



**DAVID'S DATLINE  
DECEMBER 2015 Newsletter**

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

**Church Office  
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
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*Ministers of David's Church - All David's People*  
**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb  
Associate Pastor Michelle Wilkey**

## Upcoming Events

- November 29 - First Sunday of Advent  
December 5 - Hanging of the Greens Set-Up  
December 6 - Hanging of the Greens/  
Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins  
December 8 - Annual Reports Due  
December 11 - Ice Skating at Riverscape  
December 13 - Cantata (9:50 AM & 2:00 PM)  
December 20 - Communion both Services  
December 20 - Holiday Concert with Tim & Lyn  
December 22 - Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service  
Christmas Eve Services - 5:00, 7:30 & 10:00 p.m.  
December 25 & 28 - Office Closed  
December 27 - 10:00 AM Worship  
January 1 - Office Closed

## From the Pastor's Desk...

The big 50-cent theological word that we use to describe the meaning and purpose we hope to express in our Christmas celebrations is *incarnation*. That word refers to the idea that God has not stayed distant and invisible to humankind, but the God of the universe has chosen to enter human experience, in all its fragility and struggle, in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

It says a lot about God, that Jesus comes into the world in the usual way. He comes as a baby, vulnerable and needy for parental love and care, to a poor young woman and her betrothed, a carpenter who works with his hands. They are so modest of means, that the best shelter they can provide as the birth comes near is the stable of an inn. Surely if they were people of means or had a working credit card they would have been able to hold out for a room inside the house.

The Bible speaks of the coming of Jesus with different kinds of language, expressing the longings and hopes of the people of Israel, which had grown weary living under the oppressive rule of the Roman Empire. The Jews of Jesus' day spoke of a coming Messiah, who would like King David in the past, liberating the country, exhibiting military strength and power, and driving out Pilate and the legions of Roman soldiers.

So, that's probably a pretty good place to start thinking about what it means for God to come to dwell among us, to reflect on the fact that they were hoping for and expecting a great warrior/king/liberator, but Jesus came as someone much more modest, who attracted at first folk who were poor like him, those that society would think of as dispossessed, the sick, the hungry, those viewed as "unclean." What does it tell us about God that we read how Jesus, who acted non-violently in the face of arrest, whippings and crucifixion, came as one who serves rather than as royalty to be served, and that he liberated people from their place as outcasts to make them brothers and sisters around Jesus' table?

Incarnation, then, imposes on our predisposition to think of God as out there, over us, distant and removed from life's difficulties and challenges. If we are going to speak of Jesus as the human face of God, we have to wrap our heads around the fact that the first view we get of Jesus in the Gospels is when we look into the manger to find a baby laying on the straw placed there where the barn animals would come to eat. We want to look for a place that is pristine and holy, a place set apart or at the very least clean, when we look for God. But this radical concept of incarnation reveals God in the person of Jesus, there in that smelly barn crying out for his mother's breast.

Now, of course, I'm not the first person to point out the paradoxical nature of this idea. According to Franciscan monk and author, Richard Rohr, it was St. Francis who became aware of the full import and meaning behind this radical idea that God has chosen to enter into the funky, broken world of human experience as the child of a poor couple in the backwoods of the Palestinian countryside. Rohr writes:

"If incarnation is the big thing, then Christmas is bigger than Easter. If God became a human being, then it's good to be human and incarnation is already redemption. Francis and the Franciscans were the first to popularize Christmas. For the first 1,000 years of the church, there was greater celebration and emphasis on Easter. For Francis, if the Incarnation was true, then Easter took care of itself. Resurrection is simply incarnation coming to its logical conclusion: we are returning to our original union with God."

This idea that in Jesus we see the person of God, we see what God would act like if he was one of us, walking the earth as a human. We get to see what God cares about, when we read how Jesus fed the hungry, healed those who came to him feeling broken, sick, incomplete. Jesus taught his disciples in stories and parables that he often forgot to explain, trusting that they would eventually figure out what he wanted them to know about the kingdom of God. And it seems, from the number of times it comes up, that Jesus often embodied the meaning of that realm of God's grace and love by gathering his friends around meal tables where they ate and drank and told stories, and I would imagine shared jokes and sad tales, as people do when they gather around a festive table.

So, again this Christmas, we are invited to think of God come to earth, into the world in a frail human body, vulnerable as a baby, risking it all by trusting his own well-being to this modest couple in the middle of nowhere. When God comes to us like this, in Jesus of Nazareth, as Fr. Richard said, we learn that "it's good to be human," right here, right now. As we imagine ourselves sitting at table with Jesus as he breaks the bread and pours the wine, we are drawn to his stories which often flip one's expectations with a surprisingly graceful ending. It's enough to make us want to know more about him, to know more about this God who is willing to come so far to know us.

