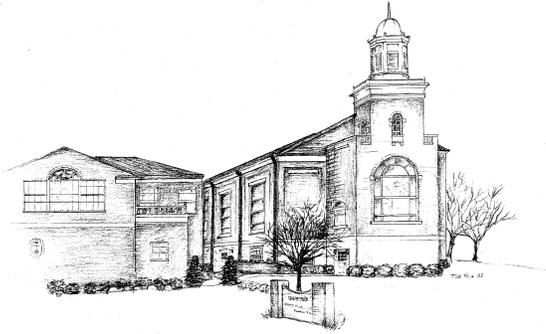


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AUGUST 2013 Newsletter



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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

August 4 - Youth Pool Party @ Porter's

August 7 -Summer Picnic @ Back's

August 14 - Keenagers

August 4, 11, & 18 - "You Asked For It"
Sermon Series

August 18 - Sunday School Start Up/
New Member Orientation

August 22 - Handbell Choir & Chancel Choir
Start

August 30 & September 2 - Office Closed

September 8 - Fall Kick Off

September 15 - Golf Outing @ Yankee Trace

From the Pastor's Desk...

No doubt you've heard this phrase used in an argument or discussion recently: "You're entitled to your own opinions. You're not entitled to your own facts." Those words, often *attributed* to Daniel Patrick Moynihan, have shown up a lot recently in debates I've witnessed, on talk shows and the internet. There was once a time when everyone relied on the same news, which we presumed to present an objective view of reality: nobody thought Walter Cronkite leaned to the left or right in his coverage. But these days, with political conservatives preferring one source and political liberals another, and news organizations selecting the information that most bolsters their own ideological commitments, it's harder and harder to find the foundational, objective truths, the real facts of a given matter.

More and more, in recent decades, that's also true about Jesus, and the presentation of a so-called "Christian worldview" or value system. So many different people, speaking authoritatively from their own perspective, have gone on record saying so very many different things on so many different issues, that at times I wonder if we haven't lost our focus. If we want to argue that Jesus was a historical figure, and that the four Gospels of the canonical Bible offer the best portrait of his person and life, teachings and values, then you may have a right to your own opinion on Jesus, but you don't have a right to your own facts about Jesus.

And generally, when someone says, "The Bible says," they pretty much have a responsibility to not be presenting their own opinion based on one verse that has been ripped from its original context and meaning, and should it seem to me to be presenting something that honors the original purpose of the verse at the very least, and the whole of the complete biblical document and its major themes. It's troublesome to me when someone pulls out one verse or concept from sacred scripture that supports their argument or position, but then ignores the full weight and alternative views that also show up in the Bible elsewhere.

This happened the other day, when an elected official quoted a verse in the Bible to support his view that our government should give less money in food stamps and other aid to the needy. The verse in question was lifted out of the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 3, verse 10, which says "Anyone unwilling to work should not eat." It's worth pointing out that the verse says "unwilling," not "unable," which defines many who need assistance, and also that many on food stamps in our country do have low-paying jobs at fast food and retail stores but still live below the poverty level and thus qualify for aid... but let me stay in my area of knowledge and study, the Bible.

Now, if this individual wants to argue against using food stamps to aid and feed the country's needy, he has a right to his opinion (even if I heartily disagree with him), but when he quotes this one verse from the Bible as if it's the last word on whether we as Christian people should want to put policies in place that, in this case, don't give food to those who are "unwilling to work," well, then, this person does not have a right to his own highly edited version of the Bible. And on the whole, the Bible's message is altogether different from the one he seems to emphasize.

