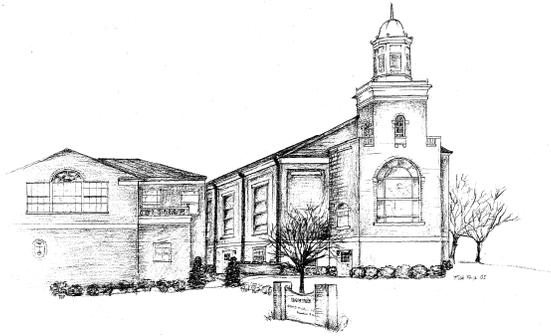


DAVID'S DATELINE
FEBRUARY 2013 Newsletter



Sunday Worship, 8:30 a.m. & 9:50 a.m.
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Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb
Associate Pastor Daria Schaffnit

Upcoming Events

- February 4, 11, 18 & 20 – LTQ Book Study
February 10 – Youth Sunday Planning/
Spiritual Parenting Group/
Family@Five Chinese New Year
February 13 – Ashes To Go/Ash Wednesday Services
February 17 – Evolution Sunday
February 18 – Office Closed
February 23 – Dinners 4-8
February 24 – CUE Offering
February 25 – Women's Spirituality
February 27, March 6, 13, 20 – Lenten Specials
March 2 – Spaghetti Dinner
March 3 – Centerville Mandolin Ensemble Concert

From the Pastor's Desk...

This February comes at a time when I've been reflecting on the evolution of love. Perhaps provoked by two events I mark each year: the celebration of love that we have named after St. Valentine of course is the most common, but the other is Evolution Sunday, something I've tried to mark each year as it states a prime concern at the heart of the movement that gets labeled "Progressive Christianity."

Of course, Valentine's Day has taken on a life of its own, having little to do with the actual, or even mythical, actions of an ancient 3rd Century Christian saint about whom little is actually known. Since the Middle Ages, Feb. 14 has been marked as a celebration of "courtly love," something that modern day greeting card companies, florists, candy-makers, restaurants and a whole host of other products and by-products have been foisted on this day of prescribed "romance."

None of which is necessarily a bad thing. To remind couples in love to take a moment out of the everyday repetitiveness of our lives and express one's affection and passion for the other is probably a good thing, right? But like Mother's or Father's Day, not only do we pause to reflect on the good mothers and fathers in our lives, but we become aware of folk for whom the day reminds them of the death of a parent, or of one's parents' failures to love, or those who long to be parents but have for what ever reason not been able to fulfill that dream. So, Valentine's Day (as that so-so movie of the same name reminds us) can be as painful for those who are not in a romantic relationship but long to be, or those who have experienced disappointment and loss in that area of their lives, even as it can be a warm and romantic occasion for those eager to share it with their intimate loved ones.

Still, that said, I do like the idea of Valentine's Day. Whether we know much about an actual St. Valentine or not, the myth of a holy person of God sharing random expressions of joy in human love is an encouraging idea. It is not a bad thing to be reminded that since God made us with these bodies and made us for love, physical love and romance are part of God's plan for us. We are embodied persons and our flesh is not merely some kind of soul container, but we are made for life in the world, and Genesis quotes God saying of this very creation, "it is good." Contrary to our Puritan forebears, it's pleasant to be reminded, as Song of Solomon in our Bibles celebrates, that God actually delights in our loving, joyous connections.

The other connection, as I said, is Evolution Sunday, which often is celebrated close to the birthday of Charles Darwin (Feb. 12). Elsewhere in the Dateline, I explain the connection to the Clergy Letter; I signed some years back, and the conviction affirming that faith and science are not incompatible. But for our purposes here, let me just say that, like Valentine's Day, I like the reminder that God is active, present and pleased by the physical world and the natural processes at work within creation.

While Darwin started out as a person of faith, preparing at one point to serve as an Anglican clergyperson, his work expanding the knowledge and understanding raised questions about God, faith, and the inspiration and authority of scripture first and foremost because it challenged the literal reading of Genesis. These were no doubt exacerbated by attacks from ardent religious fundamentalists who found in his new scientific discoveries view of creation that threatened their status. In the end, Darwin described himself as agnostic (not knowing), but never appeared to be antagonistic to faith in God as long as it had room for an understanding of what could be seen and known and measured, which science was uncovering in his theory of evolution and natural selection.

