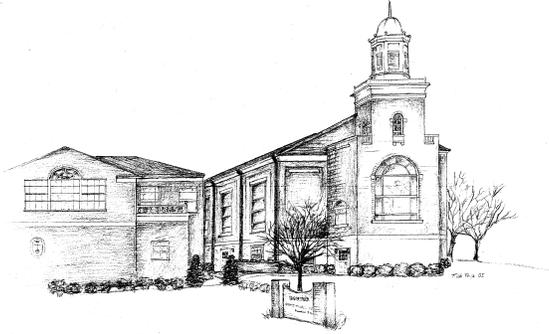


**DAVID'S DATELINE**  
**OCTOBER 2016 Newsletter**



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

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**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb**  
**Associate Pastor Michelle Wilkey**

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

October 2 - World Communion Sunday/  
Neighbors In Need Offering/Gateway/  
CROP Walk/Blessing of the Pets

October 4-8 - Pictorial Directory Photos

October 14 - Oktoberfest

October 16 - Warm Wishes Dedication

October 21 - Game Night at The Grove

October 23 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation

October 26 - New Member Dinner

October 30 - Reformation/Big Hat/Jazz Sunday

## From the Pastor's Desk...

By now, even if you avoid the news on TV and never read the newspaper, we've all had to come to terms with the fact that the long election season – has this been going on for 18 months? – will soon reach its conclusion. As I write, the first Presidential debate will take place tonight, and then in a month we will be encouraged to go to the polls and finally our nation will decide who our next President will be.

I'm not the only one to mourn the fact that as tough as election cycles have been in the past, this year has felt like a profoundly divided time in our nation's political history. Often in the past we've gathered around our two major league teams – Democrats and Republicans – and debated which ideas were best to lead us into the future, but while we're used to strong language in our culture, for most of us the kind of incivility and name-calling in this election has reached unprecedented heights.

What's a Christian person to think and do?

Well, for one thing we can choose to participate in the electoral process with a level of purposeful civility that we may see missing elsewhere. In the UCC, our regular campaign to encourage thoughtful and active participation in the decisions that shape the policy and direction of our nation during Presidential election years is called "Our Faith, Our Voice, Our Vote," which focuses on voter registration and encourages informed, prayerful voting out of the best teachings of our faith tradition.

Recently, in response to some of the low lights of our recent nominating debates and the negative tone of the general election, the UCC published an "Our Faith Our Vote Civility Pledge." Check it out:

"I believe our communities, our country and our world are stronger and safer when we treat each other with respect. I believe that my voice is important, and I believe that listening to the voices of others is important for a healthy, vibrant democratic process. I believe that insulting, attacking or demonizing people with whom we disagree is unproductive and unacceptable. As individuals and as a community, we can and should do better.

As a person of faith, I pledge to participate responsibly and faithfully in the electoral process. I recognize my responsibility for supporting a free, fair and democratic process, and I pledge to do my part. I commit to honoring my own voice and the voice of others. I commit to educating myself and others about the issues at stake in these elections. I commit to expressing myself responsibly, to seek to learn from different perspectives, to always offer respect to others, and to challenge hurtful, disrespectful behavior when I can."

Now, no doubt that seems pretty obvious to many of us, but as a person with my own strong political values and beliefs, I've found it particularly hard this year to speak with others about the candidates and issues we face together as a nation without succumbing to "us vs. them" thinking. So it might help some of us to remember what civility looks like, ways we can act on our values and not just think about them. In a piece on our UCC webpage titled "Being a Civil Voice in Uncivil Times, the writer suggests that **"Our faith provides us with spiritual resources to take the conversation to a different level.** We can choose respect and hope over animosity and bitterness. We can choose to listen and learn rather than attack and insult. We can choose to have civic discussions in civil tones."

Here are some ways that the piece recommends we enter into informed conversations and debate about the hard issues of this election with our friends and neighbors who may think and vote differently than we do.

**Show Respect.** Here they suggest we focus on the substance of the issues we're discussing and avoid insults and personal attacks in order to "win" the argument. "The more respect you show for someone else's opinions, the more reason they have to respect yours."

**Listen.** When in conversation, we sometimes are busy formulating our own response rather than truly listening to the point a friend is making. This happens in all kinds of conversations, really, not just political debates. The article suggests we ask ourselves, "What are they trying to express?" "What is important to them?" "Where do we agree?"

