



DAVID'S DATELINE
JANUARY 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

Plan to attend

David's
United Church of Christ

Annual Meeting
of the congregation
Sunday, January 24, 2016
Following the 9:50 service

- Celebrate the accomplishments of the past year.
- Vote on the budget for 2016.
- Vote on the changes to the Constitution.
- Share hopes, dreams, and concerns.

From the Pastor's Desk...

“It’s just another day, like any other, why expect anything different from this day, when it’s just like any other day?” I have heard people say exactly that about their birthday, or New Year’s, or some other holiday. And it’s true, to some degree. We have artificially imposed a calendar over the top of our day to day experience, seven days in every week, 365 and some small fraction make up a year... but it’s pretty arbitrary the way we’ve decided that the New Year begins on January 1, and not, let’s say, May 22.

And yet, for many of us, there is special meaning attached to New Year’s Eve on December 31, one week after Christmas Eve, that goes beyond the flipping of the page on a calendar, or the turning over to a new year. Just like other holidays, we have specific rituals and activities. The Ball drops in Times Square in New York City, and a lot of us tune in to watch it happen. Some of us, may always go out to a bar or nightclub, others might always choose to stay in, some might host a party and invite their friends over, others might prefer a more quiet and reflective passage of time, to reflect on the year we’re leaving behind, and come up with resolutions for the one ahead. Some of us feel the need to party like it’s 1999, and we’ll need to make sure there’s a designated driver or taxi prepared to get us safely home. Others, may cuddle around a fire with special food and drinks, or watch the New Year’s Rockin’ Eve broadcast (I’m showing my age, is that still on?). And then on New Year’s Day there’s football, and family gatherings, and for some, hang-overs.

I think one of the reasons we’ve developed rituals and special activities that we attach to transitions on the calendar or to holidays that pop up here and there every month or so, it’s to mark the passage of time as memorable and meaningful. So we have fireworks on the Fourth of July, we put flags on our homes for Veterans’ Day, on Thanksgiving we eat turkey, watch parades and football, gather with our families and express gratitude for the blessings in our lives. We march to remember The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and for some reason, we have a white linens sale on Presidents’ Day. On Christmas Eve, we come to church for candlelight, and drive through the cemetery to see the luminaries. And, on New Year’s we mark the passage of time, the changing number on our calendars that we’ll be weeks trying to get right on our checks and other papers. For some, each of these may be “just another day,” but our effort to give our days a sense of value and find meaning in the passage of time gives rise to special activities and rituals to mark each holiday, each season. On birthday’s we might cook a person’s favorite meal, get their favorite cake for them to blow out candles, with one marking each year in their life.

So, it may just be another day, but soon it will be January 1, and we’ll pass the threshold together into 2016, a new year, with new hopes and dreams, for some new expectations and aspirations. On January 3, it is my birthday and I will turn 59, and it will be on a Sunday, and I’ll have returned from a brief vacation to join together with you in church and will preach that morning on the texts of that day. But I have to admit, partly because I’ve spent a lot of the last year coming to terms with cancer and the health challenges that came with it, that reaching 59 has had added significance, no less because the birthday that will follow this one will find me entering my 60’s. Hmm... that came quickly, didn’t it? Sixty... again, we attach an arbitrary meaning to the passage of time. Somebody recently told me that 60 is the new 40... but, I’m quite aware that I feel very different approaching 60, then I did approaching 40, even though I know that back then I thought 40 meant old.

2015 was a good year, but it was also hard. I remember many wonderful moments here in the Church and with my family. Our big Easter Sunday celebration here at David’s, the group who gathered with me around the study of Luke’s Gospel, our Christmas Cantata just a few weeks back... all lovely moments in time. And, with my family, Susan and I taking John to visit colleges, the help from our brothers Michael and Doug for the week when I came home from the hospital, the travel to General Synod with a wheelchair for when I couldn’t handle longer distances, special concerts that I took John to see, like the Rolling Stones. The week of our wedding anniversary, and for the first time either of us could remember, we both kind of forgot that it was here. John and Marian’s birthday, on the same day, and the special meal out at a French restaurant to mark the occasion.