My family and I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year,  
*Brian Q. Newcomb*, your pastor and friend

## Notes from Rev. Michelle

Mother Teresa said, "At this Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." This Advent season I am challenging the Confirmation class to do one random act of kindness a day as they count down the days until Christmas. Advent is a liturgical season

observed in many churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The themes of the Advent season are Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. What better way to live out those themes than by serving others and exhibiting a selfless type of love.

During Advent, we begin counting down the days until we celebrate the birth of a child who would change the world. Jesus came into the world and turned everything upside down by showing love and compassion to all people; including those who were considered the outcasts of society. Of the many books I am reading, I wanted to highlight one in particular. The name of this book is "Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World?" by Rick McKinley. In the book, the authors write, "We were convinced that an inescapable consequence of truly entering the Christmas story was compulsion to love all. We were reminded of Jesus' teaching that, whenever we see a brother or sister hungry or cold, whatever we do to the least of these, so we do to him. To love Jesus, we needed to love and serve the outcast, poor, and ignored among us."

So this Advent season, I am encouraging the Confirmation students to enter the Christmas story by living out some of the teachings of Jesus. We began our season of giving by volunteering at St. Vincent De Paul on Saturday, November 21. I was so proud that many of the Confirmation students woke up early on a Saturday morning to give of their time to those less fortunate. We spent the morning bagging groceries in the Food Pantry. St. Vincent De Paul's Vision is to improve the lives of those in need and work to end poverty and homelessness one person at a time. On this day, we came together to do our part in helping to bring about that vision.

On Sunday, November 29, the Confirmation students began counting down the days until Christmas, and each day they will do one random act of kindness. I would like to invite the whole church to consider joining with the Confirmation students by counting down the days of Advent by doing things for others each day. The Dalai Lama said, "My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness." The Gospel of John states, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." So let us show the world what we believe by showing love to all people and practicing kindness. Let us show the world that Christmas can still change the world.

Blessings to Everyone,  
*Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### ADVENT

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|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 29 | 8:30 & 9:50 AM | <i>Advent Worship</i>                                                                                                                                                         |
| December 6  | 8:30 AM        | <i>Advent Worship</i>                                                                                                                                                         |
|             | 9:50 AM        | <i>Advent Worship with Hanging of the Greens</i><br><i>All Church Christmas Caroling, to our shut-ins, and Lunch for carolers</i><br><i>immediately following the service</i> |
| December 13 | 8:30 AM        | <i>Advent Worship</i>                                                                                                                                                         |
|             | 9:50 AM        | <i>Advent Worship and Cantata</i>                                                                                                                                             |
| December 20 | 8:30 & 9:50 AM | <i>Advent Worship with Communion</i>                                                                                                                                          |
| December 22 | 7:00 PM        | <i>The Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service</i>                                                                                                                               |

### CHRISTMAS EVE

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| 5:00 PM  | <i>Service for the Young and Young at Heart</i>                         |
| 7:30 PM  | <i>Traditional Candlelight Service with Choir</i>                       |
| 10:00 PM | <i>Traditional Candlelight Service with Special Music and Communion</i> |

Childcare is available at the 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM Services



## 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, and assist one local school with helping feed 15 additional families through your donations to the Pastor's Fund. We are now collecting food to provide 50 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 6. *Chris Wood*



## Parent's Night Out on Friday December 4 - 6:30-9:00pm

All children through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to spend a fun evening at David's Church. We will spend the evening eating pizza, watching a movie, and making homemade Christmas ornaments. Special thanks go out to the SIGNS group for volunteering to help at this event. For this special night, we are just asking for parents to consider donating toward the SIGNS summer mission trip. If you have any questions or you would like to sign your child up, please see *Pastor Michelle*.

## Elders Board Needs You!!

Yes, you! Volunteer opportunity available for hard work and good fun! No limit. Come one, come all!

Saturday, December 5, 10:00 AM. Help bring the greens down from the attic and do much of the "hanging" in our sanctuary and decorating around the church. Meet in the narthex at 10:00 AM.

Then on Sunday, December 6 during second service, relax while the Elders complete the process with stories explaining the traditions of the greens.

This opportunity may not be available again for many months! Don't delay! Save the date! Many hands make light work!