**Seek Understanding.** To really better understand the context and values that another person is expressing, we need to ask ourselves why they think the way they do. We can learn more by asking open-ended questions that invite other to say more about why they think and believe as they do.

**Share Your Own Views Well.** Rather than jumping to conclusions or speaking off the top of our heads, it's wise to put thought and energy into articulating your own views clearly and concisely, taking care not to look down or attack a person who might have reached different conclusions. What do you believe and why? Relying on established facts and statistics and avoiding broad generalizations can help, but it's more effective to express

one's ideas by sharing personal stories. Speaking primarily with "I" statements such as "I believe..." and "In my experience..." It doesn't help to exaggerate or use slogans and sound bites, but it's best to find your own words to express your own sense of the truth.

**And if the conversation heats up, Keep Your Head.** Of course these are important issues, and many of us come to our beliefs and choice of party or candidate with a certain level of passion and commitment, so it's not uncommon for conversations with folk with whom you disagree to turn to debates and then to arguments. We know that no one benefits or learns anything from a shouting match, but like so many TV pundits, we too can let a meaningful conversation get away from us. We can help maintain the civility of our conversations even if others aren't inclined, by choosing to follow the above guidelines, and trying to walk away from any disagreements without holding on to negative feelings or holding grudges.

I know that for me there are days when I just can't take anymore, when Susie and I have started watching old episodes of "The West Wing" rather than my usual pattern of nightly news shows. It's tempting to want to bury one's head in the sand and hope that November 8 is soon passed. But we live in a world where the people that lead our country, the folk who run our state, the people who serve on the local school board, play a very important role in our lives and the lives of those around us. Being attentive participants in the electoral process is one of the ways we can work for a world of peace and justice, a world where children are fed, given medical treatments they need, and access to a good education. We all saw how the Supreme Court made history by honoring the right to marriage for our LGBT friends in committed relationships, how access to health care for millions of uninsured people has been made possible, how decisions about policing and our justice system can negatively impact minority communities, and how dangerous the world has become not just far off in Syria and Afghanistan but here in our own communities. The people we elect and the policies and values that they bring to the offices where they serve can make a difference in our lives and those of the most vulnerable in our society and world.

So, it's important that we vote, that we think hard and well about the complex issues of the day, and reflect prayerfully on our faith values and what they suggest to us about how to respond to the needs in our larger political world. If we as Christians seek to affirm Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5), which says "Blessed are the peacemakers" and Jesus' concern for the "least of these, my sisters & brothers," that they have food, clothing, medical care, and justice in the legal system (Matt. 25: 31-46), then we have to consider the policies, practices and implications that lay behind the political sloganeering that dominates the public discourse.

One thing we all need to do, is **make sure we're registered to vote.** The deadline to register to vote in Ohio is October 11, so if you've moved or had other changes since the last election you may want to check with the local board of election to be sure you are on the roles to vote in November.

A second thing to do is to **educate yourself on the issues.** There are some organizations, political parties and even some churches that hand out voter's guides, but often they promote one political party or emphasize certain hot button issues. These can often distort the facts in favor of the way they want to influence your vote. But groups like the League of Women Voters tend to offer non-partisan guides that report on all the candidates and the issues with more fact based information, and newspapers are often fair arbiters of information about candidates from all different political leanings. These days, there are many televised "news" programs that exhibit a level of political bias in one direction or the other, it's helpful to find a seasoned journalistic source that seeks to provide information on both sides without favoring one side or the other as we are making up our own minds.

And thirdly, we can make sure we **get out to vote**, and help get others to the polls as well, either in early voting or on election day. In the Epistle lesson a few Sundays back we read a text from 1 Timothy that says "Pray for Presidents and everyone in authority so that we can live a quiet and peaceful life in complete righteousness and dignity." I changed the word from "kings" to "Presidents," obviously. But you get the point. The people we elect have a lot of power in shaping the world around us, their decisions can profoundly impact our lives and the lives of others. So, **praying and voting are a spiritual responsibility as well as a civic one.**

I used to have a UCC "Our Voice Our Vote" bumper sticker that said "God is not a Democrat... or a Republican." God may not choose sides in our partisan political process the way some of us are inclined to do, but the Bible does suggest that God does want us to live by some clear values. For instance we are called "to love our neighbor as ourselves," to be "peacemakers," and, like the prophets, voices for justice for "the least of

these.” Our life goals are often pretty simple, we want to live “a quiet and peaceful life in complete righteousness and dignity.” Let that longing be our heart’s desire as we seek to express our voice and our faith in our vote.

