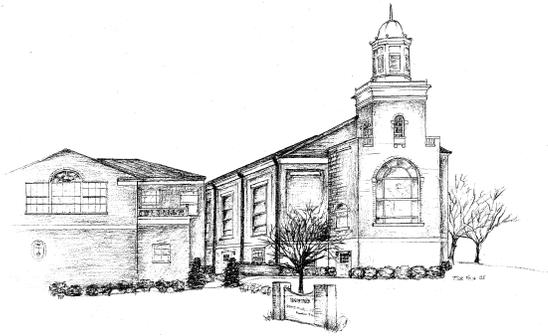


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AUGUST 2011 Newsletter



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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

August 7, 14, 21, 28 - "You Asked For It" Sermon Series

August 7 - Last Day for SALT Workers
Golf Outing/Potluck

August 8-10 - Youth Last Hurrah of Summer

August 10 - Keenagers Luncheon

August 17 - Summer Picnic @ Back's

August 21 - Confirmation Pilgrimage Stockholder
Luncheon/SONKA Synod Mtg.

August 28 - Youth Pool Party @ Porter's

September 2 & 5 - Office Closed

September 10 - Summer Picnic @ Porter's

September 11 - Fall Kick Off

From the Pastor's Desk...

Of late, I've been ruminating on a couple of things that have surfaced in conversations about the future of David's United Church of Christ. Whether they come from our ongoing Open & Affirming dialogues or the Dream Team that our Council President Debbie McCoy has pulled together there has been some debate among us about the value of "labels" and the issue of "change" in our midst.

The easier one first: Labels. But even here, I'm aware that one of the reasons that labels (or slogans, signs and value statements) have become more important for those of us who are trying to communicate the Gospel message or promote a congregational identity that attracts new folk to our community and expression of faith because the world around us has changed dramatically. Change, as has often been said but it seems more true these days than in the past, is the one thing you can count on.

There was a time, perhaps our older members can remember, when there weren't a lot of labels, where you didn't need to say you were a "progressive" or a "conservative" Christian, you didn't need to advertise a "contemporary" or a "traditional" approach to worship. In a culture that prioritized church involvement, and many if not most folk participated in some kind of faith community, it was the denominational name that suggested what folk might expect when they came inside.

It was a time we often describe as the "Christendom era," when it was presumed that a vast majority of people went to church somewhere, if you were high church you might be Episcopalian, if you were more relaxed you might go to one of the Baptist or "free church" traditions. If you preferred order and structure you'd tend toward a Presbyterian model, if you were profoundly democratic you might lean to more congregational traditions like one of the precursors of the UCC, if you emphasized a more educated or rational approach you might lean toward the Reformed traditions (another precursor of the UCC) with its educated clergy, while more those that value more emotional responses tend toward Pentecostalism. Of course, race and economics, your family of origin, and numerous other factors all played a role in where folk worshipped, but by and large we were all "churched" in one way or another.

That of course is no longer true of our culture. For good or for ill, less and less people in the generations that have followed the Baby Boomers feel an obligation to attend church. Thus, worship attendance is far more intentional, folk tend to shop around, and many of the denominational identities that once defined us are no longer operative. For instance there are Fundamentalists, Presbyterian, Methodists and Baptist churches that now have loud guitars and drums, stage lighting and sermons that feature multi-media presentations. And, after years of theological debate and dialogue there are a vast variety of theological orientations that share what in the past would be a definitive denominational description, like Lutheran or Congregational. There are very conservative and very liberal churches with a vast array of denominational and non-denominational nomenclature.

Which is all fine, of course, except that while churches have become more divided and distinct in a variety of ways, from worship style to theological values, etc., many of our neighbors and friends have lost interest. It turns out that the crisis that is impacting American Christian churches is happening across the board – in a soon to be published book by Diana Butler Bass, titled "Christianity After Religion," the author quotes a statistic that the three denominations experiencing the greatest decline are the largest, more prominent conservative expressions. "Mega churches with their praise & worship extravaganzas, once thought to be the mechanism for growth that would save American churches, has turned into a revolving door, failing to hold and maintain active members," says Bass.

