

**DAVID'S DATELINE**  
**FEBRUARY 2016 Newsletter**

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

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

David's Church  
49<sup>th</sup> Annual



Saturday, February 27, 2016  
5:00-8:00 p.m.

(see inside for details)

## From the Pastor's Desk...

The United Church of Christ has begun experimenting with a number of new advertising blurbs designed more as social media memes to be shared online through places like Twitter and Facebook. You may remember more than a decade back when they worked on the Still-Speaking campaign and produced ads for television that stressed the inclusive values of the UCC.

One ad used the kind of velvet rope you might see outside an exclusive nightclub with bouncers guarding the door to turn away folk who didn't fit the mold as a way of exposing how some experienced church, to which the UCC was offering an alternative.

Another was called "ejector seat," which featured a variety of folk finding their place in pews during the organ prelude for a worship service. We see a finger push an ejector button, and a gay couple is launched out of their seats. The same thing happens to a woman of color who's trying to quiet a crying baby, and also an older man using a walker. A homeless woman comes and sits in the same pew as a white family who appears to be well-to-do. They slide away from her, assuming she's a likely candidate to be ejected.

These ads attempted to use humor to promote the idea that in the United Church of Christ, we strive to welcome and include people from all walks of life. The tag line at the end of the ad read, "Jesus didn't reject people. Neither do we."

While not every church in the UCC benefitted from the ad campaign, which only aired on TV, late at night and rarely on the major networks during prime-time viewing, and grew their membership, but many did experience an influx of curious visitors who wanted to see if the churches of the UCC really embodied the kind of extravagant welcome that the ads described. Some congregations that were prepared, that were Open & Affirming and had embraced a more progressive and inclusive theological identity, and especially those who had trained greeters prepared to welcome and engage visitors, did experience growth.

Following some of the lessons learned, the new Still Speaking 2.0 campaign will be aimed more at the kind of attention getting memes that can easily be shared on social media, as it's a lot cheaper than buying television air time. Some of these placards are designed to startle the viewer, to force them to re-think their previous expectations of church and Christianity, especially since so many of the most public voices that represent a Christian church or understanding come from a far more conservative tradition than the ones that have given shape to the UCC.

One such meme says, "LGBTQ – A rainbow can only exist where there is light. The United Church of Christ." Another says, "God is Transgender," to suggest not only that many of our congregations reject the monolithic, Patriarchal image of God as an older male grandfatherly figure, but that we as congregations seek to welcome people from all gender identities. Still another says, "The Bible is like GPS – A brilliant guide. All-knowing. Occasionally wrong." That one grows from the idea that we take the Bible seriously as a guide to faith and practice, but we don't take it literally, and we acknowledge that there are parts of the Bible – like the laws of Leviticus, and the stories of violence that show up regularly in the Old Testament especially – that we recognize as more indicative of the people who wrote these ancient texts than the God they attempt to describe. (If you want to see these memes and perhaps share them with your own cadre of social media "friends," you can "like" the United Church of Christ page on Facebook, and we encourage you to "like" the David's UCC page as well.)

So far, my favorite of the new Still Speaking 2.0 memes says, "Believe in science, for God's sake." It boggles my mind that the idea that we take what we can learn from science seriously would still be considered controversial for people of faith. God gave us brains, and I happen to believe that God intends us to use them. But we don't have to look too far to see expressions of the Christian faith, especially among our more conservative Evangelical sisters and brothers, where a person is required to park their brain in the narthex rather than bring it into the sanctuary.

For instance, there are those churches that, like the Creation Museum, so invest the opening chapters of Genesis with a literal explanation of the making of all things, including humankind, that they have come to reject any science that suggests that the world is older than 6,000 years, and that evolution explains much that we know about biological forms and the development of animal life and even homo sapiens... that is, you and me. Never mind that we routinely locate dinosaur fossils that are over a million years old, and that scientists

believe that the universe dates back to the Big Bang, some 13.5 billion years ago and that the Earth is 4.5 billion years old, and life on Earth has been evolving for at least 3.5 billion years.

This rejection of known science has led some Christian groups to disavow medical science, even when it comes to common sense vaccinations and medical treatment of their children when they become sick. Routinely, we still hear of parents who have had children die, but refused to go to doctors because their church taught them to only trust God and pray. Other Christians have rejected the science of climate change as a result of human industry and pollution, all evidence to the contrary. Some Christians have rejected the idea of simple ecological efforts to protect nature and the planet, because their church teaches that the world is going to end soon, so we won't require clean water, air and soil to sustain human life, we'll all be going off to heaven... or somewhere less pleasant.