But let's look at the verse in question. First, 2 Thessalonians is a book that, while attributed to the Apostle Paul, is one of questionable authorship. Scholars point to changes in language, tone and message, when they suggest that this letter was not written by Paul, who undoubtedly wrote the First one. But even if we take it at face value, the Apostle writing to answer specific questions and concerns in a local congregation may not be offering a maxim that is appropriate in every time, place and situation. For instance in the Corinthian epistles, Paul writes that women should be quiet in church, even though elsewhere he affirms the ministry of women who act as teachers, apostles and church leaders. Some have taken that one verse to say women should never preach or teach (grown men, even in most conservative settings women can teach children in Sunday school), but we know that is not an accurate understanding of Paul's thinking or the written texts of scripture. The author to 2 Thess., may have been addressing one situation in one church, where some had become idle and were taking advantage, but is that the message of the whole of scripture?

Because, on the whole, the Bible appears to take a very positive view of feeding those who are hungry, as in Jesus' miracles of feeding the multitudes, his strong words in Matthew 25's toward those who did not feed the hungry, the one's Jesus calls the "least of these." Add to that all the admonitions in the Torah and the Prophets to live hospitable lives, caring for the needs of the most vulnerable – traditionally listed as "widows, orphans and strangers" – and those who in caring for the needy and feeding the hungry have entertained angels, or as Jesus said, "when you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

As I said, if some legislator wants to oppose food stamps, that's his or her prerogative, but I don't think you can use the Bible as your defense. You have a right to your opinion, but you don't have a right to your own facts.

Same thing happens with the issue of marriage equality for lesbian and gay folk. Some conservative Christian group is always going on record to talk about the "Biblical definition of marriage", and how it is and always was one man and one woman. Well, that's interesting, I think. Consider the first family of the people of God, the children of Israel: You'll remember the Genesis story of Jacob wrestling with God or an angel or something through the night, and at the end God changes his name to Israel, and from his twelve sons names the twelve tribes that make up the young nation. The trick

here is that to get to 12 sons, Jacob needed not only two wives, but had “help” from their two hand-maidens. How’s that for the Biblical definition of marriage? Awkward!

Then you have the two greatest kings of Israel, David and Solomon, both of whom had many wives (and to be honest concubines as well). Then we have Jesus who appears to have never married, and Paul the missionary Apostle who gives us most of the New Testament, who also never married and even said that folk should only marry if they were burning with lust. Not a high bar set for any view of marriage, in my humble opinion. And since this argument is often shaped as a fight against gay rights, it’s probably important to notice that Jesus, who said quite a bit about loving our neighbor as we love ourselves, and who spent his ministry healing, feeding and keeping company with the most marginalized people of his day, never said anything about homosexuality. It never came up, not once in the Gospels. And the few passages where he addresses marriage, he never condemns Levirate marriage (and by extension polygamy), but warns men against mis-using Mosaic Law to quickly divorce their wives and thus escape their financial responsibility to care for her throughout her life.

So, on the whole not a great Biblical case for monogamous heterosexual marriage as we celebrate it today (without families choosing spouses for their children to advance their wealth, etc.), in the whole of the scripture. Although to be fair there’s some wonderful language in Genesis about how a “man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife and they become one flesh,” it’s just that as we saw above the authors of Genesis had other views of marriage as well.

Which brings me to my point, and I do have one: As progressive Christians we need to be skeptical when any Christian leader says, “The Bible says” this or that. Sometimes folk get away with naming that authority simply because many of us are not familiar enough with our Bibles to know better. We need to remember to think critically, and be willing to get in there and wrestle with the texts, just as Jacob wrestled with God, for insight and understanding. Sometimes we might need the help of a scholar or teacher, but there are helpful study Bibles and commentaries to guide us. But sometimes, just opening our Bible and seeing what comes before and after a specific verse can help wipe away a lot of the false meanings that folk have used to make this point or that.

