

**DAVID'S DATLINE
DECEMBER 2012 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 Daria Schaffnit**

Upcoming Events

December 2 - First Sunday of Advent/
Hanging of the Greens

December 9 - Communion both services/
Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins

December 11 - Annual Reports Due

December 12 - Keenagers

December 16 - Cantata

December 21 - Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service

December 22 - Holiday Concert with Tim & Lyn

Christmas Eve Services - 5:00, 7:30 & 10:00 p.m.

December 25 & 26 - Office Closed

January 1 - Office Closed

From the Pastor's Desk...

I confess I've never been huge fan of the Christmas Crèche. But, recently, I've had a change of heart. You've seen one, you probably have one in your home, on the hearth or window sill, I think we have at least two, maybe three. The average Crèche comes with an open stable with a star or an angel at the top most point. There's a baby Jesus in the manger/crib, a Mary & a Joseph, both looking prayerful and serene. Then there are usually some barn animals – a couple sheep, maybe a cow, and a shepherd or two. And then to wrap things up three wise men (they're always male) and a camel, sometimes the wise men are holding gifts.

To begin with, my problem with the Crèche came from a reading of the Gospels. You may have noticed my issue and have the same problem, but in my experience most folk don't pay too much attention. First and foremost, the very earliest Gospel is Mark, and it doesn't even mention the birth of Jesus. It starts off with Jesus as a fully grown man receiving the Baptism of John. So in Mark, there's no manger, no sheep, no wise ones from the East. Mark also gives short shrift to the Resurrection at the end of the book, so one can bet that the next Gospel writers were going to have to resolve some unanswered questions, about where he came from, and what happened after the empty tomb was found.

In the ancient culture, a great person would have to have had a great birth. For instance, Augustus Caesar, who was adopted by Julius Caesar and became the Roman Emperor himself, was said to have been born of a virgin, even though his mother had delivered older siblings. Later in life, once Julius was declared a god, Augustus added "Divi Filius" to his name, meaning "son of God." Often his titles included the words "Lord and Savior" for all of the Empire, he was no longer considered a mere man, but a god.

So it's probably not a mistake that followers of Jesus, as they began to evangelize others and tell them about the life and teaching of Jesus, attached these same titles to him. At the beginning of Mark, Jesus begins his ministry announcing an alternative empire, the realm and "kingdom of God," he says, "has come near." Jesus came to be for his followers, the son of God, their Lord and Savior. He was a great man, and Matthew and Luke set out to rectify Mark's omission, and each gives Jesus a great birth story.

Matthew gives us that amazing, sometimes criticized, genealogy, connecting Jesus to the tradition and legacy of King David, through his earthly father, Joseph. That long, often inaccurate listing of lineage includes four women, incidentally, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba, all of unusual experience that some would say makes their inclusion questionable. Two of them aren't even Jewish. Then the birth of Jesus is described as happening in Nazareth, with Mary mysteriously pregnant, when an angel comes to Joseph to share the news and keep him from dismissing her quietly. They marry, but her virginity remains intact, and some time after Jesus is born, the Wise Men come, stirring Herod the King to murderous revenge. (Thus the killing of the innocents becomes attached to the story of Jesus' birth.) The wise ones bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and advise the holy family to escape to Egypt only to return when it's safer.

Luke goes another way, as you no doubt remember, since we often read his account on Christmas Eve. It's a beautiful story, full of grand images and poetry: John the Baptist's mother Elizabeth becomes a New Testament Sarah to her husband's Abraham, and they have a child late in life – her husband Zechariah is first mute and then sings a song of praise. Elizabeth's young niece Mary finds out she's with child though still a virgin, and comforted by an angel messenger, she too sings a song that "magnifies the Lord" and imagines a world where the hungry are fed and the lowly lifted up. The part we read begins with the trip of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, for registration and taxation, where they find no room in the Inn, so the baby is delivered in an animal stall. Then we get the bright light of a chorus of angels singing of "peace on earth" to some poor shepherds keeping watch in the fields.

