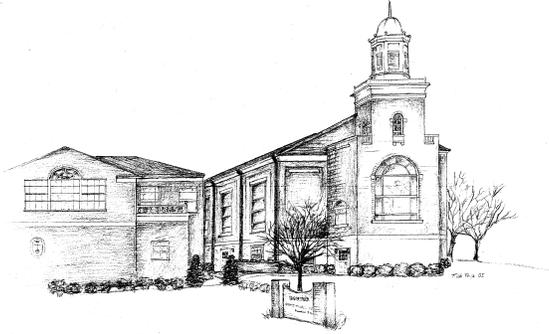


**DAVID'S DATELINE**  
**OCTOBER 2012 Newsletter**



**Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 9:50 a.m.**  
**Church School, 9:50 a.m.**

**Church Office**  
**Hours: Monday –Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
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*Ministers of David's Church - All David's People*  
**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb**  
**Associate Pastor Daria Schaffnit**

## Upcoming Events

October 7 - World Communion Sunday,  
Reception of New Members,  
Neighbors In Need Offering,  
Blessing of the Pets & Animals

October 14 - Acolyte Training,  
Dedication of Warm Wishes

October 18 - Interfaith Prayer Breakfast at First Baptist

October 19 - Oktoberfest

October 20 - Youth Group Halloween Trip

October 21 - Spiritual Parenting  
Family @ Five Potluck & Pumpkin Carving

October 28 - Reformation Sunday, Big Hat & Tiara  
Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation,  
Cottage Meetings, Author-John Titus

## From the Pastor's Desk...

All three of our children were born in October, so this month is often filled with Birthday celebrations and a bit of nostalgia. Jacob will turn 33 on Oct. 20, John will be 15 on Oct. 27 (he shares his birthday with my mother-in-law Marian). Carly was born on Oct. 14, 29 years ago, as I was preparing to be ordained and for our family to move to St. Louis to take my first ministerial position a month later at Nazareth United Church of Christ. As I inch closer and closer to 3 decades of ordained ministry (and nudged in this direction by the subtitle of the Diana Butler Bass book that we're studying: "Christianity After Religion; The End of the Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening), I often think back to my early days at Nazareth in the Tower Grove neighborhood of South St. Louis, because my last day serving that church was the day that it closed its doors for good.

The decision to end the ministry of that congregation did not come easy, yet there was no real way forward. So, the idea to sell the building and move on came as Nazareth was coming up on its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but the handwriting had been on the wall for a while. When I had arrived in Nov. of 1983, there was still some hope that the decline they had experienced in recent decades might be reversed. There were still about 100 people in worship each Sunday, but there were several couples in their 60s who happily identified themselves as the "youth group." There were, of course a handful of folk in 40s and 50s, so I'm sure that when they hired the young pastor under 30 with two small children there was some wishful thinking that our mere presence would attract other people our age. But week after week, my children were the only kids in the pews.

I stayed there for nearly 11 years, because early in my ministry the congregation had stood by me through the painful period of my divorce, and I felt I owed them a great debt. They had taken a green, inexperienced seminary graduate and given me the space to develop a preaching "voice," a pastoral presence in times of grief and loss, and as a church leader without losing touch with myself. They taught me what was required to embody this job as pastor and teacher with authenticity and humanity.

But, after six years, it became clear that they could no longer afford to pay me according to the UCC/conference guideline minimums, so I took on a yolk position serving a second congregation, dividing my time between Nazareth and St. Matthew's UCC. After nearly five years in that arrangement, we had reached the point where Nazareth could limp along no longer, and we needed to think about how we might end it's ministry in a time of celebration and thanksgiving.

I remember the often painful meetings as we began to share with the membership of Nazareth, the grim truth that the congregation could not afford to go on much longer. Monies were indeed running out, but there was an even greater burden on the small, remaining church leadership, many tired individuals who had served on the Council for decades. They were getting too old to do it all, and there was no one to turn to and hand off the baton. But, although most folk could see what was coming, as worship attendance dipped down to 40 or so on a Sunday morning, others failed to see what was written in the tea leaves.

At the last meeting of the congregation, when they were being called to vote on the plan for dissolution that the Council and I had drawn up with the support of the Association Minister, several die-hard members held on to some hope that it need not yet end. "What if we all agreed to commit more money toward the budget?", a dear woman asked. "Maybe we could all start inviting more folk to church, couldn't we try an evangelism program or revival or something?", another man wondered out loud. There was disappointment, pain, and hurt in the hard truth we were facing.

