



**DAVID'S DATLINE
JANUARY 2017 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 29, 2017
Following the 9:50 service*

- Celebrate the accomplishments of the past year.
- Vote on the budget for 2017.
- Share hopes, dreams, and concerns.

From the Pastor's Desk...

So, what a year 2016 has been. A highly contested election, a great many losses of beloved friends and loved ones, and for music fans like myself the deaths of David Bowie, Prince, Leonard Cohen, Sharon Jones, and Leon Russell to name a few. But it has also been a good time, as well. Life seldom comes at us in just one flavor of experience, most of the time it is a mixed bag, the good coming alongside the bad, the blessings side by side with the challenges and difficulties.

In my own life, it doesn't take much to remind me that a year ago, I was a lot less healthy than I have been in recent months. Last year, when my family vacationed in NYC prior to Thanksgiving, I remember making the ten block or so walk from our hotel to a Broadway theater, needing my cane for support, and traveling very slowly. This last week, when Susan I visited again, this time to take in the Christmas lights as well as some theater, I was able to easily walk wherever we wanted to go, one afternoon walking the mile and half from the Whitney Museum of American Art over to Chinatown for dinner. That would have been impossible twelve months ago.

So, who knows exactly what we'll experience in 2017, and is it possible to prepare? Not really. Our faith teaches us to put the future in God's hands, not to fret or worry about what is headed our way. In challenging times, God has promised to walk beside us even "walking through the valley of the shadow," and in good times we are best to remember that all good in life is grace, a gift of God. When we encounter these gifts, these signs of God's blessing, the appropriate response is always gratitude, and never self-aggrandizement. When we face challenges and difficulties it behooves us to remember we are not alone, but are surrounded by a "cloud of witnesses," and most amazingly the loving care and support of the church, the people who love and care and pray for us always.

So, I confess I never make New Years resolutions. I figure any promise to lose weight or exercise more frequently will soon fall off my calendar unless I've really already made a life-change, so it rarely feels honest to promise that I'll do things differently starting on Jan. 1. And, probably, one reason I never commit to drop sweets from my diet with the New Year is that my birthday is on Jan. 3, and I have already planned on having cake and ice cream. But this year, I will be 60, which kind of feels like a big deal. So, I'll make the same commitment I often make, that I will try to stay true to myself, and prioritize my core values, that I'll avoid wasting time with things that don't matter, and live as fully and well as I can. I saw a poster recently that helps keep the most significant aspects of my being on the front burner, it was called "The ABC's of Life." Here they are:

- **A**ccept differences.
- **B**e Kind.
- **C**ount your blessings.
- **D**ream (the Bible teaches that "without a vision, the people perish" What is it that we hope for in our lives, in our world, that we are willing to work toward?).
- **E**xpress thanks (gratitude, I believe, is essential to a full and meaningful life).
- **F**orgive (as is forgiveness, perhaps the most life-changing thing each of us can practice, everyday).
- **G**ive freely.
- **H**arm no one.
- **I**mage more.
- **J**ettison anger (this last year, there was plenty to be angry about. The Flint, MI lead/water crisis was angering. The Dakota Pipeline through Sioux land was angering. Don't get me started on the election, the alt-right and a more public expression of racism, white nationalism, etc. But anger doesn't change anything, it merely fills one's mind with morbid thoughts. A commitment to love, tolerance, and acceptance, these will change things).
- **K**eeep confidences.
- **L**ove (I always pray for a greater ability to love, it's an area where all of us need to continue to grow and stretch and expand our capacity. Don't you agree?).
- **M**aster something.
- **N**urture hope (in the face of real loss and despair, this can be a hard one, but our hearts and minds are better able to imagine a creative path forward when we start with hope for a better life, a better community, a better world).
- **O**pen your mind (obviously, this one is harder than we like to admit. It's hard to look past one's foregone conclusions and pre-conditioning, to allow other people to change and grow right before our eyes, and for us to do the same).
- **P**lay fair.
- **Q**uell rumors.

- Reciprocate (maybe we shouldn't just wait to respond to the kindness of others, but rather should just reciprocate... treat others as we might wish to be treated).
- Seek wisdom.
- Touch hearts.
- Understand.
- Value truth (in a world where fake news prospers, we need to work harder to embrace facts, proven reality).
- Win gracefully (probably wouldn't be a bad idea to try to lose gracefully, too).
- Xeriscape (had to look this one up, it means a way of landscaping one's yard or garden so as to conserve water... which as a life sustaining resource is, no doubt, a good thing to do).
- Yearn for peace (actually, probably we need to do more than yearn. We need to work to make peace, by pursuing a more just and equitable way to live together).
- Zealously believe in good.