Which brings me back to the idea of "the evolution of love." Of course, it's not an actual palindrome, but you'll notice the evolution begins with the world love spelled backwards. That means nothing, of course, but I like that it does that for some silly reason. Not sure why that pleases me, but it does.

But more than that, I like having the words close together, as they remind us that love always brings with it a transforming quality. A person who loves will be a person who is evolving, and an evolving person is often a person who is open to the possibilities of love. Here's what I mean: to love another will always require change, transformation, growth. Love is never static, when we stop moving toward another, stop reaching out to them we slowly begin to become less loving. So one of the things that happens when love enters our lives – whether it's being loved by a parent or a lover or teacher or guide, or loving another, whether by loving a person back, or loving a new child, a new person in your life, a church, a community, a movement – love will always move us, pull us toward our best true selves. Love asks the best of us, and often when we are loved, when we are loving we find that we are at our best.

Love never leaves us where it finds us, but always takes us to the next level, transforming us on the way, helping us to evolve a better understanding of others and the world as it is, making us want to be better lovers ourselves, lovers of our partners and families, our friends, our networks and communities, our common humanity and the whole of the world.

Go ahead, sit down with someone who thinks very differently than you do, whether it be about religion or politics, or about a sports team or a form of music, and listen to them talk about the things in life that they love. Their children, their hobbies, their work, their faith, some challenge or disease they've faced, and as they are talking look for those places of connection, where love is present. You may never agree about the next election or feel comfortable in the same kind of worship service, but your effort to know them, to love them, may well be transformative for both of you.

We see it all the time. Somebody who once distrusted and disliked gay folk, gets to know a person, hears their story of discovering that they were not like other folk who were straight, listens to the feelings of insecurity and uncertainty, and realizes that they have more in common than they ever expected. Again and again, I've heard folk say that after they have gotten to know someone who was different – whether it was race or religion, an orientation or particular perspective – but once they'd gotten passed the differences, and saw the person for who they were, and came to care about them, came to see them as another sister, another brother, they had their views of these other folk changed.

So here's my advice if you never want to change, whatever you do don't fall in love. Because love will change you, that's what it does. You start to love a new person, a new community, and you'll find yourself doing things you've never done before, caring about things that others cared about that you've never cared about before. Love will change you for good. Love will make you a better person, if you let it, if you open up to it, let it have its way with you. It's the evolution of love, and it's a good thing. Indeed, very good.

Your pastor & friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Daria

It's February already and halfway through winter! I never much minded winter until I lived in Cleveland and it seemed to last half the year. Winter has always been a wonderful time to catch up with things I've meant to do, though, and that is a good thing. If you've been meaning to check out the Women's Spirituality Group and have never quite gotten around to it, February is the perfect time. We'll be starting a new endeavor, working through Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way* together. The subtitle is "a Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity," a signal that this book is not just for artists, but for anyone who would like to live their life in a more creative and spiritually mindful manner. If you're a woman and fit that description, get a copy of the book (I found mine at Half-Price Books for \$5.98), and join us in the Confirmation Room as we begin our work together on February 25th at 6:30 p.m. Friends of all faiths are welcome!

Women are also invited to be part of the discussion of Robin Meyers' *The Underground Church*. If you've got a copy and are reading it, great, but even if you haven't, come join Women Exploring Faith for this exploration in the Conference Room at 9:30 a.m. on February 13th! You can stay for Keenagers & Ash Wednesday worship, too! I hope to have another set of prayer stations in place by the start of Lent, so keep an eye out for those. They will be up through Easter and I will have a guide to them available in the Narthex on the Sunday School Registration table. A number of people have told me they quite enjoyed the experience last year, so I hope you all will be able to try the prayer stations this year!

I've always loved those special worship services. One of my favorites is Youth Sunday, which will be April 7th this year. We'll start planning the service over lunch at China Cottage on February 10th, at 1 p.m. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to bring creative, fun ideas, as well as lunch money, so we can plan a really special service! If you need a ride, let me know by February 1st. Younger youth, along with their families, are invited to a Family@5 Chinese New Year Celebration the same day at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring an Asian dish to share (anyone good at making spring rolls?) and table service for your family. Drinks will be provided and I have some fun crafts in mind. We can make paper lanterns, create our own dragons, and make a fireworks display (on paper)! Spiritual Parenting Group will meet beforehand, at 4 p.m., also in Fellowship Hall. If you need child care, please let me know by February 1st.