I'll admit, I find some of these expressions of Christian faith somewhat embarrassing, and in the case of parents who've let their children die from a simple infection because they refused to seek out sensible medical treatment downright criminal. Ignorance in extreme cases like this produces nothing resembling bliss.

When I read the book of Genesis, I find two creation narratives. The oldest one in Genesis chapter 2 and 3, tells the story of a God who desires companionship, and creates humans, the male first and then the female, who desire the same thing. When the humans eat from the one tree in the garden that God has said is off limits, they are sent out to make their way in the world, through sweat and hard labor.

In the story that was told later and is now presented in Genesis, chapter one, we experience a more liturgical and poetic expression of how the world is formed by the spoken Word of God, and after each of the 6 days of creation God looks back on all that has been made and says that "it is good." On the seventh day, God rested, and gave humanity the Sabbath, so they too could rest and thank God for life on the Earth, which is "very good."

Both of these tellings of the beginnings of things seek to tell us more about God's character and intention in creating humankind upon the earth, rather than they give us a scientific description of how things came to be. It is quite possible to honor the intentions of these ancient texts of creation and still leave room in one's thinking for science, and other ways of knowing and expressing truth. (You will find a letter signed by thousands of Christian clergy affirming that one can believe in the Bible and still accept the teachings of evolution and science elsewhere in this Dateline.)

It is my opinion that we do real damage to the Bible when we force it to become something other than what it is, say treating it as if it were a modern science text. When we open ourselves up to science, and continue to use the Bible as a witness to the experience of God expressed in the best language, understandings and storytelling available to the authors of these texts, we can bring a world of knowledge and human experience into conversation with the early teachings about the character and person of God.

For instance, we know a lot more about weather systems that develop as natural phenomenon on our planet, so we no longer feel the need for human sacrifice to protect ourselves from harsh storms or to guarantee a good growing season. When someone is hurt or becomes ill, we have doctors who understand how to heal the human body, how to set bones and treat disease with medicines. We also have learned a great deal about human sexuality and experience that was completely unknown to people even in 1950, not to mention back when the two Testaments of our scriptures were written and canonized.

We understand how a woman's reproductive system works, so that we are not ashamed or embarrassed by their hormonal and menstrual cycle and no longer need strange rules for dealing with the blood that is released naturally. We know now that it requires both male sperm and female egg for another human life to develop, so we no longer see male ejaculate as if it is a human seed only intended to be planted in a woman. We understand that some people are heterosexual, and some are homosexual, both being natural, and that it is impossible to force one to become like the other.

Because of science, we can bring to our spiritual lives and our reading of the Bible many things that we have learned as the human race over the last 2000 years, that people could not have known in the time of Jesus. So, we no longer consider sick people to be spiritually "unclean," and we know how to live healthier, more compassionate and caring lives. So, you can see why science can lead us to a more progressive and inclusive way of living out the truth of our faith in the love of God as expressed in the life and teaching of Jesus. When our Church proclaims "Believe in science, for God's sake," we can see that we are called to express our faith in ways that are rational and intellectually consistent, as well as compassionate and kind. We no longer are

required to park our brain outside the sanctuary, we do not have to live double lives where we embrace science in our daily existence, but ignore its truths and knowledge when we are worshipping God as a community of faith. Each way of knowing informs and instructs the other.

While some religious people choose to read the Bible as if it is the only source of knowledge and information about life and the world, we as more progressive Christian believers are able to seek out truth wherever it may be found and know that it can only teach us more about how God loves us and intends for us to live. We need not go through our daily lives with blinders on, afraid that every new fossil or medical discovery will challenge what we know of God because we have limited ourselves to what it says in the Bible. We know better now, and thus we can read the Bible and live out its call to love God and our neighbor as ourselves with a more complete and better understanding.

Your pastor and friend,  
*Brian Q. Newcomb*

## **Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey**

Dionne Warwick sang, “What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of. What the world needs now is love, sweet love. No not just for some but for everyone.”

I agree with Dionne; the world does need love. As we come upon Valentine’s Day this year, let us reflect on how we can show love to all people all the time and not just on one specific day and not just to one specific person. Marcus Borg says that “Christianity's goal is not escape from this world. It loves this world and seeks to change it for the better.”