When a preacher says “God hates” and the only text we’ve ever memorized is John 3:16, we need to be ready to respond that Jesus is reported to have said that “God so loved the world.” And when someone says Christians can’t support marriage equality for our lesbian and gay family and friends, we need to remind them that the meaning of marriage was evolving in the Bible, and that God is still speaking. And when someone says, “The Bible says, those who don’t work should not be fed,” we need to be prepared to say, you have a right to your political opinion, but you don’t have a right to your own edited version of the Bible, in which Jesus tells his lead disciple Peter three times to “feed my sheep.” And you don’t have to be a legalistic Bible-thumper literalist to say that feeding people appears to be pretty important to God.

Your pastor & friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

P.S. As I mentioned last month, on July 10 I participated in the Executive Lock-Up program of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and thanks to all of you who helped raise my bail, we collected over \$1100 for the noteworthy cause. I want to thank all who contributed, it’s greatly appreciated.



Notes from Rev. Daria

Summer is running away from us, even faster for some students this year than most summers go. Schools are starting earlier and we are starting our regular church school year earlier than usual, too, on August 18th. Our boys are both headed to college, with Jeff moving to Zanesville to attend Zane State in early August and Scot returning to his dorm at Edinboro about the same time. It will be the first time since I met Jeannene that we won’t have any kids living with us. How strange! There is a parent support group forming for those with younger kids, slated to meet Sunday mornings during children’s choir. If you’re interested in that, see *Nancy Madden* for more information. However, the concerns of parents of teens and college-aged children are significantly different. If you are such a parent and would like support for this leg of your parenting journey, I am forming a support group just for us, so speak to me and we’ll plan an initial meeting.

One of the concerns for parents of teens is extreme busyness, with kids involved in all kinds of activities, seemingly all the time. Last month, I released a schedule of youth activities in *Dateline*. I have also updated the Senior High and Junior High Facebook groups with activities for the coming year. I hope you and your youth will make David’s activities a priority. There will be a new policy instituted for all youth and family programming this year. I will need to have at least 3 people signed up a week in advance of any given activity or the activity will be cancelled. I love planning fun things for our kids to do, but it is not good stewardship of my or chaperones’ time to spend time preparing for an activity and stay late to do the activity only to have no one show up for it. So, if you or your kids plan to attend, please do let me know so that no one is disappointed! If you would like to be part of the Facebook group for your age group, you can find those by

searching for “David’s UCC Senior High Youth Group” (grades 9-12) or “David’s UCC Junior High Youth Group” (grades 6-8).

We will be starting a new tradition this year to welcome new 6th graders to the youth group. On August 4th, we will have a bridging ceremony during the 9:50 worship service. New youth group members will be ceremonially welcomed and are then released to church school. 7th-12th graders are invited at that time to the senior high room for snacks and a discussion of what it means to be called. Our new youth group members are invited, along with their parents, to attend their first youth group activity after worship! The Porters will be hosting a pool party for students in grades 6-12 and their parents at 12 p.m. at their home and have graciously offered also to provide lunch. If you would like to attend, please let me know ASAP so that they will know how many to expect. In case of rain, we will just have lunch together at Chipotle and get to know one another better.

We will also have a new crop of confirmation students this year. If your child is in grade 7 or above and would like to spend the next couple of years learning about God, the UCC, and myriad other faith-related topics in preparation for church membership, I promise lots of support, fun, and spiritual development. There will be a mandatory meeting for all confirmation students and parents in the sanctuary following worship on August 25th, but I would like to hear from you before that if your child will be entering the new class so that I can begin planning our start of the year retreat!

Another group that provides fun, support, and spiritual development is the Women’s Spirituality Group, which will meet August 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. All women are invited and friends are always welcome. We’re working through Julia Cameron’s *The Artist’s Way* together this year. In August, we’ll be discussing Week 6: Recovering a Sense of Abundance. You don’t have to have done the reading or exercises to come play with us, though!

If you are neither confirmation-age nor a woman, another great venue for fun, support, and spiritual development is a visit at Coffee Shop Hours. I’ll be at Ghost Light Coffee from 3-5 p.m. every Wednesday in August except the 28th, when I’ll be tagging along on Jeannene’s business trip to Hershey, PA. Come see me!