The trick is our popular media have failed to absorb this reality, and there are few public spokespersons able and willing to say kind words for our kind of faith. A few years back I was struck when "Meet the Press" did a lengthy conversation with religious leaders across America, when they did not have one individual who spoke from what was once described as the Religious Mainstream. There were Catholics, Baptists, mega church pastors/book authors, and the like, but no UCC, no Lutherans or Methodists or Disciples. No one who might represent the more progressive spectrum of faith communities.

Okay, there I finally said it. "Progressive." That's the label folk tell me they are struggling with, the one folk are asking questions about. Well that and "Open & Affirming." Folk are wondering why we need a label like that. And one reason is that, quite simply, to help outside folk begin to understand what we value and believe in, what we care about. Words are challenging and difficult, they have different meanings in different settings, but given the current dialogue and the challenges we face in getting our message out, we are striving to find words that communicate what is unique, special and wonderful about our faith tradition, words that suggest what we care about, what defines us in worship and practice as a faith community.

While no word is 100% accurate, no label gives a person the complete story, we use the word "progressive" – as in the David's Church slogan "A progressive community where faith comes to life" – because it suggests that we are a

congregation “whose ethics are grounded in social justice, peace, hospitality, and diversity, and whose faith is shaped by the thought and approaches to the Bible that are generally reflected in mainline Protestant seminaries” (from the book “Toward a Hopeful Future” by Phil Snyder and Emily Bowen). I’ve posted an article “About Progressive Christianity” on our web page based on a recent lecture given by Marcus Borg. At the bottom of that article are web links to three sites which say a lot more about progressive Christian expressions. (If you’d like to learn more, I’d invite you to start there, but of course feel free to call me anytime.)

Our United Church of Christ denomination has been trying on some labels, catch phrases and slogans to help churches find a vocabulary to better express our approach and thinking. Thus, “God is still speaking,” and “Don’t place a period, where God has placed a comma,” and “Our faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not.” We live within a few hours drive from a Creation museum where folk are told that evolution is evil, and that the world is only 6000 years old. These slogans (and others to be sure) are not perfect, but they are attempts again to let spiritually hungry people who are looking for a faith where they won’t have to park their brains in the parking lot with their car that “We take the Bible seriously, but not literally.” Labels and slogans can only point in the direction, it will depend on what people find when they get here, what they experience in worship and fellowship that will either connect with them, engage and draw them in, or not.

Which brings me back to “Open & Affirming,” and why I think it’s time for us to try on this label, as an attempt to say that we are striving to live into the faith and model of Jesus, who in the Gospels rejected no one. We’ve heard again and again from folk who are gay or lesbian that they have visited churches that said “all are welcome,” only to find that the sign was less than honest. I’m glad we have had a sign out front that said “All Are Welcome” when I first arrived here about three years ago, to me it says it all, since I know that when folk arrive at our worship service they receive an extravagant welcome from members of our congregation. In a perfect world, that sign would say it all, but we all remember how the world has changed.

So we wrestle with labels, we struggle as the world around us has changed. I’ll say more about change in the life of the church next month, as I’ve more than used my allotted space. But let me suggest that the best reason for us to embrace the label of being an “Open & Affirming” congregation is because it’s the way Jesus treated people, and already in work and practice it’s the way we treat people. In the United Church of Christ, we’ve begun saying that we are a people of “extravagant welcome.” Well, I’m proud to say, that was true of David’s Church long before I got here. And if we vote to become ONA with a statement of our own creation come January, it will not mean that we are changing anything, it will be an expression of what we are already doing, a label to help folk understand that when we say all are welcome, we mean it.

