



“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

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| <i>Lay Reader</i> | Eileen Peter |
| <i>Radio</i> | Sherry Stepp |
| <i>Sound / Control Room</i> | Rick Haar |
| <i>Ushers</i> | Wayne Caughman, Dana Rosenzweig, Beverly Brightwell,Leslie, Carly, & Megan Dahm, Tammy & Amber Flach, Carol Simon, and Judy Saeger |
| <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> | Lauren Shepard, Chancel Choir and Anne von Brecht |
| <i>Director of Music Ministry</i> | Dan Fry |
| <i>Senior Pastor</i> | Rev. Michelle Torigian |

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 7, 2019 9:00 am

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Sarabande and Gavotte, from *Baroque Suite* Corelli/Snell
Lauren Shepard, clarinet

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Esther 4:14*)

One: For such a time as this we are called here.

All: For such a time as this, we have been called to this place.

One: For such a time as this we are called to care for our neighbors.

All: For such a time as this we are called to advocate for those who hurt.

One: For such a time as this we are part of the Vine and Branches.

All: For such a time as this we are all called to work together for the Body of Christ.

INVOCATION (unison)

God of Courageous Creation, you ask us to bring your new heaven and new earth to hurting humans. We come this morning to lay down our fears at your altar, knowing that you are the one who calls us to assist one another. As we embark upon this new week, instill in us a spirit of courage. May this time of worship be one to stir us into becoming the hands and feet of Christ in our wounded world. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN *Take My Life, God, Let It Be*



1. Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2. Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3. Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4. Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell-ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

+CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: We live in a world that likes to close our eyes. We press mute as we listen to the news. We turn off the television when we see images that are uncomfortable. We change websites when we don't want to know the world as it is.

+UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

All: From our privilege to walk away, we miss answering the call to fight for the powerless in our world. We often think our work probably doesn't help the hurting very much anyway. We end up going about our daily lives.

Like Esther, give us the strength to challenge the powers that be. Like Jesus, give us the courage to speak out injustices and boldly share God's love. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God gives us the grace for the times we were dormant in the past, and God gives us what we need to be strong and courageous, standing up for those who need our help. Through God's grace and through answering God's call, we experience the unconditional, steadfast love of God in deeper ways.

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

ANTHEM

My Song is Love Unknown
Chancel Choir
Anne von Brecht, flute

Ireland/Schack

SCRIPTURE

Esther 4:1-17 & 5:1-2

CHOIR LENTEN RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Thomas Birkner

CHOIR LENTEN PSALM, FROM PSALM 130

Thomas Birkner

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Thomas Birkner

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

SERMON

Prayers for a Strong Voice

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: By using our voices, our hands, and all of our resources, we can make a difference. At this time, we come together to offer our treasures to build the Body of Christ and care for our world. Let us share what we have knowing that it will help the world experience God's love.

OFFERTORY

As the Deer
Anne von Brecht, flute

Nystrom/Raney

+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

We dedicate these gifts today as we build our voices to stand for the powerless in our communities. Extend your blessings upon these gifts and wisdom upon us. May these treasures invigorate the lives of all of your children. Amen.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

One: All who hunger for God have been welcomed by Christ at a table spread with the fruits of mercy and peace. Here we find the Bread that satisfies; here we drink to never thirst again. As we prepare to receive the gifts of God, let us open our hearts to hear God's promise of life eternal, open up our lives to give of ourselves as Christ has given himself to us, and then come with grateful hearts to the Gospel Feast.

O God our Provider, we hunger for the bread which satisfies. All other sources have failed us, but you are ever faithful. As we bless your name and break this bread, may we be confident of your gracious provision for living faithfully and serving freely all of your children.

Send down your Holy Spirit, we pray, upon these gifts of bread and cup, mighty God. Be known in our midst as we receive from your hand, that as witnesses of your grace and mercy we might live graciously and mercifully as your children, in the spirit of Christ.

On the night before Jesus faced betrayal, desertion, trial, and death, he spent time with his friends. In this holy space, Jesus took bread and blessed it. "Remember me" he said as he passed the bread to his friends.

Before the evening drew to a close, Jesus took the cup filled with the fruit of the vine. After blessing it, he reminded his friends: "Remember Me."

With the bread and the cup, we remember Jesus the Christ, his life, his work, his trials, and his death, and especially this meal. May this meal unify us as the Body of Christ and as part of Christ's Vine.

Distribution of Elements

Today we will receive the bread and wine by INTINCTION. Please come forward by the center aisle; take a piece of bread, dip it into either the wine (labeled with the purple ribbon) or white grape juice (labeled with a white ribbon). You may consume both elements while returning to your pew by the outer aisles.

Communion Music

Liebestraum
Lauren Shepard, piano

Franz List/Faber

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
And here our minds are filled with grace.
As a glimpse of your glory is given,
we see that we shall feast at the table where you reign
with all your saints for ever. Amen.

+HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2. From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
3. Cure your child - ren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry,
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us,
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore. Let the search for your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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Thomas Birkner



+BENEDICTION

One: We will go now as God's people,
All: **to give a meal to the hungry,
to offer a ride to a neighbor.**

One: We will go now as Jesus' followers,
All: **to give water to the thirsty,
to welcome the outsiders.**

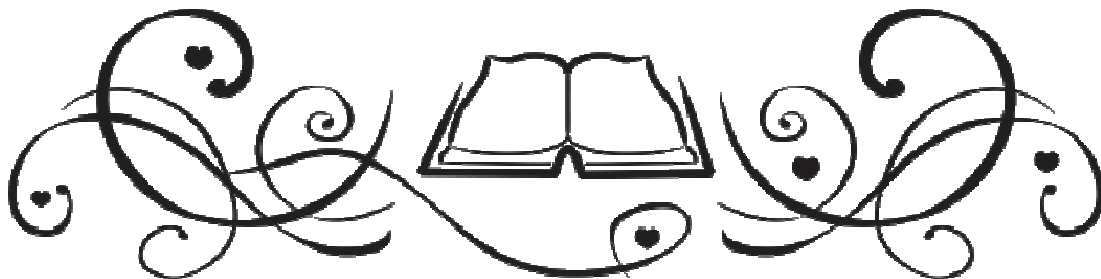
One: We will go now with the Spirit,
All: **to offer a heart to the lonely,
to share grace and peace with all.**

All: **Amen!**

+POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel



Information about today's service:

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, Receiving Our Morning Gifts and Offerings, Prayer of Dedication written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian. Benediction from <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2018/09/alternate-texts-liturgy-with-communion-24.html>

Communion Liturgy based on <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2018/09/26/pentecost-19-proper-21b/>

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

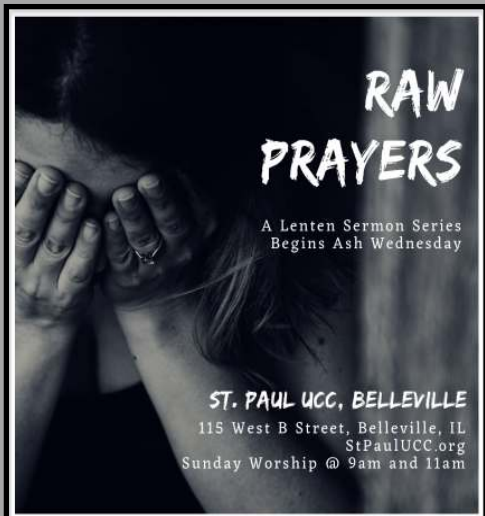
Mid-week Lenten Chapel Services

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.



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.



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 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.

Thank you to everyone to made the
Mission Fair a success!!!!



Raffle Winners

Cosmic Comics
Jack Wilson
Ben Franklin
Synthia Kalinowski
Balance Coffee
Larry Walton
Bennie's Pizzeria
Dick Erdman

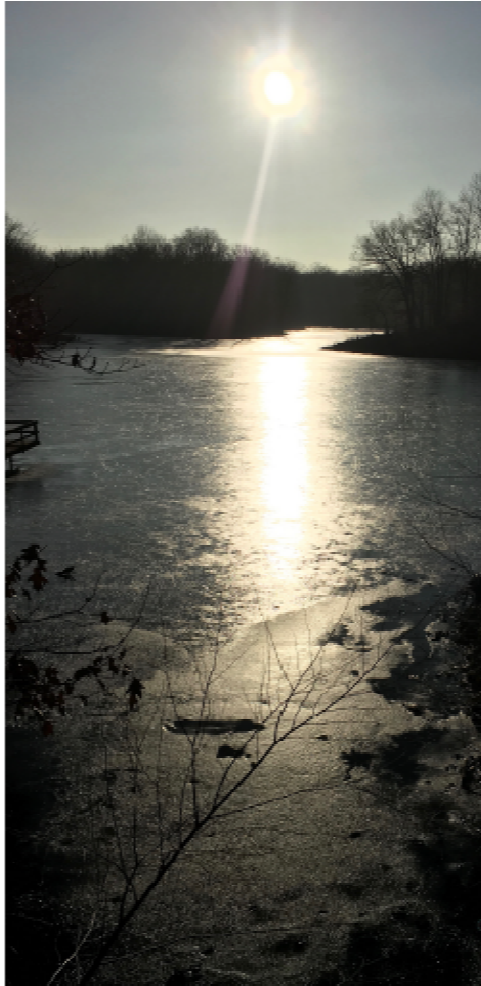


LETTER CARRIERS'
FOOD DRIVE
 SAT., MAY 11, 2019

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

National Partners





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!

