



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



# *Welcome to Worship*

## at St. Paul UCC

*We are glad you are here!*

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9 am    Traditional Service in the Sanctuary  
10 am Sunday School

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### Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon, in a family friendly environment.
- 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> .....	Terry Kalinowski
<i>Radio</i> .....	Renee Seaman
<i>Sound / Control Room</i> .....	Greg Seaman and Dana Rosenzweig
<i>Ushers</i> ... Wayne Caughman, Larry Walton, Eric Gentry, Sherri Gericki, Bette Rotert, Margot Uhrig	
<i>Welcome Center</i> .....	Bob & Judy Harms, Sandra Loeffler, Cecil Crites
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i> .....	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Music Ministry</i> .....	Tenor / Bass Ensemble
<i>Guest Organist</i> .....	Janet Spencer
<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian

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

# ***St. Paul United Church of Christ***

## ***Second Sunday of Easter***

April 28, 2019 9:00 am

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**PRELUDE**

*Fanfare of Joy*

Hermann Schroeder

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Blessed are those who doubt,

**All: For faith is a journey, not a destination.**

One: Blessed are those who question,

**All: For easy answers are dismissed,  
but truth takes time to discern.**

One: Blessed are those who have not seen,

**All: Blessed are those who have come to believe.**

One: Blessed are those who struggle in their faith,

**All: For God has called us in the struggle together.**

**All: Come, worship God, and follow Jesus,  
who calls us into this life of faith together.**

**INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Holy God, Holy Author, as the stories of our neighbors  
fall upon our ears, we take notice that others' experiences  
are not at all like ours. Their lives are filled with joys and  
traumas we have never experienced. Allow us to attend to  
them as they share their narratives. As people who live  
into the resurrection, may we freely share grace with our  
siblings across our earth. In this season of Easter, may we  
experience the world with clear minds, and may we  
experience our neighbors with open hearts. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne;  
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
3. Crown him the Lord of love; Be - hold his hands and side,  
4. Crown him the Lord of years, The po - ten - tate of time,

Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own;  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save;  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied;  
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
His glo - ries now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

And hail him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
Who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.  
But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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### **+UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

**One:** God of Hope and Healing, we confess to You that we have hidden wounds and scars that run deep. We confess that we do not know the pain of those around us. We have become good liars, telling others we are fine when we are not. We have accepted the false witness from others that everything is okay when it is not. We have demanded proof instead of trusting others' stories.

**All:** **Call us to be deep listeners. Help us to understand when others are experiencing trauma how to be present, how we might best listen. Help us in our own journey of healing to recognize our pain and trauma, to seek help when needed, to know that though we may be broken, we can experience healing and wholeness. Great Physician, help us to heal each other, through the love of Christ, who was broken because of us, and who lives again with his scars. It is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **+ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**One:** We believe in the risen Christ, who comes to us with scars. We believe in the risen Christ, who was beaten and killed by the world. We believe in the risen Christ, who comes to all and says, "Peace be with you." We believe in the risen Christ, who embodies healing and hope. There is life. There is hope. Love is eternal. Know that you are beloved of God, and no matter what you have been through, Christ loves you, accepts you, and in Christ there is the hope of healing, and the promise of eternal life. Amen.

**All:** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### **+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**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Angels Rolled De Stone Away*  
Tenor/Bass Ensemble

Jester Hairston

**SCRIPTURE**

John 20:19-31

**SERMON**

Needing Proof

**+HYMN**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God". It is written for a Tenor/Bass Ensemble in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has four vocal lines, each with a different part of the hymn. The second system continues the hymn with four vocal lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.  
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.  
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

## RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

One: The bounty of God's grace has blessed us in so many ways.  
God's love was manifested in the ultimate gift of Jesus,  
who is the Christ.  
Let us demonstrate our love through the sharing  
of our tokens of time, talent,  
and finances that God may be glorified.

**OFFERTORY**      *O My Soul, Rejoice With Gladness*      Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**+DOXOLOGY**      *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung.  
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

## **+UNISON DEDICATION PRAYER**

**From our hearts and from our hands,  
we humbly and gladly present these gifts to you,  
O God, that they may be used to serve you and to bless your people,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen! Alleluia!**

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*Information about today's service:*

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

Call to Worship, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace from <http://rev-o-lution.org/2019/04/19/worship-resources-for-april-28th-2019-second-sunday-of-easter/>

Invocation written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

Receiving our Morning Gifts and Offerings, Prayer of Dedication, Benediction from The Loving Hands of God: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Easter was written by the Rev. *Vivian M. Lucas, Director, Franklinton Center at Bricks: United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries.*

**+CLOSING HYMN**    *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing". It is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease  
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given

The second system continues the melody and includes the following lyrics:

The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!  
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

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**+BENEDICTION**

One: By the power of your Spirit, O God,  
may your love move us to use our hands as You do--  
to do works of care and justice for your beloved Earth  
and all its people—  
works that heal, free, plant, hug, write, show, speak, and grow.  
Give us grace and strength for abundant life!  
For this is the day that God as made, let us go forth, rejoice,  
and be glad in it! Amen! Alleluia!