Blessings for a splendid end to your summer!

Rev. Daria

“You Asked For It” sermons in August

For the last couple years, Pastor Brian has offered to step away from the traditional lectionary readings for his sermons for a few weeks in the late summer, and devote that time to answering questions and concerns on topics suggested by David’s Church members. Here’s the schedule for this year’s “you asked for it” sermons:



Aug. 4 – “On Religious Differences and Similarities” We live and act in a pluralistic context, and each Thanksgiving participate in an inter-faith worship service. What is unique about our approach to faith in the United Church of Christ, and other expressions of Christianity, whether it be Catholics or Evangelicals? And what about Jews, Muslims, and people of other faiths, and those religious traditions that seem to embrace violence against others? How can we be accepting while remaining true to our uniquely Christian values?

Aug. 11 – “On The Afterlife” What do Christians traditionally believe about what happens when Christians die, and what does that mean for us, the living?

Aug. 18 – “On Living In Relationship With Those Who Think and Act Differently” This question came attached to the Prodigal Son parable, and asked “what about the second son, the one who has always done it right?” The underlying concerns address issues of forgiveness, reconciliation and challenging work of living in peace together when we often don’t agree.

New Member Information

If you would like to come into membership with this congregation at this time, we invite you to call or email *Rev. Newcomb* or *Rev. Schaffnit*. We will hold an orientation meeting in the church conference room following worship on Sunday, August 18. We will be taking in new members on Sunday, September 8.

Attention Keenagers -

Our next get together will be August 14, which just happens to coincide with the first day of school for some districts. What’s that all about? Didn’t summer just begin? At any rate, it will be wonderful to see all of you again and just for the occasion, we have a very interesting program planned for you. Vital Signs from Fairmont Presbyterian will be our guests. They choreograph sign language to music and in the process will teach us several of the more common signs. It’s fascinating to learn - sort of tricky too! Figuring you have enjoyed lots of hot dogs and burgers, we will be serving up sloppy joes, a pasta salad, watermelon, deviled eggs and drumsticks. Yum. Looking forward to seeing you.

Summer Picnics

We are rounding out the summer with the last picnic for David's Church folk - August 7 at The Back's (Pool Open! Be sure to bring your swimsuit and towel.). 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.

Confirmation 2013 – 2014 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 attend the mandatory meeting for all confirmation students and parents in the sanctuary following worship on August 25. It's going to be a really fun year full of field trips, fun activities and important conversations, culminating in our June Pilgrimage to St. Louis & Memphis!

Peanut Butter Needed, Again!

We are about to start a new school year with our affiliation with the Kettering Backpack program and we need your help. The Mission Board appreciates your enthusiastic support for the program. We are currently below where we need to be for our first delivery, but have faith that through your generosity we will be well above our need before our first delivery date. Please continue to bring in 16 ounce jars of peanut butter helping us to make this another successful peanut butter year and ensuring that a Kettering child will not go hungry.



-The Mission Board

2013 WAG Rummage Sale Successful

Following 12 days of feverish preparation, The Women's Activity Guild 27th Annual Rummage Sale opened on Thursday, July 18 with the Preview Sale! Sales continued on Friday, July 19 from noon to 6 with box deals as the day progressed. On Saturday, July 20, we opened with customers drawing their discount of 30 to 60% off with \$5 or \$7 bags which encouraged our shoppers to select many treasures! Thanks to the generous donations of our congregation, the Women's Activity Guild raised \$10,000!