Your pastor & friend,
Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Daria

It’s positively astounding how quickly summers rush by. I always think it’s going to be a laid-back time of rest and relaxation, a habit of thought never shed from my school days. Back then, I spent nearly every day splashing around at the pool and losing myself in endless books. I’d pad down to the library barefoot at least once a week for a refill. I have been getting a lot of good reading in this summer, but it’s also been a writhing mass of busy-ness, between covering for Brian’s vacation, slipping in a little birthday celebration at my mom’s (and acquiring still more books at one of our favorite used book joints, Transallegheeny Books in Parkersburg, West Virginia) and preparing to move! Yes, Jeannene and Jeff, along with the kitties, are joining me down here this month! Jeannene has been offered a couple of jobs! We’ll live halfway between the two jobs, which means my commute will exceed the 10 minutes to which I have become accustomed, but it will be such a blessing to be in the same household again after such a long time apart!

I would say I’m thrilled to say goodbye to that stretch of road between Dayton and Cleveland, but I will be hitting that highway again on August 8th as I travel with the Youth for our Last Hurrah of Summer to visit UCC national headquarters, overnight at a local UCC church and spend a day at Cedar Point. It should be marvelous fun and we should also get to learn a lot at the church house. If you want to come and have not yet RSVP’d, please let me know immediately! Another great Youth event before we start the official Youth season is a pool party, hosted by the ever-gracious Porters, for Youth entering grades 6-12 and their parents. This will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 28th. Bring your towel and an appetite! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the church office or to me no later than August 19th so that we have plenty of lunch!

In addition to all the fun stuff, we also say goodbye to our SALT workers, Nico Avila-John and Geoff Miller. It seems like they just started with us. It’s been a wonderful summer with the two of them. Their last day will be August 7th, so please take a moment between now and then to express your thanks for all the hard work they’ve done this summer! They have been a marvelous team! We’ll also be saying goodbye to those who are going off to college for the first time. If you

are in that group, we would love to have your contact information so that we can be in touch and support you through everything from getting oriented to final exams.

Speaking of getting oriented, we'll have a new group of Confirmation students beginning this September, as entering 7th graders become eligible to participate. We are working on the Confirmation schedule for the coming year, including a Camp Kern retreat to start and our Pilgrimage to St. Louis and Memphis to cap off the year. Please let me know by the end of August if your child plans to join the Confirmation class and I will get the registration paperwork to you. I will be holding Coffee Shop Hours at the Starbucks in Oakwood from 3-5 on Wednesday, August 10, 17, 24, 31 (there will be no Coffee Shop Hours on Wednesday, August 3), so if you want to talk about what Confirmation will entail (or about anything else), I'd love to have you drop by for a chat! If you were a supporter of this year's Confirmation Pilgrimage to Atlanta, know that you have our heartfelt gratitude and an invite to our Stockholder's Luncheon on August 21st after worship. We'll share a delicious meal and anecdotes about our journey! Please RSVP to the church office by August 19th for this special time with our young people.

Another event which requires an RSVP is the annual Interfaith Iftar Dinner hosted by the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati. I had the opportunity to attend this breaking the Ramadan fast celebration last year and it was a wonderful experience. The welcome extended by the Islamic Center was extravagant indeed, with informative displays and speakers, a sumptuous feast and a tour of the mosque. This is offered free to members of other faith communities to help educate us about Islam. If you would like to attend with me at 7 p.m. on August 14th, please let me know no later than August 7th and I will sign the David's group up.

Summer will be gone before we know it, so make sure you spend some time outdoors, enjoying the crickets and frogs at night, checking out concerts at open-air venues, eating juicy tomatoes and local sweet corn and indulging in all those pleasures the season offers us!

Blessings,
Rev. Daria

David's UCC and SONKA to Host "What Happened at General Synod" Event on Sunday, August 21 at 3 pm.