Of course, by the time they were raising these "cures," it was a case of too little, too late, but as we often find in the face of crisis, the reality of a true and complete ending or death can be hard to face when, as they say, "hope springs eternal."

We like to say, as people of faith that "hope doesn't disappoint us," but in this case, by the time folk were willing to raise these questions, the hopes were merely wishful thinking and in reality quite unreasonable, even if the people meant well. As we did the analysis about why things in this congregation reached a point where closure was nearly the only option, we could see back in the church's history that both internal and external forces played a role in the decline of the congregation's ministry. The external forces had to do with urban sprawl, changing demographics, growing secularization and a generic decline that swept across most religious communities, but was especially lethal in small urban churches. These challenging realities continue to diminish congregations across the nation with greater and greater impacts, as chronicled in Bass' book.

The internal challenges had to do with decisions that cut off the life of the congregation from the surrounding community as many of the "church families" moved further and further away to suburbs, while the racial and economic tenor of the neighborhood changed dramatically. While I lived there in that South-side environs for 11 years, most of the church members came into the area only once or twice a week for Sunday worship or Choir practice, or for the odd monthly Council meeting. Not only had they cut themselves off from the community outside their doors, but they had failed to maintain their generational connections down through the generations. Calling a young pastor was not going to

make up for the fact that there were less than a dozen folk under the age of 60 in the congregation, but we had to learn that the hard way.

While that story is not descriptive of David's Church, there are dozens of congregations throughout SONKA in that very same situation. When you add to the struggling UCC congregations, I imagine there are hundreds if not thousand facing those difficult challenges if you included all the small congregations in the Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and other similar mainline denominations.

The Joni Mitchell song, "Big Yellow Taxi," is informative on this point, you remember how it goes: "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone." Which suggests that we should not wait until a crisis to ask, "what if I were to volunteer to help out with Sunday School, or join the choir, or to serve the homeless down at the shelter?"

Or, "would it help our congregation to grow if I shared more with the folk in my life about what we do here, and how meaningful it is to be in worship or take a class with one of the pastors, and how it brings growth in my spiritual life?" Or, "would it better serve our desire to do mission in the world and spread the Good News of God's love that our congregation strives so hard to embody, if I increased my pledge from, say, 3% of my annual income to 4% or more?" Of course, any and all of these actions would help to strengthen the ministry of our congregation, and help equip David's for ministry in this decade and the next.

As the weather cools and we get back into our Fall schedules, let us pause from time to time and give thanks for David's Church and its witness and presence in our lives. Let us commit not to take it, and our ministry together, for granted. Please pray for the staff and pastors. Please remember how important it is that there is a congregation where 'who ever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you'll experience an extravagant welcome here.' How important is that to you?

And, let us not forget that everything that happens at David's is made possible by your presence, your financial gifts and support, your volunteering to help us deliver programs and meet our goals. David's Church is a special congregation in the Body of Christ, where many wonderful things are taking place every week. Let's commit to be here regularly and often, with and for one another, and let us agree to support this ministry in our lives and for our world to the best of our ability. If it's important to us, if we can't imagine going on without it, let's not wait until they tear down paradise to put up a parking lot.

Peace,

*Brian Q. Newcomb*

## Notes from Rev. Daria

The approach of October is always a good reminder to order my Christmas pears from Harry & David. My grandparents always sent them to the whole family and I am continuing the tradition, in my own small way, by sending them to my mom. She and I delighted in the arrival of the pears each year and it's nice to be able to keep this tradition in our lives. Traditions are strong touchpoints in lives too often made disjointed and fractured by busy schedules. I have been invited to teach a workshop on playful Sabbath at the annual meeting of the Great Lakes Association of United Church Educators October 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in Chicago. For many Christians, Sabbath means participating in worship. I am always delighted when you all choose to share your day of rest here, and we will certainly have a playful Sabbath on Reformation Sunday with Big Hats and Tiaras Sunday, but I think you should take it further.

