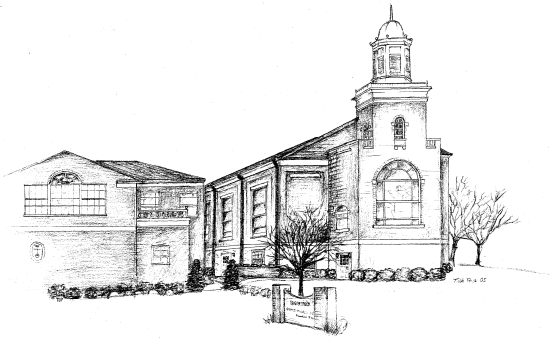


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JUNE 2013 Newsletter



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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

June 9 – Pilgrimage Prep Meeting

June 12-18 – Confirmation Pilgrimage

June 12 – Summer Picnic at The Grove

June 11, 13, 18, & 20 – Vacation Bible School

June 23 – Golf Outing @ Community GC

June 24 – Trinity Birthday Party/
Women Exploring Faith

From the Pastor's Desk...

Like most people, I long for simpler days. Wouldn't it be great if we still lived in a time when any attempt to describe one's religious or spiritual life could be summed up in one word "Christian," anyone?

UCC pastor, songwriter, worship leader, and friend Bryan Sirchio says the same thing in the introduction to his new book: "The 6 Marks of Progressive Christian Music." Rev. Sirchio writes, "I long for a day when labels like 'progressive' (or evangelical, conservative, liberal, mainline, traditional, fundamentalist, emerging, etc.) will not be necessary at all. I would like for the word 'Christian' to stand for something beautiful and real in and of itself, and not need any qualifying terms. But the simple truth is that 'Christian' has come to take on way too much negative baggage at this point in history for it to be able to stand alone and have a chance of pointing people toward what I think it means to be a follower of Jesus."

So, do you remember when it was enough to say one was a "Christian"? I bet you don't, because that's pretty much been inadequate since Martin Luther's Reformation in the 16th century. As far back as the 1955 essay by Will Herberg, the religious life in America was best described in his title as "Protestant Catholic Jew." These days our nation is far more pluralistic and would need to include Muslim and people of other and no faiths. Still as far back as any of us care to remember, Christians have had to delineate whether they were Protestant or Catholic.

We of course, in the United Church of Christ and its antecedent traditions are Protestant Christians, but that too has not been enough to be an accurate description of our faith and values. You see, as early as the late 1800's there was a growing division among Protestant Christians, in response to modernism, the impact of scientific discoveries on traditional readings of the Bible (particularly the creation narratives in Genesis) and a German school of theologians who were looking at the Scriptures in a more scholarly way, using the tools of higher criticism, there were some who called for a retreat, a return to Christian fundamentals. These so-called fundamentals included the belief in an inerrant Bible, the virgin birth of Jesus, a strict view of substitutionary atonement, the bodily resurrection of Jesus, and the literal return of Christ, among others.

So folk, like those in our UCC tradition who were not fundamentalists had to find a way to say who we were without beginning every comment about our beliefs, history and values with some kind of disclaimer. You know, something like, "yes, we're Protestant Christians, but we're not like those fundamentalists," who had become synonymous with a very literalistic and dogmatic read of the biblical texts, creedalism, legalism and litmus tests of faith.

In his 1986 book, "Kind Words for Our Kind of Faith," UCC minister Robert G. Kemper used "Mainstream" as the way to distinguish the unique approach to Protestant Christianity that had become associated with churches like ours and the Episcopalians, Methodists, and some parts of the Lutheran and Presbyterian churches. Others used the word, "Mainline." But the fight between more open-minded, current-thinking modernists and these fundamentalist thinkers drove a wedge through the Presbyterians at their Ivy League seminary Princeton, and has played out over time in every major religious tradition, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Methodists, even the relatively young United Church of Christ, formed in 1957. So while some less ardent fundamentalist leaning folk began calling themselves "evangelicals," as mega-churches began to spring up across the land, soon folk were referring to those churches of the mainstream mainline Protestant Christian world as "old-line."

