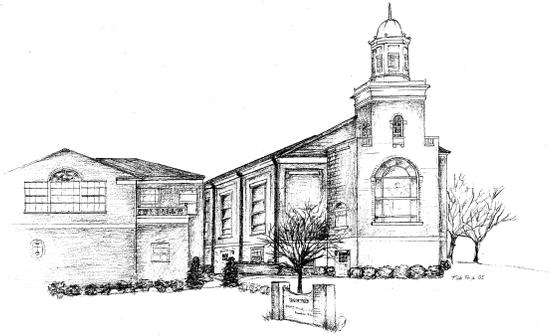


DAVID'S DATELINE
OCTOBER 2015 Newsletter



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

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Ministers of David's Church - All David's People
Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb
Associate Pastor Michelle Wilkey

Special Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Following the 9:50 service

Members will vote on the proposed changes for

The Sanctuary

&

The Grove

Please plan to attend
so that your voice can be heard

From the Pastor's Desk...

In the 12th chapter of the Epistle to the church in Rome, Paul the Apostle writes to the Christian community there that we believers are not to “be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.” The Church, according to Paul, is the body of Christ, not merely another human institution, and as such he calls us to “discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

So, the Church in Paul's mind is the living, organic community of believers, not the building they meet in, or some denominational structure that we need to maintain. Paul continues the metaphor: “we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” To the Apostle, what matters most is how we treat one another, so he writes: “Let love be genuine... Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.”

“Bless those who persecute you... Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another... If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” So, Paul's vision of the Church is not far removed from what Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., called “the beloved community.” It's something we sing together often in the familiar hymn, “They will know we are Christians by our love.”

I believe it is in that spirit that our new President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, stated as he came into office: “It's not my job to preserve the institution. It's my job to remind us... that we have a calling: to preach the gospel in such a way that lives are transformed... It's to position the United Church of Christ, simply, to best fulfill its missional calling; to be a voice of justice in the world; to be people and churches who make shalom possible in the world...”

Sometimes, we get so busy in the ongoing work of the church, doing the things we do each year, maintaining the building, supporting the programming needs, focusing on the tasks before us, that we lose track of why it is that we do what we do, and who we are intended to be as members of the body of Christ, the Church. We can get so bogged down with committee meetings, rummage sales, potluck dinners, finding enough Sunday School teachers, preparing for this service, meeting, or program, that we forget that we are called apart, to do and be something very different in our world. We are given the high calling to embody God's love in the world, so that we express love for each other, that we “contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers,” as Paul writes, or be advocates for justice as we seek to live out God's shalom on behalf of those who most need God's peace, love and understanding in their lives.

So, let us be reminded that the Church is – first and foremost – a community of love and radical acceptance. Each of us needs to know we are loved and valued as God's own children, and we also need to extend that love, grace and care to others who also need it. Let us pause then, from time to time, as we go about the tasks and work of being the Church together to make sure that we are taking care of each other and thus living in harmony. So that we “outdo one another in showing honor,” that when folk look at us, from a distance or even up close, they will know we are Christians by our love.

Your pastor & friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Michelle

Mark Twain says, “The secret of getting ahead is getting started.” I began my second year at David's in September. September also marked the beginning of the new Sunday school year. David's Church is very blessed to have so many willing individuals who devote their time and energy into being our Sunday school teachers. This year our kids are going to be using the UCC based Curriculum called *Shine*. While using this curriculum, the children will have the opportunity to find meaning in the biblical stories, understand that they are known and loved by God, and learn what it means to follow Jesus. It will be an exciting year for both our teachers and all the kids!

September also marked the start of another year in Confirmation. It will be hard to top last year, but I will do my best to make this year just as awesome. We are lucky to have seven youth in Confirmation this year. Our five second year students are going to be: Fischer Barnett, Amelia Bernard, Anne Hamm, Mia Thompson, and Drew Vest and Jacob Morris and Cam Teeters will be our two new students. Our big kick-off to

Confirmation will be our Camp Kern trip on September 26-27. Our trip to Camp Kern will prove to be another bonding experience for all involved. Also, we are all looking forward to flying through the air like Superman as we zip line through the woods. I am very excited about another fun and fulfilling year of Confirmation.

Our youth in high school also began something new in September. On Sunday, September 6, we began a Sunday school class for our older youth and Becca Webb led the first session. Starting in September, our teens are going to be exploring what it means to be a Progressive Christian. We will take the next eight months to explore the eight points of being a Progressive Christian. This class will be open to all who are in 9th-12th grade and the class will meet once a month during church in the youth room.