Rev. Dr. Lisa Hess, a Presbyterian friend who preached at my ordination, has taught me a great deal about practicing Sabbath. One of the key things I have learned is that a Sabbath practice doesn't have to be a traditional Christian activity like scripture study or contemplative prayer. While those are wonderful things in which to engage, I would like to encourage you to think of Sabbath in a broader sense as any activity in which we engage that is life-affirming and helps us connect with God. Nearly any activity, undertaken mindfully, can become Sabbath practice. The Women's Spirituality Group members have committed to spending at least an hour immersed in Sabbath practice each week. We do different things, some of us playing with art, some knitting, some writing. For you, it might be playing guitar, going for a long walk, or stealing a quiet hour to read a good book. Whatever will renew your soul and refill your well, I encourage you to commit to at least one hour a week enjoying it. Try it just for the month of October. You just might find you want to continue.

If you're a woman and would like to spend time each month with others who are committed to the idea of Sabbath, you're welcome to join the Women's Spirituality Group at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We usually meet the last week of the month, but Jeannene and I will be visiting my mom & stepdad in West Virginia for Halloween and pumpkin-carving that week! Anyone who wants to get in on some pumpkin-carving fun is invited to join Family@5 in Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m., Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. We'll share a potluck harvest feast before getting to work on our jack o'lanterns!

Bring a dish to share and table service for your family, as well as a pumpkin and any special carving tools you want. The Spiritual Parenting Group will meet at 4 p.m. the same day in the Conference Room.

David's Youth are invited to engage in a little scarier Halloween fun on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, with a trip to the Springboro Haunted Hayride and Black Bog. Youth in grades 6-12 will leave from the David's parking lot at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 for the hayride, \$10 for the Bog, and \$20 for a combo ticket. There is a barn with tables and concessions where anyone who is not up for the scariness can hang out with Pastor Chickenheart. Friends are welcome! Senior Highs, save the weekend before Thanksgiving for the Ohio Conference Senior High Fall Youth Event at Pilgrim Hills!

Also in October, Women Exploring Faith will meet in the Conference Room at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, to discuss "The Early Church That Never Was," chapter 2 in Robin Meyers' *The Underground Church*.

If you'd like to share some of your Halloween traditions, talk about the early church, discuss Sabbath practice, or just visit, come see me at Coffee Shop Hours at the Oakwood Starbucks from 3-5 p.m. on Wednesdays, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. I love getting to know you all better!

Have a colorful and playful October!

Blessings,

*Rev. Daria*

## Blessing of the Pets – October 7

Blessing of the Pets will take place at David's Church on Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 p.m. We invite you to bring any and all of your friendly, well-behaved pet friends for a brief service when we will ask God's blessing on "all creatures great and small" in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi. This service is open to the public, we hope you'll tell and bring along your friends and family and all their pets. Participating pets are expected to be up-to-date on their rabies shots.



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7, 2012 - 8:30 & 9:50 A.M.**

## Giving to Support the Work and Mission of David's UCC

In the pamphlet we use with new members called "So You're Thinking About Joining the Church," there's a section on how much to give to support a congregation's ministry through offerings and financial gifts. We like the way they handle some of the more delicate questions about meeting the financial commitments of the church, and each member's Christian responsibility to be a "cheerful giver." Here's what it says:

"People often ask how much to give. We don't answer that question for you. But we do encourage you to make it a portion, a percentage, of your income, rather than just a number. When you take the brave step of choosing to give a percentage away, rather than just a number, when your income goes up or down, your gift does to, but your commitment remains steady. That's a great feeling.

"The Bible encourages us to give 10% of what we have away. Some give it all to the church, others divide that money among different causes that are all doing God's healing work. Many people set the goal of 10%, as something to work toward. Allow your giving to develop as your spiritual life develops. Pray, increase a percentage point every year or so, or start out at a higher percentage in the hope that you'll never miss what you give away regularly.

"We do believe everyone can give, though. Even a small amount of money given away reminds us that we have all received. We also believe that in giving, we find greater joy than we can ever find in receiving. Happiness does not come from the stuff we accumulate. Joy and fulfillment come in serving and giving to others. The early church learned that from Jesus and from the Jewish tradition, and we trust in that same generosity today."



*God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.*

**Delight in Giving**

*2 Corinthians: 9:7 (The Message)*

## Adult Education

The goals of the Second Hour Adult Education program are to further Christian education and faith development, to generate questions, and to provoke thinking. Join us as often as you can as we explore timely subjects hosted by knowledgeable speakers. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Most classes are held in the Adult Education Room (except where noted) and begin at 11:15 AM.