For Mark, the birth of Jesus is assumed as an afterthought. In Luke we find the familiar narrative, around the person of Mary, her cousin's baby and her song, the manger stall in Bethlehem and "Angels We Have Heard On High." (But Luke has no trip to Egypt, just as Matthew has no trip to Bethlehem.) And then, Matthew brings Joseph more into the picture, and gives us the Wise ones and their gifts. Of course, tradition doesn't hold it all happened on one night, it's tradition that the ones from the east arrived on 12th day of Christmas, thus Jan. 6th, the day of the Epiphany.

St Francis is credited with creating the first crèche, an attempt to bring many of these images in to one tableau. In the 13th century, few could read and even fewer had access to the Bible. Francis wanted to communicate in a visible and meaningful way the miracle of Christmas, and thus he combined visual elements from these two stories into one display, so that the common people could reflect on it in all its wonder and humble beauty. For Francis getting this message across, was the most important thing, the order of events, the different narratives were not the point. So, what did Francis think was the message? What was the miracle of Christmas to him?

Franciscan monk/contemplative/author Richard Rohr writes: "Advent, from the Latin *adventus*, brings me back to the core of my faith, to the Christ who is always *coming*—always coming as Divinity in human flesh, always coming to remind me of my place in the Universe, always coming in small and unexpected ways."

Rohr continues: "The two adjectives most applied to God by Franciscan mysticism were *goodness* and *humility*. Hardly any of us would think to call God humble, but Francis did. He fell in love with the humility of God because if God

emptied himself and hid himself inside the material world as in Jesus, and waits so patiently for us to grow up, then God is very humble indeed.

“Francis fell in love more with Jesus’ humanity than with his divinity. It was his humanity that he wanted to draw close to and imitate. Only in a humble state, and among the humble, could Francis easily and naturally see God. He even loved humble creatures like little lambs because they more truthfully revealed the Mystery of Jesus.”

For Francis, the crèche revealed the most important thing you could know about Jesus, and thus the most important thing we can know about God. Which is this: That God’s character, God’s personality if you will, is expressed and experienced in the humanity of Jesus. When we see Jesus forgive or heal, or talk to a marginalized person like the Samaritan woman by the well, feed the hungry, or challenge the religious elite, and lean down to bless a child, we are looking through a window at God’s loving ways.

The miracle of Christmas for Francis is that God came to dwell among us, to be with us, to be one of us. And, that’s the miracle of Christmas for me, too, that God is not distant, not other, not removed, but came to walk beside us, to know our limitations and frustrations in being human, and to show us the best ways to live and love, and reach our fulfillment as unique children of the living God. We all become a little like children at Christmas, that too is part of the miracle. May we carry that light, that spark that knowing with us into the glorious and challenging New Year.

Blessings and peace to one and all this Christmas, from my family to each of you.

Your pastor & friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Daria

Advent is upon us once again, and as it begins, I am hoping I can figure out how best to balance the busy church season with quiet time for reflection and connecting with God. I hope you all can do the same. This has been a struggle for me in the first two years of my ministry, but I am feeling, as I write this in early November, as though I will be able to strike that beautiful golden mean this year! I love celebration and ritual as much as I love stillness and silence and think I may manage more of that this holiday season, as well. Last year, with Christmas on a Sunday and us flying out for our anniversary trip the following day, I wasn’t sure if we’d even have time to open gifts! This year, the pace should be just a bit slower, allowing time not only for lights, trees, and music, but also for a long Christmas night walk and the sending of Christmas cards, which I have not sent at all in recent years. Our celebration of the birth of Jesus leads us to contemplate his earthly relationships and the impact he had on others. It’s a good time to consider our relationships and the kind of impact we wish to have on others. My personal mission statement is “Scatter Joy” and, although I have it on my license plate as a reminder, I am not always as intentional about scattering joy as I would like to be.