One of my favorite passages of scripture comes from the book of 1 Corinthians chapter 13. In this chapter, I love the way that Paul explains what love is and I especially like some of the words found in The Message translation:

(1 Corinthians 13. 3-7 The Message)

“Love never gives up.  
Love cares more for others than for self.  
Love doesn’t want what it doesn’t have.  
Love doesn’t strut,  
Doesn’t have a swelled head,  
Doesn’t force itself on others,  
Isn’t always “me first,”  
Doesn’t fly off the handle,  
Doesn’t keep score of the sins of others,  
Doesn’t revel when others grovel,  
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,  
Puts up with anything,  
Trusts God always,  
Always looks for the best,  
Never looks back,  
But keeps going to the end.”

Love is more than just a simple feeling. Love should be the force that propels us forward in life. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.” Like MLK, I too have decided to stick with love. Like Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians, love is something that never gives up and love is something that leads us to look for the best in all people. Love is not just a word or emotion; love is an action and a state of being. It is a force that is powerful enough to change the world; it is a force powerful enough to drive out hate.

It feels me with much joy to be part of such a loving congregation. Here at David’s Church, I see signs of love all around us. In January, our love moved us to walk together with people from all over Dayton as we participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. March and Rally. As we marched together, we were taking a stand for justice and peace for all of humanity. Our love for all people was put into action on this special day.

This month, I want to challenge all of us to continue practicing loving in a radical way; loving in the way that Jesus loved. Throughout his ministry, Jesus constantly dissolved the religious and social boundaries of his time. He ate with tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners. He touched "unclean" people such as lepers and bleeding women. He spoke with social outcasts such as Samaritans and women at wells. In all these ways, Jesus gave us an example of what radical love looks like.

So now it's our turn to continue in Jesus' footsteps and to love in a radical way. Throughout our own lives, let us never give up looking for ways to break down the barriers that divide us. Let us strive to share a radical love that knows no boundaries with everyone around us. This is the type of love that the world needs now.

I would like to close with a beautiful quote from the book, *Tuesdays with Morrie*, "The problem, Mitch, is that we don't believe we are as much alike as we are. Whites and blacks, Catholics and Protestants, men and women. If we saw each other as more alike, we might be very eager to join in one big human family in this world, and to care about that family the way we care about our own. But believe me, when you are dying, you see it is true. We all have the same beginning - birth - and we all have the same end - death. So how different can we be? Invest in the human family. Invest in people. Build a little community of those you love and who love you."

Love and Blessings to all,  
*Pastor Michelle*

## **Ashes-To-Go at David's UCC on Ash Wednesday for the Fifth Year**

February 10 from 7:30 – 8:30 am, Noon – 12:45 pm, and 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Services in the Prayer Chapel at 1:00 pm and the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.



On Wednesday, February 10, Pastors Brian and Michelle 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. At 1:00 p.m. we will have a service and imposition of Ashes in the Prayer Chapel, and at 7:00 p.m., in the sanctuary, there will a full service, imposition of Ashes, 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."

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, even powerful reminder of God's goodness and grace and the promise of new life that Easter brings.

## **Evolution Sunday – February 14, 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. 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 the common sense view that many modern mainline Christian thinkers have expressed, that we can believe in God and still accept the teachings of evolutionary science. He signed this Clergy Letter ages ago, and looks forward to preaching on Faith, the Bible and Science again this month.

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## **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](http://www.theclergyletterproject.org/Christian_Clergy/ChrClergyLtr.htm))*

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

**February 10, 2016 – 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

**Proclamation of the Word and Imposition of Ashes**

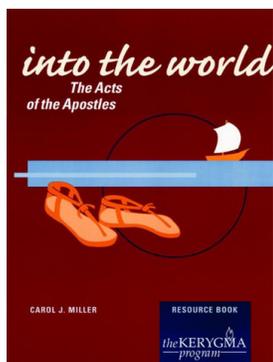
## **Stewardship 2016 Wrap Up**

The Board of Deacon's Stewardship Committee wishes to thank all church members who pledged during the recent fall campaign. There were a total of 132 pledges received for an annual pledge amount of \$403,731. (Last year there were 131 pledges totaling \$375,389.) The total proposed 2016 Expense Budget is over \$498,000. The difference between the amount pledged and proposed budget will need to be made up by non-pledged giving and various fund raising events.