Come join us in Fellowship Hall as Rev. Newcomb and Ohio delegates to General Synod from the Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association will tell of their experiences in early July when our United Church of Christ gathered to worship, deliberate, and witness. The theme was "Imagine What's Possible." Come here the stories, hear about the resolutions and votes taken, the witness and mission planned for the future, and get your questions answered.

"You Asked For It" Topics for August Sermons

This month, we're trying an experiment where I've agreed to preach sermons in response to your questions, suggestions and topics. So, to be fair and give advance warning, here's the topics I'll be taking on this month.

On Aug. 7 (Communion), I'll be preaching on Church as Family & Alternative Community, addressing some of the Bible's teachings about honoring one's parents, and our goal of being an intergenerational faith community where acceptance and support are the norm, and love & forgiveness set the tone.

On Aug. 14, I'll be addressing the issues of separation of Church & State, the challenge of living faithfully and working for peace & justice and other issues that the Gospel addresses, while maintaining a faith community (and a legal non-profit) that is non-partisan, and avoids the argumentative political rhetoric of the current discourse.

On Aug. 21, I will speak about some of the oft repeated clichés used by people of faith, that something "is all part of God's plan." Or that "our lives have been predetermined before we were born." Or "God only sends what you can handle." When we have said things like this we often mean to suggest that God is with us through the bad situations that we experience, but that also suggest predestination and questions things the idea of free will. Do we really believe "everything happens for a reason?" That, every bad thing that comes into our lives is caused by God, is meant for some purpose? What about grace?

And finally, on Aug. 28, I'll be talking about all the "End Times" talk that we keep hearing from some religious folk – that promised (or threatening) rapture talk back in May, those best selling "Left Behind" books that suggest a literal interpretation of the New Testament book of Revelation, with things in it about the Anti-Christ, dragons and Armageddon, and the end of life as we know it. Where do folk get that stuff, what does it mean that those stories are told in the Bible, and what do progressive Christians believe about eschatology and things like that?

These and other time honored theological problems solved in 20 minutes or less? Well... No, of course not. But I'll give it an honest attempt, and we'll have plenty to talk about over brunch, don't you think?

Pastor Brian

Greetings Keenagers!

After a month away, Keenagers will resume on Wednesday, August 10 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a picnic lunch and some Mississippi Mud Pie as we are entertained by someone who looks suspiciously like Mark Twain. We've missed you and hope that you will be back to join in on the fun.



Adult Level Confirmation Class – 8 Monday evenings this Fall

Pastor Brian will be teaching a confirmation study class for adults interested in engaging the core values and faith expressions in the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith. We will use the same text that our young people use in their two-year long class, "Affirming Faith," but engage it at a more accelerated rate in just 8 two hour classes, from 7 – 9 pm, on Mondays starting on Sept. 19. We will take off Oct. 31 for folk to attend to any Halloween commitments, and finish the class up on Nov. 14.

We hope a dozen or more folk will join us on this journey of spiritual/theological exploration. We ask that each class participant agree to attend as many classes as physically possible and agree to purchase a copy of the text/journal for \$14, by our deadline of August 29. Email your commitment or drop a written note by the church office and then get your check to us.

Golf Outing – August 7

We are playing at Yankee Trace golf course on August 7th, 2011. Tee times will be starting at 12:40 p.m. Green fees are \$34.00, this includes a cart and range balls. Please sign-up on the sheet provided in the Narthex before July 29th.

There will be a potluck at the home of Mary Rose and Warren Back, starting around 5:30 or 6:00p.m. A sign up sheet is provided for the potluck including a guideline for what food items to bring. The swimming pool will be open for the enjoyment of those persons attending.

If you have any questions call *Kaaren or Paul Dunlap* at 433-0665.

David's Church Supports St. Paul UMC Outreach

St. Paul United Methodist Church is located at 101 Huffman Avenue in east Dayton. St. Paul has been the recipient of various kinds of assistance from David's Church for many years. Not only have we offered financial support to their Outreach Program, but David's people have given clothing and food items throughout the year.