Which is kind of ironic in that our tradition is the one most likely to embrace newer, modern scientific views of the world, but because we tend toward a traditional approach in our worship services, including hymns and organ music, and these newer services included more contemporary musical forms, we were being stuck with the less than fitting label as "traditional" or "old-school." We needed a better, more positive description to mark our faith, kind words for our kind of faith, if you will.

And, in case you've come to suspect that these are discussions rooted only in some past time, consider recent observations of some very public, very conservative Christian ministers. 700 Club pastor Pat Robertson recently suggested that the reason that the city of Moore, Oklahoma saw so much devastation in the recent tornados is that they were not praying enough. That's right, bad weather is always someone's fault, God's way of punishing people? That's just not how we think.

How about the popular fundamentalist, Calvinist preacher and author who tweeted this verse from the Book of Job in response to the OK tragedy: "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, and suddenly a great wind came across the desert, struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they are dead"? Here we see a willingness to not only blame the victims as if they have sinned and are therefore deserving of death, but also a complete absence of empathy or compassion for those who were suffering, who lost loved ones or all their earthly belongings. Do we share the same faith as this, "Christian Leader"?

So, we look for a word or expression to help us say to the world that we are followers of Jesus, but that we are not of the same mind and spirit represented in this thinking. As we've seen no one word is a perfect descriptor, but many of the people in our tradition, and like-minded communities of faith have begun to use the words "progressive Christian." Rev.

Sirchio came to use it in his book title, and concludes in the introduction that “the word ‘progressive’ does communicate well.”

Certainly it is used by the UCC at the national level, and it’s a description commonly found on the resources we use here at David’s Church. My recent book study is titled “Living the Questions; “The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity” (we will study the final third section in the early fall), and we have often sent folk to progressivechristianity.org as a way to learn about our more open-minded values and commitments, which are stated succinctly in their 8 points, which you will see are an obvious rejoinder to the kind of thinking that fueled the Fundamentalist movement (<http://progressivechristianity.org/the-8-points/>).

While some are put off by the fact that some use the word in a political context, you can also see that happens to words like conservative or liberal, traditional or independent, etc. Language is rarely perfect, but we don’t intend to attach political meanings to the words when we affirm that David’s is a “progressive Christian community where faith comes to life.” I would also point out that there’s an insurance company that uses that name, without a political reference in mind, I’m sure, and many towns in our Miami Valley have some version of the word “progress” in their motto or vision statement.

So how do you know if you’re a “progressive Christian” or not? Well, if you don’t believe every story or dictate in the Bible is intended to be followed literally, and imagine that some understanding of historical context, the human authors’ life-situation and understandings at the time, and an awareness of modern science, medicine and life in general might inform our reading and response, then you’re probably a “progressive Christian.” Or if you like that UCC slogan, that “we take the Bible seriously, but not literally,” or think there might be some use of myth and metaphor in the narrative of biblical storytelling, then “progressive Christian” could be a good fit.

And if you think the world and the universe is better described by astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson as 13.5 billion years in the making than say the Creation Museum’s suggestion that the world is 6 to 10 thousand years old and that humans rode around on dinosaurs with saddles, then you might be a “progressive Christian.”

If you don’t follow the ‘holiness code’ of the book of Leviticus, if you find some of more violent stories of the Hebrew Bible less than helpful in describing the character and purpose of God, which you think is best and most authentically revealed in the life and person of Jesus as described in the four, at times contradictory and very human, biographies that make up our Gospels, then you’re likely comfortable being called a “progressive Christian.”

If you can imagine a tragedy, like that in Moore, OK, or the terrorist bombing in Boston, or the horrific shooting in Newtown, CT, without imagining a violent God who is taking vengeance because somebody didn’t pray enough, or the school taught Sex Ed. or Evolution, or there was a gay pride parade scheduled, then you’re probably a “progressive Christian.”