The final 2016 Budget was voted on by the congregation during the Annual Meeting held following the second service on Sunday, January 24th.

## **Pastor Brian's Bible Study**

Pastor Brian heard a lot of interest as the class in the Gospel of Luke was wrapping up last year, in continuing the study in the Apostle's second work, The Book of Acts. Once again, we'll be using the text produced by The Kerygma Program, for their fourteen week study, "Into the World; The Acts of the Apostles," which covers the history of the early Church and the spread of the Gospel by Christ's Disciples and friends, following the death and resurrection of Jesus. The price for the Resource Book and study guide is \$22, and we anticipate spouses/partners sharing one text. Classes will start on the Monday following Lenten Specials, March 14, from 7 to 8:30 pm, and since it is a long study, we'll negotiate the Monday night calendar after folk in the class get a sense of the reading and expectations. You can turn in your check, made out to David's UCC, with "Acts class" in the memo, by Sunday, Feb. 28, so we have time for shipping and handling.



## Adult Ed

Please join us in the Adult Ed Room after church at 11:15 a.m. You are always welcome to join us!

February 28 - *Jeff Hardenbrook* will introduce us to *Peggy Gish* who has been working in Iraq with Christian Peacemaker Teams since October 2002, and was in Iraq before, during, and after the 2003 war. Gish is a grandmother, farmer, community mediator, conflict management trainer, and former co-director of the Appalachian Peace and Justice Network in Athens, Ohio

## Keenagers

Tin whistles, shamrocks, and sheep - where else but Ireland? And who better to tell us all about that than *Pastor Michelle* whose first big vacation since coming to David's was to the land of Eire. Please join us on February 10, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, for stories and pictures of her trip. As of late, our menu is a work in progress but Shepherd's pie is being tossed around. We won't fail you - and that's no Blarney. It is also Ash Wednesday, so plan to stay for the Ash Wednesday Service at 1:00 p.m. in the Prayer Chapel. See you soon. Stay warm.

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## DAVID'S CHURCH WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES 2016

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

February 17, 24, March 2, 9

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

**The World's Other Great Religions** – led by Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb

Dr. Newcomb will be offering a brief survey of the world's other great religions. Given the amount of misinformation, misunderstandings, and high level of distrust, this is a time when we might benefit from learning more about the Great Faiths of the World. Feb. 17: we'll take a look at the teachings of Islam; Feb. 24: Judaism; March 2: Hinduism; and March 9: Buddhism. Using Huston Smith's great guide, "The Religions of Man," we'll seek to better understand and appreciate the other major faith traditions on this ever shrinking globe we call home.

**Movie – Inside Out** – led by Rev. Michelle Wilkey

The Disney movie, "Inside Out" is about a girl named Riley. Throughout the movie we are introduced to five living emotions inside Riley's head: Joy, Sadness, Fear, Disgust and Anger. Each week Rev. Michelle will show some of the film and then there will be a 30 minute discussion afterward. By the end of the series, we will have explored all five of the emotions and will show how all the emotions are necessary in our lives. Open to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade –Adult.

**Honor Flight** – led by Ed Webb

Learn about the Honor Flight through discussion and photos as Ed Webb shares his experience as a guardian on his father's Honor Flight.

**Learn To Play Rook** – led by Ernie Dalton

Ernie Dalton will teach the card game Rook.

**Card-Making For Shut-Ins** – led by Cindy Wheeler

Bring your scissors--no experience necessary--Lots of fun!

**Nursery through Kindergarten** - led by Christian Education

Infants through Kindergarteners will do crafts, games, and activities. Pre-registration required.

**Kitchen Clean-Up**

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

# WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNER SERIES 2016

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

## Free Will Offering

2-17-16 Chicken Tater Bake  
Tossed Salad  
Cupcakes



2-24-16 Chuck Wagon Chowder  
7-layer Salad  
Éclair Cake



3-2-16 Pizza  
Tossed Salad  
Fruit Cobbler & Ice Cream



3-9-16 Cheesy Vegetable Soup  
Dinner Rolls  
Pie

As always, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, carrots and celery sticks, and applesauce and peaches are available. Water, milk, coffee and tea are beverage choices.