At a glimpse . . . during May 2011, with your support, St. Paul:

- Served 1,338 nutritious, hot meals at Tuesday lunch and Saturday breakfast.
- Provided groceries to 892 individuals for 13,380 meals through the Emergency Food Pantry.
- Put over 1,000 pieces of good, used clothing into the hands of many grateful people.

Our barrels for donations are located near the elevators at the parking lot entrance to David's Church. St. Paul's most current needs are listed on a large bulletin board in the window above the barrels. Please take a look to see ways that you might consider helping this most worthy project.

St Paul Parish Outreach Needs:

Pantry Needs – Canned fruit, canned meat, cereal, drink mixes, Kool-aid, pancake mix, syrup

Hispanic Ministries – Childcare volunteers, booster seats

Christmas Shop – New toys, new clothes/shoes (for children ages newborn-18)

Back to School Needs – New book bags, hard binders (1", 2"), ink pens, pencils, folders, Kleenex, paper towels

New socks & underwear (children's size 8 through adult large)

Church Needs – Fans, baby bed

ESOL Tutors – to help students learn English

YPC Helper – to read with children and help with homework (grades K-6th)

Sincerely,

The Mission Board



Confirmation Pilgrimage Stockholder's Luncheon

**Sunday, August 21 following the 9:50 worship service
David's Church Fellowship Hall**

After a meal together, our teens will share their experiences from the Confirmation Pilgrimage to Atlanta, Georgia.

Come One! Come All!

SALT Thank Yous

I had many personal reservations while I was applying for the position of SALT Worker here at David's UCC. I thought I wasn't prepared or experienced enough for the work required of me. At one point, I even considered withdrawing my application from consideration. I would now like to thank the selection committee for disagreeing with me and choosing me for the position. If I could, I would go back in time a few months and tell "Past Nico" not to worry and probably scold him a bit for merely thinking about rescinding his application. My time as a SALT Worker at David's has been an awesome experience! I want to thank everyone at David's for making the experience as awesome as it was. More specifically, I would like to thank Dotti Ankeney, Pastor Brian, and Pastor Daria for guiding me from week to week, Chris Wood and Anne Jones for helping me with pretty much any question I had ("How do I send a fax?"; "Where are the envelopes?"; "What's this thingy?"; etc...), the children of David's for not being as uncooperative during Sunday School and Vacation Bible School as I was when I was their age, the congregation for being so welcoming and friendly to me (and for putting up with my stumbling through the Scripture readings every time I was liturgist), and finally Geoff Miller for being the best coworker I could ask for. Again, my time here has been wonderful and I am extremely grateful for everything. I can't wait to be a part of David's United Church of Christ now that I know how it works from the inside.

~Nico Avila-John, SALT Worker

Greetings David's Church! This Summer has been a wild ride, and I can't believe that the time to say goodbye has already come. Or at least it will by the time you read this note; it's actually only mid-July as I write! I have had the privilege to walk with this church family through weddings and funerals, to work with the young and young at heart, to care for the church family, and to care with the church for those in need in the community. I've had a lot of guidance and support throughout the experiences of the Summer, and I'd like to give a huge thank-you to Anne Jones, Chris Wood, Pastor Brian, Pastor Daria, and Debbie McCoy. Also very much deserving thanks are Dotti Ankeney and the SALT Committee, who put so much work into the program that it was all I could do to stay one step ahead of my schedule. The SALT program has offered a great wealth of experiences and growth that I'll not soon forget. My final thanks goes out to you, the David's Church family, for having me as a part of your community this Summer. Last, but not least, I want to give a shout-out to Nico Avila-John for putting up with me and having some of the same questions I did, so I did not feel quite so unsure of myself. Peace, and God bless.

Geoff Miller, SALT Worker



Dayton Dragon's Game – August 30

David's Church family and friends will have a night out at the Dragon's game to see them take on the West Michigan Whitecaps on Tuesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. We will be seated in the Dragon's Lair, and for the \$16 price of admission (Adults/Children) you will receive a hat and \$10 food voucher. It's like getting in for free! Please sign up in the Narthex no later than Friday, August 12.