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. Paul's, Planned Parenthood, Hannah's Treasure Chest and St. Francis after the sale: Emily Angel, Dottie & Paul Ankeney; Jeff Baldwin, Deb Barnett, Lynn & Ralph Bender; Shirley Berry, Dave & Jean Blum; Robb Castele, Cindy & Jim Combs; Joyce Comer, Beth Dapp, Ginny Dieruf, Del & Roselyn Faulkner; Nedra Gockel, Ann & Curt Heaton; Diane Herbst, Jim Hertel, Anne Johnson, Pat Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Andy Jones, Bert & Judy Jones; Betsy Keyes, Dennis Lee; Becky & Polli Leighty; Joyce Lewis, Kathe Lindner, Ben, Marissa & Wesley Lupo; Debbie & Kevin McCoy; Dagmar Michel, Debra Monk, Dave & Sue Oertel; Jim & Margie Phillips; Lee Richardson; Steve Roark, Else Schiller, Bill & Patrice Schottelkotte; Howard, Herbert & Philip Sizek; Abby & Darren Thompson; Sue Walters, Ed Webb, Sherrill Weinberg, Pat West, Bernie & Cindy Wheeler, Jim Williams, Betty & Dan Wilson; A J Wright, and Stephanie. We hope we didn't miss acknowledging anyone, but if we did, please know we appreciated all volunteer efforts!

Thanks to all who supported the Rummage Sale as well! We're looking forward to another successful sale in 2014!!

Many Thanks for the Trinity Birthday Party

Thank you for a successful June Birthday Party at Trinity Community! After Ralph Bender opened the evening with his special flair for announcements and jokes Dan Heffner had us all singing and tapping along as he and his guitar spun their magic. The array of pies was not only a sight to behold, but also a luscious treat for everyone. We were able to share them with the residents in Health Care as well as those attending the party. For all David's family who helped provide, cut, serve and party we sincerely thank you.

Betsy Keyes, Mission Board

Choir Singers & Ringers of All Ages Needed!

It's beginning to look a lot like choir time! We are in need of singers and ringers of all ages! Here at David's we have a chancel choir, adult handbell choir (high school students welcomed), children's choir, and children's handbell choir. As you know the times for practice are:

- Handbell Choir (open to high school students through adult): Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir (open to high school students through adult): Thursdays from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- Children's Choir: grades kindergarten through sixth grade: Sundays following the second service
- Children's Bell Choir: Sundays following Children's Choir

The Thursday adult handbell choir will begin on August 22nd to prepare for the first service of the season on September 8th. Playing bells is so much fun and the fellowship is rewarding as well. The most important point is that we play from our hearts to the glory of God. We aren't always note perfect, but we give every performance our best. We have several positions open, and we are going to be intentional about seeking other people to ring. Please consider ringing with us.

Adult choir (high school students are welcomed with open arms) will begin on the 22nd of August as well. Many of you have told me that choir anthems enrich the worship service immensely, yet you are reluctant to join to help make music. I will help anyone who needs it anytime. We will do whatever it takes to help you sing with us. We are providing a childcare service and will continue as long as we have families with youngsters. We do not want you to have any obstacles keeping you from joining us. The church music conference that I attended this summer was outstanding and the adult sessions were led by Tim Seelig, the director of the San Francisco Gay Men's Choir. Making music with him as the director was so exciting. We ended the week with a concert of seven songs that were very inspirational. I would like our congregation to be thoroughly blessed by the music they hear. You can help make that happen! Don't hide your gifts under a bushel – they lose something kind of crucial! Come join us and sing praise every Sunday.

The Sunday rehearsals will begin on September 15th for the Children's Choir and Children's Handbell Choir. I would like to see the Children's Choir really grow this year. Children are our hope for the future and rehearsals last about ½ hour on Sunday mornings after the service. What we will need is commitment from both your child and you to get them to choir. We will make memories to last throughout the years. I could certainly use a choir "mother" or "father" to help with many different tasks. All I ask is that the person is willing to give their all to help for the time that we schedule the choir.

I am really looking forward to great choir seasons, but we need YOU to make it happen! Please consider giving back by joining one or more of the groups.