So, now it’s 2016, and each of us – if we’re lucky – will have another birthday, grow another year older, and we hope wiser. Some years feel more monumental than others, the years that end in zero, for instance, when we’ve turned 30, or 50, or 70... those seem to matter more, but it’s all really just the passage of time, each day a mere 24 hours, each week made up of seven days, 52 weeks to make a year... and so it goes... and it often goes by too quickly.

So we mark the time, we try to stay mindful as the time passes, and to pay attention to one’s days and nights is to take seriously the gift of one’s life. We’ll grab a photo of our young children on the playground, we’ll hold that picture dear for decades to come. Those of us with grandchildren, will try to connect with them, some of us across vast distances, to experience each stage of their lives. We don’t want to miss a thing, we long to stay actively connected, remain an important part in each others’ lives.

One thing that’s become very important to me, especially with the challenges and losses of this last year, is to take a moment each day and breathe it in. To not let it pass unnoticed. To not treat any day like “just another day,” but to remember that each day is a gift, and that while we’re alive we have opportunities to live fully and well. Each day we

have the chance to touch another's life with love, and kindness and joy. Each day, we are given the gift of the capacity to make a difference in our world for good, to work for justice, to seek to be a peacemaker, as Jesus called his disciples to be. Each day, we get a do-over, a second chance to get it right, to make up for the mistakes and short-comings of the past, and live fully and faithfully in this moment, this time right here and now.

Let's not take these days for granted, or for that matter our very lives. We are here for a reason, so let us seek out that sense of purpose. When our work gives us the chance to help others, let us give thanks for that chance to serve. When we are with people who mean the world to us, our siblings, our children, our life-long friends let us not lose sight that each person is a gift, each situation is happening for a reason, let's commit to be fully alive, fully engaged, and as much the loving people we each long to be as we are capable or being.

And here in the Church, at David's and as part of the larger UCC, we have the gift of service, to help others and further the in-breaking of God's realm of peace and love, the chance to grow in our spiritual lives, the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. As individuals, we may not feel empowered to make a difference in Haiti, or Kenya, or even parts of downtown Dayton. But through our gifts to mission, our support of the on-going work of God in our midst, our time when we volunteer to strive together for the greater good, we are part of something that makes a difference in the world. Each day, each Sunday, each month and season, we are making a difference, growing as individuals, supporting each other in our families and as a church community, seeing how our actions impact the lives of others in our world.

It's not just another day, or another year. We make the passage of time special by living fully in each moment, as the people God has called us to be, doing all that God invites us to do. Every day, every Sunday, every mission opportunity, as it turns out, matters. Your life, the lives of those in your family, and the lives of each one in this community of faith and mission, matters. Let's never forget that.

Happy New Year, everyone.

Your pastor and friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Michelle

On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. declared, "I have a dream today." Martin Luther King, Jr. is well known for his "I have a dream" speech in which he delivered to over 250,000 civil rights supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March of Washington. This speech was a defining moment for the Civil Rights Movement. On that glorious day, King proclaimed "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

As I reflect on the words of the "I have a dream speech," I must say that I have a similar dream. I have a dream that we will one day live in a world where people are not judged by the color of their skin, by who they love, or even who they worship. I have a dream that one day all humanity will be viewed as equally worthy and deserving of love; and what a dream that it is! One of my famous quotes from Martin Luther King, Jr. hangs in my office on a poster and here are the words; "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

This past year a campaign was started called "Love Has No Labels". On Valentine's Day they released a very powerful video in which they challenged people to open their eyes to their own bias and prejudice and work to stop it in themselves, friends, and family. As the video opens, you see a crowd gathering around a massive x-ray screen and you see two skeletons embracing each other. Soon the two skeletons step out from behind the screen and you see that it is two women and that is promoting the message that love has no gender. The next couple is an interracial couple and that shows that love has no race. Then there is a disabled young woman and her sister and this illustrates that love has no disability. My favorite part came when they revealed people of different faiths coming together. They had someone from the Jewish faith embracing a Muslim believer and this proved that love has no religion.