Young Adults - Keep In Touch

As a young adult of the church, you may be experiencing some great transitions of life: going off to college, getting married, moving into your first apartment, or buying your first home.

Wherever you are, whatever you're doing, we want to stay in touch with you. Please call the church office, or email chriswood@davidsucc.org, so that we may update you on Church activities and send you monthly copies of *Dateline* via email.

Summer Picnics

We are rounding out the summer with the last two picnics for David's Church folk - August 17 at The Back's (Pool Open!) and September 10 at Porter's (Pool Open!). Families, couples, singles, young, medium, and not so young are all welcome. This is a great chance to relax, kick back, and enjoy good food & great fellowship. The host home will provide a main dish, paper products, and drinks. Guests are invited to bring a side dish or dessert for 10 to 12 people to share and a lawn chair. Rain or shine, we're planning on a great end of the picnic season!



You can sign up to attend in the Narthex so we know how many people to plan for! The Back's picnic will begin at 6:00 p.m. and continue until the sun goes down, and The Porter's will have their pool open at 2:00 p.m. with the food starting at 4:00 p.m.

Confirmation 2011 – 2012 Year

Confirmation is Coming! We are planning our Camp Kern Confirmation Retreat and looking forward to another year of learning about and deepening our faith! All entering 7th and 8th graders are invited to be part of the Confirmation Class! If you are interested, please let Rev. Daria know of your plans to participate before the end of August. It's going to be a really fun year full of field trips, fun activities and important conversations, culminating in our June Pilgrimage to Memphis & St. Louis!

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Jim and I have been totally overwhelmed by your response to your accident with so many acts of kindness: prayers, cards, calls, transportation and food! How fortunate we are to be a part of such a caring, kind, and loving church!

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Blessings in abundance to all of you dear people!

Gratefully & with love,

Jim & Ruth Widman

United Theological Seminary Offers Seminary for Seniors

The mission of *Seminary for Seniors* is to provide opportunities for further learning for adults 50 years and older. Courses focus on issues related to the intersection of faith and culture and are designed to stimulate students intellectually while building fruitful relationships.

Each course is in session for a six-week term, and is taught by facilitators significant experience in his or her course's subject matter. Thematic concentrations include theology, cultural studies, literature and the arts, religious studies, science and philosophy.

Students do not receive academic credit for completing courses, but are intellectually enriched through participation in class discussions and reading assignments. During the six-week term, each course will meet once a week for two hours.

The term registration fee (\$75) allows participants to attend any or all courses taught during that term. Registration is online or by mail.

To find out more about how *Seminary for Seniors* can help you reach your lifelong learning goals, visit us online at www.united.edu or contact the registrar at 937.529.2201.

Peanut Butter Needed!



Thank you congregation 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. The 18-ounce peanut butter jar is inserted just once a month. We currently only have a one-month supply of peanut butter in stock! So...bring in as many jars as you can and we will store them for distribution during this next year. Pick up a take-home white bucket in the narthex labeled: "A BUCKET OF BUTTER" or just bring in jars when you are able. You can keep the bucket at home and add to it as the days go by as a reminder of your service to a very worthy project. Thank you!

-The Mission Board

Gateway Needs You!

We are currently very short on all kinds of food for the August 7th Gateway service! Meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, jello, and cookies are all needed as well as a few more servers. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider what you can contribute to help the needy, and sign up in the Narthex today! Thanks for your support!

2011 WAG Rummage Sale Successful

Following 12 days of feverish preparation, The Women's Activity Guild 25th Annual Rummage Sale opened on Thursday, July 21 with the Preview Sale! Sales continued on Friday, July 22 from noon to 6 with box deals and 10% off as the day progressed. On Saturday, July 23, we opened with customers drawing their discount of 30 to 50% off with box deals and "magic carpets" as well as ending the day with \$5 bags which encouraged our shoppers to select many treasures! Thanks to the generous donations of our congregation, the Women's Activity Guild raised \$10,441!

