



**DAVID'S DATLINE  
APRIL 2015 Newsletter**

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

**Church Office**

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*Ministers of David's Church - All David's People*

**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb**

**Associate Pastor Michelle Wilkey**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

April 3 - Good Friday

April 5 - Easter Sunday

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

April 8 - Keenagers

April 10 - Game Night at the Grove

April 12 - Youth Sunday

April 18 - David's Dinners

April 19 - Spring Community Concert

April 24 & 25 - Confirmation Class

30-Hour Famine

April 26-July 27 - Pastor Brian's Sabbatical

## From the Pastor's Desk...

The season of Lent can be a very demanding one, but rewarding as well. In addition to our regular work of Sunday preparations, Bible study, pastoral care and participation in the boards and Council of David's, we have four Lenten Specials and take communion around to our shut-ins. Shut-ins are members of David's who cannot attend services often, if at all, due to the limitations of age, illness and travel. Since they cannot come to us, although often they are remembered in our prayers each week, during this season we pack up the bread and grape juice and take communion to them.

While we visit them, it is often we who go to serve that come away with the richest sense of blessing. Sure they want to hear how things are going at church, news about their old friends and folk on the prayer chain, but often they tell us stories of what the church has meant to them over the years, how their faith has grown in the face of limitations and adversity, how appreciative they are that we come to them. It is an honor to hear their stories, to represent the church in offering prayers and words of encouragement, and to be with them even though they can no longer come to us.

There is a sense of belonging, even in absence, a sense of being valued, remembered, and cared for, that is an extension of the promise we make when folk come into membership with our congregation. When folk join our church, they "promise to participate in the life and mission of the family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God, and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves the community and the world," with the help of God.

And in return our congregation promises "our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ... (and) continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior."

So pastoral care is one expression of that promise that continues long after one is no longer able to make the weekly journey to services, due to health and other limitations, it is how we remain present with one another even when presence is limited. I bring this up to remind you that each week in our bulletin we list the members of David's Church who are currently ill, some recuperating from recent hospitalizations or surgeries, others who are dealing with a chronic condition. And we also list those who are home bound or living in assisted-living or nursing home care. As a staff, we try our best to keep that list current and to reach out to folk and keep them connected as best we can with the time available, but we want your help too.

Even if you're not on the official email Prayer Chain, we list each week a bunch of folk from our congregation who are in need of prayer and support (of course, if you'd like to be added to the Prayer Chain, just drop a note with your email by the office some Sunday). During those moments prior to worship as the introit is played, or during the offertory or quiet time during prayers, you might consider praying for these folk. You can also carry that list home with you, to remind you to pray for them throughout the week.

One of the ways we are the church of Christ together is through the connections we make on Sunday, sitting together in worship, passing the peace, going to coffee hour. We have Bible study, Warm Wishes, Lenten Specials, David's Dinners and a host of other opportunities to connect and be community together, to get to know one another better and to grow together in faith. Let's not forget those who no longer have that chance to connect physically. Fellowship & Hospitality often puts out cards to our shut-ins at coffee-hour that you can sign to share that they remain in your thoughts, but let's remember to pray for them too.

Finally, let me affirm that we try as much as it is humanly possible to keep up with the, at times, many pastoral concerns in our congregation, following up with folk in the hospital, facing medical procedures, etc. We're only human, but we try our best. But we cannot read your minds, there have been times when we didn't hear that someone has been to the hospital until they've come home. Sometimes you want to preserve your privacy, but sometimes you might want us to visit, but we haven't been informed about your situation. We would love to be with you and pray as appropriate, but you will have to let us know. And, don't tell us that a visit is not necessary, if you're really hoping we'll come. Not only do we not read minds, we want to honor your wishes, and won't visit if you tell us it's not necessary. We are a busy congregation, we want to serve all the many members as best we can, so always feel free to let us know how we can help.

