

**DAVID'S DATLINE  
DECEMBER 2016 Newsletter**

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

**Church Office  
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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 27 - First Sunday of Advent

December 3 - Hanging of the Greens Set-Up

December 4 - Hanging of the Greens/  
Holiday Concert with Tim & Lyn

December 11 - Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins

December 13 - Annual Reports Due

December 18 - Cantata (9:50 AM & 2:00 PM)

December 21 - Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service

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

Christmas Day - 10:00 AM Worship

December 26 & 27 - Office Closed

January 2 - Office Closed

## From the Pastor's Desk...

As we have made our way through the month of November – still awash with the aftershocks of one of the most contentious elections in our nation's recent history – and moved toward the season of Thanksgiving and Advent, I confess it's hard to get in the mood. The end of daylight saving's time has brought more darkness into our days, as if we needed that, but the late fall days have been warmer than usual and so while the calendar moves us closer to winter and the autumn leaves have demanded our attention, it's not quite convinced me that we could awake soon to snow and ice.

But it's more than the weather. Many of us equate the holidays with positive emotions, with good times and celebrations around tables full of food and goodies, brightly lit Christmas trees surrounded by plenty of gifts and love, we forget the actual scene of that First Christmas. We have beautiful Christmas cards with Joseph leading a donkey carrying the pregnant Mary along a snow crested path in the moon and starlight, but fail to account for the dark, even frightening circumstances of that birth.

In a world of militaristic oppression from the Roman rulers, the poor young country girl is found to be pregnant, and her husband to be and she are forced to travel like refugees to a far off city, where they are homeless as the time for the birth draws near. Given only the shelter of that dank, smelly stable, they bring forth a child, that we have come to believe is the one who would reveal God's love for the whole world and its peoples.

This lyric, by Canadian singer/songwriter Bruce Cockburn (pronounced Coe-burn), is one of the ways I'm able to put my holiday expectations in perspective"

*Mary grows a child without the help of a man  
Joseph gets upset because he doesn't understand  
Angel comes to Joseph in a powerful dream  
Says "God did this and you're part of his scheme"  
Joseph comes to Mary with his hat in his hand  
Says "forgive me I thought you'd been with some other man"  
She says "what if I had been - but I wasn't anyway and guess what  
I felt the baby kick today"  
Like a stone on the surface of a still river  
Driving the ripples on forever  
Redemption rips through the surface of time  
In the cry of a tiny babe*

*The child is born in the fullness of time  
Three wise astrologers take note of the signs  
Come to pay their respects to the fragile little king  
Get pretty close to wrecking everything  
'Cause the governing body of the whole land  
Is that of Herod, a paranoid man  
Who when he hears there's a baby born King of the Jews  
Sends death squads to kill all male children under two  
But that same bright angel warns the parents in a dream  
And they head out for the border and get away clean  
Like a stone on the surface of a still river  
Driving the ripples on forever  
Redemption rips through the surface of time  
In the cry of a tiny babe*

*There are others who know about this miracle birth  
The humblest of people catch a glimpse of their worth  
For it isn't to the palace that the Christ child comes  
But to shepherds and street people, hookers and bums  
And the message is clear if you've got ears to hear  
That forgiveness is given for your guilt and your fear  
It's a Christmas gift you don't have to buy  
There's a future shining in a baby's eyes  
Like a stone on the surface of a still river*

*Driving the ripples on forever  
Redemption rips through the surface of time  
In the cry of a tiny babe*

Friends, the miracle of this season is that no human pain or suffering, no disappointment, anger or fear, is foreign to God, but in the person of Jesus, God has entered into life in all its complexity and challenge, and modeled for us a way of love & justice, something he called the “kingdom of God.” Jesus embodied God’s new thing, a word of love and acceptance of humanity, an alternative to the systems of the world and their materialism, militarism and political machinations.

This month, this season, let us seek the things we point to as we light the candles of the Advent wreath: Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy. May God bless each one of you, David’s Church, our community here in Dayton, our nation and the world of God’s creation. God’s redemption is made known to us in the “cry of a tiny babe.” That’s a lesson we can take to heart.