We offer special thanks to all who sorted, priced, worked the day of and helped pack up the remaining treasures to help others at St. Francis Thrift Store, St. Paul's, Good Shepherd Ministries and Planned Parenthood after the sale: Barb & Dick Adams, Val Andrews, Dotti & Paul Ankeney, Nico Avila-John, Lynn & Ralph Bender, Dave & Jean Blum, Cara & Ciara Boothe, Carolyn Brethen, Ann & Hunt Brown; Alex, Erin & Jodi Bruner; Beth & Robb Castele, Beth Dapp, Del & Roselyn Faulkner, Nedra Gockel, Dick Gregg, Ann & Curt Heaton, Diane Herbst, Bobby & Tom Hughes, Anne Johnson, Jim & Shirley Johnson, Pat Johnson, Anne, Ellie & Ian Jones, Bert & Judy Jones, Dennis & Joyce Lee, Becky & Polli Leighty, Joyce Lewis, Kathe Lindner, Ben & Marissa Lupo; Abby, Debbie & Kevin McCoy; Judi McCoy, Geoff Miller, Ruth Ann Morgan, Jim & Margie Phillips, Lee Richardson, Bill & Patrice Schottelkotte, Darren Thompson, Bob Stone, Sue Walters, Sherrill Weinberg & friend Jerry; Chris, Julie, Sam & Steve Wellbaum. We hope we didn't miss acknowledging anyone, but if we did, please know we appreciated all the volunteer efforts!

Thanks to all who supported the Rummage Sale as well! We're looking forward to another successful sale in 2012!!

Youth Pool Party!

Youth grades 6-12 and their parents are invited to a pool party at the home of Don and Joyce Porter on Sunday August 28th at 1 p.m. Come get to know the other youth and have fun in the sun! Changing rooms and food will be provided, but don't forget to bring a towel. Please contact Pastor Daria with any questions.



SALT Workers Reception - Sunday, August 7 in the Fellowship Hall

Nico Avila-John and Geoff Miller have joined the staff of David's UCC Church for nine weeks this summer as part of the Summer Adult Leadership Training. They have taught Church School classes and S.S. Summer program. Geoff helped to lead the Confirmation trip and Nico was a camp counselor. They helped to plan and lead worship services and helped to lead the Gateway program in July. They traveled to Cleveland to visit the National offices of the United Church of Christ. They have met with Daria for Spiritual Growth which included a trip to Bergamo Center. And last but not least they are helping with the preparations of the fall Christian Education program.

Please stop by the Fellowship Hall to thank Geoff and Nico for all their service.

Ruth Hopkins to be Ordained to Ministry at Cross Creek UCC

Ruth Hopkins, who has been a SONKA incare candidate, will be ordained to Christian ministry in the United Church of Christ by the association at a service at Cross Creek Community Church, UCC, Centerville, on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 4:30 p.m. All in our association are invited to attend this service, which also will include installation of Ruth as a pastor at Cross Creek Church. The ordination and installation service will be followed by a reception with light refreshments at the church. Clergy are asked to wear robes and red stoles, and to meet 15 minutes prior to the service in the church parlor to prepare to process. Cross Creek is located at 667 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

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.