If you'd like to visit with me in a more one-on-one way, Coffee Shop Hours will be every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. at the Oakwood Starbucks! I'd love to spend some time getting to know you better if we haven't had a chance to visit before or have a chance to catch up! If afternoons or Wednesdays don't work for you, but you'd like to talk, give me a call or shoot me an e-mail and we can make other arrangements.

May you know the love of God & neighbor as we celebrate all things love-related!

Blessings,

Rev. Daria

Ashes-To-Go at David's UCC on Ash Wednesday for the Second Year **February 13 from 7:30 – 8:30 am, Noon – 1 pm, and 4:30 – 6:15** **Ash Wednesday services inside at 1 and 7 pm.**

On Wednesday, February 13, the pastors of David's United Church of Christ, located at 170 W. David Rd, in Kettering, OH, will be out in the church's parking lot during rush hour drive times prepared to impose ashes for any persons who desire to begin the season of Lent in this time-honored tradition of Ash Wednesday.

Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb, Sr. Pastor, and Rev. Daria Schaffnit, Associate Pastor of Faith Formation and Family Life at David's UCC will also have regular Ash Wednesday services inside the church on this day. At 1:00 pm in the chapel, there will be a brief service of prayers, a homily and the imposition of ashes. At 7:00 pm, there will be a full service with the addition of hymns and special music from our Chancel Choir.

“We’ve not invented the idea of ‘Ashes to Go,’” says Dr. Newcomb. “I had a number of UCC and Episcopal colleagues back in St. Louis, where I served previously, go out and offer ashes to passersby on the street corners. I was reminded of this by recent comments from Church historian and author Diana Butler Bass, and thought we ought to do something for those folk who want to begin the season of Lent in a meaningful way, but perhaps their work and family lives don’t allow them to stop everything for an hour to attend a full worship service.”

“We’ll meet folk outside in the parking lot, and they don’t have to even get out of their cars. We’ll impose the ashes with a word of blessing for people as they enter this season of preparation and hope, and then hand them a card with a prayer to use in the days to come. It’ll be brief, but we hope helpful to some.”

Lent is, in the Christian tradition, a pre-Easter season of preparation that lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays), often marked by penitence and confession, fasting or other kinds of sacrifice, special times of prayerful reflection, and acts of service or generosity. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, a reminder to Christians that life is fragile. Traditionally, the ashes are imposed with the words “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” This reminder of one’s mortality, an act of humble contrition, can be a helpful, powerful reminder of God’s goodness and grace and the promise of new life that Easter brings.

Evolution Sunday, a Time to Thank God for Good Science

For a few years now, Pastor Brian has used the second Sunday of February, the closest to the birthday of Charles Darwin (Feb. 12), to speak on the relationship between faith and science. This year, we’ve noticed that the United Church of Christ has named Sunday, February 17 as “Science, Faith and Technology Sunday,” so Dr. Newcomb will use that as an opportunity to continue his Evolution Sunday participation. With some Christians arguing that the Bible insists that the earth is only 6000 years old, and that “intelligent design” and the Genesis accounts be taught in schools as an alternative scientific theory, Dr. Newcomb wants to go on record with thousands of other pastors and modern day religious leaders and thinkers, espousing the common sense view that we can believe in God and still accept the teachings of evolutionary science. Pastor Brian signed this Clergy Letter years back, and looks forward to preaching on Faith, the Bible and Science again this month on the 17th.

The Clergy Letter - from American Christian clergy – An Open Letter Concerning Religion and Science

Within the community of Christian believers there are areas of dispute and disagreement, including the proper way to interpret Holy Scripture. While virtually all Christians take the Bible seriously and hold it to be authoritative in matters of faith and practice, the overwhelming majority do not read the Bible literally, as they would a science textbook. Many of the beloved stories found in the Bible – the Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and the ark – convey timeless truths about God, human beings, and the proper relationship between Creator and creation expressed in the only form capable of transmitting these truths from generation to generation. Religious truth is of a different order from scientific truth. Its purpose is not to convey scientific information but to transform hearts.