**All: Amen! Alleluia!**

**+POSTLUDE**

*Rejoice and Sing!*

Healey Willan





# Welcome

We're glad  
you're here!

News & Notes

Sunday mornings ~  
9am Worship  
in the sanctuary  
10am Sunday  
School  
on 1, 2 & 4 Sundays  
[stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)



## 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](mailto:memauxiliary@bjc.org)



A Big Thank you to Ken Nettleton and the culinaires, Sandy Wagner and the Mingles and Singles, for the wonderful breakfast served for the congregation and community for the Bunny Breakfast. A Big Thank you to Tyler Kohrs our leader, to Carson our Easter Bunny, and our youth, Cadi, Logan, Avery, Ben & Carson who assisted in the activities. Christian Ed could not have been successful without all of the great team work. It was very heart warming to see over 200 kids & parents from the congregation & community come together to celebrate Easter in a beautiful way. Thank you Michelle for the great springtime backdrop, St. Paul UCC has a lot to be proud of and an exciting spring & summer ahead. We invite everyone to be a part of the activities at St. Paul. Christian Ed Board


## 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 # \_\_\_\_\_



St. Paul UCC  
June 10-14  
6pm-8:30pm

**Free**  
Ages Pre-K  
to 7th grade

For more information, please contact  
Tyler at [tkohrs@stpaulucc.org](mailto:tkohrs@stpaulucc.org),  
call 233-3303, or [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org).



## Shirley Fritz Scholarship 2019 Winners

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Eric Gentry  
Wayne Sherland  
Amber Flach  
Lee Alison Wilson

Please plan on attending on Sunday, May 5th  
for the Scholarship presentations.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

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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 60<sup>th</sup> 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.





## 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!*

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

## RED, WHITE AND BLUE PATRIOTIC CONCERT PATRONS

If you would like to support our Red, White & Blue Revue as a Patron, please complete the form below and return it to the church office with your check made out to St. Paul Fine Arts no later than May 12th. Your name will appear in the appropriate Patron category in the concert program.

Red Patron \$25\_\_\_\_\_White Patron \$50\_\_\_\_\_ Blue Patron \$100\_\_\_\_\_

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_CITY\_\_\_\_\_ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE\_\_\_\_\_EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_



St. Paul Fine Arts  
*Red, White & Blue Revue*  
Sunday, May 19, 2019 3pm



*The Fine Arts Committee is most grateful for your support of this event.*

Please print EXACTLY what you want to appear in the program on the line following your choice of support.

1) Memorial to Veterans/Civilians (\$25)

IMO \_\_\_\_\_

2) Honorariums to Individuals (\$25)

IHO \_\_\_\_\_

This support is given by:

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_CITY\_\_\_\_\_ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE\_\_\_\_\_EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline is May 12.** Make check payable to St Paul Fine Arts – St Paul UCC  
115 West B Street, Belleville, IL 62220

**St. Paul Fine Arts Series**  
presents the

**Saturday,  
May 19  
3pm**

A  
cabaret  
of  
Americana, patriotic  
songs, and audience  
favorites in honor of  
America and those  
who have served.

**Featuring:**  
St Paul UCC  
Chancel Choir  
and  
Union United  
Methodist Choir

**Concert  
is Free;  
Goodwill  
Offering.**

**Red  
White  
& Blue  
Revue**



**Red, White & Blue Picnic**

**Sunday, May 19**

**Following the Patriotic Concert  
In the Activity Center**

*Sponsored by St. Paul Mission Board*

Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Slaw, Baked Beans, Desserts, Drinks.

***Tickets on Sale Apr 28, May 5, 12, 19 - Welcome Center!***

***Cost: \$10.00 per plate (carry-outs available)***

Extra desserts are \$1 / Extra sandwich \$5

**To all our great bakers . . .**

We need cakes and pies for the Patriotic Picnic. If you are able to donate, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Cakes and pies should be delivered to the kitchen on **May 19** before the concert, please mark your packaging - Picnic.

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ cake(s)/cookies / I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ pie(s)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_