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**

Anne Frank once said that “no one has ever become poor by giving.” This is an important thing to keep in mind as we enter this blessed time of year. It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. I absolutely love Christmas. What is not to love; we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we receive presents, we eat delicious treats, and we spend time with family and friends. Growing up, I was the star of many Christmas plays. Keep in mind I was usually the only star because I would often put on one person acts for my family every year. Occasionally, my brother would star in one of the plays with me. I do recall one year performing the “Gift of the Magi” with him. Performing for my family was always something I loved doing because it brought Christmas cheer to all those I loved.

I remember one Christmas in particular, which wound up being my grandma’s last Christmas. My grandma was incredibly sick and she was barely able to move or speak. That year I dedicated my Christmas performance to her and I sang my heart out. I still remember the look on her face; this look of pure love. She listened to her granddaughter sing and I am an awful singer, but to my grandma I was the next Barbara Streisand. My grandma smiled and gave me a huge hug after my performance and told me she loved me and she thanked me. Not only did I cheer her up but I brought a smile to the rest of family’s face because we were all feeling a bit downtrodden because we knew my grandma wasn’t going to be with us that much longer. She died the following April.

As I look back on that particular Christmas, I don’t remember what gifts I received but I will always remember the gift I gave. My gift wasn’t a physical gift; one that you could hold in your hands. It wasn’t wrapped up with a bow on top. My present was simply my presence. I was there for my grandma; I was there for my family. When I think back to this Christmas, I am reminded that sometimes the best gifts that we can give others don’t cost a single dime. Sometimes the best present is simply our presence; being willing to show up for someone and to be with them.

This causes me to reflect on the story that we hear year after year; the story of Jesus, who was God in the flesh, being born in a manger. One of my favorite words from the Bible is the Hebrew word “Immanuel,” which is translated “God with us.” On that Silent Night, God gave us the greatest gift of all; God gave us God’s presence. Far after Christmas is over; I remind myself of this truth. God is forever with us. No matter what we might go through in this life; we can rest on the truth that we are not alone.

I believe one of the greatest things we can do is remind others that they are not alone. One Christmas morning, I offered my grandma and my family my presence, and this Christmas let us think of ways to offer others that same gift. Here at David’s Church, there are always opportunities to simply be present for someone.

One of my favorite events that we do as a church is Christmas Caroling to our home bound and nursing home/retirement center members. On Sunday December 11, we will visit with some of our members and offer up our beautiful singing voices and sing Christmas songs to them. What we are offering to our members at this time is our presence. We are taking time to spread Christmas cheer to some of our church family. It really is a beautiful thing! Pastor Brian and I will also be offering up our presence and Communion when we spend a week visiting some of our church family. Throughout the week of December 12, Pastor Brian and I will serve Home Communion to some of our members. These are just some ways that we are practicing just showing up for people.

This year we will be having a 10am service on Christmas morning and during that service I am inviting everyone that attends to engage in conversation with one another. Our service will be non-traditional and you can wear your pajamas! So I will make sure to wear my Superman pajamas!! During Christmas, we sing “O Come Emmanuel.” We remember that God is with us. I would like to give everyone a Christmas challenge. I would like all of us to take time to think about

why Christmas is special to you, more specifically how does the story of Jesus' birth affect your own personal faith story? On that Sunday (December 25), I am going to invite you to share your thoughts with one another.

So this year as you get ready for Christmas and you begin shopping for your loved ones; keep in mind that sometimes the best gifts aren't things you can wrap. Sometimes the best gift we can give someone is simply showing up for them and being present. The story of Christmas is a story about a God who enters our lives and moves into our neighborhood. Let us never forget that God is with us and God walks beside us through the good times and the bad. As Children of God, let us do the same for others. Our presence can truly be the best present that we can give to one another.

Happy Holidays!