We the undersigned, Christian clergy from many different traditions, believe that the timeless truths of the Bible and the discoveries of modern science may comfortably coexist. We believe that the theory of evolution is a foundational scientific truth, one that has stood up to rigorous scrutiny and upon which much of human knowledge and achievement rests. To reject this truth or to treat it as “one theory among others” is to deliberately embrace scientific ignorance and transmit such ignorance to our children. We believe that among God’s good gifts are human minds capable of critical thought and that the failure to fully employ this gift is a rejection of the will of our Creator. To argue that God’s loving plan of salvation for humanity precludes the full employment of the God-given faculty of reason is to attempt to limit God, an act of hubris. We urge school board members to preserve the integrity of the science curriculum by affirming the teaching of the theory of evolution as a core component of human knowledge. We ask that science remain science and that religion remain religion, two very different, but complementary, forms of truth. (http://www.theclergyletterproject.org/Christian_Clergy/ChrClergyLtr.htm)

Keenagers

Have you ever had the yummy meal we fix for Gateway? We think it's time to taste what we give. Bob Stone's beans are terrific, and is there a better comfort food than meat loaf and mashed potatoes? It's very difficult to top apple dumplings, but we thought mini cheesecakes with cherry pie filling would be the perfect finisher. Our program will be a return visit from Brady Kress, Carillon Park, who will talk about the flood of 1913. We'll have a slide show and a fascinating talk about the events that happened 100 years ago. Please join us on February 13 at 11:30. We will begin

promptly this once. At 1:00, an Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel will follow the program for those who wish to attend. Looking forward to seeing you.

Adult Ed

Feb. 3 - See *Steven Spielberg's* newest film "*Lincoln*" February 3; join us for a special class which will include a "behind the scenes" look at the movie by Hollywood professional film writer, *Thomas Girvin*. He will use this motion picture to discuss and answer questions on such topics as how movies are made, why movies differ from the books upon which they are based, and the impact of historical dramas on our collective myths.

Feb. 10 & 17 - Intersections of Faith and Culture: Part One - Paul of Tarsus and Part Two – The Book of Revelation What does it mean to be Christian in our complex contemporary experience? How can we navigate amidst the dynamic relationship between faith and culture? Early Christians also faced many challenging issues as a young faith trying to find its way among other faiths and cultures. This two-part series will explore how Paul of Tarsus and the Book of Revelation addressed the manifold realities of their day and the implications of their work for us today.

Feb. 24 - "Around the World in 180 Days"--an adventure enjoyed by two cousins & a friend! Brittany Bradley will share their trip of a life time--visiting 7 countries starting with New Zealand and ending up in Spain.

Camp News

It's that time of year again. Looking forward to summer plans. Camping information for Ohio Conference is available through www.ocucc.org. There are a variety of camps scheduled from Sports Camp, MADD camp (Music, Art, Drama), Grandchild/ Grandparent and lots of others. Children in 2nd grade through high school can go to 3 day or week long camps at Temple Hills or Pilgrim Hills. Camperships are available for everyone attending camp from David's. Camp Sunday will be March 10th at the second service. Don't forget to come to Fellowship hall after the service for some camp food including s'mores.

Dotti Ankeney



C.E. Corner

- 3s & 4s will talk about Jesus' Power.
- 5s-6th grade will hear about Jeremiah's call and consider their own service, suggest ways they can listen to Jesus, develop faithful strategies for responding when tempted, and affirm those working to bring God's people together.
- Confirmation will explore worship practices, join Adult Ed to hear a Holocaust survivor's story, and learn about UCC History and the Statement of Faith.
- Sr. High Youth will gather at China Cottage February 10th at 1 p.m. to plan Youth Sunday! Bring lunch money and a headful of creative ideas! Let Rev. Daria know if you need transportation!
- Women Exploring Faith will continue study of Robin Meyers' *The Underground Church* with a discussion of chapter 6, "Renewing the Church through Shared Mission on February 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. All women are invited!
- The Women's Spirituality Group will begin our study of Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way* at 6:30 p.m. on February 25th in the Confirmation Room.
- The Spiritual Parenting Group will meet on February 10th from 4-5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please let Rev. Daria know by February 1st if you need child care.
- Family@5 will celebrate Chinese New Year with a potluck Asian dinner and fun activities like dragon-making, creating fireworks on paper, and making paper lanterns! Come to Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 10th!