**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



## 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.



## Spring Concert Sunday, April 28, 3 PM

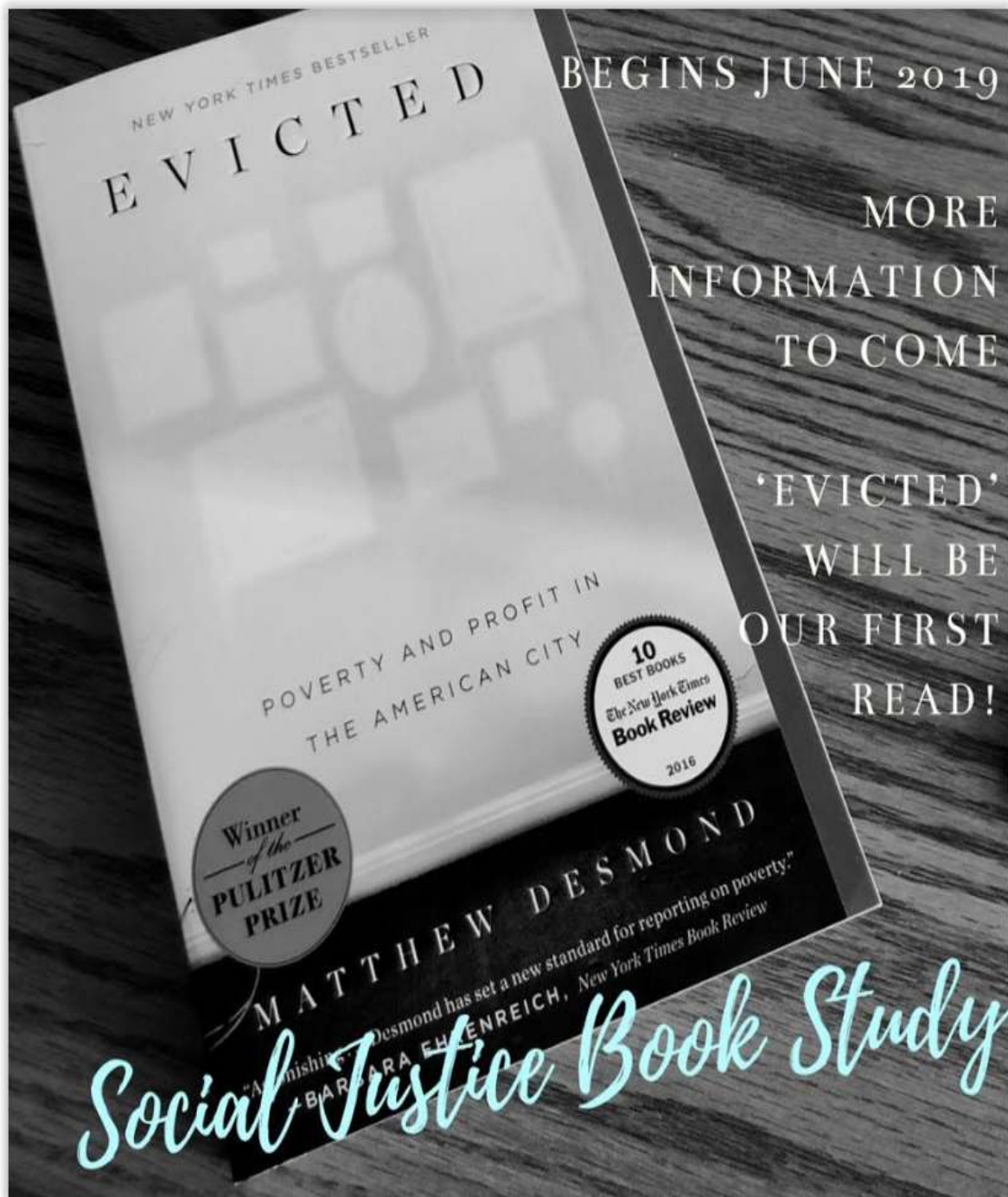
St. Augustine Catholic Church  
1910 West Belle St.  
Belleville, IL

[metroeastcommunitychorale.org](http://metroeastcommunitychorale.org)

**Free admission**

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





BEGINS JUNE 2019

MORE  
INFORMATION  
TO COME

'EVICTED'  
WILL BE  
OUR FIRST  
READ!

*Social Justice Book Study*



## **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) 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  
Family of Robert Kaiser  
Marsha McCoy  
Doris Steiner  
Linda Steiner  
Bill Whicher

## For Your Thoughts

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”  
— **Mahatma Gandhi**  
“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.”  
— **Oscar Wilde**  
“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”  
— **Mahatma Gandhi**

## This Week

Sun, Apr 28 **9am Traditional Service**  
**10am Sunday School**  
12pm Alzheimer's Class  
3pm Masterworks Concert  
6pm Fireside Club  
Mon, Apr 29 10am Exercise-Grt Rm  
4:30 Investment Mtg  
4:30 Girl Scouts  
Tues, Apr 30 9am Quilters  
4pm MDO Meetings  
NO Comm Dinner  
6pm Security Meeting  
Wed, May 1 Book Fair  
Christian Ed Mtg  
Visioning Mtg  
Bells / Choir  
Thurs, May 2 Book Fair  
4pm Masterworks  
6pm Worship Bd Mtg  
6:30 PFLAG  
Fri, May 3 Book Fair  
Sat, May 4 Book Fair  
4pm Mingles & Singles  
Derby Day Gathering at  
Donna Nettleton's home

## For Your Information



**12pm –1:30 in the library**

**Sunday, April 28:**

Effective Communication Strategies

**Sunday, May 19:**

Understanding and Responding to  
Dementia related Behaviors

**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 Apr 14, 2019 Apr 15, 2018  
143/24 224/single serv

Offering for 04/14/2019 - \$18,022

### General Fund

Needed each week \$13,281

Giving to... \$202,287

Budget to... \$199,215

Total Budget \$690,615