If you think women are equal to men and can and should be able to lead in church, including ordination, in spite of a verse here or there that has been attributed to the Apostle Paul that tells women to be quiet, then you’re a “progressive Christian.” If you realize that the understanding of human sexuality at the time of the Bible was inadequate to explain everything from birth to masturbation, to homosexuality and marriage (the actual Biblical view of marriage if we want to take the patriarch Jacob as an example, a marriage is one man and two women, and two extra women), and you aspire to welcome and include in the life of the church and honor the relationships of LGBT folk, and affirm marriage as a joyous covenant between two mature and exclusive and loving partners, then you are very likely a “progressive Christian.”

If you trust that God’s character is loving, forgiving, generous and grace-full, and don’t want to hear a lot of talk about hell and the devil, if you believe in them at all, and if you think belief is more like trust than cognitive ascent in a set of creedal propositions, if you want to step out into life and the world as a follower of Jesus who teaches his disciples to love God with our whole being, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, then you’re probably a “progressive Christian.”

If you yearn for a time when peace abounds between all nations and peoples, and don’t want to spend your life staring at the sky hoping for escape, but wish to live in such a way as to make a difference, if you believe the high calling of people of faith is best expressed in the verse, “what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God,” and you want to see the hungry fed, the lonely embraced, the mourning comforted, the broken-spirited made whole, then you have a lot in common with those who are called “progressive Christians.”

If you like to come to worship with your whole being, your intellect, your physicality, your spirit, emotions and relationships, your longing for wholeness and your awareness of your brokenness, if you don’t want to park your brain in the narthex, then you’re very much one of us here at David’s Church, a progressive Christian community where faith comes to life.

Your pastor and friend,
Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Daria

As we move into the summer months, I am so delighted to be back among you following a wonderful vacation in Florida and a not-quite-as-wonderful surgery. However, everything went well (despite their warning, just as they were wheeling me in, that I might end up having a traditional hysterectomy, complete with 10-12" incision and 6-8 weeks' healing time!) and, thanks to a congregation that allowed me time to rest and heal, I am feeling almost back to 100% now. Thank you all so much for your concern and support! I got so many lovely cards, a couple even lovelier gifts, and many, many encouraging words from you all. I expect to be fully recovered for our Confirmation Pilgrimage, which is just around the corner! We leave for Atlanta June 12th and will be gone for a week. Stock sales have already begun and we are so grateful for the support of our David's Church family. We'll be selling stock for only \$10 a share following worship on June 2nd and 9th, and also through the office during the week, so make sure you get in on handwritten postcards and an invite to the Stockholders' Luncheon, to be held July 28th! I am really looking forward to taking the kids to worship at Dr. King's church, learning about the kinds of houses Habitat for Humanity builds around the world, eating at Mary Mac's Tearoom, and all our other traditional Atlanta activities!

I am also excited about our VBS Bug Safari! The Christian Education Board, led by Amy Hamm and Steve Roark, have loads of creepy-crawly fun planned to help kids in grades K-6 learn more about God's hopes, dreams, and love for us. Dates are June 11th, 13th, 18th, and 20th, from 6-8 each evening. The kids will have a delicious dinner and then move on to storytelling, games, crafts, and music! Parents, this is a great opportunity for a dinner date! Sign-ups are in the Narthex.

We won't have regular youth group meetings over the summer, but I am hopeful that we'll be able to find a 2-day window between 12-hour-a-day band rehearsals, football camp, family vacations, and all the other activities that keep our teens so busy. If you or your children/grandchildren were in grades 6-12 in the closing school year and would like to tour UCC National HQ in Cleveland, overnight at a local church, and spend the second day at Cedar Point, please give me dates you might be available ASAP so I can plan this trip! We had a wonderful time 2 summers ago and I hope we can have a repeat this summer! There will also be some kind of fun activity with other local youth groups over the summer. We are still in the planning stages, so knowing dates that work for you helps with the planning.

Family@5 is going to a quarterly format, so there will be no gathering the first Sunday in June. However, the David's picnics are terrific fun for the whole family, so please plan to attend those! They will be held June 12th, July 10th, and August 6th! The Spiritual Parenting Group is going to be morphing into a different format, so if you're interested in being part of that, please let me know and I will connect you with other parents who are seeking support and wisdom around child-raising.