February 24 – An Offering to Support UCC Seminaries

As a denomination with a rich heritage that values an educated clergy, the United Church of Christ has three excellent graduate schools in the mid-west offering a Master's of Divinity program that prepares new ministers to serve the needs of the Church. They are Chicago, United (located in Minneapolis/St. Paul) and Eden (in St. Louis, MO). Until recently, our CUE seminaries were a line item in the Mission budget, but recently the Mission Board has moved toward more local, hands/food on ministries. So we invite our members to support the work of our seminaries, directly, and the future ministers of David's Church with a generous gift.

SALT Update for Summer Of 2013

After evaluating the program in the fall, the SALT committee has decided to give the program a rest for a year or two. Programming and leadership opportunities at David's have changed, and we are finding there is not enough work for two SALT workers. There will be no SALT program for the summer of 2013. Funding will stay in place until the program is looked at again.

Thank you for all of your support of the SALT program in the past.

Dotti Ankeney



David's United Church of Christ



presents our 46th Annual

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday, March 2, 2013 – 5:00-8:00 PM

Tickets - Adults: \$8.00 in advance, \$8.50 at the door,
Children (3-12): \$4.00, Children (2 and Under): Free



Buy your tickets now so you won't miss out on this delicious dinner that has become a tradition at David's Church. See you at the Spaghetti Dinner!!!

Tickets are available on Sunday mornings in the Narthex or by calling the church office 434-2131.

Volunteers are needed in many areas. You can check the sign-up board in the narthex or contact *Robyn Moore* at 643-1252 or rmoore98@gmail.com. We are looking for couples to serve the meal, bakers to provide 3 dozen cookies, and people who can help set-up on Friday or Saturday, and/or clean-up Saturday night.



Upcoming Concert Benefits Backpack Program

On Sunday, March 3 at 7 pm we will host the Centerville Mandolin Ensemble in a benefit concert for the Peanut Butter Backpack Program of our David's UCC Mission Board.

The CME is led by Hillary Wagner, who played violin with her husband Rick and Tim & Lyn for their holiday concert this last December, and then Hillary & Rick played some music prior to and early on at our late Christmas Eve service.

The Centerville Mandolin Ensemble is an inter-generational group of mandolin lovers. They play any type of music, but for this performance we will feature Celtic and Irish music for St. Patrick's Day! There are 2 young players that will do Irish Step Dancing and some singers will be stepping up to the mic as well!

We love to play concerts and want to do some good in our community so the CME plays for food for hungry folks instead of playing for money, so for this concert the price of admission will be a new jar of peanut butter for David's UCC's Mission Board support of the Kettering Backpack program to ease hunger among our school students on weekends. There will also be a free-will offering to support the Peanut Butter ministry.

They will be bringing a St. Patrick's Irish music program to our church on Sunday, May 3 at 7 pm... the price of admission will be a jar of peanut butter, and there will be an offering for cash to purchase more.

Mark Your Calendars for Pike Lake!

It seems early to be thinking of hiking, fishing, wildflower seeking, wiffleball and volleyball games, but pull out that new 2013 calendar and mark May 17-19, 2013 as the date for Pike Lake. If you are a regular to this spring event, you'll want to make sure you hold that date open or if you already have another event for that weekend, please contact *Kevin and Debbie McCoy* (299-9218) so we can fill your cabin! If you enjoy tent camping, you can always join in the fun by setting up in the campground!

If you'd like more information on Pike Lake, please give Kevin and Debbie a call. We'd be happy to share a synopsis of the weekend!

DAVID'S CHURCH WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES 2013

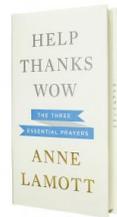
Lent will soon be here and we hope the Wednesday night series will be part of your plans.

February 27, March 6, 13, & 20

5:45 PM Dinner 6:30 – 7:30 PM Programs

Help Thanks Wow; The Three Essential Prayers – led by Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb

For this year's Lenten Specials, Pastor Brian will be offering a four-week conversation on prayer, based on the book by Anne Lamott, "Help Thanks Wow; The Three Essential Prayers." Folk who wish to read the brief book along with Rev. Newcomb can purchase the book independently; it's published by Riverhead Books. But that's not necessary, as we'll use the book as a guide for our own discussion, and Pastor Brian will read excerpts during the class.