- October 7: Ask The Pharmacist - Rachel Schlechty will answer your questions about medicines, ways to safely care for them, and problems to avoid.
- October 14: Science and Faith - Gary Hutchison will lead discussion we started last spring using a History Channel DVD.
- October 21: What We Need To Know About Autism - Pat Gay, President of the Dayton Autism Society, will help us gain a better understanding of people with autism, including a short video showing common behaviors. We seek to welcome all people and this presentation will help us to do so.
- October 28: No Second Hour - 3:00 P.M. John Titus, is the author of the book "Losing Alicia: a Father's Journey after 9/11. Mr. Titus lost his daughter who was a flight attendant on one of the planes that crashed on September 11, 2001. Learn how he found peace after this tragedy. This program is open to the community so invite your friends. The Dayton Peace Museum is co-sponsoring this event. If you would like to donate cookies for a reception, sign up in the Narthex, or see *Roselyn Faulkner*.

## Support Neighbors in Need on October 7

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 7, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.



Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support.

Pew envelopes will be available on October 7. Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made on-line at any time at: [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin)

## Deacon News

The Board of Deacons announces the addition of an Online Donation Button on David's current website page. This service is through Vanco Services who currently assist us with ACH payments as well. To make a gift to David's Church, go into our website and click the Online Giving button at the top. It will now take you into Vanco's security and pages for the donation. You can use your Debit or Credit VISA, Master Card or Discover Card. It allows for recurring donations, such as \$500 per month or a one-time gift. This new alternative to giving was done for people who no longer write checks and also offers the rewards from using one's credit card. The website is still under construction with a list of changes having been submitted to Chris and Anne who will work with Jeff Page, our IT tech to make these changes. But the button works and has been tested by two deacons. After submitting your gift you will receive an email thanking you. As with all gifts to David's Church, it will be added to your giving statement that Anne runs periodically throughout the year. So what are you waiting for?? Go into David's website and try out the new Online Donation Button.

**DONATE**

## C.E. Corner

- 3s & 4s will learn about Joseph.
- 5s-6<sup>th</sup> grade will follow the lectionary year, using the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum, with classes including “Jesus & the Children” “Jesus & a Rich Man”, “Servant Leadership”, and “Jesus Heals Bartimaeus.” This new curriculum is lectionary-based, so parents will be hearing the same stories in worship as children are hearing in church school, fostering family conversations about the material. It is published by Westminster John Knox Press, a Presbyterian publishing company printing materials which are theologically aligned with the Reformed tradition the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. shares with the UCC.
- Confirmation will dig into the bible on the first two Sundays of October, worship at the Vineyard in Beavercreek, and learn about David’s Church history from Jim Widman.
- Sr. High Second Hour will explore what a healthy relationship is like, hear about God’s holistic claim on our lives, learn to follow Jesus’ teaching about greatness, and look at faithful discipleship through the eyes of Bartimaeus.
- Youth will brave the Black Bog & Haunted Hayride in Springboro at 6:30 p.m. October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior High Youth should put the Ohio Conference Fall Youth Event on their calendars for the weekend before Thanksgiving! This event will be held at Pilgrim Hills!
- Women Exploring Faith will continue study of Robin Meyers’ “The Underground Church” with a discussion of chapter 2 on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.
- The Women’s Spirituality Group will share personal Sabbath practices, spiritual growth experiences, and the journey through Sarah Ban Breathnach’s *Simple Abundance* in the Confirmation Room at 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Spiritual Parenting Group will meet October 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to discuss Principle 6, “Add Magic to the Ordinary,” in Mimi Doe’s “10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting.”
- Family@5 will enjoy a potluck harvest feast and pumpkin-carving party on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall! BYOP (pumpkin) and a favorite fall dish to share, as well as table service for your family. If you have special pumpkin-carving tools or templates, please feel free to bring them, too. Costumes encouraged, but not required.
- Children in grade 3 and above are invited to participate in acolyte training during church school on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Third Grade Bibles will be given out on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, which is Reformation Sunday. Family members are encouraged to present bibles to the children. There will be a Bible 101 training during church school. It is also, of course, Big Hats and Tiaras Sunday!