## WHO Group

The WHO (Women Hanging Out) Group is switching things up and combining their November and December usual times to early December! We will gather on Tuesday, December 8 at Nelly's (79 S. Main Street in Centerville) at 5:30 p.m. Please respond to Jan Olt by Monday, December 7, at 433-0077 or [jansar@ameritech.net](mailto:jansar@ameritech.net).

## Keenagers - December 9 - 11:30

Our grand finale for the year is a familiar one but one that I truly think you enjoy. Center Stage will make one last appearance on December 9 to sing songs of the season with a little added snaz and pizzazz for extra fun and good cheer.. We hope that you will bring a guest but please be sure to let us know so that we will toss enough salad and buy enough rolls. Not to break with tradition, we will have peppermint ice cream with Bob's homemade hot fudge sauce, and turkey tetrazzini. Look forward to seeing you. YOU are, of course, our very best gift.

## Christmas Cantata - December 13



On December 13 our choir, along with the Springboro High School Orchestra and several of our members in the orchestra, will present Heather Sorensen's "The Silence and the Sound." More than just a re-telling of the nativity, this work explores both the mystery and the majesty of Christ's birth. Filled with original sacred songs and beloved carols, this innovative cantata is not only a beautiful concert moment, but it is a true worship experience. It will be presented at the 9:50 service and again at a 2:00 afternoon performance to accommodate people who worship at other churches in the morning. We hope to help you start the holidays with us on Sunday, December 13!

## Annual Reports Due

To all boards, organizations and staff members: Your annual reports are due in to the office by **Tuesday, December 8, 2015**.

# 2015 Christmas Greeting List

*The following would appreciate special greetings at Christmas.*

## AT HOME

### **Val Andrews**

821 Lovetta Dr.  
Dayton, OH 45429

### **Beth & Jim Dapp**

466 Banbury Road  
Dayton, OH 45459

### **Ruth Gordon**

11233 Crimson  
Miamisburg, OH 45342

### **Mary Ellen Hopkins**

3012 LaPlata Dr.  
Dayton, OH 45420

### **Nita Jennings**

2570 Vienna Estates Drive  
Dayton, OH 45459

### **Pat & Frank Johnson**

1029 E. David Rd.  
Dayton, OH 45429

### **Frank & Betty Jones**

34B Knight Terrace  
Springfield, OH 45504

### **Doris Kerr**

2543 Rossini Rd.  
Dayton, OH 45449

### **Thelma Leach**

200 Adamsmoor Dr.  
Apt. 211  
Waynesville, OH 45068

### **Bill & Jackie Love**

740 Mackenzie Ct.  
Dayton, OH 45458

### **John & Marilyn Lusa**

6872 Walnut Creek Ct.  
Dayton, OH 45459

### **Lea & Mark Nakauchi**

6701 Mad River Rd  
Dayton, OH 45459



## SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES

### **Bethany Lutheran Village**

6445 Far Hills Ave.  
Dayton, OH 45459

**Dottie Bitzer** - Vista Place, Apt. 116

**Dottie Fox** – Arbor Room 1330

**Donna Lehman** – Garden View Room 1221

**Betsy Jump** - Room 1527- Blossom Park

### **Carlyle House**

3490 Far Hills Ave.  
Dayton, OH 45429

**Ruth Nelson**

### **Heartland of Centerville**

1001 E. Alex Bell Road  
Dayton, OH 45459

**Doris Lewis**

### **Logan Elm Health Care**

370 Tarlton Rd.  
Circleville, OH 43113

**Nancy Weitendorf**

### **One Lincoln Park**

590 Isaac Prugh Way  
Dayton, OH 45429

**Doris Lathrop** – #167

**Helen Maze** - #566

**Joanne Britain** - #206

**Correne Moran** - #507

### **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

**Vi Zimmerman**



# Game Night

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on December 11 come to The Grove (hosted by the Phillips) for Game Night. Bring a snack, BYOB, your favorite games, and be prepared to have fun playing board games or card games like euchre, double pinochle, or canasta.

# 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 the pews November 22, and 29, December 6, and 13 and return it to the church office, or place it in the offering plate by December 13. If you do not have an envelope, you can just mark your contribution with “Love Offering”.