Pop Culture: The Moving Target You Cannot Afford to Miss - led by Prof. Thomas Girvin

Q. What is "Pop Culture" really, and why is it important for adults to acquire a better understanding of it?

A. Because the influence of Pop Culture in young people's lives today has resulted in their worldview being fundamentally different than ours, i.e., "generation gaps" becoming wider and wider, while occurring faster and faster than ever before.

This workshop will synthesize the latest research from diverse disciplines to provide a comprehensive overview of what one needs to know to better relate to today's young...and why their definitions of many everyday words are not the same as ours.

Prof. Girvin's many years of practical experience working as a successful screenwriter, filmmaker, and media consultant brings a perspective to this subject that is truly unique in that he's both a scholar of popular culture and a producer of popular culture.



Learn to Play Double-Deck Pinochle – led by Ernie Dalton

If you had fun in learning how to play Canasta, then you are in for the time of your life as you learn Double -Deck Pinochle this Lenten season. This is a game for four people, and is a slight challenge to learn, but so much fun. Find another couple to learn with you, or come by yourself and become the teacher later to friends and family. You will find you can't wait to get together and play this intriguing game.

Greeting Card-Making Workshop – led by Marian Jones

We are again offering an opportunity to come make cards for our shut-ins. It is fun, creative, and hopefully cheering for all recipients. If you have some crafting supplies such as glue sticks, markers, colored pencils, rulers, seasonable stamps, or ink pads and are able to bring them, please do. If you have none of the above come anyway as we will have lots of supplies to keep you busy.



Youth Activities

Group Activities – age appropriate games and crafts for ages 5 to 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade to 6th Grade.

Nursery – 0 to age 4.

Kitchen Clean-Up

Enjoy fellowship with others as you clean up the kitchen after the meal.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNER SERIES 2013

The Committee invites you to come and share these dinners and fellowship with each other before the Lenten Series classes.

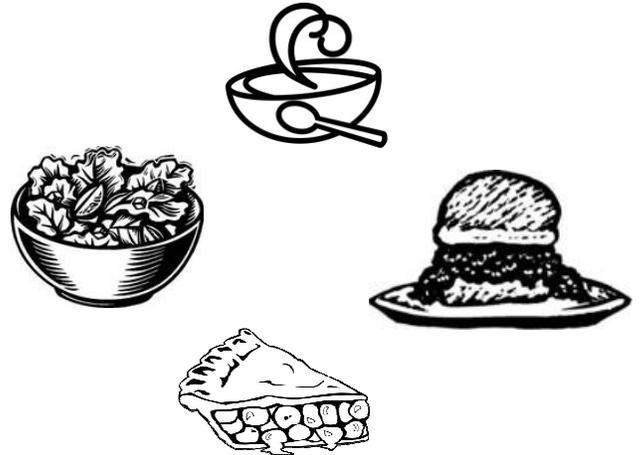
Free Will Offering

2-27-13 Ruth Ann's French Market Soup
Corn Bread/Relishes
Pie

3-6-13 Ravioli
Salad/Breadsticks/Relishes
Brownies

3-13-13 Sloppy Joes
Chips/Fruit Salad/Relishes
Texas Sheet Cake

3-20-13 Chicken Noodle Casserole
Salad/Relishes
Cookies & Ice Cream



As always, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are available. Water, Milk, Coffee and Tea are beverage choices.

REGISTRATION FORM (*place in the basket in the Narthex*)

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Class(es) I (we) will attend _____

attending dinner _____

Thank You

Dear David's Family,

I don't use the word family loosely, but with a nearly sacred reverence. I've been a member of David's for nearly 19 years and have come to know many of you by name and story. It's a privilege to contribute to the music program and to be a member of the worship staff. I deeply appreciate the generous gift made possible by your recent "love offering," and the continual words of support and affirmation. Sometimes it doesn't seem right that I'm paid for sharing music, which is clearly a gift from God, in the worship service I always attend. Please know that my pledge and my gifts to hunger ministries, Habitat for Humanity, PLAN and Boys' Town "ripple" your generosity back into our world. Warmly,

Lyn Atherton

Coffee and Fellowship

Please volunteer to make coffee on one or two Sundays after second service during the 2013 year. All the supplies are provided. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Please be part of helping to create an atmosphere for fellowship after the 9:50 services on Sunday mornings.

