



**DAVID'S DATLINE
AUGUST 2015 Newsletter**

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

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Ministers of David's Church - All David's People
**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb
Associate Pastor Michelle Wilkey
Sabbatical Interim Pastor Bev Jenkins**

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2 – Rev. Dr. Newcomb returns to the Pulpit

August 8-9 – S.I.G.N.S. Lock-In

August 12 – Church Picnic @ Bender's

August 14 – Game Night @ The Grove

August 23 – Heather Greene's Ecclesiastical
Council/Youth Group Pool Party/S.I.G.N.S Bonfire

August 27 – Chancel Choir Begins

August 30 – Keeping The Promise Information
Meeting/Confirmation Meeting/Family Outing at
Kings Island/S.I.G.N.S. Parent Meeting

From the Pastor's Desk...

(Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb and his article will return in the September issue!)

Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Abraham Lincoln once said, "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." This summer I have been experiencing life at the fullest. I spent much of June on the road as I went with the Confirmation group to Atlanta and I represented David's Church at General Synod in Cleveland. I had a great time in both Atlanta and Cleveland but I have to admit it was great to get back home. In the words of Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz," "there is no place like home."

July has been a month filled with weddings. This month I had the wonderful privilege of marrying two different couples. On Friday, July 3, I officiated a ceremony for Nicole Motto and Ashley Bland. Then on Saturday, July 18, I performed the wedding for Danielle Van Brackel and Judy Lambright. It fills my heart with so much joy that my first weddings were same-sex couples. These weddings took place just days after the wonderful news that the Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry.

July was also a month filled with outdoor fun. On Friday, July 10, a large group of David's members joined together to root for the Dayton Dragons. We all had a fun night at the baseball game and even had the honor of seeing the Dragons bring home a win. Then on Sunday, July 12, we had a young adult activity after church. We had a small group of people join together and play paintball after church on that day. This was a very exhilarating activity in which we all got hit a few times and we had the marks to prove it. I am planning on coordinating another paintball event in the fall, and this will be open to all ages.

On Sunday July 26, the Confirmation group hosted the Stockholder's Luncheon. This was a great opportunity for those who purchased stock to come and hear all about our trip to Atlanta. This past year of Confirmation has been an incredible adventure and it's hard to believe that a new year of Confirmation is right around the corner. Next month we are going to have our Parent Informational Meeting for the upcoming year of Confirmation and this special meeting will take place on Sunday August 30, following the 9:50 service. "Oh, the places we will go" in this upcoming year of Confirmation.

This fall we will be embarking on another new journey and will be starting a Youth Program. Starting in September, the teenagers will have the opportunity to go downstairs once a month for Sunday school. This group will be open to all 7th-12th graders and will meet during church on every first Sunday of the month, throughout the school year. This class will be taught by the parents of the youth and I will make myself available to assist them in anyway I can. I have come up with a curriculum for the teens to follow throughout the year. They will be exploring what it means to be a Progressive Christian and for eight Sundays they explore the eight points of Progressive Christianity. Aside from the once a month Sunday school class, I am also going to plan some youth activities throughout the year. I am excited for all the many things I have in store for the teens this upcoming year.

On Monday, July 27, I celebrated my one year anniversary of becoming ordained and what a year it has been! There is no doubt in my mind that I am right where I belong. Throughout this past year, I have grown to love my church family and my love continues to expand. I just wanted to take time to say thank you to all of you for your love and never-ending support. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be." Friends, all of you continue to inspire me to be the best that I can be and I thank you for that.

Blessings and love to everyone,

Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Adult/Handbell/Children's Choirs

Choir season is on the horizon, so all you singers and ringers, get ready. We will be having our first Sanctuary Choir practice on Thursday, August 27th at 7:00. I would like to invite all of the congregation and friends to prayerfully consider joining us as we lift our voices to God in praise! There are several of you who have beautiful voices who are still sitting in the pews rather than the choir loft. I know we need people to hear what we are singing, but you can hear it when you're singing from the loft. David's Church has a long standing tradition of great music, and we want to make it the best season we have ever had. The Adult Bell Choir and Children's Choir will not meet until after Labor Day. I am wanting to do a children's musical this year, and need the participation of lots of kids to make that happen. When children look back on their past, years from now, they remember being part of musicals fondly. Let's help them serve the church by providing that opportunity! More details to come in August.

In His Service, *Tim Williams*

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.