Tim Williams, Music Director

David's Partnering with the City of Kettering Healthy Youth Summer Foodtastic Program ~

Your Mission Board has been asked to partner with the City of Kettering Healthy Youth Summer Foodtastic program. The Mission Board has accepted to provide lunch and interaction for the children who reside in The Trials of Oakcreek apartment complex (off Whipp road) the week of August 5th through the 9th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Your Mission Board is spearheading this event but we are in need of volunteers. We are in need of you who are able to give of your time and energy to help serve lunches and interact with these children. There will be onsite Tuesday and Thursday two AmeriVista workers who will provide some activities.

If you cannot assist Monday through Friday 11 to 1, another way is help prepare the lunches the night before in the church kitchen. Or contributing monetarily to the program to help in the purchase of juice, milk, snack, fruit, bread, etc. If you wish to contribute monetarily please mark your envelope with Kettering Youth. Keep an eye out for sign up sheets coming soon to the Narthex

Through your generosity David's Mission Board has been able to assist many internationally, nationally, statewide, and locally. Here is another opportunity for our generosity to reach those here in our own community. Thank you from your *Mission Board*.

C.E. Corner

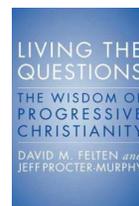
We are moving to a new curriculum, Spark Lectionary, and with this change, we will also be making some changes to the class configuration. We will have the same number of classes, just aged differently. The nursery will be for infants and 1-year-olds. There will be a class for 2 & 3 year olds, a class for 4 year olds-Kindergarteners, a class for 1st-3rd graders, and a class for 4th-6th graders.

- 2s & 3s will be in a combined class with the nursery-aged children until August 18th, then will begin their own class with lessons about the way friends care for one another, focusing on stories about Paul.
- 4s-Kindergarten will finish their summer routine either upstairs or in the summer one-room schoolhouse the first 2 weeks of August, then will move to new classrooms as they discuss friendship through Paul's lens.
- Grades 1-6 will be in the one-room schoolhouse until August 18th, when they will start discussion of friendship and learn about some of Paul's friends.
- Entering 6th Graders will be welcomed into the Youth Group with a Bridging Ceremony during the 9:50 service on August 4th! Please come that day so you can participate!
- Confirmation will begin with a mandatory meeting for all students and parents, to be held after worship on August 25th. We look forward to a new year! If your child is in 7th grade or up and wishes to start the 2-year Confirmation journey, please let Rev. Daria know soon!
- Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy snacks and a discussion of what it means to be called, following the bridging ceremony in worship on August 4th.
- Youth in grades 6-12, along with their parents, are invited to a Pool Party at the home of Don & Joyce Porter at noon on August 4th! We will be joined by youth from Central Presbyterian in Moraine! Lunch will be served, so please RSVP no later than July 30th!
- Women Exploring Faith will be off for the summer and reconvene in September to begin exploring spiritual practices such as contemplative prayer and moving meditation! All women are welcome.
- The Women's Spirituality Group will continue our study of Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way*, with Week 6: Recovering a Sense of Abundance, at 6:30 p.m. on August 19 in the Conference Room. Feel free to bring a friend! All women are welcome and you don't have to have read the material.
- The Spiritual Parenting Group is reconfiguring! We will meet during Children's Choir practice, Sundays after worship. See Nancy Madden for more information!
- Rev. Daria is forming a support group for parents of teens and college-aged children. If you're interested, contact her for details.
- Family@5 is going quarterly! Families are encouraged to attend the all-church picnic at the home of Warren and Mary Rose Back at 6 p.m. on August 7th!