Love,

*Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### ADVENT

- November 27 8:30 & 9:50 AM *Advent Worship*
- December 4 8:30 AM *Advent Worship*  
9:50 AM *Advent Worship with Hanging of the Greens*
- December 11 8:30 & 9:50 AM *Advent Worship with Communion*
- December 18 8:30 AM *Advent Worship*  
9:50 AM *Advent Worship and Cantata*
- December 21 7:00 PM *The Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service*



### CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00 PM *Service for the Young and Young at Heart*
- 7:30 PM *Traditional Candlelight Service with Choir*
- 10:00 PM *Traditional Candlelight Service with Special Music and Communion*

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

### CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10:00 AM *Jammie-friendly service to share carols, conversations, and prayers of thanksgiving on this day of hope and peace*

## 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 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 11.

*Chris Wood*



## Parent's Night Out on Friday December 2 - 6:30-9:00pm

All children through 6th 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. There is no cost, but donations are encouraged and will go to youth programs. 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 3, 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 4 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

WHO (Women Hanging Out) Group will meet at Figlio's (<http://figliopizza.com/menu-dayton/>) at Town & Country on Tuesday, November 29 at 5:30 p.m. for food, fellowship. This will be a combination November/December/Christmas gathering. Please RSVP to *Jan Olt* by Monday, November 28 at 433-0077 or [jansar@ameritech.net](mailto:jansar@ameritech.net).

## Keenagers

*We need a little Christmas  
Right this very minute  
Candles in the window  
Carols at the spinet*

Keenagers has decked the halls for your arrival on Wednesday, December 14 at 11:30 AM. It's our annual Christmas luncheon and program and you are all invited to be with us for this festive afternoon. Following our traditional Christmas menu of turkey tetrazzini, tossed salad, and peppermint stick ice cream with chocolate sauce, the student choir from Stivers School for the Arts will serenade us with "carols from the spinet". As is our custom in December, you are welcome to invite a guest to enjoy the fellowship and festivities with all of us. Please circle December 14 in red on your calendar, then make your way to Fellowship Hall, sit back and enjoy the music and merriment. Reservations would be so appreciated by your hardworking Keenagers crew. Please call *Ruth Widman* (429.8559), *Sue Oertel* (293.7890), *Annabelle Click* (430.3026) or *Chris Wood* (434.2131).

## Christmas Cantata - December 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:50 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.



On December 18th, our choir, along with the Springboro High School Orchestra, will present "The Mystery and the Majesty" by Joseph M. Martin. From the jubilant glories to gentle manger lullabies, this inspirational cantata celebrates the wonder and splendor of Christmas! Traditional carols and newly composed seasonal anthems blend with thoughtful narration to help create a meaningful experience for us. Titles include: *A Christmas Flourish; Carol of Longing; Advent Jubilation; The Coming Joy; Upon a Midnight Clear; A Call to Christmas Joy; Journey to Bethlehem; The Beautiful Impossible* and *A Noel Proclamation*. 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. Hope to see you there!

## Stewardship Update

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for their pledge cards. There have been 104 pledge cards turned in totaling \$378,150 in 2017 pledges. The current proposed 2017 budget is \$502,183. If you have not turned in your pledge card yet, please do so by December 11. Pledge cards can be mailed or dropped by the church office or placed in the offering plate.