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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Class(es) I (we) will attend \_\_\_\_\_

My Child(ren) will attend the 3 year-old through Kindergarten Class – Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages(s): \_\_\_\_\_

My Child(ren) will need Nursery Care – Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# attending dinner \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Big Yellow Book

We understand that Sunday mornings are a great time for you to speak with the pastors about things you may need from them, however, it is very difficult to remember every request that comes through the greeting line or while having coffee in Fellowship Hall. Help us to help you by writing down your questions/requests in the Big Yellow Book located below the pastors' pictures in the Narthex. We review the book each Monday following the Sunday service.

## 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. However, we will not be serving in February due to their Super Bowl Party. Our next serving is Sunday, March 6. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!

## Game Night

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on February 12 come to The Grove (hosted by Sue Krichbaum) 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.

## SALT

The Summer Adult Leadership Program (SALT) at David's United Church of Christ was created to provide a) spiritual growth, b) leadership development, and c) education about the various functions and workings of David's as well as the overall ministry of the United Church of Christ. The program starts June 1, 2016 and ends August 1, 2016. The program is designed as an internship opportunity for college age students interested in the leadership of the church, exploring their own core beliefs and spiritual boundaries as well as developing their leadership skills for service to others. Members of David's as well as relatives of David's members are eligible to apply. Applications and a position description are available in the office or upon request from *Debra Monk* at [debra@monkshack.com](mailto:debra@monkshack.com) and are due on or before April 4, 2016.

## Oktoberfest Thank You

The Board of Deacons wishes to acknowledge the gifts provided by area businesses in support of the 2015 Oktoberfest. The following businesses made contributions to the Oktoberfest Silent Auction:

Kroger	Windmill Farms
Marion's Pizza	Piada Street Food
Arrow Wine	Original Pancake House
TGI Fridays	Mimi's Café (The Greene)
Smashburger	Cheesecake Factory (The Greene)
PF Changs	Brio's (The Greene)
Dayton Dragons	Elsa's
Deck The Walls	Salon Noir
My Favorite Muffin	City Barbeque
Christopher's	

Many church members also contributed to the auction and the Deacons are most appreciative.

Thanks to all our contributors, dinner attendees, and Auction participants there was a total of \$2139 raised for David's Church!

**David's United Church of Christ  
Presents our 49<sup>th</sup> Annual  
SPAGHETTI DINNER**



**Saturday, February 27, 2016  
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Tickets

Adults: \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door  
Children (12 and under): \$4.00 in advance, \$5.00 at the door

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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 Spaghetti Dinner!!!

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

We need all kinds of volunteers! Contact *Donna or Louis Wright* at 415-1631 or [wrightx496@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wrightx496@sbcglobal.net) to find out where you can help.

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## **Mark Your Calendars for the 50<sup>th</sup> Pike Lake Weekend!**

It seems early to be thinking of hiking, fishing, wildflower seeking, wiffleball and volleyball games, but pull out that new 2016 calendar and mark May 20-22, 2016 as the date for our 50th Year at Pike Lake State Park!

If you are a regular to this spring event, you'll want to make sure you hold the 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've never been to or heard about Pike Lake Weekend with David's Church and are interested in possibly joining in the fun, please feel free to contact Kevin and/or Debbie either at the phone number above or when you see us at church.

## **Youth Tubing Event**



All teens in grades 7th-12th grade are invited to spend the afternoon snow tubing on Sunday, February 7! We will head to Perfect North Slopes (19074 Perfect Lane, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025) after church and spend a couple of hours enjoying one of the largest tubing areas in the country. The cost will be \$25 for a two hour tubing ticket and teens should also bring money for lunch. We should be back to the church by 5 p.m., so everyone will have plenty of time to enjoy the Super Bowl. Please let *Pastor Michelle* know if you are interested in going.

## February Birthdays

- 1 Irene Hopkins
- 3 Rolf Lindner  
Gary Hutchison  
Glenn Wood  
Cody Wright
- 4 Julie Wellbaum
- 6 Don Ashbrook  
Chris Wellbaum
- 7 Sam Wellbaum
- 8 Jill Blum
- 10 Vaughn Shannon  
Katie Gregg
- 13 Dagmar Michel  
Jamie Mhaskar  
Cate Shannon
- 15 Jim Widman  
Amy Stamper  
Jenni Thompson



- 16 Herbert Sizek  
Joshua McCarron
- 17 Betsy Keyes  
Dave McElwee
- 18 Sean Miller
- 19 Cody Boothe
- 20 Nico Avila-John  
Lucas Avila-John  
Alan Avila-John
- 21 Thelma Leach  
Jerry Beinlich
- 22 Steve Mason
- 23 Debra McKenzie
- 24 Bill Love
- 27 Brian Barrett  
Haylee Grilliott
- 28 Amy Hamm
- 29 Pat Johnson