Your pastor & friend,  
*Brian Q. Newcomb*

## **Notes from Rev. Michelle**

Mahatma Gandhi is famous for saying, “Be the change that you wish to see in the world.” Not only is Gandhi famous for saying this; I am also known to say this week after week. I recite this quote week after week; because I passionately believe in those words. My desire is to make a difference in this world and I yearn to have others join me in bringing about transformation.

As followers of Christ, we believe in creating a world where there is justice and peace for everyone. This month, there will be events that have a focus on fighting against world hunger. As we work together to create a world where everyone has enough; we are shaping a world of God’s dreams. We should strive to be passionate about what God is passionate about.

In the words of Marcus Borg: “A passion for the transformation of this world. Compassion – love – in the Bible has a social form. It is about participating in God’s passion for a world of justice and peace. Together, they are “the dream of God,” God’s dream for what the humanly-constructed worlds of societies and nations and cultures should be like.”

Here at David’s Church; we all have the amazing opportunity to be participants in making God’s dream for the world come true. I wanted to take time to highlight 3 different events that will be centered on transforming the world.

### **1. BREAD FOR THE WORLD**

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. For more than 40 years, Bread for the World’s members have helped win bipartisan support for measures that address the causes of hunger. Each year, thousands of churches from many different faith traditions take part in the Offering of Letters. Everyone at David’s Church is invited to participate in this year’s Offering of Letters.

By participating in Bread for the World’s 2016 Offering of Letters, we can be part of God’s movement in our time, giving us the opportunity to possibly end hunger within a generation. Since 1990, the number of people who are hungry in the world has fallen by over 200 million. Bread for the World is so confident in this amazing progress over the past decades that it is committed to helping achieve the goal of ending hunger and malnutrition by 2030. We have the amazing opportunity to be a part of this awesome endeavor. Just imagine the possibility of creating a world where there is enough food for everyone! That is definitely a world of God’s dream.

We can help with this endeavor by writing letters to members of Congress. This year’s Offering of Letters is focused on women and young children because they are the most vulnerable to hunger and malnutrition. On Sunday, October 2, we will have several sample letters for everyone to pick up and you can write as many letters as you want. We will provide pre-stamped envelopes which will be addressed to the right representatives. Everyone is invited to write some of these letters at church or they can take them home and write out as many as they can. Then on Sunday, October 9, we will offer a special blessing over all the letters that have been written. Let’s work together to write several letters to send to Congress! By just writing a few letters; we are taking steps toward changing the world.

### **2. DAYTON CROP WALK**

David’s Church will be helping to end hunger one step at a time by participating in this year’s CROP Hunger Walk. CROP Hunger Walks are community wide-events that bring people together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world. This is an exciting event for our church to be a part of!

The steps we take and the funds we raise will make a real impact! It would be a sight to see if we can get many in our church family to walk together to end hunger. The Dayton CROP Walk takes place

at 12:30 pm on Sunday, October 2 and will begin at Island Metro Park. The walk is scheduled to last 12:30-2:30 pm but you can come and take as few or as many steps as you want.

If you are unable to come to the walk, you can also participate by simply donating your money toward this cause. I invite you to join our online fundraising team at:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/daytonoh/Team/View/25676/Davids-United-Church-of-Christ>

If you have any questions and/or would like to participate in the CROP Walk, please let Pastor Michelle know.

### 3. SCOTT ROSENBERG

This month we are lucky to have Scott Rosenberg coming to speak during second hour on Sunday, October 9. Scott is a professor of African History at Wittenberg University who has emerged as a champion of the people of Lesotho, Africa. He has led mission trips to Lesotho and he also helped lead and organize our Pack Away Hunger Event this past April. We are hopeful that we will get to work with him for the next event we host. This next event is tentatively set for Saturday, March 25.

Love and Blessings to all,

*Pastor Michelle*

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 2, 2016 - 8:30 & 9:50 A.M.**

## Blessing of the Pets – October 2

Blessing of the Pets will take place in the parking lot of David's Church on Sunday, October 2 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 others and bring along your friends and family and all their pets. Participating pets are expected to be up-to-date on their rabies shots.