# 2016 Christmas Greeting List

*The following would appreciate special greetings at Christmas.*

## AT HOME

**Duane & Mary Bayman**  
3218 Indian Ripple Road #17  
Dayton, OH 45440

**Bob & Carolyn Brethen**  
501 Lockerbie Lane  
Dayton, OH 45429

**Jim & Robin Farinet**  
3218 Indian Ripple Road #23  
Dayton, OH 45440

**Ruth Gordon**  
11233 Crimson  
Miamisburg, OH 45342

**Jack & Carolyn Grable**  
7010 Malabar Ct.  
Dayton, OH 45459

**Heather Greene**  
74 Patterson Road  
Dayton, OH 45419

**Mary Ellen Hopkins**  
3012 LaPlata Dr.  
Dayton, OH 45420

**Frank & Betty Jones**  
34B Knight Terrace  
Springfield, OH 45504

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

**Bill Love**  
605 Flory Lane  
Union, OH 45322

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

**Lea & Mark Nakauchi**  
6701 Mad River Rd  
Dayton, OH 45459

**Sydney Pence**  
9056 South Normandy Lane  
Dayton, OH 45458



**Richard, Linda & Samantha Smith**  
2623 Symphony Way  
West Carrollton, OH 45449

**Pat Titcombe**  
4443 Varney Avenue  
Dayton, OH 45420

## SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES

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

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

**Dottie Fox** – Arbor Room 1330

**Nita Jennings**

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

**Donna Lehman** – Garden View Room 1221

**Carlyle House**  
3490 Far Hills Ave.  
Dayton, OH 45429

**Ruth Nelson**  
**Doris Lathrop**

**Logan Elm Health Care**  
370 Tarlton Rd.  
Circleville, OH 43113  
**Nancy Weitendorf**

**One Lincoln Park**  
590 Isaac Prugh Way  
Dayton, OH 45429  
**Helen Maze** - #566  
**Joanne Britain** - #206  
**Correne Moran** - #507

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

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

**Walnut Creek**  
2501 Keystone Club Dr.  
Dayton, OH 45430  
**Jim Widman** - 773



# Game Night

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on December 9 come to The Grove (hosted by the Schillers) 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 27, December 4, and 11 and return it to the church office, or place it in the offering plate by December 11. 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 2016 Operating Budget.

A Christmas Offering envelope will be available in the pews on Sunday, December 18, 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 18. 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 - Sunday, December 4th, 2:00 PM



Lyn Morton and Tim Williams will be presenting their annual Christmas concert, “Pears of Joy 9,” meaning their ninth collaboration, on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the sanctuary. They will be joined by Tom Rodberg, Becca Webb, Karina Czeiszperger, Mark Cross, and Ted Elstroth. They will be performing three duets from “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” – a vocal sextet singing “Welcome Christmas,” Mark Cross giving his rendition of “You’re a Mean One, Mister Grinch,” and the Piano Guy’s arrangement of Mariah Carey’s “Where are You, Christmas?” which will be played by Tom Rodberg on the EWI emulating the sound of a cello, Tim Williams on piano, and Karina Czeiszperger with the vocals. There will be lots of Lyn and

Tim with different instrumentation on Christmas and Advent melodies. Additionally, Becca Webb will dance to “Bethlehem Pastoral,” and Tim will close the program with his traditional arrangement of “Til the Season Comes Round Again.”

## December 11 Christmas Caroling

December 11 - Christmas Caroling to David’s Shut-ins  
There are many ways you can be a part of the Caroling Joy  
There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for:

\*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.

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

Tuesday, 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.



## Nursery Coverage of Christmas Eve Services

Due to the two religious holidays of Christmas and Hanukkah coinciding on the same day this year, our friends at Temple Beth Or may not be able to staff our nursery on December 24<sup>th</sup> this year. Please consider keeping your children with you during the family-friendly early service or contact *Becca Webb* ([rebecca.webb@wright.edu](mailto:rebecca.webb@wright.edu) or 609-332-7648) if you are willing to volunteer in the nursery during any of our three Christmas Eve services. Thanks!

## Seeking Youth Handbell Choir Director

David’s Church seeks a Director of its Youth Handbell Choir, who will schedule approximately two or three Youth Handbell Choir performances per school year, select appropriate music, rehearse youth bell choir weekly prior to performances, and recruit members for youth handbells. This is a paid position. Interested persons should contact *Jeff John*, Personnel Committee, at [jeffrey.john@wright.edu](mailto:jeffrey.john@wright.edu).

## 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 4. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!

## 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.

## 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 8, 2017! We will be taking in new members on Sunday, January 29.