That’s why I love events such as our annual caroling excursion! We can give so much joy to the recipients of our song, having a tremendous impact for good in the lives of those people. Even those of us whose voices are less than magnificent can still chime in with love and cheer. We won’t be having a Family@5 event in December because we have such great opportunities to do things like caroling with our church family and hanging around to deck the halls...and the narthex...and the sanctuary, so I hope our Family@5 crowd will join in that merriment! All kids are, of course, invited to participate in our annual nativity scene during the 5 o’clock Christmas Eve Family Service.

The K-6 bunch will have some terrific merriment of their own in December, getting to remain in worship to enjoy the Cantata, learning about the Christmas story through film (with a popcorn pajama party! Yes, come to church in your pajamas!) the 23rd, being invited to join in worship on the 30th! I wanted the Youth to have a similarly fun time, so we will also be enjoying snacks and exploring the meaning of Christmas during worship on December 23rd! Youth are also encouraged, of course, to hang greens and to carol!

I will be spending my last week of 2012 vacation time the second week of December by accompanying Jeannene on a business trip to Detroit (of all places to spend time in December! Brr!), so Women Exploring Faith will meet a week early in December, on the 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. The Women’s Spirituality Group and Spiritual Parenting Group will take the month off, with gatherings to resume in January. Coffee Shop Hours will be held as usual from 3-5 p.m. on December 5th and 19th at Panera in Centerville, but there will be no coffee shop hours December 12th or 26th. I’d love to hear about your Christmas traditions and memories, both at church and in the wider world, as well as Advent reflections, so come by and enjoy some cocoa as we chat!

Blessings for a restful, contemplative Advent and a very merry & bright Christmas!

Rev. Daria



2012 Christmas Greeting List

The following would appreciate special greetings at Christmas.

AT HOME

Val Andrews
821 Lovetta Dr.
Dayton, OH 45429

Margaret Effinger
611 Mossoak Drive
Dayton, OH 45429

Nita Jennings
2570 Vienna Estates Drive
Dayton, OH 45459

Pat & Frank Johnson
4825 Judith Dr.
Kettering, OH 45429

Betsy Jump
4616 Silverwood Dr.
Kettering, OH 45429

Patience Kendig
6436 Sanibel Dr.
Dayton, OH 45459

Thelma Leach
200 Adamsmoor Dr.
Apt. 211
Waynesville, OH 45068

Doris Lewis
1049 Quail Run Dr.
Dayton, OH 45458

John & Marilyn Lusa
6872 Walnut Creek Ct.
Dayton, OH 45459

Ruth Nelson
1371 W. Rahn Road
Centerville, OH 45459

Vivian Rohlf
1841 Rosemont Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45420

Lois Schlemmer
258 Tamarac Lane
Dayton, OH 45429



Norma & Joanne Wallad
2221 Dickinson Ave. NW
Olympia, WA 98502

Dan & Carolyn Yett
1900 Penbrooke Trail
Dayton, OH 45459

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES

Bethany Lutheran Village
6445 Far Hills Ave.
Dayton, OH 45459

Dottie Bitzer - Vista Place, Apt. 116
Dottie Fox - 1330 Linden House
Kurt Olt - Pavilion Room 17
Traude Zettervall - Arbor Room 1304

Outlook Pointe of Xenia
60 Paceline Circle
Xenia, OH 45385
Florene Forrester - Rm. 226

One Lincoln Park
590 Isaac Prugh Way
Dayton, OH 45429
Joan Grillmeier - Apt. 531

St. Leonard
8400 St. Francis Dr.
Dayton, OH 45458
Bob Chelle - Apt 239

The Sanctuary at Wilmington Place
264 Wilmington Avenue
Dayton, OH 45420
Betty Espy - Room 400A

Trinity Community of Beavercreek
3218 Indian Ripple Rd.
Dayton, OH 45440
Helen Maze
Vi Zimmerman