The Women Exploring Faith group has finished our reading for the year and will resume meeting on September 11th at 9:30 a.m. In the coming year, we will be working our way through learning about and trying on a variety of spiritual practices, from silent meditation to art as contemplative activity. If you're a woman who would like to deepen your contemplative practice and add some tools to your spiritual toolbox, please join us! Friends are also welcome! The Women's Spirituality Group will continue to work through "The Artist's Way" over the summer. Our June meeting, to discuss week 4 of the book (the dread week in which you are invited to participate in a reading fast---yes, not read! The horror of it!), will be held in the Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 24th. Again, all women are welcome!

If you'd like to talk about your spiritual practices or just come talk about favorite recipes (Mike Pence and I just had a great conversation about fried green tomatoes and key lime pie), come see me at Coffee Shop Hours at the Oakwood Starbucks from 3-5 p.m. on June 5th, 19th, or 26th!

May your June be positively swoony!

Blessings,

Rev. Daria

Vacation Bible School

This year David's UCC Vacation Bible School will be having a Bug Safari!!!

The Vacation Bible School is for children ages 5 to 12 years old.

We are encouraging our children to bring a new friend to VBS this year.

The dates are June 11th, 13th, 18th and 20th. The time is 6:00PM-8:00PM

The children will receive dinner, play games, do crafts and hear bible stories.

They will also learn new and fun songs.

Please fill out a registration form located at the VBS poster inside the red lady bug. Any adults interested in helping may also sign up in the Narthex at the VBS display.

Thank you, *Steven Roark and Amy Hamm*



Keeping the Promise

Thanks to your generosity, the \$40,000 Tuck Pointing job has begun on the exterior of the sanctuary. Workers are washing the exterior, removing and repairing damaged mortar, repairing the window frames and cement sills, reducing and repairing the chimney. Pictures are displayed in Fellowship Hall of the progression of the project.

We've decided the carpet in the classrooms, choir room and office is in good shape and we'll be having those rooms professionally cleaned along with the upholstery in the Sanctuary when the painting is completed. After much research and viewing many carpet samples, we're close to displaying the carpet chosen for the hallways and Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship Hall, Classrooms, and Hallways will be repaired and refreshed with paint to coordinate with the new carpet. Chair Rail is being planned for the Choir Room to protect the walls as well as in the upper hallway for a decorative touch. Commercial Corner Guards are planned to protect the walls as well. The cost of cleaning and replacing carpet, painting, chair rail and corner guards comes to \$34,400.

After talking to the experts, visiting other churches with sound systems similar to what we're considering and tweeking the proposed equipment that will best serve David's, we have a quote of \$21,000.

Moving back to the exterior of the building, Ice Guards are being planned for the roof to keep ice and snow from sliding off the roof and blocking doors and damaging mechanical units on the ground. The cost for the guards and installation is \$5,000.

And finally, many of the 6' and 8' tables in Fellowship Hall are delaminating causing them to be very wobbly. Replacement of these tables as well as adding six 5' round tables along with the carts to store them on would run \$8,500.

So, to recap: Tuck Pointing	\$ 40,000
Paint, Carpet, Cleaning, Chair Rail, Corner Guards	\$ 34,400
Sound System for Sanctuary	\$ 21,000
Ice Guards	\$ 5,000
Tables for Fellowship Hall	<u>\$ 8,500</u>
Total	\$108,900

We're nearing \$100,000 and we're very grateful to all who have contributed. However, it is our hope and prayer that David's family will dig a little deeper and make it possible to proceed with all the projects above and plan for David's future by contributing funds to reach that \$150,000 goal.

Your Keeping The Promise Committee -

Anne Brown, Dan Deitz, Debbie McCoy, Kevin McCoy, Sue Walters, Ed Webb

Confirmation 2013

On Sunday, May 5 during the worship service, *Jack Bishop, Shaina Creel, and Ben Reineke* affirmed their baptisms through the Rite of Confirmation. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Indeed, this was a day of celebration!!



Keenagers

We have a program for June and how delicious it will be! Our speaker, who comes from the Centerville-Washington Twp. Library, will tell us the fascinating story of Esther Price who found her sweet tooth - and destiny - at an early stage in her life.