## Keenagers

Fall is in the air and comfort food comes to mind! Yum. Please join us for Keenagers on Wednesday, October 10 at 11:30 when we will be enjoying Italian Sausage Hero sandwiches, a fall salad with crisp apples and walnuts, some chips, and cinnamon ice cream (or something on that order), and chocolate cookies. Our guest speakers will come from Head Start with very interesting and enlightening facts about their work with children and their successes. FYI - all the names for the Giving Tree, which will go up in Fellowship Hall in November, come from the Head Start program.

Keenagers will NOT meet in November but will return on December 12 when Center Stage again will entertain us in holiday song. For this event, we hope that you will invite a guest.

See you soon.



## David’s Oktoberfest Is Set For October 19 – PROST!

Make plans to attend David’s Oktoberfest and silent auction in Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 19 from 5:00 to 7:00pm. An authentic German meal will be served with Mettwurst or Bratwurst, sauerkraut, red cabbage, potato salad, and choice of soft drinks, coffee, or water as well as an ice cream sundae for dessert. Pretzels and a seasonal beer will be sold separately. A hot dog meal will also be available for children. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

Be sure to check out the silent auction, too. Bid on an array of items and compete with friends and family to win!

Tickets will be available in the narthex on Sundays or call the church office at 434-2131.

## Can You Help With the Bazaar?

And if you would like to help us get ready for our big event, please come to Fellowship Hall any Tuesday at 10:30am and help us create our crafts. Many projects are underway and planned including Buckeye making. We could also use help the day of the pre-sale or sale, so please sign up in the Narthex if you can assist us. We're looking forward to another wonderful Bazaar and thank you for any help you are able to provide!

## Widowed Group

Interest has been expressed by some of David's folk to have a widowed group. The group will be exploring the journey that each is taking and finding ways to comfort one another in a caring and loving atmosphere. This outreach is for any widowed person whether you have been on this journey for a few weeks or several years. If you would like to join in or just have questions please contact *Nedral Gockel* at (937)416-4164 or at [realtornedral@nedral.com](mailto:realtornedral@nedral.com).

## Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

The Greater Dayton Christian Connections is again organizing an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast for Thurs. Oct. 18 at First Baptist Church, 111W. Monument Ave. Downtown Dayton from 7:30-9:00. This year's theme will be "A House Divided, A Church Divided, A People Divided...Over Politics." Please join us as we pray for the healing of our Nation's divide, as we pray for our National, State and Local Leaders and as we pray for our community. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and can be purchased through GDCC by contacting Rev. Crystal Jackson-Moore at [gdcc@christianconnections.org](mailto:gdcc@christianconnections.org) or by phone at 937-222-4322. Parking is complimentary. Tickets purchased the day of the event are \$20.00 per person and will be available on a limited option basis.

## Reformation Sunday (October 28) is Big Hat & Tiara Sunday

After years of Rev. Newcomb wearing his Doctor of Ministry cap and hood on Reformation Sunday, we have introduced "Big Hat & Tiara Sunday," to let everybody get in on the fun and it appeared a good time was had by all.

Reformation Day commemorates the Protestant Reformation, the movement that led to the establishment of the Protestant denominations of Christianity, including the Evangelical & Reformed roots of our U.C.C. Reformation Day is the anniversary of the act that began the movement in 1517: Martin Luther nailing the manuscript of his "95 Theses" to the door of the palace church in Wittenberg, Germany. These statements denounced a number of practices then common in the Roman Catholic Church, including the selling of "indulgences," or documents granting the forgiveness of sins.

On Reformation Sunday, we hold up our traditional commitments to the idea that we are "saved by grace alone." We also affirm our conviction in the "priesthood of all believers," and our commitment to an educated clergy, preachers and teachers committed to equip the saints for a life of faith and ministry to the world. Plus, given the ecumenical nature of our on-going inter-faith work, we strive as well to be reconciled to other Christian traditions, including our Roman Catholic sisters & brothers.

This is a joyful calling, so come to services on Sunday, October 30 wearing your favorite sombrero, 10-gallon cowboy hat, ball cap, jester or stocking cap, propeller beanie, tiara or crown, whatever makes you happy.