Confirmation 2015 – 2016 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! It's going to be a really fun year full of field trips, fun activities and important conversations, culminating in our June Memphis/St. Louis trip! If you know of a 7th or 8th grader that is interested in joining the current class, please contact the church office at 434-2131. We are going to have our Parent Informational Meeting for the upcoming year of Confirmation and this special meeting will take place on Sunday August 30, following the 9:50 service. "Oh, the places we will go" in this upcoming year of Confirmation.



All Church Picnic – August 12

Location: Lynn & Ralph Bender's home- 10300 Stationview Court, Centerville, OH 45458
Time: 6:00 p.m.



Main meat dish, drinks, and tableware provided will be provided Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex, on the bulletin board, later in July. You may choose to bring a vegetable, salad, side dish, or dessert for 10 people.

Please bring a lawn chair.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the hosts.

Keenagers

Boy, are you going to have fun in August! Our guest speaker will be Jane Leigh, a former English teacher at Oakwood High School who has a delightful talk prepared for you. It's called, "Dorothy Parker, One Reason the 20's Roared." I can only imagine.

Our menu is in the "formative" stage but fresh corn, tomatoes, and drumsticks have made it onto the list. So far so GOOD. Hope you are having a wonderful summer. See you on August 12 at 11:30.

Ecclesiastical Council For Heather Greene

Heather Greene is known to most of you as one of our Sunday School Teachers, but she is also one of our students-in-care. We will be holding her Ecclesiastical Council on Sunday, August 23 at 3:00 p.m. as the final step before ordination/pending a call. All are welcome to attend. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

KTP II Requests Council Set Congregational Meeting

In June, 2011, a Dream Jar was created asking the people of David's to share their dreams for David's. These dreams were sent to respective Boards for consideration and possible implementation. The Council also reviewed suggestions (dreams) for the Grove and the Sanctuary and realized in order to explore some of these suggestions, David's needed help from an architect(s) to begin the process of discerning what our congregation might choose to pursue in the way of Sanctuary Reconfiguration to make the nave area more accessible and development of the Grove.

In the fall of 2011, David's United Church of Christ was awarded a \$70,000 Grant by the Fred Luther Trust to update the HVAC System in our Sanctuary. The provision accompanying this gift was for the people of David's to raise matching funds for additional improvements.

A Facility Evaluation Team reviewed the condition of our beautiful facility and gathered rough estimates to paint, replace carpet, update the Sound System, Tuck Point the exterior of the Sanctuary, etc.

Council heard the recommendations of the Facility Evaluation Team and voted at the January, 2013, meeting to create the KEEPING THE PROMISE committee of Anne Brown, Dan Deitz, Debbie & Kevin McCoy, Sue Walters and Ed Webb. \$140,000 was raised to make these improvements and architectural fees to plan for our future. By September of 2013 the first phase of KTP (painting, tuck pointing, new carpet, updated sound system, etc) was completed.

In January, 2014, the second phase of Keeping The Promise (KTP II) added 2 members – Dennis Lee & Debra Monk and began the search for an architect. After interviewing 5 architects, we secured Ken Brightman of Brightman-Mitchell. Over the past 15 months we've had much discussion as we envisioned ways to create a Sanctuary with an accessible and more flexible Chancel area to permit better visibility for the congregation.

Council directed KTP II to follow these points in considering development of the Grove (which were suggestions from the Dream Jar):

- Replace the house with a shelter house (a place for picnics, receptions, and other outdoor events) while maintaining the foundation and basement of the house to be used for storage.
- Roughly a 2 car garage size storage building for mower and other equipment to maintain the property.
- A heated and cooled room with a kitchenette and place to meet.
- Accessible restrooms open to the shelter house as well as the meeting room but can be secured for only one area to be used.
- A prayer garden/labyrinth that is easy to maintain.
- Children's Play Area
- Signage
- Parking Lot

We explored the feasibility of renovating the house and adding the shelter as you'll see in one of our proposals.

We also explored all new construction as in our other proposal.

We put a lot of thought into how to best use our 2.6 acres and create accessible parking for use at the Grove AND for events at the Church. Additionally, we wanted to use our space wisely and leave open space for future development.

We wanted to create a space unlike anything we currently have at the Church which would be inviting to the congregation as well as the community.

All of our thoughts and the proposals you'll see for the Grove and for the Sanctuary were carefully and prayerfully considered by this committee. When the congregation votes, they will be saying they are ready to raise funds to move forward with fully detailed drawings and plans with the opportunity to discuss, suggest and make changes to what's been proposed here before ANYTHING physically occurs to either the Sanctuary or the Grove.