We are planning on a yummy chicken salad for lunch, plus rolls, and a strawberry dessert that seems to be an annual hit at the Confirmation Dinner. There will be something extra (see if you can guess) at the end.

Hope to see you on June 12, at 11:30, before we take our July break.

David's Church Picnics

June 12-hosted by Fellowship and Hospitality Board at the Grove (in case of rain, it will be in Fellowship Hall).

July 10 _____ Host needed-Sign up in the Narthex

August 7 - Hosted by Mary Rose and Warren Back (Pool Open)

Hosts: People may sign up to host a picnic at their home or David's Grove or Fellowship Hall. Hosts provide the meat, drinks, and paper goods.

Sign-up: In the Narthex. Please sign up to host or attend the picnics. Please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share that will feed 10 to 12 people.

This is a relaxing, multi-generational opportunity for fellowship.

June Birthday Party at Trinity

The Mission Board is hosting the party for June birthdays at Trinity Community on Monday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. To make this a special event we're asking for 20 pies instead of birthday cake. Please sign up in the narthex if you can contribute one. You can bring your pie to the kitchen at church on Sunday, June 23 or Monday, June 24 BEFORE 5:30 p.m.

We're also providing birthday bags for the June celebrants.

Please join us. We will start setting up at 6:00 p.m. for the party at 6:30 in the Great Room.

Betsy Keyes, Mission Board



From the Deacons

Hello and greetings from the Deacons. I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather and outdoor fun.

With thoughts of walks, cookouts, the fun we had at Pike Lake weekend and other outdoor fun, I just wanted to remind everyone to also keep their thoughts toward our "Keeping the Promise" campaign. There is much maintenance, upkeep and upgrades to be done and we need your help to accomplish these tasks.

If you have driven by the church during the week recently, you may have already seen that the tuck point work on the church exterior is in progress. Other items on the list will be starting very soon, though we still have not met our goal for the campaign and need your help to do so. The majority of the indoor projects such as new sound system, paint and carpet need to be done over the summer so that this fall we will have a beautifully restored exterior and a much needed cleaning and update to the interior of our wonderful church.

I would also like to remind you of the online donations through our website www.davidsucc.org and the new buttons for donations. There is a button for "Keeping the Promise" and also a button asking that along with your credit card donation that you would prayerfully consider accepting the 2.75% transaction fee David's is charged each time the online credit card donations is used.

Here is to wishing everyone a joyous and blessed summer.

Prayerfully,

Ed Webb

Rummage Sale Coming Soon!

Have you finished your spring cleaning yet? Ready to donate good, clean, working items you just don't need anymore to the Rummage Sale?

We know July 7 seems like a long time to wait to donate items you've decided you're ready to part with but every space is being used at David's on a daily/weekly basis so we kindly ask that you start a "Rummage Sale Corner" somewhere in your home until July 7. On the 7 and 14 of July, you can bring items between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. During the week, items will be received in Fellowship Hall during church office hours – 9 to 5. Evening drop off times will be announced or call *Debbie McCoy* (299-9218). If you're going to be gone during the time donations are being received, please arrange for a friend or relative to bring your items to the church or arrange for them to call Debbie McCoy and arrange pick up. We will continue to receive donations till NOON on Wednesday, July 17 with the Annual Sale to be held Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20. Proceeds from this sale will go to Women's Activity Guild (WAG) who disperses funds for Mission Projects, Building Improvements, and more.



Soooo, if you've finished spring cleaning, please start your "Rummage Sale Corner" at home in anticipation of JULY 7th! As always, it takes many hands to have a successful Rummage Sale so please consider volunteering!

Calling All Bakers

The Fellowship and Hospitality Board is looking for anyone who would like to bake cookies, brownies, dessert bars, breads, muffins, etc. that we can freeze to be used for the coffee hour after second service. You can make as many as you wish; however, 3 dozen would be plenty. You can call or e-mail *Polli Leighty* at 435-3782 or pollibl@aol.com for further questions. You may bake at any time that works for you. Please make sure the baked goods are packaged for the freezer. Label them for F&H Board, and then place them in the freezer on the top shelf. This way many people can enjoy a treat on Sunday morning along with their coffee, lemonade, or water. Thank you so very much for your generosity.