As you can see, September was the month of fresh beginnings and October will also be an exciting month at David's. One of the many things I am looking forward to is David's Oktoberfest. Our Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 5pm-8pm. I have fond memories of last year's big event and I remember scoring some big ticket items at the auction. This year will be no different and I plan on participating in some bidding wars for some of the items. So all who are planning on attending be ready for my awesome bidding skills!

October will also be the month of our special New Member Dinner and this year the event will take place on Wednesday, October 28 at 6pm. I had fun last year getting to know many of our members, both old and new, and this year I know I will get to do the same. David's is very fortunate to have the opportunity of welcoming in so many new members each year. I am very fortunate to be serving here at this wonderful church.

Now as we look ahead to another year at David's, I am proud to announce that I have planned activities geared toward a variety of ages. On Friday, October 30, we will have a Halloween-themed youth event. The teens and I will be heading to Cincinnati to embark on a Haunted Tour of the City. Then on November 7, I will be organizing a church wide event to go play Paintball. Over the summer, myself and a few young adults had a great time playing paintball and so I wanted to orchestrate another opportunity for everyone to get in on the action. In December, we will have another Family ice skating event on the 11th. These are just a few of the many activities I have planned for this year. It is my deepest desire to reach out to people of all ages while I am serving as your Associate Pastor. So I plan on continuing to offer up many different activities and events every year that I have the honor of being at David's Church.

Blessings to Everyone,
Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 4 - following the 9:50 service

As Congregational president I would like take a moment to refresh your memory regarding Keeping the Promise II (KTP II). It was 20 or more months ago that your church council charged KTP II to research and come up with ideas for changes to the sanctuary and David's Grove. Once ideas were found KTP II was to ask council for informational meetings as well as a Special Congregational meeting where it will be up to you as the congregation to decide to pursue or not to pursue the proposed changes. I would like to take this opportunity not only as Congregational/Council President but as a member of this congregation to thank Anne Brown, Deb Monk, Sue Walters, Debbie McCoy, Dan Deitz, Dennis Lee, Ed Webb and Kevin McCoy. They have completed this task by staying focused, dedicating many hours, and several moments of prayer. THANK YOU.

It is my hope that you have taken the opportunity to attend KTP II's informational meetings August 30, September 13 and September 20 to learn the details of the proposed changes to the sanctuary and David's Grove.

I invite you to attend the Congregational meeting on October 4th after the 9:50 service where I will call the meeting to cast your vote on the proposed changes. It is my sincere hope that all that are able will be in attendance as the decision made is one for the future of our church family. Now is the time for us as the congregation to be heard.

Peace

Jeff Baldwin, Congregational and Council President

Blessing of the Pets – October 4

Blessing of the Pets will take place at David's Church on Sunday, October 4 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 4, 2015 - 8:30 & 9:50 A.M.

In celebration of World Communion Sunday, October 4, your board of Elders presents breads from around the world served alongside our own homemade communion bits. Represented are the following: tsoureki, Greek holiday bread; sourdough bread, USA; challah, Israel; naan (or khamiri), from northern India.

Our communion servers today are representatives from each of David's boards: Fellowship and Hospitality, Elders, Deacons, Trustees, Christian Education, and Mission.

Support Neighbors in Need on October 4

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 4, 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 4. Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made on-line at any time at: www.ucc.org/nin

Bible Presentation



It is a tradition at David's to give each 3rd grader a Bible, presented to them by a special person of their choice. This will take place again this year on Sunday, October 11 during the 9:50 worship service. If your child will be in the 3rd grade this year, or is older and has never received a Bible of his (her) own, please contact the church office. This way we can make sure your child is included in this very special event.

Offering to Benefit UCC Colleges in Ohio

On Sunday, Oct. 25 – 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.

Annual David's Oktoberfest



Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 17, 5-8 PM for this year's annual Church Oktoberfest. Join Chief Uli, Dayton's own German culinary expert, for some great food, drink, music and fun. Carry out will be available. Adults \$10, kids \$5. For additional cost enjoy a variety of beers and savory soft pretzels. Bring some extra cash to bid on silent auction items and for the 50-50 raffle. All proceeds benefit David's Church. See you there.

David's Stewardship

Each Fall, David's members are asked to consider their financial pledge towards the next year's budget. Without your pledge it is difficult to plan for the financial needs of the church. Our church's budget pays for Christian education, various youth programs, mission work, staff salaries, building utilities, facility maintenance, and more. During the month of October church members will be speaking about why they give to David's. On Sunday, October 25, after second service, there will be a 'Cottage Meeting' in the Fellowship Hall to explain the proposed 2016 budget. On Consecration Sunday, November 8, church members will be invited to bring their pledge cards to the front of the church. We ask that you prayerfully consider your 2016 pledge.

Thank you,

The Stewardship Committee

Game Night at The Grove

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on October 9 come to The Grove for Game Night – Hosted by Bert & Judy Jones. Bring a snack, a beverage, your favorite games, and be prepared to have fun playing board games or card games.