## Support Neighbors in Need on October 2

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 2, 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](http://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 Hocak 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 2. 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)

## Temple Beth Or Childcare Opportunity

As many of you may know, we have a relationship with Temple Beth Or where they provide childcare for us on our High Holy Days and we do the same for them. We have the opportunity now to give back to them by helping during their holidays. The CE Board is looking for members who are willing to help provide this much needed service. The times are Sunday, October 2, 7:45 pm; Monday, October 3, 9:45 am; Tuesday, October 11, 7:45 pm; Wednesday, October 12, 9:45 am.

We ask that you prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful interfaith opportunity. If you can help please sign up in the Narthex or contact *Heather Greene* at [hgreene29@gmail.com](mailto:hgreene29@gmail.com). Thank you!

## New Church Directory Photo Sessions – October 4-8

It has been over four years since our last church photo directory. We are partnering with Lifetouch for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. They will be photographing our church families the week of October 4-8. If you have not yet signed up for your photo session, please contact me in the church office as soon as possible as we have a limited number of spots still available.

Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with NO sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to be professionally photographed. We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory.

*Chris Wood*

## Annual David's Oktoberfest



Mark your calendar for Friday, October 14, 5-7 PM for this year's annual Church Oktoberfest. Join Chef 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 will benefit Daybreak and Mercy Manor. See you there.

## Adult Education

The goals of the Adult Education program are to further Christian education and faith development, to generate questions, and to provoke thinking. Classes are held in the Adult Education Room and begin at 11:15 AM.

Please join us on October 9 as we present Dr. Scott Rosenberg, Professor of African History & Chair, Peace Corps Prep Program at Wittenberg University and his discussion on the current drought in Lesotho and its impact on food insecurity in children. He will also discuss issues of malnutrition and stunting in children in Lesotho and its long-term ramifications.

On October 30, we welcome Rachel Ritenour-Bartley and Amy Goldman from Crossroads Hospice. They will be speaking about hospice and family care services, as well as volunteer opportunities.

## Bible Presentation

It is a tradition at David's to give each 3<sup>rd</sup> grader a Bible, presented to them by a special person of their choice. This will take place again this year on Sunday, October 23 during the 9:50 worship service. If your child is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 30 – also Reformation/Big Hat/Jazz 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.

## Keenagers Takes The Chill Off!

Fall is such a wonderful time of the year! We have just the thing to get you out to enjoy these beautiful fall days. Join us Wednesday, October 12 at 11:30 am for Keenagers. With Halloween right around the corner, we thought you'd enjoy a fascinating look at the behind the scene world of costume designing. Area designer, Janet Powell, will join us to talk about her craft and she will bring some costumes from local theatre productions to show you. Before she gets started you'll enjoy a delicious hearty "fall" soup, "fall" salad and rolls all followed by a yummy caramel drizzled "fall" cake. We can't wait to see you there!

## Reformation Sunday (October 30) is Big Hat Sunday & Jazz Sunday



After years of Rev. Newcomb wearing his Doctor of Ministry cap and hood on Reformation Sunday, we have introduced "Big Hat 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 and come enjoy our Jazz service.

## 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 15. No need to RSVP, but you can call the church office at 434-2131 with any questions.

## Game Night at The Grove – Change of Date

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on October 21 come to The Grove for Game Night – hosted by Joyce Comer. Bring a snack, a beverage, your favorite games, and be prepared to have fun playing board games or card games.

## Youth Event – Laser Quest

We will have an exciting Fall Youth Event at Centerville's Laser Quest (201 E. Alex Bell Road, Dayton, OH). On Saturday, October 15 from 2-5pm, all youth in 7th-12th grade are invited to spend the afternoon playing laser tag!! Laser Quest combines hide-and-seek and tag with a high tech twist. Their multi-level arenas have swirling fog, energetic music and fun waiting around every corner! Parents are being asked to drop their youth off at Laser Quest at 2pm and then we will play a couple of games and parents can pick them back up at 5pm. Each game costs \$8.50 and we will play 2-3 games; so plan accordingly with money. If the teens want any pizza or snacks and/or to play some arcade games, they should bring some extra money for that as well. For more information about Laser Quest, you can visit: <http://www.laserquest.com/public/locations/OH-Centerville.cfm> . All teens or their parents can RSVP to Pastor Michelle at [michelle@davidsucc.org](mailto:michelle@davidsucc.org).

*Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

## 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 90 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 13, and for the Christmas baskets no later than December 11.