The Fellowship and Hospitality Board

Christian Education Corner

- 3s & 4s will be in a combined class with the nursery-aged children for the summer.
- 5s-6th grade will begin the summer one-room schoolhouse, meeting in the 4th-6th classroom downstairs!
- Confirmation will be on our Pilgrimage to Atlanta June 12th-18th! You can support the newest members of David's Church by purchasing Confirmation Stock for \$10 a share, which earns you a postcard from Atlanta and an invite to the Stockholders' Luncheon, to be held at 11:15 on July 28th!
- Sr. High Youth are invited to contact Rev. Daria with dates they are available for an overnight trip to Cleveland! We'll visit the UCC Church house for a tour, spend the night at a local church, and have fun at Cedar Point the following day before heading home! There will also be a getting to know you event with other members of the ecumenical youth group we are starting! Keep an eye out for announcements about that!
- Women Exploring Faith will be off for the summer and reconvene in September to begin exploring spiritual practices such as contemplative prayer and moving meditation! All women are welcome.
- The Women's Spirituality Group will continue our study of Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way*, with Week 4, at 6:30 p.m. on June 24th in the Confirmation Room. Feel free to bring a friend!
- The Spiritual Parenting Group is reconfiguring! See Rev. Daria if you are interested in learning more!
- Family@5 is going quarterly! Families are encouraged to attend the all-church picnics this summer for a terrific time!
- VBS will be held from 6-8 p.m. the evenings of June 11th, 13th, 18th, and 20th! Our theme this year is Bug Safari! Children finishing grades K-6 are invited to come for a scrumptious dinner, great storytelling, fun games, and playful craft projects! Parents and grandparents, here's your chance for a dinner date! There is no cost, but we do ask that you sign up in the Narthex beforehand!

Game Night at the Bender's

Attention all Gamer's! From 7-9 p.m. on June 14 come to The Bender's for Game Night. Bring a snack, your favorite beverages, your favorite games, and be prepared to have fun playing board games or card games like euchre, double pinochle, or canasta.

Thank You Christian Educators

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank our teachers, shepherds, subs, and other key church school volunteers. Without our stellar teachers and shepherds, we could not offer the church school programming we do for 3 years old to confirmation.

Teachers & Shepherds: *Karin Avila-John, Jeff Baldwin, Jill Blum, Tina Donovan, Heather Greene, Bobby Hughes, Tom Hughes, Judy Jones, Polli Leighty, Nancy Madden, Kirsten Sherk, Pam Storar, Jen Teeters, Heather Vest, Susan Winn, Katie Wood*

Superintendent: *Betsy Keyes*

Subs: *Dotti Ankeney, Jill Chabut, Linda Ford, Michele Hutchison, Kathe Lindner, Claudia Stolz, Alice Stone, Andy Storar*

If you would like to join this awesome team and help teach Sunday School this summer, contact *Daria, Dotti Ankeney* or any other Christian Education Board member.

Bread for the World Letters

Thank you to all who wrote letters to our Congress about alleviating hunger so that all people might have a Place at the Table. We sent 50 letters: 15 to Senator Rob Portman, 14 to Senator Sherrod Brown, 16 to Representative Michael Turner, and 5 to Representative John Boehner. Each letter will make a difference in a person's life.

Thank you again.

Betsy Keyes

Mission Board and Adult Education

Prayer Chain

David's Church has a Prayer Chain of persons who will pray for individual and family needs through email. If you have a request for prayers, or would like to be added to the email list of people who pray for those in need, send an email to *Ruth Ann Morgan* at morcdmor@aol.com.

Church Campers & Their Addresses

There are lots of campers signed up for camp. There is still room at some of the camps.

The mail going to the camps is slow so if you are sending mail, please mail it the Friday before the camp.

Addresses for:

Templed Hills 5734 Durbin Rd Box 575 Bellville, OH 44813

Pilgrim Hills 33833 Township Rd 20 Brinkhaven, OH 43006

Please add the name of the camp to the address.