## 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 2015 Operating Budget.

A Christmas Offering envelope will be available in the pews on Sunday, December 20, 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 by December 20. Please mark your check “Pastor’s Fund.” The names of those remembered will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

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PASTOR’S EMERGENCY FUND

Donation by \_\_\_\_\_

Message \_\_\_\_\_

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## Holiday Concert with Tim & Lyn - Saturday, December 20, 3:30 PM

Lyn Morton and Tim Williams will be presenting their annual Christmas concert, "Peals of Joy 8," meaning their eighth collaboration, on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in the sanctuary. We will be joined by three guests, Kristen Allen-Vogel, Joanna Stitt, and Mark Cross. All three have recently joined the choir. You have heard Kristen and Mark sing solos during the church service. Joanna will be singing one in this year's cantata on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December. You will be treated to some piano and organ duets, piano duets, piano and synthesizer duets, vocal quartets, and vocal and piano solos! It should be a fun afternoon and all are welcome. We want to help keep you in the holiday spirit, so please make plans to join us on Sunday afternoon, the 20<sup>th</sup> of December!



## Cutups Needed

Attention men and women – Can you use a pair of scissors? Are you available on Monday mornings? Want to have some fun with a nice group of people? Then this position could be for you. It is not necessary to commit to every Monday – very flexible schedule and hours. To learn more show up at Fellowship Hall between 9:30 a.m. and noon any Monday or call *Nedral Gockel* at 416-4164. The pay is not the best, but the rewards are priceless. – Warm Wishes Committee

## Longest Night of the Year (Blue Christmas) Service

Tuesday, December 22, 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.



## Amazing Head Usher Volunteer Opportunity!

An opportunity exists for additional Head Usher volunteers. Head Ushers fulfill an important part of each Sunday's services by preparing the narthex and sanctuary for worship. Your service as Head Usher provides you with a chance to greet and mingle with old, and new, members. Duties would include unlocking sanctuary and Fellowship Hall doors, putting lights on, ringing the chimes during the pastoral prayer, and closing and locking the doors at the close of the second service. Your commitment would be for the Sundays of one month and training is provided. Please reply to *Hunt Brown*, Board of Elders, at 299-5771 or email him at [hunt.brown@wright.edu](mailto:hunt.brown@wright.edu) for further details regarding this rewarding experience.

## Calling All Bakers

The Fellowship & Hospitality Board is looking for anyone who would like to bake cookies, brownies, dessert bars, breads, muffins, etc. that we can freeze to be used for coffee time after second service. You may bake at any time that works for you. You may make as many as you wish; however 3 dozen would be plenty. Please make sure the baked goods are packaged for the freezer, label them for F&H and place them in the freezer on the top shelf. This way many people can enjoy a treat on Sunday mornings along with their coffee or lemonade. Contact *Cindy Wheeler* at 298-4262 or [ljwheeler1971@gmail.com](mailto:ljwheeler1971@gmail.com) for any further questions.

## Family Fun - Ice Skating!

Friday, December 11 – 6:00-8:30 p.m.

All are invited to meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. to head down to Riverscape Metropark  
(111 E. Monument Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45402).

We will spend the night ice skating and drinking cups of hot chocolate.

This will be a great way to get to know your church family  
and to see Pastor Michelle attempt to ice skate!

The cost is \$5 for admission, \$2 for the skate rental, and any additional you would like for food.

If you have any questions or would like to come to this event,  
please see *Pastor Michelle*.



## 2015 December Fellowship & Hospitality Events

December 6 - Christmas Caroling to David's Shut-ins

There are many ways you can be a part of the Caroling Joy

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for:

\*People willing *to go caroling* to the shut-ins

\*People who will help provide *lunch* for the carolers

\*People who will *bake special Christmas cookies* for the shut-ins

Please come to Fellowship Hall for lunch before going Caroling.

Fellowship & Hospitality Board will set up your lunch.

You provide the joy and the voices in this intergenerational activity.

Members enjoy seeing David's children and youth in addition to the adults.

December 13 - Christmas Cantata. Please come to Fellowship Hall to thank the choir members and  
the musicians while enjoying refreshments and fellowship. Sign up to bring food – in the Natrhex.

December 20 - Card Ministry - In Fellowship Hall sign Christmas cards for David's members who are shut-ins.



## 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.

## A BIG Thank You To The People of David's

Your Bazaar Group made 144 apple dumplings – and you bought them all!

A large number of you made a lot of Buckeyes on November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 238 boxes each with 15 Buckeyes for a total of 3,570 hand-rolled, dipped, placed, and boxed Buckeyes. These Buckeyes are an on-going project started in 1996 to help fund church renovations. Your uncomplaining hours of work and continued funding are still dedicated to improvements.

Thank you.