Walnut Creek
5070 Lamme Road
Dayton, OH 45439
Barbara Dixon
Wayne Marks



Special Offerings in December

Love Offering

Each year the church says “Merry Christmas” to our Pastors and our staff by offering them a Christmas check. If you would like to contribute, simply place your contribution in the “LOVE” envelope provided in this issue of *Dateline*, or in the pews November 25, December 2, and 9 and return it to the church office, or place it in the offering plate by December 9

Christmas Eve Offering

Your Mission Board is asking for your support for a special Christmas Eve Offering. This contribution will be divided evenly in four ways:

1. *Crossroad Ft. Wayne Children’s Home* is a UCC sponsored residential care home for troubled youth throughout our region. Most of the young people have been in abusive situations and need loving, skilled care to recover and get on with their lives. During the year, we also send Campbell Soup labels that go toward the purchase of specialty items.
2. *Trinity community of Beavercreek* is a UCC sponsored retirement community. The Life Enrichment Fund assists residents whose assets have been depleted. Trinity prides itself on affirming that no one has ever had to leave the community due to financial reasons.
3. *The Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross* provides assistance for retired UCC clergy and their families when the need arises. Many clergy have faithfully served churches where they received small incomes with little or no pensions. The assistance is appreciated in the form of a Christmas gift check, a health insurance subsidy, or as an emergency grant.
4. *David’s UCC* will use this support to help meet the church’s 2012 Operating Budget.

A Christmas Offering envelope will be available in the pews on Sunday, December 23, and on Christmas Eve for you to make a contribution. If you are unable to attend these services and wish to contribute, please mail your check to the church office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Pastor’s Emergency Fund

As in recent years, our congregation would like to give Christmas memorial gifts to those in need instead of elaborately decorating the sanctuary with live poinsettias. Through the generosity of members and friends, David’s Church has again been lovingly decorated for the holidays.

Your gifts to the Pastor’s Emergency Fund will help those in need throughout the year. Due to the current economic conditions, there has been an increase in requests for distributions from the fund, both from individuals in the community and from members of David’s congregation. If you would like to remember a loved one while making your gift, please fill out the form and return it with your contribution to the church or place these items in the offering plate during the month of December. Please mark your check “Pastor’s Fund.” The names of those remembered will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

PASTOR’S EMERGENCY FUND

Donation by _____

Message _____

Christmas In-Gathering of Food

Thank you for your generous donations for our Thanksgiving food baskets. We were able to feed 40 families in our surrounding communities a nice Thanksgiving meal. We are now collecting food to provide families with a meal for their Christmas dinner. Your donations for the Christmas food baskets will spread lots of holiday cheer to families in our community who are in need. We need, mashed potatoes; canned green beans, corn, yams, cranberry sauce/jelly, gravy, packaged Christmas cookies/boxed brownie mix; or money to purchase hams. These donations can be brought to the church office until December 10. *Chris Wood*



Keenagers

Feliz Navidad, Joyeaux Noel and Merry Christmas, Keenagers! On December 12, starting at 11:30, we will celebrate the holiday season with the return of Center Stage for our entertainment.

Our luncheon will feature turkey tetrazzini, salad, rolls, and peppermint ice cream with hot fudge sauce, and cookies. Yum. We hope you can join us - and please do think about inviting a friend or family member.

- It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air. - W.T. Ellis

Christmas Caroling – December 9



David's Christmas Caroling is a marvelous intergenerational activity in which we can "bring our faith to life."

After second service THE CAROLERS will be served lunch before they go out to share the Christmas Spirit with David's shut-ins.

Please sign up on the board in the Narthex if you will be going caroling and the food item you will bring to the lunch.

Gift of Christmas Cookies

If you are unable to go caroling, but would like to participate in wishing David's shut-ins a Merry Christmas, you are invited to make homemade cookies that will be left with our shut-ins by the carolers.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Sponsored by the *Fellowship and Hospitality Board*.



Celebrate the Christmas Cantata - December 16

After listening to the beautiful holiday music, please come to Fellowship Hall to share in holiday refreshments with guests and members of David's family.