June 16-22 at Templed Hills - Junior MMADD Camp - Amelia Bernard

June 23-29 at Templed Hills

Grandparent Grandchild – Liam Bateman, Bernie Wheeler, Cindy Wheeler, Mason Wheeler, Nedra Brown-Gockel, Mason Delabar

June 23-29 at Pilgrim Hills

Primary Sports Camp – Jayden Creel, Ben Persinger, Sam Haas, Hayden Knisley

Intermediate Sports Camp – Anne Hamm, Jacob Morris

Junior Sports Camp - Shaina Creel, Malia Creel

Senior High Sports Camp -Sydney Pence

July 7-13 at Templed Hills - Love the Pool - Tristan Bailey

47 Years at Pike Lake

Even though the weekend began on Friday with liquid sunshine and a power outage in Bainbridge but not at Pike Lake, the weekend turned out to be glorious with a great intergenerational mix of 62 adults and 20 youth (82) enjoying a treasured get-away!

Saturday morning began with a wildflower hike led by Matt Minter, park naturalist, who has been leading our hikes for 35 years. Later the boat race which included kayaks and paddle boats, organized by *Matt Teeters*, concluded with everyone a winner! What a beautiful picture to see families fishing & boating on the lake and others just relaxing on the widespread lawn in front of the docks.

After lunch a group engaged in a casual game of volleyball, while a large gallery of fans was treated to a fun-filled wiffle ball game --a real classic--organized by *Daryl Leighty*, with two year olds to teenagers plus a few adults thrown in for good measure! *Dennis Lee* organized the Annual Cornhole Tournament with 15 teams of players taking part in an action-packed tourney. Once again, *Andy Jones & Dennis Lee* retained their championship status but honorably passed the crown to *Eric Murphy* and friend *Jacquie*!

Later everyone gathered for dinner at the “Egypt Hollow” shelter and following a blessing by *Debbie McCoy* all enjoyed a magnificent potluck even with the rain! After dinner, the Egypt Hollow shelter transformed into a dance floor as many strong arms and backs moved the picnic tables to the perimeter and *Kevin McCoy* set up lights and a generator so *Ed Webb* could DJ our evening of dancing. The group experienced everything from the Bunny Hop and Hokey Pokey to the Electric Slide and Virginia Reel and a whole lot in between! At the close of the day, many gathered around the grill again to enjoy S’mores with S’more building assistance provided by *Polli Leighty & Debbie McCoy*.

On Sunday morning, the Fishing Derby concluded with winners in the 3rd grade and younger category being *Ian Jones* for the largest and most fish caught. In the 4th grade and OLDER category *Al Ritchie* was awarded for the largest fish and *Ed Webb* won for the most fish caught.

Pentecost Sunday worship was led by *Abby Thompson, Marissa & Ben Lupo* and *Kevin & Debbie McCoy* which wrapped up a wonderful weekend enhanced by the enthusiastic spirit and participation among good Christian friends at David's Church.

Make an Investment in Our Youth

With the Confirmation Pilgrimage to Atlanta approaching, you have an exciting opportunity to "invest" in the trip. For \$10 a share, you can become a stockholder in our Confirmation Pilgrimage. All stockholders will receive a postcard from pilgrimage participants while in Atlanta and an invitation to the Stockholder's Luncheon set for July 28 at 11:15a.m. You will receive the satisfaction of knowing your investment will reap spiritual returns for a lifetime. Stock will be sold in the Narthex June 2 & 9. Please contact any confirmand to begin your investment portfolio!