## Offering to Benefit UCC Colleges in Ohio

On Sunday, Oct. 28 – also Reformation & Big Hat/Tiara Sunday – we invite interested persons to make a gift on behalf of the institutions of higher education here in Ohio, Heidelberg and Defiance Colleges. In recent years, David's Mission Board has moved to more local outreaches, efforts to put food and resources directly into the hands of our neighbors in need. That has meant less money to our related institutions of higher learning, so this fall we're making available an opportunity to give an offering to our nearby colleges. In the spring, we'll take a special offering to support our related seminaries. Just mark your offering for UCC Colleges, and we'll split the offering between our two Ohio institutions.

Senior High Fall Youth Event @ Pilgrim Hills  
November 16-18, 2012

See Rev. Daria for details – Registration Deadline is October 28

## You're Invited to Our Bazaar Presale

David's family and friends are invited to be the first to see this year's Bazaar items on Friday, Nov. 2 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm in Fellowship Hall. As in past years, you can enjoy supper and dessert (including apple dumplings!) as well as shop our unique handmade goods. And this year, you can even have your picture taken with our special Santa!

## Or Come to Our Annual Bazaar!

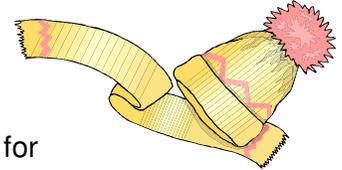
Join us on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9am to 3pm for fine holiday shopping. We'll have a huge assortment of decorations including ornaments, decorated trees, stylish accessories, gourmet mixes, table decor, baked goods, and so much more. And don't miss out on the delicious lunch and dessert available!

## WARM WISHES



Can you cut fleece or sew fleece?

If you answered YES, than you can help provide hats, mittens, and scarves for less fortunate men, women, and children.



Warm Wishes meets on Monday mornings in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to noon. You can also sew at home.

Further questions, call *Roselyn Faulkner* at 433-8832 or *Nedral Gockel* at 416-4164.

## Elders' Communion Schedule through the Beginning of Next Year

On months when it makes sense, we're going to try to schedule the service of Holy Communion during our Sunday morning worship services on the second Sunday of each month, with obvious exceptions like October, when we participate in World Communion Sunday. So here's the dates when we're planning for communion through the beginning of the year.

October 7, World Communion Sunday  
November 11, Stewardship Sunday

December 9, Second Sunday of Advent  
January 13, Baptism of Christ Sunday

## Up-coming Holiday Services – Hold These Dates!

- Interfaith Community Thanksgiving service on Monday, Nov. 19 at David's UCC, at 7:30 pm.
- Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 9:50 service.
- Christmas Caroling to our Shut-Ins, after services on Sunday, Dec. 9.
- Christmas Cantata at the 9:50 service on Sunday, Dec. 16.
- Christmas Eve services 5 pm for intergenerational families and young children. 7:30 pm with the Chancel Choir, and a quieter service with communion at 10 pm.

## Paul of Peter, Paul and Mary Coming to Lakeview UCC



Noel Paul Stookey, Paul of Peter, Paul and Mary fame, will perform at Lakeview UCC in two separate concerts Oct. 19 and 20. "One Light, Many Candles" on Friday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. will be an interfaith program of word and song presented by Noel and his wife, UCC minister Elizabeth Stookey.

Friday ticket holders also will be treated to a reception with the couple. "An Intimate Evening with Noel Paul Stookey" is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Noel will perform a concert of his original songs, including one or two from his days with Peter, Paul and Mary.

Tickets for the Friday event will be \$25; tickets for Saturday will be \$45; and the discounted price of attending both events is \$60. Tickets are on sale at the church's website, [www.lakeviewucc.com](http://www.lakeviewucc.com).

–Lynne Wise (from SONKA *Snippets*)

## October Birthdays

- 1 Norma Wallad  
Kevin McCoy  
Steven Hopkins
- 2 Tammy Barton
- 3 George Sperry  
Tammy Caskey  
William Mhaskar
- 4 Anna Zimmerman
- 6 Mark Dybvig  
Marsha O'Connor  
Jeff John
- 7 Lillian Wissler
- 8 Mary Ellen Hopkins  
Mark Lathrop
- 9 Emma Kane  
Alec Kane  
Daniel Kane  
Cooper Schairbaum
- 10 Louise Webb  
Cindy Wheeler  
Christina Brewer
- 11 Kevin Williams  
Jenna VanHouten  
Katie Wood
- 12 Karen Duell  
Karen VanHouten  
Geoffrey Miller  
Kaitlyn Hendricks
- 13 Lou Mason  
Joyce Lewis  
Marge Dabrowski  
Hunt Brown  
Amy Leighty