So let's continue to watch out for each other. If you realize a neighbor has missed a few Sundays, why not let them know you're thinking about them and that they are missed. If someone has felt slighted or over-looked, let us on the staff know so we can do the best we can to mend fences and serve the needs of our congregation to the best of our abilities. That goes for me, and in the months of May thru July when I'm on sabbatical, you can speak directly to Pastor Michelle and Pastor Bev Jenkins who will be assisting part time. Also, please remember that in the narthex there is a yellow folder where you can drop any member of the staff a note about a concern or desire for outreach. It's not always best to speak to us about business on Sundays, when the pastoral staff are preparing for worship, or the office staff are just attending to worship with their families, but we also check that notebook near the beginning of the week so that we don't overlook anyone's concerns.

We want to build a strong community, and that happens best with direct and purposeful communication.

Your pastor and friend,

*Brian Q. Newcomb*

## Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

One of my favorite quotes from Gandhi is; “Be the change you want to see in the world.” When I plan events for church; I always have this quote in mind. It is my deepest desire to make a difference in this world and that is why I am so proud to be a part of a congregation that is filled with people who want to make this world a better place.

In March, I had the honor of leading a Lenten series on Bullying. During the four Wednesdays in March, we engaged in the program “Where All Can Safely Live.” This was a program designed to help everyone understand bullying, understand ways to talk about bullying, and explore ways to prevent bullying. At the end of the series, the children and youth will have the opportunity to make some anti-bullying posters to hang in the Sunday school classrooms. I want to thank all the adults who volunteered to help with this program and I want to express gratitude to all the youth who participated in the bullying series. It has been an educational and eye-opening experience for all involved.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “make the most of yourself...for that is all there is of you.” With that in mind, I set out on Wednesday March 18 to travel to Chicago. It was in Chicago, that I attended a Progressive Youth Ministry Conference that was hosted by the beautiful Fourth Presbyterian Church that is located in downtown Chicago. At the conference, there was a diverse group of speakers and I was able to acquire fresh ideas for the theory and practice of youth ministry in a more progressive setting. I look forward to implementing some of these fresh insights as I move forward in my ministry with the youth at David’s.

One event that I want to highlight for the month of April is the 30 Hour Famine. From Friday, April 24 to Saturday, April 25, the Confirmation group will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine which is sponsored by World Vision. World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. This organization has been fighting poverty for over six decades and it all started when evangelist Bob Pierce came face to face with children orphaned by war in Korea and he decided he needed to do something about it.

The 30 Hour Famine is World Vision’s unique way of fighting to end world hunger. Each year thousands of students in the U.S. and all around the world unite through the 30 Hour Famine to feed hungry children and families. There are many hungry people in the world today and the amount of people without food may shock you. Throughout the world there is an estimated 842 million people who are hungry. That is over two times the population of the United States alone! There is also an estimated one out of every five people who survive on less than \$1.25 a day. Can you imagine surviving on only a little over a dollar a day?

The Confirmation group and I will be fasting for 30 hours. We will be going hungry so that others won’t have to. Throughout the event, we will be playing a game called TRIBE. TRIBE is a series of activities that we will play that will give the kids a glimpse into the lives of children affected by poverty and hunger. They will journey to one of the oldest civilizations on earth as they take on the identity of a child in rural Ethiopia. All of the Confirmands will have a new identity as a child who is affected by poverty and hunger and will compete together through six exciting team challenges. The 30 Hour Famine will be an educational and fun experience for all involved.

We are already in the process of raising funds for this important event. The money that we raise might be able to give a child a second chance through one of World Vision’s emergency clinics. The money that we raise might be enough to provide a water pump to irrigate fields. The list could go on and on, and I am inviting all of you to join the Confirmation group in being a catalyst for change. If you would like to donate to our 30 Hour Famine, then make your check out to David’s and specify that it is for World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine. Every \$35 that is raised is enough to feed and care for a child for a whole month. You can also make a donation online by going to [30hourfamine.org](http://30hourfamine.org) and finding our church’s team page. I believe all of us have the ability to change the world and through the 30 Hour Famine we can bring about some of this change.

Blessings to Everyone,  
*Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

**Do you know everyone, by name, at church? Neither do we. Please be considerate to others and wear your name tag at church so that others can greet you by name.**

**If you have misplaced your name tag and need a new one, contact the church office, 434-2131. Thanks!**

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Maundy Thursday with Communion & Service of Healing

April 2 – 7:00 p.m.