“Living the Question” Book Study Wraps Up

We'll be concluding our book study in “Living the Questions; the Wisdom of Progressive Christianity,” by authors David M. Felton and Jeff Procter-Murray in the early Fall. We've already read and discussed two-thirds of the book, but folk are still welcome to pick-up the paperback and join us in early September for the section titled: “Transformation.” Classes will gather in the Conference Room on Monday nights at 7 for about 90 minutes, here's the projected schedule:

- Sept. 9 – Chapter 15: “A Kingdom Without Walls”
- Sept. 16 – Chapter 16: “Social Justice; Realizing God's Vision”
- Sept. 23 – Chapter 17: “Incarnation; Divinely Human”
- Sept. 30 – Chapter 18: “Prayer; Intimacy with the Divine”
- Oct. 7 – Chapter 19: “Compassion; The Heart of Jesus' Ministry”
- Oct. 14 – Chapter 20: “Creative Transformation”
- Oct. 21 – Chapter 21: “Embracing Mystery”



Then in November and December, we'll dive into the new 6-week series... *Painting the Stars-Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith.* The basic format for each 1-1½ hour session includes conversation around the readings, a 20-minute video presentation and guided discussion.”

We'll be querying interested participants for the best time to offer this program. Should we stay with our Monday night offerings, or consider a move to Wednesday or Sunday nights. It's really up to you, let Pastor Brian know if you have a desire to attend the class and if you have a strong preference for when it be offered.

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.

Documentary Film Nights (BYOP – bring your own popcorn & treats)

This fall we want to invite folk to gather around a couple of fine documentary films for an evening of insight and conversation. On each date we'll gather at 6:30 pm, with the plan to start the films at 7:00. Bring your own beverages and treats to share, paper cups, plates and napkins will be provided. Call the office in advance to RSVP, so we know how many chairs to set up, and let us know if you will need childcare, so we can arrange to show a kids' movie with supervision in one of the children's Sunday School rooms.

On Saturday, Sept. 29 we'll show the film "Hellbound?" In a film that the New York Times called "substantive and even-handed," film-maker Kevin Miller asks "does Hell exist? If so, who ends up there and why?" For many people belief in a hell as a place of eternal torment for the wicked is an indisputable tenet of Christian orthodoxy. In their view, rejecting or modifying this belief is tantamount to rejecting Christianity, itself. But a growing number of believers disagree. They argue that we can have a loving God or we can have an eternal hell, but we can't have both. "Hellbound?" is a provocative, critically acclaimed documentary that wades right into the center of the debate.

The film interviews members of the controversial voices from Westboro Baptist Church, and conservative leaders Mark Driscoll and Bob Larson, as well as Brian McLaren, Frank Schaeffer, and William Paul Young, author of "The Shack." You can see the trailer for this film at www.hellboundthemovie.com. After we view the movie, Pastor Brian will lead a time of conversation, questions and answers.

Then, mark your calendars for Saturday, November 23rd, when we'll view the highly acclaimed feature about hunger in America, "A Place at the Table."

Adult Ed. Underground Railroad Tour in Springboro

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 15, 2013. Adult Education is beginning the year with an Underground Railroad tour in Springboro. We will eat lunch (details to be decided) after church, and then meet our guide, Helen Sproat, at the museum on Main St. at 1:30 P.M. (Public parking is behind the museum, a block south of Hwy 73.) The tour takes about two hours and requires about eight blocks of walking, so wear walking shoes. Following the walking tour we can go in our cars to visit the restored Null Log Home. The tour costs \$5.00 per person.

During the first four Sundays of the 2013-2014 year Second Hour Adult Education will explore ways several justice issues have been addressed in the Dayton area. Join us!

Betsy Keyes, Adult Education Committee

From The Deacons and Anne Jones

The Deacons are pleased to announce a cost cutting measure submitted by Anne Jones of Electronic Giving Statements. Imagine the cost savings of receiving your Giving Statements (currently 4 times a year) by email and saving the church the cost of copying, paper and possible postage. If you would like to help us save money, please fill out the attached form in the dateline or bulletin and get it back to Anne Jones by offering plate, mail or drop off to office. You will then start receiving your Giving Statement (the next one in September) by email.

Thank you and Thanks to Anne for the suggestion.