## Pastoral & Staff Relations Committee (PRC)

David's Pastoral & Staff Relations Committee (PRC) is a standing committee of our church that seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastors, staff, and members of the congregation. PRC serves in two main ways: 1) as an advisory group to the pastors and music director, and 2) as support for their leadership. As an advisory group, the PRC shares with the pastors and music director ideas, hope/dreams, expectations, and concerns of the congregation. As support for the pastors and music director, PRC interprets their roles, functions, and needs to the congregation.

David's PRC operates as an independent group separate from Elders and the Personnel Committee. Because the effectiveness of the PRC rests heavily upon trust built and maintained between the pastors, music director, and the Committee, members pledge to maintain strict confidentiality concerning the content of the meetings and discussions. Three separate groups have been established to support Pastor Brian, Pastor Michelle, and Music Director, Tim Williams.

### PSRC for Pastor Brian

Anne Brown	937.299.5771	<a href="mailto:afbrown8000@gmail.com">afbrown8000@gmail.com</a>
Ernie Dalton	937.723.6762	<a href="mailto:tuffyerniel@msn.com">tuffyerniel@msn.com</a>
Sherry Atkinson	937.859.4139	

### PSRC for Pastor Michelle

Sue Walters	937.901.1308	<a href="mailto:swalters0460@aol.com">swalters0460@aol.com</a>
Andy Storar	937.572.2515	<a href="mailto:astorar@pselaw.com">astorar@pselaw.com</a>
Diane Herbst	937.886.9119	<a href="mailto:desi_herbst@hotmail.com">desi_herbst@hotmail.com</a>

### PSRC for Tim Williams

Debbie McCoy	937.689.4224	<a href="mailto:kdam4300@gmail.com">kdam4300@gmail.com</a>
Matt Teeters	937.436.5231	<a href="mailto:mjteeters@woh.rr.com">mjteeters@woh.rr.com</a>
Jacque Housel	937.269.4304	<a href="mailto:jhousel@woh.rr.com">jhousel@woh.rr.com</a>

Members of the PSRC committees are committed to strengthening the mission of David's UCC, a progressive community where faith comes to life.

## City BBQ Fundraiser

Eat at City BBQ Centerville (5 E. Franklin St.) on Monday, December 12 and David's will receive 25% of the bill amount. Meals can be dine-in or carryout and are available open to close. Just present the flyer when paying and City BBQ will take care of the rest. Flyers are available in the Narthex and the church office.

# Eat at City Barbeque and raise money for our group!

**Please join us for a special fundraising event.  
25% of your purchase will be donated back to our group!**

Sale Amt:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of group: David United Church of Christ

Date of fundraiser: Dec. 12, 2016

Participating Location: Centerville City BBQ

Good all day on Dine in & Carry out Orders

Note: If ordering carry out for large groups, please use our Pig Up 'n Go Menu.

Flyer must be presented at time of order to receive credit for the sale.

Flyers cannot be passed out on City Barbeque property. Fundraiser cannot be combined with other promotions or offers. Not valid on gift card purchases.

Check out our menus and **Order Online** at [www.citybbq.com](http://www.citybbq.com)

We look forward to serving you to help raise money for your organization!



## Exciting Announcement About Owl Classes!!!!

The Spiritual Formation Team at Harmony Creek, in conjunction with volunteers from David's Church, will offer sessions of Our Whole Lives (OWL) for students in K-1 and 4-5!

The OWL sessions will be held on Sunday evenings at Harmony Creek Church from 5:30-6:30 on the following dates: January 15, January 22, January 29, February 5, February 12, February 19, February 26, and March 5.

A mandatory parent meeting will be held on January 8, 2017 at 12:00pm at Harmony Creek Church.

If you would like to register your child for this program, please see Pastor Michelle for a form to fill out. All registration forms are due by December 9, 2016. Members of David's Church will pay a \$25 registration fee to help Harmony cover the cost of supplies.

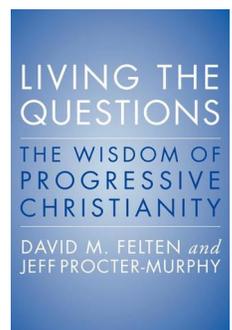
For more information on the OWL program, visit [http://www.ucc.org/justice\\_sexuality-education\\_our-whole-lives](http://www.ucc.org/justice_sexuality-education_our-whole-lives)

For any more questions, please let Pastor Michelle know.

