 50 voices.



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!



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.



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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618.787.2202

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-Plains (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) Movie & 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.

For Your Prayers

Bruce Elser
Scott Gentry
Marsha McCoy
Doris Steiner
Linda Steiner
Bill Whicher

For Your Thoughts

See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on, a donkey.
Zechariah 9.9

This Week

Sun, Apr 14 **9am Traditional Service**
 10am Sunday School
 11am Celebration Service

Mon, Apr 15 10am exercise class
 3pm Gov French
 4:30 Girl Scouts

Tues, Apr 16 9am Quilters
 4pm Masterworks
 5pm Comm Dinner
 7pm Women's Guild

Wed, Apr 17 10am Genealogy Class
 3pm Gov French
 Band / Bells / Choir

Thurs, Apr 18 MAUNDY THURS
 6pm Service—AC

Fri, Apr 19 GOOD FRIDAY
 12noon Service
 7pm Service

Sat, Apr 20 Bunny Breakfast

For Your Information

St. Paul Women's Guild
Tuesday, April 16th 7:00 pm
Speaker from "Minds Eye"
Our local radio for the visually impaired.
Women's Guild meets the 3rd
Tuesday of each month -
JOIN US!



Fireside Club Sunday, April 28 6pm
 Heritage Hall

Our Guest Speaker is Mr. Jim Hall, retired from the Illinois State Police Forensic Division. Come and join us for an interesting program, dessert, and conversation. All are welcome.

MEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST GROUP New Meeting Place

Pancake House on the Belt Line at 7am on Wednesdays. Come join us for talk & fellowship

Thank You

Weekly Attendance

9am /11am Mar 31, 2019 Apr 1, 2018
165/Single Serv 288/39 Easter

Offering for 03/31/2019 - \$3,998

General Fund

Needed each week \$13,281

Giving to... \$157,004
Budget to... \$172,653

Total Budget \$690,615