Let us remember that love truly has no labels. Before anything else, we are all human. The Love Has No Labels Campaign encourages everyone to embrace diversity and to put away labels in the name of love. I believe one way that we can all embrace diversity and celebrate our differences is by coming together and marching in solidarity with all people on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

On Monday January 18, 2016, Dayton will have their Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Rally. This march will begin at 10am and will begin at the Charles R. Drew Health Center on West Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way also known as West Third Street. The march will end at the Dayton Convention Center where there will be a special rally at 11am. This important event is hosted by MLK Dayton, whose mission is to inspire citizens to act on the vision of social justice created by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Sadly we are still living in a world where prejudice exists and people are still being judged by the color of their skin. As followers of Christ, we should be passionate about working to create a world where all people feel loved and

respected. That is why I am inviting everyone from the church to participate in the MLK March and Rally this month. Let us show the world that love has no race by joining with people from all walks of life and marching in this important event. As we march on this day we can follow in the footsteps of all those who took steps in the March on Washington where thousands of people joined together to shed light on the political and social challenges that African Americans faced.

If you are interested in going, we will meet at the church at 9am and head downtown and line up for the march. We will stay for the rally as well and everything should be over by 1pm. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Martin Luther King, Jr. says that "Love is the most durable power in the world." By participating in the MLK March and Rally, we can show the world that love truly has no race.

Constitution Changes to Be Voted On At Annual Meeting

On December 11, an All Church Email was sent out with a link to the Constitutional changes that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on January 24, 2016. If you missed the email, attached is the link for the revised draft copy of David's Constitution, for your review. You will notice that deletions/changes have been highlighted in red for your convenience in reading. Please be advised that your Church Council has approved these changes. A paper copy is also available, in the Narthex, to you prior to our Annual Meeting, January 24, 2016. At that time, all active church members will have an opportunity to vote on the revised document.

Your Board of Elders

→ → Click here - [David's UCC Revised Constitution](#) ← ←
if you are reading the electronic version from your computer

Giving Tree Thanks



David's Church family,

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone who took a name off of the Joyce Lee Giving Tree. 86 names of Head Start children and their siblings will have a much brighter holiday season due to your generosity. I would also like to thank those of you who made a donation. Because of those gifts, we were able to purchase \$500 worth of much needed socks and underwear for the Head Start program as well.

My mom started this tradition 20 years ago, with the hope that David's Church would continue, each year, to support those who needed it the most. It's a tradition that Ellie, Ian and I gladly continue.

With much love and thanks,

Anne Jones

"Unhanging" Of the Greens!

Please join us on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., in the Narthex, as we reverse the process and "unhang" the Greens! With many hands of all ages and great fellowship as we work together, our church home should be returned to normal in just a few hours! Hope you'll plan to join us!

Upcoming Adult Ed Events

January 17th - Group outing to the Dayton Art Institute to see Grandma Moses Exhibit. We will meet at 12:30pm and be led through exhibit by a docent. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the exhibit as a follow up to Mr. Roediger's November talk about the artist and her work. Group rate (\$11) available for more than 10 people. Please RSVP to Jamie Mhaskar at 908-917-1310 or jswan13@hotmail.com

January 31st - Lakais Bailey, Director of the Gettysburg Gateway Shelter for Men will talk about the issue of poverty and homelessness in the Miami Valley. David's UCC members serve monthly at this shelter. Come and hear about the topic, and how we can continue to help make a difference.



Thank You!

Pastors Brian & Michelle, and the rest of your staff at David's Church – including Tim, Lyn, & Julie who lead our worship music, and Anne & Chris in the office – want to express their sincere thanks for your gifts to us this holiday season. For all the homemade goodies, chocolates & nuts, gift cards, the cash gifts through the Love offering, and all the many wonderful signs of your affection and support, we are profoundly humbled and grateful. Thank you, thank you, thank you all.

New Member Orientation

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

Holiday In-Gathering of Food – Thank You!!!

Thank you to all that donated food, money, and time to the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. With your help, we were able to feed 55 families for Thanksgiving and 51 families for Christmas. We received many blessings, tears, hugs, and smiles in return. *Chris Wood*



Game Night

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on January 8 come to The Grove 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.

Cutups Needed

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

Important Tax Notice

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2015 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax deductible if you file your tax return before receiving written acknowledgment of your contribution from the church.

Peanut Butter Needed!