June Birthdays

- 1 Dotti Ankeney
- 3 Ian Vest
- 4 Norma Jean Hendricks
Deb Barnett
- 5 Pat Titcombe
Jack Bishop
- 6 John Lusa
- 8 Anne Hamm
- 9 Richard Smith
- 10 Lu Ann Stanley
Emily Zimmer
Luke Heiner
- 11 Marilyn Lusa
Jacquie Housel
Mark Miller
- 12 Kayla Johnson
Colin Stachler
- 14 George Ford
- 15 Janet Marks
Emily Schlise
- 16 Mike Pence
- 18 Sharon Shaneyfelt



- 19 Jack Dixon
Brad Jordan
- 20 Ken Hopkins
- 21 Anna Tate
Justin Patmon
Jered Pritchett
- 22 Georgeene Hale
Mike Cryst
Andrew Randall
- 23 Miriam Maue
Jean Blum
Steve Hopkins
- 24 Jim Lewis
John Barnett
Sally Brookins
Linda Deitz
- 25 Shawn Monk
- 26 Nedra Gockel
- 27 Sherry Atkinson
- 28 Casey Stolz
- 29 Megan Kaloukian
- 30 Doug Thornton
Ben Roess

Deaths

Our sympathy to *Louis & Donna Wright and family* in the loss of Louis' stepfather, **Danny Wentzell**, on May 14, 2013.

Our sympathy to *Justin Patmon, Linda & George Ford and family* in the loss of mother and daughter, **Holli Patmon Thiam**, on May 17, 2013.

Grandparent Announcement

Danielle Lynn Miller was born on April 20, 2013 to *Nicole & Greg Miller*. Proud Grandparents are *Robb & Beth Castele*.

The Big Yellow Book

We understand that Sunday mornings are a great time for you to speak with the pastors and the church staff about things you may need from them, however, it is very difficult to remember every request that comes through the greeting line or while having coffee in Fellowship Hall. Help us to help you by writing down your questions/requests in the Big Yellow Book located below the pastor's pictures in the Narthex. We review the book the Monday following the Sunday service.

Golf Outing

Please sign up in the narthex for the first golf outing of the season at Community Golf Course. It will be held Sunday, June 23 with tee times starting at 12:30 p.m.

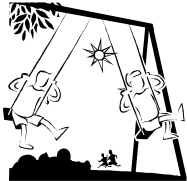

Don't miss out on the fun! Any questions? Contact *Paul & Kaaren Dunlap*, 433-0665.

Jewish Cultural Festival 2013 Sunday, June 9 • Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Temple Israel will celebrate its third Jewish Cultural Festival on Sunday, June 9, 2013 from Noon to 7:00 p.m.. We invite the community—both Jewish and non-Jewish—to share our traditions and learn about us and our faith.

Come and enjoy the music and stories, learn about Judaism, taste some of our favorite foods, play games, shop for artwork and crafts, dance and laugh. We invite you to enjoy a beautiful summer afternoon, tour our synagogue, explore our faith, and have fun.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="margin: 0;">JUNE 2013</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">David's United Church of Christ 937-434-2131</p> 						1
2 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Serving at Gateway 7:00 PM Book Study	3 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 6:00 PM Yoga	4 9:30 AM Quilting 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	5 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee w/Rev. Daria @ Oakwood Starbucks 6:00 PM Yoga	6 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters	7	8 8:00 AM Trustee Meeting
9 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship with Communion 11:15 AM Pilgrimage Prep Mtg. 7:00 PM Book Study	10 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM CE Board Meeting	11 9:30 AM Quilting 6:00-8:00 PM VBS 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Adult Ed Mtg.	12 11:30 AM Keenagers 6:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Picnic @ The Grove 6:30 PM Deacons Mtg.	13 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00-8:00 PM VBS DATELINE DEADLINE	14	15 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans
CONFIRMATION PILGRIMAGE TO ATLANTA						
16 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 7:00 PM Book Study Food & Clothing Outreach	17 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga	18 9:30 AM Quilting 6:00-8:00 PM VBS 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Council	19 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee w/Rev. Daria @ Oakwood Starbucks 6:00 PM Yoga	20 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00-8:00 PM VBS	21	22
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<i>FATHER'S DAY</i>						
23 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 12:30 Golf Outing @ Community Golf Course 7:00 PM Book Study	24 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Birthday Party @ Trinity 6:30 PM Women Exploring Faith	25 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga	26 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee w/Rev. Daria @ Oakwood Starbucks 6:00 PM Yoga	27 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Church Office Hours 10 AM – 2 PM</div>	29
30 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 7:00 PM Book Study						