Reformation Sunday (October 25) 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 25 wearing your favorite sombrero, 10-gallon cowboy hat, ball cap, jester or stocking cap, propeller beanie, tiara or crown, whatever makes you happy.

Keenagers

Destiny of the Republic tells the story of James Garfield whose life was cut short by ignorance. Think about that! Once again, the Centerville Washington Twp. Library has put together a presentation which will tell you much about the life and times of this little known president. You won't want to miss it. The book was wonderful.

We're working on the menu but we think a tailgate theme would be fun. Meanwhile put October 14 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on your calendar and we'll light the grill.

Adult Education

Please join us on October 11 as we present Thomas Chapman, Owner of Chapman Financial Services, in Miamisburg. Mr. Chapman, a Medicare specialist, has taught a Medicare course at the Dayton Public Library for several years. He will give us an educational overview of Medicare and discuss important changes in Medicare for 2016.

Holiday Food Basket In-Gathering

I was hungry & you gave me food; I was thirsty & you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger & you welcomed me.
--Matthew 25:35

You are invited to bring an offering of food—food that will go into the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for area families in need. Last year we gave away 80 baskets between the two holidays, and we hope to do the same again this year. We ask that you wait until November to bring the food, due to the fact that we do not have anywhere to store it for an entire month and a half.

Items for the baskets include: boxed stuffing, mashed potato, and brownie mixes; canned green beans, corn, yams, cranberry sauce/jelly, gravy; disposable aluminum roasting pans; and contributions to purchase turkeys and hams.

We would like items for the Thanksgiving baskets no later than November 15, and for the Christmas baskets no later than December 6.

Thank you so much for your support of feeding these families in need. - *Chris Wood & Anne Jones*



Attention All Men!

For many years, the third Saturday of each month has been reserved for the men of David's Church to get together and have breakfast. These days, those who are available, have been meeting at the Bob Evans in Centerville (7115 Far Hills Ave) at 8:00 a.m. Any gentleman who would enjoy getting to know others from church and eat some good food is invited to join in! The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, October 17. No need to RSVP, but you can call the church office at 434-2131 with any questions.

October Is Youth Month in Kettering

In October the Partners for Health Youth will be recognizing everything that everyone does to make Kettering a place for Youth to be. If you would like to get involved, *Addie Weaver* is looking for volunteers to help throughout the month. You can contact her at (937) 534-7115 or addie.weaver@ketteringoh.org. On October 15, David's will be participating in the Youth Community Involvement Fair at the Kettering Rec. from 7:30-8:30pm, we will have the chance to highlight ways that youth can get involved at our church. See you there!

October Birthdays

- 1 Norma Wallad
Kevin McCoy
Tom Webb
Steven Hopkins
- 2 Diana Thompson
- 3 Joan Sharp
Ken Neufled
Tammy Caskey
Kristen Allen-Vogel
William Mhaskar
- 5 Robert Stitt
- 6 Jeff John
Marsha O'Connor
Felicia McCarron
- 7 Joanna Stitt
Lillian Wissler
- 8 Mary Ellen Hopkins
Mark Lathrop
- 9 Cooper Schairbaum
- 10 Louise Webb
Cindy Wheeler
Tom Johnson
Christina Brewer
- 11 Becky Yerman
Kevin Williams
Jenna VanHouten
Katie Wood
- 12 Karen Duell
Karen VanHouten
Geoffrey Miller
Kaitlyn Hendricks



- 13 Lou Mason
Joyce Lewis
Hunt Brown
Amy Leighty
- 14 Sally Lafayette
Kristen Hendricks
- 16 Nan Adams
Ginny Dieruf
- 17 Kate Hill
- 19 Frank Johnson
Doug Gordon
- 21 Beth Schaeffer
Janie Brewer
Anne Jones
Becca Webb
Alecia Smith
- 22 Gerri DeMuesey
Becky Roess
- 26 Ernie Dalton
Claudia Stolz
Steve Roark
- 27 Mark Nakauchi
Marian Jones
Robin Dunkle
John Newcomb
- 28 Teddy Artz
Phillip Sizek
- 29 Jennifer Teeters
- 30 Rachel Barnett
- 31 Jackie Love
Benjamin Persinger

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(937) 901-8119

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Bellbrook, OH 45305
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(937) 654-2449 – Kathi

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(937) 272-5148

Joshua & Felicia McCarron
Quinn McCarron
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West Carrollton, OH 45439
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(614) 916-5382 – Joshua

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(216) 513-8507 – Robert

Death

Our sympathy to the family of ***Helen Kohler Miller*** who passed away on May 22, 2015.

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
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