August Birthdays

- 1 Joanne Britain
Dan Yett
Julia Sizek
- 2 Margaret Walker
Christine Wood
Kirsten King
Robert Hughes
- 3 William Stolz
- 4 Kathy Galbraith
Garry Weed
Brock Schoenlein
Samuel Stanley
- 7 Carl Bruckner
Bill Hendricks, Jr.
- 8 Sam Savchuk
Kami Runzo
Layla Stolz
- 9 Lois Ruse
Amber Maham
- 10 Mary Bayman
- 11 Andy Storar
Katie Schottelkotte
- 12 Diane Herbst
- 13 Gerri Creel
- 14 Marilyn Cartwright
Curt Heaton
Sarah Schlise
- 15 Bob Stone
Michele Hutchison
Katie Lathrop
- 16 Jerry Laack
Kellie Hughes
Emily Angel



- 17 Jack Grable
Don Porter
- 18 Marge Heffner
Lauren Wright
Zach Angel
Kyle Sherrets
- 19 Carolyn Yett
Kelly Luke
- 21 Joan DeLon
Joyce Lee
Erin Bruner
- 22 David Blumberg
- 24 Linda Ford
Bert Jones
Gregg Parr
Ed Webb
- 25 Betsy Jump
Barb Creager
- 26 Ruth Gordon
Ian Jones
Mason Stachler
- 27 Dottie Fox
Andrew Lewis
- 28 Lea Nakauchi
Dick DeLon
- 29 Margaret Effinger
Nikki Murphy
- 30 Alex VanHouten
- 31 Leigh Ann Turner
Grant Hutchison

Weddings

On July 2, 2011, *Stephanie Davis & Sam VanHouten* were married by Rev. *Daria Schaffnit* at David's Church.

On July 15, 2011, *Sarah Hardenbrook & Stuart Barton* were married by Rev. Dr. *Brian Q. Newcomb* at Benham's Grove.

Member Deaths

Our sympathy to the family of *Elsie Augustus* in the loss of *Elsie* on July 6, 2011.

Our sympathy to *Jim & Becky Strang and Family* in the loss of father and grandfather, *Dick Strang*, on July 11, 2011.

Deaths

Our sympathy to *Don & Joyce Porter and Family* in the loss of mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, *Margaret Wilson Webber*, on July 22, 2011.

Grandparent Announcements

Hannah Desiree Stauffer was born on July 1, 2011 to *Brett & Beth Stauffer*. Proud Grandmother is *Diane Herbst*.

Jenna Katlin Faulkner was born on July 16, 2011 to *Rachael & Eric Faulkner*. Proud Grandparents are *Del & Roselyn Faulkner*. Proud uncle is *Todd Faulkner*.

<u>SUNDAY</u> 	<u>MONDAY</u> 1 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 5:30 PM Yoga	<u>TUESDAY</u> 2 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga 6:15, 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 3 6:00 PM Yoga	<u>THURSDAY</u> 4	<u>FRIDAY</u> 5	<u>SATURDAY</u> 6 Private Reception at The Grove
7 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship with Communion Gateway 12:30 PM Golf Outing 5:30 PM Pot Luck at The Back's 7:00 PM Book Study	8 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM LIFT	9 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga 4:30 PM Deacon Meeting	10 11:30 AM Keenagers 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Starbucks-Oakwood 6:00 PM Yoga	11 DATELINE DEADLINE	12	13 8:00 AM Trustee Meeting
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Last Hurrah of Summer</div>						
14 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 7:00 PM Book Study 7:00 PM Islamic Center Tour	15 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga	16 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Council Meeting	17 6:00 PM Yoga 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Starbucks-Oakwood 6:00 PM Picnic at the Back's	18 6:00 PM Yoga	19	20 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
21 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship STOCKHOLDER LUNCHEON Food & Clothing Outreach 3:00 PM Synod Mtg. 7:00 PM Book Study	22 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga	23 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga	24 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Starbucks-Oakwood 6:00 PM Yoga	25 6:00 PM Yoga	26	27 10:30 AM Dick Strang Memorial Service & Reception
28 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 1:00 PM Youth Group & Parents Pool Party at the Porter's 7:00 PM Book Study	29 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga	30 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Dayton Dragons Game	31 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Starbucks-Oakwood 6:00 PM Yoga	<h1 style="margin: 0;">AUGUST 2011</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">David's United Church of Christ 937-434-2131</p>		