Thank you all for helping with the Kettering Backpack Program. This ensures that needy students will not go hungry over any given weekend. A backpack is sent home with the kids each week filled with several food items. Please remember to pick up a few extra jars of peanut butter (16 or 18 oz.) when you do your grocery shopping, and place them in the orange bucket in the Narthex. Thanks!

Usher & Greeter Sign-Ups

Check out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to greet or usher at the second service on Sunday mornings. Any questions? See *Diane Herbst* or call her at (937) 886-9119.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers (\$20 per vase) are available for the upcoming year. 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.

Council Secretary Needed

Our current Council Secretary, *Shawn Monk*, will be stepping away from duties as Council Secretary effective January 31, 2016. If you are interested in sitting in on Council meetings, taking minutes, and observing your Council in action, please see *Jeff Baldwin*, *Shawn Monk*, or any of your Council members.

AED Training

As you may have noticed, we now have two AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) units. One is located in the Narthex and the other is on the lower level just outside of the office door. For instruction on when and how to use the AED in case of an emergency, together with the latest in CPR, we have scheduled Kettering paramedics to explain and demonstrate for all interested members. The class will be held on Sunday, January 10 in the Adult Ed room following the second service. Reservations are a must so that we can ensure that we have enough instructors to students. Please contact Chris in the church office, by Thursday, January 7, if you would like to attend – 434-2131 or chriswood@davidsucc.org.

Attention All Men!

For many years, the third Saturday of each month has been reserved for the men of David's Church to get together and have breakfast. These days, those who are available, have been meeting at the Bob Evans in Centerville (7115 Far Hills Ave) at 8:00 a.m. Any gentleman who would enjoy getting to know others from church and eat some good food is invited to join in! The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, January 16. No need to RSVP, but you can call the church office at 434-2131 with any questions.

MLK Walk & Rally



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Save The Date!
David's United Church of Christ
Presents our 49th Annual
SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday, February 27, 2016
Details to follow in the February *Dateline*.

January Birthdays

- 3 Judy Jones
Brian Newcomb
- 4 Tina Donovan
- 6 Susan Newcomb
Rebecca Deitz
- 8 Jill Chabut
Jeni Pence
Lola Zimmer
- 9 Will Roess
- 10 Tim Walker
- 11 Lynne Davis
- 12 Kathy Randall
Jenny Creel
Abigail Vest
- 14 Julie Pickrel
- 16 Janet Olt
Chris Walther
- 17 Patrice Schottelkotte
Lesley Neufeld
- 18 Rory McKenna



- 19 Lee Zimmerman
Judith Tripp
Louis Wright
Heather Greene
- 20 Lila Minnich
- 21 Helen Brown
- 22 Howard Sizek
Jenny Walker
- 23 Bonnie McNabb
Robb Castele
- 25 Bob Chelle
Kirsten Sherk
Sarah Storar
Beth Hughes
Shaina Creel
- 26 Del Faulkner
Eli Pence
- 28 Mitch Storar
- 29 Kirby Randall
Amelia Bernard
- 30 Hal Gegel
Debbie Barrett
- 31 Jim Hale

Births

Charles Hendrik McCarron was born on November 11, 2015 to *Felicia & Joshua McCarron*.

Howard Paige Webb was born on December 2, 2015 to *Tom & Becca Webb*.

Grandparent Announcement

Louis Ashworth Kahut was born on November 28, 2015 to *Anna (Zimmerman) & Ben Kahut*. Proud grandparents are *Lee & Barb Zimmerman*. Proud great-grandmother is *Marge Heffner*.

Member Death

Our sympathy to *Jim & Joyce Lewis, Tony Lewis, Tracey Jones, and Andrew & Alex Lewis* in the loss of, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, *Doris Lewis*, on December 21, 2015.

Deaths

Our sympathy to *Marsha O'Connor & Neil Jones* in the loss of Marsha's father, *Melvin Engle*, on November 29, 2015.

Our sympathy to *Sue Krichbaum* in the loss of her niece, *Linda Strickland Haney*, on December 18, 2015.

Our sympathy to *Kirsten Sherk & Rob King and family* in the loss of Rob's mother, *Susan King*, on December 25, 2015.

Mark Your Calendars for the 50th 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. .

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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