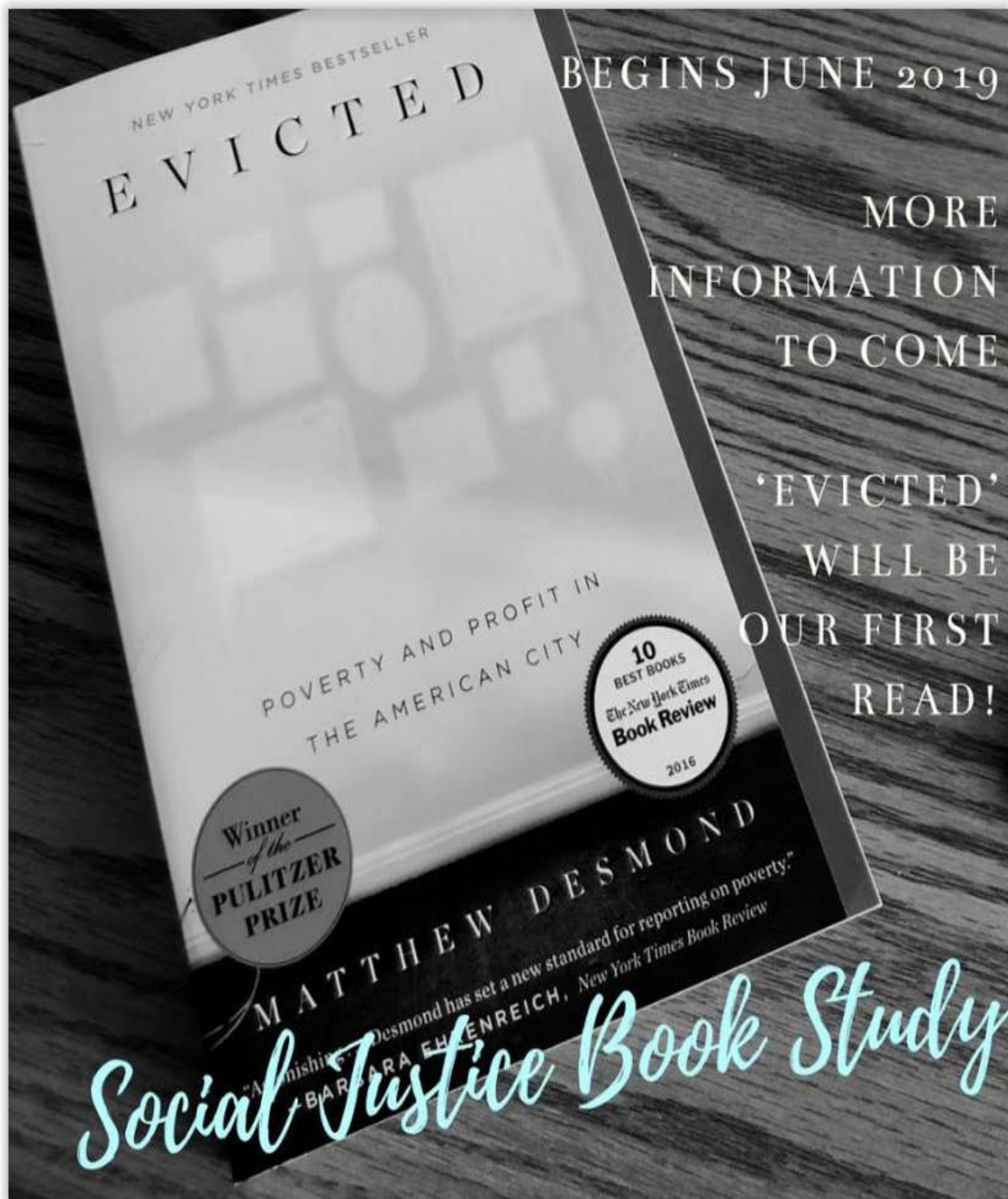
Keep your evenings
free for VBS!
It's gonna be a
Roar'ing
good time!



BLUE BOOK BIN WILL BE PICKED UP THIS WEDNESDAY!!

After Wed,
Please take books
to Memorial Aux
at Memorial.
Thank you.





BEGINS JUNE 2019

MORE
INFORMATION
TO COME

'EVICTED'
WILL BE
OUR FIRST
READ!

Social Justice Book Study

For Your Prayers

Bruce Elser
Marsha McCoy
Doris Steiner
Linda Steiner
Bill Whicher

For Your Thoughts

“Spring is nature’s way of saying, ‘Let’s Party!’”

— *Robin Williams*

“In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.”

— *Mark Twain*

“Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm.”

— *John Muir*

This Week

Sun, Apr 7 **9am Traditional Service**
 10am Sunday School
 11am Celebration Service
 3pm FA Concert

Mon, Apr 8 10am exercise class
 3pm Gov French
 4:30 Girl Scouts
 6pm Mission Bd

Tues, Apr 9 PASTOR MICHELLE BIRTHDAY
 9am Quilters
 5pm Comm Dinner
 6:30 Shufflers

Wed, Apr 10 9:30 Baby Class
 11:30 Lenten Service
 3pm Gov French
 Band / Bells / Choir

Thurs, Apr 11 4pm Masterworks
 Board Meetings

For Your Information

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



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

| | Mar 24, 2019 | Mar 25, 2018 |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 9am / 11am | 125/19 | 168/30 |

Offering for 03/24/2019 - \$7,720

General Fund

Needed each week \$13,281

Giving to... \$153,006
Budget to... \$159,372

Total Budget \$690,615