### Good Friday

April 3 – 7:00 p.m.

*Shadow of the Cross: A Contemporary Tenebrae Service*  
by Lloyd Larson

### Easter Sunday

April 5 – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Children's Moment, Sermon, Chancel Choir & Holy Communion at both services

## 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, April 5. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!



## Peanut Butter Needed!

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. 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!

## Experience David's Grove

David's Grove is now available for free rental to our members. Have that Family Reunion, Wedding Anniversary, Birthday Party, or anything else. Reservations MUST be made through the church office with Chris Wood, and a \$25.00, refundable deposit is required. See any Trustee for additional information.

## Celebrating Some Victories

Every spring we have an Offering of Letters at David's. It is part of Bread for the World's mission to end hunger. Last spring we wrote our elected representatives asking them to reform U.S. food aid. Bread reports that we can celebrate two victories in 2014. Reforms delivered aid to 1.5 million more of the world's desperate people. And we halted passage of a provision in a Coast Guard reauthorization bill that would have taken away \$75 million of food aid funds to increase subsidies to the world's shipping companies. If passed, the bill would have reduced the reach of food aid programs by 2 million people annually.

Our letters do make a difference! Join us on April 19 and 26 to write our national representatives urging them to protect our child nutrition programs. We want to be sure to feed our children.

*Betsy Keyes, Adult Education and Mission Board*

## News from the Elders

We are undertaking a Constitutionally mandated but often overlooked dusting and clean up of the Constitution. Each Board has been asked to examine their mission, whether they are meeting what is expected, what may not be needed and what might be added. The Elders are looking at making the document more in line with our faith as well as worship and the possibility of alternative worship opportunities. We ask the entire congregation to review the Constitution, prayerfully consider improvements and submit them to the Elders before 7/1/15.

We do not plan a wholesale revamp. A theological update is important as well as bringing Board descriptions and duties in conformity with what really happens. A grammatical clean up is overdue.

Thanks, your Elder Board

## Keenagers

What a wonderful program we have for you on April 8, at 11:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Al Bailey will capture our hearts, I'm sure, with his stories about the Honor Flights that take our veterans to Washington DC to see the memorials which have been created in their honor. Our thanks to Frank Jones for organizing this.

We will serve a light bowtie pasta salad with chicken, broccoli, pine nuts and a hint of lemon. Yum. Even kids like this. Of course, there will be rolls, and a delicious dessert.

So now that we are all organized, all we need is you. Please do plan to come.

## Spring Community Concert at David's – FREE!



On Sunday, April 19 at 4 pm, David's UCC will host a Spring Community Concert featuring Hillary & Rick Wagner, collectively (and inexplicably) known as Jim's Red Pants. This concert is a free event open to all, made possible by an endowment given in the name of Mrs. Hilde Hemker.

Hillary and Rick play a mix of Americana, Celtic and original instrumental folk music, mostly with Hillary on violin or fiddle and Rick on guitar. They have been known to throw in some mandolin, bouzouki, and other exotic instruments as the occasion dictates. Hillary has played violin at David's on numerous occasions over the years, and Rick and Hillary opened our late Christmas Eve service, a couple years back, with some wonderful Celtic carols that were so inviting that we delayed the service so that they could play a few more songs. We are glad to bring them back for a full concert this Spring.

If the weather is warm and lovely, we will likely move the concert outside onto the church's front steps and invite you to bring your own lawn chairs. But if weather is damp, rainy or cold, we'll move it into the sanctuary. So do plan to come and bring along your friends and families for a lively musical afternoon.

## Adult Ed

Please join us in the Adult Ed Room after church at 11:15 a.m. Light refreshments prior to class. You are always welcome to join us!

April 5 - Easter Sunday – No Class

April 12 – We will gather at MCL Cafeteria for lunch and then travel to the International Peace Museum.

April 19 & 26 – Bread for the World Offering of Letters (see “Celebrating Some Victories” article in this issue).

## Game Night

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on April 10 come to The Grove (hosted by Jim & Margie Phillips) for Game Night. Bring a snack, BYOB, your favorite games, and be prepared to have fun playing board games or card games like euchre, double pinochle, or canasta.