## New Members

### *Irene Gilleland*

7256 Caribou Trail  
Centerville, OH 45459  
(937) 723-8186

### *Randall & Jenny Harvey*

45 Cobble Stone Lane  
Springboro, OH 45066  
(937) 533-8370

### *Nancy Jantzen*

2521 Oakley Avenue  
Kettering, OH 45419  
937-732-4581

### *Jana Lehman*

336 Lewiston Road  
Kettering, OH 45429  
(937) 271-3577

### *Harriet Meehan*

*Lily, Eva, Violet*  
4 Beverly Place  
Dayton, OH 45419  
(937) 371-8227

### *Mandy & Vaughn Shannon*

*Sophia & Catherine*  
9950 Lincolnshire Road  
Miamisburg, OH 45342  
(937) 938-5369

### *Kaye Williams*

742 Princewood Ave.  
Dayton, OH 45429  
(937) 241-7085

## Member Death

Our sympathy to *Bill Love* in the loss of his wife, *Jackie Love*, on January 16, 2016.

## Death

Our sympathy to *Tina & Tom Donovan* in the loss of Tina's mother, *Marcia Bourne*, on January 13, 2016.

## Respecting Our Pastors and Their Time Off

Did you know that our Pastors take one day off during the week, since Sunday is a work day for them. Pastor Brian typically takes Friday off while Pastor Michelle strives to take Wednesday as her day off. The Pastors also take vacation from time to time. We try to announce these times in church and in the church bulletin.

We ask that you respect this time off for them and try not, unless it is an emergency, to contact them and give them their time with family.

Any church business should be conducted by contacting them in the office during the work week (9-5 M-F). Please reconsider the true nature of your call before calling them on their personal cell phones on evenings and weekends. If you do have a pastoral emergency, do not hesitate to call them on the numbers listed in your directory.

<u>SUNDAY</u> 	<u>MONDAY</u> 1 9:30 AM Warm Wishes	<u>TUESDAY</u> 2 10:00 AM Quilting 10:30 PM Staff Mtg. 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 3 6:00 PM Yoga	<u>THURSDAY</u> 4 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<u>FRIDAY</u> 5 Wedding Rehearsal	<u>SATURDAY</u> 6 8:30 AM-12:30 PM Private Reception (FH) 4:30 PM Wedding
7 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship <b>JAZZ SUNDAY</b> 11:15 AM Second Hour/Youth Tubing Event 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS Super Bowl Party at Jill's	8 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 PM Staff Mtg.	9 10:00 AM Quilting 4:00 PM SIGNS Peanut Butter	10 7:30-8:30 AM Ashes-To-Go 11:30 AM Keenagers 12:00-12:45 PM Ashes-To-Go 1:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 5:00-6:00 PM Ashes-To-Go 5:45 PM Deacons Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	11 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	12 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at The Grove	13 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting 11:00 AM Marcia Bourne Memorial Service
14 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship with Communion <b>EVOLUTION SUNDAY</b> 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study  VALENTINE'S DAY	15  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>DATELINE DEADLINE</b>  PRESIDENT'S DAY	16 10:00 AM Quilting 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 11:00 AM Jackie Love Memorial Service 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	17 6:00 PM Yoga 5:45 PM Lenten Specials	18 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	19 1:00-4:00 PM Private Reception (FH)	20 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans
21 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 11:15 AM Second Hour 6:30-8:30 PM SIGNS Summer Trip Mtg. (FH) 7:00 PM Book Study	22 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 PM Staff Mtg.	23 10:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM WHO Group	24 6:00 PM Yoga 5:45 PM Lenten Specials	25 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	26	27 5:00-8:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner  
28 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	29 9:30 AM Warm Wishes	<div data-bbox="659 1382 905 1455" style="display: inline-block; margin-right: 100px;">  </div> <h1 data-bbox="1094 1292 1598 1349">FEBRUARY 2016</h1> <p data-bbox="978 1365 1713 1422">DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (937) 434-2131 WWW.DAVIDSUCC.ORG</p> <div data-bbox="1801 1393 2024 1455" style="display: inline-block; margin-left: 100px;">  </div>				