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



## Warm Wishes Evening Meeting

Have you wanted to be a part of Warm Wishes and cannot meet during the day? Well, this is your opportunity. We are forming an evening group that will meet on the third Sunday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. At this meeting you will learn to either cut fleece, sew fleece or assist with the process.

If you have basic sewing skills and own a sewing machine, you can do this! There will be 2 sewing machines available for your use or you may bring your own. You can also learn to sew these items at the meeting and then sew them at home. If you want to cut fleece following a pattern, we will give you complete instructions and even provide the scissors.

This group makes hats, scarves and mittens for the needy and homeless in the greater Dayton area. You will have an opportunity to make new friends while you are following the David's church mission of outreach. Take action, be involved, make a difference.

A sign up sheet will be posted in the narthex. The first meeting will be October 23. Questions should be directed to *Nedral Dalton* at 937-416-4164 or [realtornedral@nedral.com](mailto:realtornedral@nedral.com).

## Bread For The World Letter Writing Campaign

David's Church is invited to participate in Bread for the World's 2016 Offering of Letters. Since 1990, the number of people who are hungry in the world has fallen by over 200 million, even while the world's population has increased. We are invited to help Bread for the World by writing letters to our congressmen and letting them know that our country's leadership is vital in this fight against world hunger. On Sunday, October 2, following the 9:50 service, come to Fellowship Hall to pick up sample letters to either write at church or at home. The church will provide the postage. On Sunday, October 9, we will offer up a special blessing for all of our letters prior to mailing. If you have any questions please see *Betsy Keyes* or *Pastor Michelle*.

## S.I.G.N.S. Ecumenical High School Youth Group

S.I.G.N.S. invites you to join our group! We are an ecumenical, faith-based, high school group and have been active in Kettering for more than 16 years. We hold meetings during the school year every Sunday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at David's Grove. At our meetings, we delve into a wide variety of topics, and we participate in many social, spiritual, and community service and outings throughout the year. If you would like to join us, please contact *Jill Chabut*, at 297-0324 or [jjcna@att.net](mailto:jjcna@att.net).

- Sunday, October 2 - Regular meeting at David's Grove, 7 until 8:30
- Sunday, October 9 - Regular meeting at David's Grove, 7 until 8:30
- Saturday, October 15 - Haunted Event - evening... more details to follow
- Sunday, October 16 - Regular meeting at David's Grove, 7 until 8:30 pm
- Sunday, October 23 - Regular meeting at David's Grove, 7 until 8:30 pm
- Sunday, October 30 - Halloween Party at David's Grove, 7 until 8:30

## City BBQ Fundraiser Dinners Are Back.

Have dinner at City BBQ Centerville (corner of Franklin and Main) on any and all of the listed dates and David's UCC will receive 25% of the bill amount. City BBQ has kindly offered to host fundraising meals for David's UCC monthly for as long as we want. Meals can be dine in or carryout and are available open to close on selected dates. Just present the flyer when paying and City BBQ takes care of the rest. Flyers are available in Narthex and David's Office. Remember you must present a coupon each time you dine.

Fundraiser Dates are Monday, October 10, Monday, November 14 and Monday, December 12. Enjoy a great meal and help David's UCC raise funds to help support the growth of our church.

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## Eat at City Barbeque and raise money for our group!

Please join us for a special fundraising event.  
25% of your purchase will be donated back to our group!

Sale Amt:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of group: David United Church of Christ  
Date of fundraiser: Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12, 2016  
Participating Location: Centerville City BBQ

Good all day on Dine in & Carry out Orders

Note: If ordering carry out for large groups, please use our Pig Up 'n Go Menu.

Flyer must be presented at time of order to receive credit for the sale.

Flyers cannot be passed out on City Barbeque property. Fundraiser cannot be combined with other promotions or offers. Not valid on gift card purchases.

Check out our menus and **Order Online** at [www.citybbq.com](http://www.citybbq.com)

We look forward to serving you to help raise money for your organization!