**Youth Sunday**  
**April 12 – 9:50 a.m.**

# David's Dinners

These dinners are a wonderful way for David's member to get to know one another. The remaining dates for this year's dinners are Saturday, April 18, and Saturday May 16 (at David's Grove). Starting time is up to the host. Hosts will be sent a list of names and phone numbers, based on the number they have indicated they would like to entertain. If any guests on the list cannot make it, the host is welcome to invite others, provided that they are members of David's. Hosts cook the main course – other guests bring fill-ins, such as an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert.

We encourage everyone to sign-up! When you do, please indicate which nights you would like to attend, which dates you'd like to host, if any, and how many people you would like to host.

Questions? Please contact Jill Chabut at 581-4240 or email Susie Newcomb at [sus0106@aol.com](mailto:sus0106@aol.com).

## ***A Walk for Justice and Peace***

### ***Good Friday***

### ***April 3, 2015***

### ***12:00 noon-2:00pm***

### **beginning at Courthouse Square (Third and Main Streets)**

### **Rain or Shine! Come for all or part!**

*Do not weep  
for me...*



*Weep rather for  
yourselves*

—Luke 22:28

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## **Listening for Grace**

A new play about relationships, sexuality, and the church

Friday, April 10 – 7:00 p.m. – NCR Renaissance Auditorium at the Dayton Art Institute

\$10 for Adults/\$5 for Students

## April Birthdays

- 1 John Keyes  
Jim Johnson  
Andy Jones  
Ellie Jones
- 3 Beth Dapp  
Ron Slanker
- 4 Sue Walters
- 6 David Blum
- 7 Sue Krichbaum  
Donna Runzo
- 8 Doug Stachler
- 9 Judi McCoy
- 11 Shannon Yee
- 14 Doris Lathrop
- 15 Karen Hendricks  
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Kaja Burke-Williams
- 16 T.R. Routsong  
Cara Boothe



- 17 Vi Zimmerman  
Carol Amon
- 18 JoAnn Bambauer  
Keta Burke Williams
- 19 Bonnie Langdon  
Emma Thompson
- 20 Eric Murphy
- 22 Barbara Ashbrook
- 23 Tim Andrews  
Lee Richardson
- 24 Joyce Comer
- 25 Janette Richardson  
Chris Schairbaum
- 26 Ethan Schoenlein
- 27 Dave Duell  
David DeLon  
Michelle Wilkey
- 30 Liam Moore

## United Church Homes Offers Movie at Trinity

As a Chalice Partner of United Church Homes, David's has been invited to participate in a showing of "Alive Inside" at Trinity Community on Thursday, April 23 at Noon and 3:00 p.m.

"Alive Inside" is a joyous cinematic exploration of music's capacity to reawaken our souls and uncover the deepest parts of our humanity. Filmmaker Michael Rossato-Bennett chronicles the astonishing experiences of individuals around the country who have been revitalized through the simple experience of listening to music. His camera reveals the uniquely human connection we find in music and how its healing power can triumph where prescription medication falls short.



This stirring documentary follows social worker Dan Cohen, founder of the nonprofit organization Music & Memory, as he fights against a broken healthcare system to demonstrate music's ability to combat memory loss and restore a deep sense of self to those suffering from it.

An uplifting cinematic exploration of music and the mind, "Alive Inside" is an inspirational and emotional story that left audiences humming,

clapping and cheering at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival, where it won the Audience Award.

Please RSVP to Jennifer Gibbs at 937-416-4726 or [jgibbs@uchinc.org](mailto:jgibbs@uchinc.org).

## Thank You

Dear David's church family,  
Please accept my humble, belated thanks for the extremely generous "love" gift at Christmas. I'm continually moved by the kindness and appreciation demonstrated by the congregation. It's a privilege to be your musician!

Sincerely,  
*Lyn Morton*

**NATIONAL  
WEEKEND  
OF PRAYER**

FOR THE FREEDOM TO MARRY

**April 24th-26th, 2015**

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTE

<http://www.religioustheology.org/national-weekend-of-prayer/>

<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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