Our architect, Ken Brightman, is creating preliminary plans we'll use during **informational meetings** on **August 30** and **September 20**. During the Fall Kick-off at the Grove on **September 13**, we plan to demonstrate the proposed development so those gathered have the opportunity to get a better idea of our use of the land. Following these opportunities for the congregation to learn about the results of KTP II's work, it is our hope the congregation will be ready to make dreams come true. To plan for the future of David's and make a commitment to begin the process of raising funds, discussion and completion of plans to improve our Sanctuary and develop the Grove.

On May 19, KTP II requested that Council call a **special congregational meeting on Sunday, October 4** following the 9:50 worship so the congregation can hopefully vote their support for Sanctuary Reconfiguration and Development of the Grove.

Anne Brown, Dan Deitz, Dennis Lee, Debbie McCoy, Kevin McCoy, Debra Monk, Sue Walters, Ed Webb

Honor Flight

I am looking to see how many WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veterans would be interested in going on the Honor Flight this fall. The trip is free for veterans. A family member can possibly go as a guardian if it is requested and they file a guardian application. Guardians currently pay \$335 for the trip. Veterans and guardians receive free meals, etc... on the trip. The only cash needed for veterans is for souvenirs. Veterans who are handicapped or use a cane will be escorted the entire trip in a wheelchair pushed by a guardian. You will be free to move about but will need to keep the chair with you.

The trip consists of visit to WWII memorial, Arlington National Cemetery (changing of the guard), Iwo Jima memorial, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Monument and more if time provides. The trip will be a chartered flight so no passengers other than our group. I have been on the trip as a guardian for my dad and can tell you that there is nothing like the camaraderie and excitement the veterans and guardians enjoy on the trip.

Also, please ask any veteran friends if they would like to go. There can be over 100 veterans plus guardians and staff on one plane. By the way, a full medical staff of nurses and paramedics go on the flight in case of problems.

Please let me know as soon as possible so I can start setting this up.

Peace, *Ed Webb*, aedwebbdj@att.net, 937-299-9929 (H), 937-238-1332 (C)



David's Family Outing at Kings Island Sunday, August 30

August Birthdays

- 1 Joanne Britain
Dan Yett
Julia Sizek
Evvie Thompson
- 2 Margaret Walker
Chris Wood
Bobbie Hughes
- 3 Ray Ann Sapp
William Stolz
- 4 Sam Stanley
- 7 Bill Hendricks, Jr.
McKay King
- 8 Layla Stolz
- 9 Lois Ruse
- 10 Mary Bayman
- 11 Andy Storar
- 12 Diane Herbst
- 13 Gerri Creek
- 14 Marilyn Cartwright
Curt Heaton
- 15 Bob Stone
Michelle Hutchison
Katie White
- 16 Kellie Hughes
Emily Angel
- 17 Jack Gabel
Don Porter



- 18 Margie Heffner
Zach Angel
Kyle Sherrels
- 19 Carolyn Yett
Kelly Luke
- 21 Joan DeLon
Eliza Thompson
- 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 Jeff Baldwin
Nikki Murphy
- 30 Alix VanHouten
- 31 Grant Hutchison

Church Directory Changes

Tony Lewis
1049 Quail Run Dr.
Dayton, OH 45458

Death

Our sympathy to *Phil & Bev Jenkins* in the death of Phil's mother, *Mildred Jenkins*, on July 15, 2015.

Weddings

Nicole Motto & Ashley Bland were married at David's Church on July 3, 2015 by *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*.

Danielle Van Brackel & Judy Lambricht were married at Cox Arboretum on July 18, 2015 by *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*.

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

S.I.G.N.S. invites you to join our group! We are an ecumenical, faith-based, high school group and have been active in Kettering for more than 15 years. We hold meetings during the school year every



Sunday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at David's Grove. At our meetings, we delve into a wide variety of topics, and we participate in many social, spiritual, and community service and outings throughout the year. If you would like to join us, please contact *Jill Chabut*, at 297-0324 or jjcna@att.net.

- August 8-9 – Lock-in – 8:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m.
- August 24 – Getting To Know You Bonfire at Jill's – 7:00 p.m.
- August 30 – Teen/Parent Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 data-bbox="680 164 1121 224">AUGUST 2015</h1> <p data-bbox="632 240 1178 305">David's United Church of Christ (937) 434-2131 www.davidsucc.org</p>						1 Private Reception at The Grove
2 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Gateway 7:00 PM Book Study	3 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	4 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	5 6:00 PM Yoga	6 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters	7 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal Private Reception at The Grove	8 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting 2:30 Nikki Murphy & Julius Cantrell Wedding 8:00 PM SIGNS Lock In
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