*Jean Blum*

## Board Members Needed

If you have ever considered helping out on one of David's UCC boards, now is the perfect time. Currently there is at least one opening on each board. Boards are: Elders, Deacons, Mission, Trustees, Fellowship & Hospitality and Christian Education. There is not a lot of time commitment needed as boards meet once per month. If interested contact *Ed Webb*.

## New Member Orientation

If you would like to become a member or you are just interested in learning more about David's and the United Church of Christ, we invite you to come to an orientation meeting in the church conference room following second service Sunday, January 10, 2016! We will be taking in new members on Sunday, January 24.

## December Birthdays

- 1 Dottie Bitzer
- 2 Stan Brookins  
Joanne Wallad
- 3 Bill Schottelkotte
- 5 Neil Jones
- 6 Dan Pickrel
- 7 Mike Shaneyfelt  
Heather Hess
- 8 Jay VanHouten
- 9 Tom Routsong  
Scott Thompson  
Shabonne Shaneyfelt
- 10 Samuel VanHouten
- 11 Phyllis Kramer  
Terry Williams  
Nick McKenzie
- 12 John Runzo
- 13 Jean Semler  
Dorothy Cooper  
Sonja Gegel  
Addie Weaver  
Ethan Kollie



- 14 Karen Frey
- 15 Shirley Berry  
Karin Avila-John  
Heather Vest
- 16 Ralph Bender
- 17 Jan Menafee  
Matthew Thornton
- 18 Correne Moran  
Danielle Van Brackel  
Joey Fernandes
- 21 Betty Pemberton
- 22 Samuel Routsong
- 24 Carolyn Brethen  
Sherill Weinberg
- 25 Charlie Boothe
- 26 Ashley Rohrbacher  
Bram Hardenbrook
- 27 Chris Moore  
Emma Wissler
- 28 Nancy Weitendorf
- 29 Dave Herrick
- 30 Kathe Lindner

## Church Directory Change

*Warren & Mary Rose Back*  
719-434-8074

## Tax Information

All 2015 donations to David's Church must be in the church office, or postmarked, by **December 31**. Also, please write separate checks for individual funds.

## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers (\$20 per vase) are available for the upcoming months, starting in 2016. 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.

## Serving at Gateway

The first Sunday of every month, David's Church is responsible for providing and serving a meal at the Gateway Shelter for Men. This meal, which consists of meat loaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, salad, and lemonade, is one of the favorites served at the shelter. In the Narthex, you will find a sign-up sheet for food that is needed as well as an opportunity to be a server at the shelter. Our next serving is Sunday, December 6. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!

<u>SUNDAY</u>  <b>DECEMBER 2015</b> DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (937) 434-2131 WWW.DAVIDSUCC.ORG	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
6 8:30 & 9:50 AM Advent Worship <b>Hanging of the Greens/            Holiday Food Gathering</b> Gateway <b>11:15 AM Christmas            Caroling to Shut-Ins</b> 7:00 PM Book Study/ SIGNS	7 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	8 10:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM WHO Group @ Nelly's  <b>ANNUAL REPORTS            DUE</b>	9 11:30 AM Keenagers 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Deacons Mtg.	10 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	11 5:00-11:00 PM Private Reception 6:00-8:30 PM Ice Skating at Riverscape 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at the Grove	12 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting 10:00 AM Cantata Practice
13 8:30 AM Advent Worship <b>9:50 AM Advent            Worship &amp; Cantata</b> 11:15 AM Second Hour <b>2:00 PM Cantata</b> 7:00 PM Book Study/ SIGNS	14 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:30 PM CE Mtg.	15 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Council Mtg. 4:00 PM SIGNS Peanut Butter Haul  <b>DATELINE DEADLINE</b>	16 6:00 PM Yoga	17 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	18	19 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans
20 8:30 & 9:50 AM Advent Worship w/Communion 11:15 AM Second Hour Food & Clothing Outreach <b>3:30 PM Holiday            Concert with Tim &amp;            Lyn</b> 7:00 PM Book Study	21 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	22 10:00 AM Quilting <b>7:00 PM The            Longest Night/Blue            Christmas Service</b>	23 6:00 PM Yoga	24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> <b>5:00 PM Service for            Young &amp; Young at            Heart</b> <b>7:30 PM Candlelight            Service</b> <b>10:00 PM Candlelight            &amp; Communion Service</b>	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>    <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">OFFICE CLOSED</div>	26
27 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study	28  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">OFFICE CLOSED</div>	29 10:00 AM Quilting TBA – SIGNS Movie Night at The Grove	30 6:00 PM Yoga	31  <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>		