## Pastor Brian's Book & DVD Study For The New Year

In 2017, Dr. Newcomb will be offering an opportunity to explore what it means to be a progressive Christian. He will be leading a book and DVD study called "Living the Questions; The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity," written and prepared by David M. Felton and Jeff Procter-Murphy. The class, divided into three seven week periods, which will take place on Monday evenings, with the first 7-week session starting on January 23. It will provide an opportunity for discussion around the 21 topics the book raises, while watching a smartly collected series of teachings from some of the leading voices in the progressive expression of our Christian faith. Isn't it time to move beyond the demolition of old faith patterns that no longer give life, old ways of thinking and being that are ultimately unsustainable, and shape a new, smarter, wiser approach to faith that nourishes your spirituality, and gives meaning to your real honest to goodness day to day life?

Books can be order through Amazon, or through the church office for \$14.00. Please let us know about your participation by the end of December.



## 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
- 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

### *Jim & Ruth Widman*

Walnut Creek #771  
2501 Keystone Club Dr.  
Dayton, OH 45430

## Member Deaths

Our sympathy to the *Jim Lewis, Tony Lewis, Tracey Jones & family* in the loss of wife, mother, and grandmother, *Joyce Lewis*, on October 28, 2016.

Our sympathy to the family of *Bob Miller* in his passing on November 18, 2016.

## Deaths

Our sympathy to *Lyn & Mike Morton* in the loss of Lyn's brother, *Dennis Miller*, who passed away on November 13, 2016.

Our sympathy to *Neil Jones & Marsha O'Connor* in the loss of Neil's brother, *Ken Jones*, who passed away on November 14, 2016.

## Annual Reports Due

To all boards, organizations and staff members: Your annual reports are due in to the office by Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

## Tax Information

All 2016 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 2017. 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.

## Peanut Butter

Please remember the kids in the Kettering Backpack Program this winter as we go to the grocery, to buy a certain number each week. That will be your own personal goal to see how many weeks in a row you remember. Thanks to all of you who have been faithful contributors. - *Mission Board*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<h1>DECEMBER 2016</h1> <p>DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (937) 434-2131 WWW.DAVIDSUCC.ORG</p>					<p>3 10:00 AM Hanging of the Greens</p>
<p>4 8:30 &amp; 9:50 AM Advent Worship <b>Hanging of the Greens/ Holiday Food Gathering</b> Gateway <b>2:00 PM Holiday Concert with Tim &amp; Lyn</b> 7:00 PM Book Study/ SIGNS</p>	<p>5 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 7:00 PM Roman's Book Study</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 &amp; 7:30 PM Board Meetings</p>	<p>7 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>8 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9 5:00-11:00 PM Private Reception 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at the Grove</p>	<p>10 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting</p>
<p>11 8:30 &amp; 9:50 AM Advent Worship w/Communion <b>11:15 AM Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins</b> 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/ SIGNS</p>	<p>12 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:30 PM CE Mtg. 7:00 PM Roman's Book Study</p>	<p>13 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry  <b>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</b></p>	<p>14 11:30 AM Keenagers 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Deacons Mtg.</p>	<p>15 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir  <b>DATELINE DEADLINE</b></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans 10:00 AM Cantata Practice</p>
<p>18 <b>9:50 AM Advent Worship &amp; Cantata</b> 11:15 AM Second Hour <b>2:00 PM Cantata</b> Food &amp; Clothing Outreach 7:00 PM Book Study</p>	<p>19 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>20 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 PM Council Mtg. 4:00 PM SIGNS Peanut Butter Haul</p>	<p>21 6:00 PM Yoga <b>7:00 PM The Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service</b></p>	<p>22 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE <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></p>
<p>25 10:00 AM Worship  CHRISTMAS DAY  </p>	<p>26</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>29 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31  NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>