- 14 Sally Lafayette  
Kristen Hendricks
- 16 Nan Adams  
Ginny Dieruf
- 18 Emily Lingeri
- 19 Frank Johnson  
Teresa Giehl
- 20 Lynn Frye
- 21 Beth Schaeffer  
Janie Brewer  
Anne Jones
- 22 Gerri DeMuesey  
Becky Roess
- 24 Hayden Knisley  
Cabot Worthen
- 25 Byron Greene  
Sloane Weed
- 26 Ernie Dalton  
Claudia Stolz  
Steve Roark
- 27 Mark Nakauchi  
Marian Jones  
Robin Dunkle  
John Newcomb
- 28 Teddy Artz  
Phillip Sizek
- 29 Jan Gabriel  
Jennifer Teeters
- 31 Benjamin Persinger

## Church Directory Changes

**Trish Burke-Williams**  
455 Claxton Glen Ct.  
Dayton, OH 45429

**Cindy & Jim Combs**  
7712 Ethan Allen Ln.  
Dayton, OH 45459

**Correne Moran**  
One Lincoln Park  
590 Isaac Prugh Way #507  
Kettering, OH 45429  
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## Member Deaths

Our sympathy to the family of **Mary Zimmerman** in her passing on September 5, 2012.

## Deaths

Our sympathy to **Nancy & Bob Manuel** in the loss of Nancy's sister, **Peggy Tucker**, on August 24, 2012.

## Attention Bazaar Bakers

The Holiday Bazaar is looking forward to your baking specialties. If you donated last year, we are counting on you this year! If you are new, we welcome your talents! For questions, call Lynn Bender at 885-6220. Donations will be accepted on Thurs. Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and on Friday, Nov. 2, up until 11:30 a.m. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



<u>SUNDAY</u> 	<u>MONDAY</u> 1 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Pastor Brian's Book Study	<u>TUESDAY</u> 2 10:30 AM Quilting/Bazaar 7:00 PM Yoga 6:15, 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 3 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Oakwood Starbucks 6:00 PM Yoga	<u>THURSDAY</u> 4 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<u>FRIDAY</u> 5	<u>SATURDAY</u> 6
7 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship <b>World Communion Sunday/NIN Offering/ New Member Reception</b> Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 2:00 PM Blessing of the Pets 7:00 PM Book Study	8 9:30 AM Warm Wishes Private Reception @ The Grove 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Pastor Brian's Book Study	9 10:30 AM Quilting/Bazaar 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Adult Education Meeting	10 9:30 AM Women Exploring Faith 11:30 AM Keenagers 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Oakwood Starbucks 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Deacons	11 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir  <b>DATELINE DEADLINE</b>	12	13 8:00 AM Trustee Meeting
14 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Warm Wishes Dedication Acolyte Training 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study	15 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Pastor Brian's Book Study  <i>Columbus Day</i>	16 10:30 AM Quilting/Bazaar 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	17 6:00 PM Yoga	18 7:30-9:00 AM Interfaith Prayer Breakfast @ First Baptist 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	19 <b>5:00 PM Oktoberfest Dinner and Silent Auction</b> 	20 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans 6:30 PM Youth Group Halloween Trip
21 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 11:15 AM Second Hour 4:00 PM Spiritual Parenting 5:00 PM Family @ Five 7:00 PM Book Study	22 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Women's Spirituality 7:00 PM Pastor Brian's Book Study	23 10:30 AM Quilting/Bazaar 6:30 PM WHO Group 7:00 PM Yoga	24 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Oakwood Starbucks 6:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM New Member Dinner	25 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	26	27
28 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship <b>Reformation Sunday/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation/</b> 11:15 AM Second Hour/Cottage Meeting 3:00 PM John Titus 5:00 PM Cottage Meeting 7:00 PM Book Study	29 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Pastor Brian's Book Study	30 10:30 AM Quilting/Bazaar 7:00 PM Yoga	31 6:00 PM Yoga  <i>HALLOWEEN</i>	<h1>OCTOBER 2012</h1> <p>DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (937) 434-2131    WWW.DAVIDSUCC.ORG</p>		