Sponsored by Fellowship & Hospitality Board

February Birthdays

- 1 Irene Hopkins
- 2 Gus Greene
- 3 Rolf Lindner
Gary Hutchison
Glenn Wood
Cody Wright
- 4 Julie Wellbaum
- 5 Tara Heiner
- 6 Teresa McClure
Chris Wellbaum
- 7 Dave McElwee
Sam Wellbaum
- 8 Jill Blum
- 9 Mike Hendricks
- 10 Katie Gregg
- 13 Dagmar Michel
Robert Zangri
Jamie Mhaskar
- 14 Andy Bearce
- 15 Jim Widman
Jenni Thompson



- 16 Herbert Sizek
- 17 Betsy Keyes
- 18 Jeannene Schaffnit
Sean Miller
Nicholas Kaloukian
- 19 Cody Boothe
- 20 Bill Kessen
Alan Avila-John
Lucas Avila-John
Nicolas Avila-John
- 21 Thelma Leach
Jerry Beinlich
- 22 Steve Mason
- 23 Lois Schlemmer
Debra McKenzie
- 24 Bill Love
- 26 Lisa Wright
Malia Creel
- 28 Amy Hamm
- 29 Pat Johnson

New Members

Bill & Jackie Love

740 Mackenzie Court
Centerville, OH 45458
937-350-5742

Kirsten Morris

214 Linden Drive
Centerville, OH 45459
937-435-1334

Else & Fred Schiller

206 Laurel Oak Drive
Centerville, OH 45459
937-433-1900

Pat Titcombe

22 Potomac Street
Dayton, OH 45403
937-228-3053

Addie Weaver

2275-310 Pinnacle Court
Fairborn, OH 45324
419-677-1196

Deaths

Our sympathy to *Terry & Jim William & Family* in the loss of Terry's mother, *Emily Demarest*.

Pastor's Book Study Continues

Pastor Brian is offering another Monday evening opportunity to grow in spiritual insight and understanding. They are 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. You can jump into the class at any time. Just order the book for yourself at amazon.com, and let us know you'll plan to attend the class. We'll be doing 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:

Feb. 4 – Chap. 4, "Stories of Creation"

Feb. 11 – Chap. 5, "Lives of Jesus"

Feb. 18 – Chap. 6, "A Passion for Christ: Paul the Apostle" - NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE

Feb. 25 – Chap. 7, "Out into the World; Challenges Facing Progressive Christians"

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<h1>February 2013</h1> <p>DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (937) 434-2131 WWW.DAVIDSUCC.ORG</p>						1 2 8:30 AM-12:30 PM Private Reception <i>Groundhog Day</i>
3 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study	4 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study	5 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings 7:00 PM Yoga	6 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Oakwood Starbucks 6:00 PM Yoga	7 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	8	9 8:00 AM Trustee Meeting
10 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship with Communion 11:15 AM Second Hour 1:00 PM Youth Sunday Planning @ China Cottage 4:00 PM Spiritual Parenting Group 5:00 PM Family @ 5 Chinese New Year 7:00 PM Book Study	11 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 6:15 PM CE Board Mtg. 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study	12 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Adult Education Meeting <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13 7:30 AM Ashes To Go 9:30 AM Women Exploring Faith 11:30 AM Keenagers Noon Ashes To Go 1:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Oakwood Starbucks 4:30 PM Ashes To Go 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	14 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir DATELINE DEADLINE <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans
17 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Evolution Sunday 11:15 AM Second Hour Food & Clothing Outreach 7:00 PM Book Study	18 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study OFFICE CLOSED <i>President's Day</i>	19 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	20 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Oakwood Starbucks 6:00 PM Yoga	21 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	22 2:00-4:00 PM Private Reception <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23 Dinners 4-8
24 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:15 AM Second Hour 12:30 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Book Study	25 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Women's Spirituality Group 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study	26 10:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM WHO Group 7:00 PM Yoga	27 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Oakwood Starbucks 5:45 PM Lenten Specials	28 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	 	