Sponsored by the *Fellowship and Hospitality Board*

Longest Night of the Year (Blue Christmas) Service

Friday, December 21, 7:00 PM in the Chapel

Amid the vast commercialization and the spirits of forced joy that often accompany many of the expectations of Christmas, many of us find it a challenging, even a difficult holiday season. For some it's the external circumstances around welcoming the birth of the one called the "prince of peace" while the world around us is distressed by war, poverty, hunger and disease. For others it's a more personal dis-ease, sometimes due to grief at the loss of loved ones, financial or employment concerns, distance from family and friends, or outright loneliness. Many of us need a place to honestly express our longing for wholeness, to acknowledge our real feelings of disappointment and sadness, before we can move into the Christmas spirit of joyful expectation and hope for better days in the New Year. So, we gather close to the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year, to remember the prophet Isaiah's word that "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Indeed the Christmas story speaks of God come to dwell among us, to embrace all that comes in the human condition. We'll light candles to push back the darkness, share communion, offer prayers for healing, and hear the word of hope that comes in the birth of love in our midst.

Annual Reports Due

To all boards, organizations and staff members: Your annual reports are due in to the office by **Tuesday, December 11, 2012**.

From The Deacons

Oktoberfest and Silent Auction held on Friday, October 19th was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance. The event has raised \$3154 for our operations. Thanks to Ulrich and his band of kitchen workers, and cooks for great food and wonderful decorations and atmosphere. Thanks to Rolf Lindner for providing the music. A big thank you to area businesses (listed on our web site) for items donated to our silent auction. And thanks to the members and friends of David's Church for items donated for the auction and for coming and participating in a fun filled night.

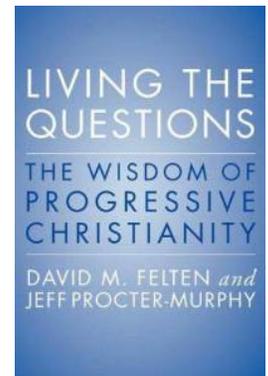
The Deacons

C.E. Corner

- 3s & 4s will learn about Jesus' birth.
- 5s-6th grade will explore Advent through the lens of 1 Thessalonians, listen to John the Baptist, prepare the way of the Lord, enjoy the Christmas Cantata, have a popcorn pajama party as they watch a Christmas movie, and participate in worship. They will also bring in contributions for the Christmas baskets.
- Confirmation will help with the Hanging of the Greens, go caroling with mentors, and learn about why we do what we do in worship. There will be no class December 16 or 30.
- Sr. High Youth are encouraged to help with the Hanging of the Greens and join the caroling fun!
- Women Exploring Faith will continue study of Robin Meyers' *The Underground Church* with a discussion of chapter 4 on November 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, a week earlier than usual. All women are invited!
- The Women's Spirituality Group will take the month of December off, with gatherings to resume in January.
- The Spiritual Parenting Group will be on hiatus until January.
- Family@5 will not formally meet, but families are encouraged to come caroling, participate in the fun of the Hanging of the Greens, and be part of the annual Family Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. on the 24th. There are parts to be had for kids of all ages, with no rehearsal required and no lines to memorize!

Book Study for New Year

In the New Year, Pastor Brian will be offering another Monday evening opportunity to grow in spiritual insight and understanding. We'll be working through the new paperback book: "Living the Questions; The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity" by David M. Felton and Jeff Proctor-Murphy (HarperOne), and using the Living the Question 2.0 DVDs to guide our conversations. The DVDs and the book itself draw interviews with top Bible scholars and church leaders, including Marcus Borg, Diana Butler Bass, John Dominic Crossan, Emilie Townes, Barbara Rossing, Tex Sample and John Shelby Spong. Add the book to your Christmas wish list (or buy it for yourself at amazon.com), and let us know you'll plan to attend the class. We'll do the first section (7 chapters), "Invitation to Journey," now and then following Easter the second, and plan to get the final third later. Classes will start at 7 pm and end by 8:30. Please let us know in advance if you need us to provide childcare. Here's the schedule:



- Jan. 14 – Chap. 1, "An Invitation to Journey"
- Jan. 21 – Chap. 2, "Taking the Bible Seriously"
- Jan. 28 – Chap. 3, "Thinking Theologically"
- Feb. 4 – Chap. 4, "Stories of Creation"
- Feb. 11 – Chap. 5, "Lives of Jesus"
- Feb. 18 – no class.
- Feb. 25 – Chap. 6, "A Passion for Christ: Paul the Apostle"
- Mar. 4 – Chap. 7, "Out into the World; Challenges Facing Progressive Christians"

Pastor's Emergency Fund and David's Policy for Dealing with Solicitations

Throughout the year, we've used money in this Pastor's discretionary fund to help church members and some in the community who are dealing with hard times. We've helped families and individuals with food, medicines, utilities and rent, generally only helping people once in a calendar year. In recent days the need has been great, so we invite those of you who are able to give above and beyond your regular giving commitment to help us care for those in great need.

That said, our policy at David's Church is not to hand out any cash when we are approached by folk soliciting help on Sundays, or as we are coming and going to meetings. We want to run due diligence and follow-up on those we have helped, so we ask that members give no money to folk who are approaching them. We hope that you will direct them to the church office on Monday – Friday during business hours, and let them know to bring picture I.D. so they can fill out the information forms we've created, and we will do our best to help them in a way that's professional and accountable. Thanks for your help in this regard.

December Birthdays

- 1 Dottie Bitzer
Gordon Dieterle
Scot Page
- 2 Stan Brookins
Joanne Wallad
Carolyn Worthen
- 4 Bill Schottelkotte
- 6 Dan Pickrel
- 7 Mike Shaneyfelt
- 8 Jay VanHouten
- 9 Tom Routsong
Scott Thompson
Shabonne Shaneyfelt
- 10 Samuel VanHouten
- 11 Vivian Rohlf
Phyllis Kramer
Jay Emmons
Terry Williams
Nick McKenzie
- 12 John Runzo
Christine Murray
- 13 Dorothy Cooper
Sonja Gegel
Jean Semler
Dennis McDaniel
Ethan Kollie
- 14 Karen Frey
David Johnson
Jeff Page



- 15 Shirley Berry
Karin Avila-John
Heather Vest
- 16 Ralph Bender
Judy Savchuk
Amanda Schlise
- 17 Jan Menafee
Elizabeth Johnson
Matthew Thornton
- 18 Correne Moran
Joey Fernandes
Gabrielle Madden
- 21 Betty Pemberton
- 22 Samuel Routsong
- 24 Carolyn Brethen
Sherill Weinberg
- 25 Charlie Boothe
- 26 Kay Griffel
Ashley McKenna
Bram Hardenbrook
- 27 Chris Moore
Emma Wissler
- 28 Nancy Weitendorf
Bart Frye
Alex Bruner
- 29 Adison Stolz
- 30 Kathe Lindner

Church Directory Changes

Sue Walters – Phone 937-901-1308

Ed Webb – Email aedwebbdj@att.net

A Successful Bazaar Because of You

Because of the David's congregation, we had another successful Bazaar in November. While the final totals are not yet in as of this writing, it appears we made over \$10,000 for our church. We had more people helping than ever before, so if you crafted, donated baked goods, worked at the event, made buckeyes, shopped our preview sale, or helped in any other way, please know how valuable your help was and how much we enjoyed seeing you.

Tax Information

All 2012 donations to David's Church must be in the church office, or postmarked, by **December 31**. Also, please write separate checks for individual funds.



Holiday Concert with Tim & Lyn

Saturday, December 22

7:00 PM

A freewill offering to be collected for the relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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23 8:30 & 9:50 AM Advent Worship 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 PM Service for Young & Young at Heart 7:30 PM Candlelight Service 10:00 PM Candlelight & Communion Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</div>	26 6:00 PM Yoga	27 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	28	29
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