Sue Walters

Cool Deacon Chair

I authorize David's United Church of Christ to send my Giving Statements by Electronic Email. This will replace the paper statements I currently receive. Please send to the email address listed below. I understand that at any time I can change back to the paper statements by contacting Anne Jones in the church office. This action also includes the January Statements that represent the prior year's giving for tax preparation.

Print email address

Print Name of Giver

Signature of Giver

Date

Please place form in Offering Plate, mail to the office, or drop off to office.

August Birthdays

- 1 Joanne Britain
Dan Yett
Julia Sizek
- 2 Margaret Walker
Christine Wood
Kirsten King
Robert Hughes
- 3 Rae Ann Sapp
William Stolz
- 4 Garry Weed
Samuel Stanley
- 7 Bill Hendricks, Jr.
McKay King
- 8 Sam Savchuk
Layla Stolz
- 9 Lois Ruse
- 10 Mary Bayman
- 11 Andy Storar
- 12 Diane Herbst
- 13 Gerri Creel
- 14 Marilyn Cartwright
Curt Heaton
- 15 Bob Stone
Michele Hutchison
Katie White
- 16 Kellie Hughes



- 17 Jack Grable
Don Porter
- 18 Marge Heffner
Kyle Sherrets
- 19 Carolyn Yett
- 21 Joan DeLon
Erin Bruner
- 22 David Blumberg
- 23 Amy Thompson
- 24 Linda Ford
Bert Jones
Ed Webb
- 25 Betsy Jump
- 26 Ruth Gordon
Ian Jones
Mason Stachler
- 27 Dottie Fox
Else Schiller
Andrew Lewis
- 28 Lea Nakauchi
Dick DeLon
- 29 Margaret Effinger
Jeff Baldwin
Nikki Murphy
- 30 Alix VanHouten
- 31 Grant Hutchison

Church Directory Changes

Helen Maze

1 Lincoln Park
590 Isaac Pugh Way
Dayton, OH 45429

Member Deaths

Our sympathy to *John & Vickie Dixon and Family* in the loss of John's mother, **Barb Dixon**, on June 30, 2013 and John's father, **Jack Dixon**, on July 2, 2013.

Deaths

Our sympathy to *Tom & Michelle Berry* in the loss of Tom's brother, **Gale Beery**, on June 29, 2013.

Our sympathy to *Paul & Kaaren Dunlap* in the loss of Paul's brother, **Karl Dunlap**, on June 30, 2013.

Sound System Help Needed

Our new sound system has been installed. We are looking for persons interested in helping to run the system as well as learn to program it. Our current sound guys are looking forward to a little more help as well. There will be training as well as someone sitting with you until you are comfortable with the system. If you are interested please contact Ed Webb (aedwebbdj@att.net), Dan Deitz (dpdeitz@ameritech.net) or Louis Wright (wrightx496@sbcglobal.net). Training will begin in August.

Golf Outing

Our next golf outing will be September 15 at Yankee Trace golf courses. Our first tee will start at 12:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. Or you can email Kaaren & Paul Dunlap at pauldunlap637@yahoo.com, or Neil Jones at neiljones@aol.com. We have not established an eating location after golf, that will be announced later. Any suggestions will be considered..

<u>SUNDAY</u> 	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<h1>AUGUST 2013</h1> <p>David's United Church of Christ 937-434-2131</p>						
4 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Gateway 12:00 PM Youth Pool Party @ Porter's 7:00 PM Book Study	5 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	6 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga 6:30, 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	7 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Ghostlight Coffee 6:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Picnic at the Back's	8 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Knitters DATELINE DEADLINE	9	10 8:00 AM Trustee Meeting
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18 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 11:15 AM New Member Orientation 7:00 PM Book Study	19 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:30 PM Women's Spirituality	20 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM Yoga	21 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Ghostlight Coffee 6:00 PM Yoga	22 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	23	24
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