## 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  
Joe Nielsen
- 14 Sally Lafayette  
Kristen Hendricks  
Violet Meehan
- 16 Ginny Dieruf
- 17 Kate Hill
- 19 Doug Gordon
- 21 Beth Schaeffer  
Janie Brewer  
Anne Jones  
Becca Webb  
Alecia Smith
- 22 Gerri DeMuesey  
Becky Roess
- 25 Rosalie Bonacci-Roberts
- 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 Irene Gilleland  
Rachel Barnett
- 31 Benjamin Persinger

## New Members

### ***Joe & Emy Aiello***

2131 Lynpark Ave.  
Dayton, OH 45439  
(937) 298-9337

### ***Rosalie Bonacci-Roberts***

4725 Polen Drive  
Dayton, OH 45440  
(937) 433-3752

### ***Ted Elzroth***

720 Woodbourne Trail  
Dayton, OH 45459  
(937) 949-9262

### ***Beverly Henning***

6110 Single Tree Lane  
Dayton, OH 45459  
(937) 872-0455

### ***Janice Kinghorn (& Randy Nielsen)***

*Jon Nielsen, Erik Nielsen, Joe Nielsen  
& Laura Nielsen*  
319 Estates Dr.  
Dayton, OH 45459  
(937) 428-9410

### ***Chuck Schlicher***

4500 Wilmington Pike, Apt. 201  
Kettering, OH 45440  
(317) 690-8620

## Grandparent Announcement

*Jim & Terry Williams* are happy to announce the birth of their grandson, **Collin James Williams**, on September 19, 2016. Proud parents are *Kevin & Leah Williams*.

## Member Death

Our sympathy to the *Pat Johnson and family* in the loss of her husband, **Frank Johnson**, on September 5, 2016.

## Death

Our sympathy to the *Alan & Beth Schaeffer* in the loss of Alan's mother, **Paula Schaeffer**, who passed away on August 27, 2016.

## Thank You

The loss of a loved one is never easy, but the outpouring of sympathy and help from David's church was exceptional. I would like to thank those who sent the lovely cards, Brian, Tim and Chris for a memorable service to honor Frank's memory, and the ladies who provided a veritable feast at the reception. Words cannot express how grateful I am and how proud I am to be a member of David's.

*Pat Johnson*

## One Shepherd Still Needed!

CE is still looking for one person willing to be a Shepherd for the 2 & 3 grade class. Shepherds assist the Teacher with the class, but have none of the prep work! Schedule is four weeks on and four weeks off. It's a great way to get to know the kids and rediscover the stories from the Bible. Interested? Contact *Pam Storar* at [camiha@aol.com](mailto:camiha@aol.com).

## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers (\$20 per vase) are available for the upcoming year. You may order flower arrangements for the altar to honor or remember a special someone in your life or to celebrate a special occasion. Your message will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Call the church office, 434-2131, to order.

## Peanut Butter Need Increases



Thank you all for helping with the Kettering Backpack Program. This ensures that needy students will not go hungry over any given weekend. A backpack is sent home with the kids each week filled with several food items. We have recently learned that the need for our help has increased to nearly 600 jars a month. Please remember to pick up a few extra jars of peanut butter (16 or 18 oz.) when you do your grocery shopping, and place them in the orange bucket in the Narthex. Thanks!

## Usher & Greeter Sign-Ups

Check out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to greet or usher at the second service on Sunday mornings.

## Serving at Gateway

The first Sunday of every month, David's Church is responsible for providing and serving a meal at the Gateway Shelter for Men. This meal, which consists of meat loaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, salad, and lemonade, is one of the favorites served at the shelter. In the Narthex, you will find a sign-up sheet for food that is needed as well as an opportunity to be a server at the shelter. Our next serving is Sunday, November 6. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!

## Sanctuary Improvement Project

So far, we have pledged/collected \$36,858 (73.7%). Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and pledges can be made to extend until August 2017. Labeled blue envelopes are available in the pews for offerings and pledge payments. Please make your checks payable to David's UCC with "Sanctuary Project" in the memo line. Additionally, donations can be made online at <http://davidsucc.org> by clicking the "Donate" button and inputting the amount next to "Sanctuary Project." Let's make our church Open and Affirming to ALL people!!

Church Directory Photo Sign-In  
Host/Hostesses Needed October 4-8  
Contact Chris in the Church Office  
937-434-2131.

<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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2 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship <b>World Communion Sunday/NIN Offering</b> Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 1:00 PM CROP Walk 2:00 PM Blessing of the Pets 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	3 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 7:00 PM Romans Book Study	4 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop 2:00-9:00 PM Church Directory Photos 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	5 2:00-9:00 PM Church Directory Photos 6:00 PM Yoga	6 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 2:00-9:00 PM Church Directory Photos 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	7 2:00-9:00 PM Church Directory Photos	8 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting 10:00 AM-5:00 PM Church Directory Photos		
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