I wish each one of you a good, purpose-filled and meaningful year, rich in loving relationships and opportunities to put your best foot forward. To quote the familiar Psalm, "May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace."

Blessings & peace, your pastor & friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

From The Desk of Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Rainer Maria Rilke said, "And now we welcome the New Year, full of things that have never been." It is hard to believe that another year has passed and now we are entering a new year; one that is ripe with opportunities. During this time of year, many people are busy making New Year's Resolutions. One person said that their New Year Resolution was to "play more computer games. Scientists say they're good for me and improve my visual skills." Another person said, "I will eat more nice things like candy, Big Macs, popcorn, and ice cream. Eat less crap like fresh fruit, vegetables, and soy nuts."

There is nothing wrong with making New Year's Resolutions. I know I have made a New Year's Resolution to stop drinking Mountain Dew; I have made that same resolution for several years now. So here is hoping that this will be the year. But perhaps the one resolution that we should all make is to simply make the most of our lives and to spread love and kindness wherever we go.

Stephen Grellet, a French born Quaker who lived in America, said, "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." As we begin this New Year, let us take Grellet's words to heart as we ponder what resolution we are going to make.

Going back to the quote from Rainer Maria Rilke, a New Year is full of things that have never been. I love the beginning of a New Year because of all the opportunities for new things to happen. A New Year marks the beginning of another trip around the sun and also it marks another year of bringing more goodness and love into a world that desperately needs it.

The great Martin Luther King Jr. said that "our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." David's Church is doing so many things to make this world a better place. We take the words of Margaret Meade to heart, Meade said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: Indeed it's the only thing that ever has." This upcoming year one of my focuses will be on racial justice and equality. So that is why I wanted to highlight a couple of things that will be happening at the beginning of 2017.

On Monday January 16, we celebrate the life of an amazing man named Martin Luther King Jr. The city of Dayton celebrates by having a MLK March and Rally in downtown Dayton. At 10am on the 16th, hundreds of people will gather together near the Drew Health Care Center, and then they march as one to the Dayton Convention Center. This year, I would love to see many in our church family come out and march in solidarity with others. As MLK once said, "The time is always right to do what is right." So this year let us do what is right by simply showing up and taking steps toward a better world. Make sure to mark your calendars for this important day.

In keeping with the Spirit of working to create a world with more racial justice and equality; I will do a new thing this year. Starting February 2, I will be leading a 4 week series on White Privilege. UCC General Minister, Rev. John C. Dorhauer says, "It is time that this still largely white denomination wrestles with its investment in whiteness, and learns all it can about the manifestations and impact of White Privilege."

So throughout the month of February, all are invited to come and wrestle together and have meaningful conversations about White Privilege. There is a free curriculum that has been published entitled "White Privilege: Let's Talk." This is a

resource for Transformational Dialogue and it is an adult curriculum from the United Church of Christ. It is designed to invite church members to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive, and bold conversations on race.

February is Black History Month, so I can think of no better time to have these important conversations with each other. We will meet each Thursday in February from 7-8:30pm in the Conference Room. There is no cost to this series; one will just need to download and print the curriculum packet. If you would be interested in taking part in this crucial dialogue, please let me know. Let us remember that we must not be silent about the things that matter; and I can't think of anything that matters more than working together to create a world where there is racial justice and equality for all.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year!!

Love, *Pastor Michelle*

New Year's Day **10:00 AM Worship – Jammie Friendly**

Pastoral & Staff Relations Committee (PRC)

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

David's PRC operates as an independent group separate from Elders and the Personnel Committee. Because the effectiveness of the PRC rests heavily upon trust built and maintained between the pastors, music director, and the Committee, members pledge to maintain strict confidentiality concerning the content of the meetings and discussions. Anonymous complaints will not be dealt with. Three separate groups have been established to support Pastor Brian, Pastor Michelle, and Music Director, Tim Williams.

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

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. 80 names of Head Start children and their siblings were able to 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 \$450 worth of much needed socks and underwear for the Head Start program as well.

My mom started this tradition 21 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*

Adult Ed

January 22 - Sean M. J. Mitchell from Daybreak will join us to talk about their mission. Daybreak was established in 1975 in Dayton, Ohio as an emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth. Today, Daybreak operates the Miami Valley's only 24-hour crisis hotline and emergency youth shelter and has grown to include outreach, prevention, transitional housing, life-skills education, and other follow-up services for runaway, throwaway, and homeless youth.

Thank You's From Pastor Brian And The Staff Of David's Church

I want to say a very grateful "Thank You!" to the Elders and Council for the beautiful gift of a blue stole to wear during the season of Advent... although, it'll be another year before I can show it off again. Those big birthdays that end in 0 can feel more momentous than many of the others, and it's a little surreal to realize I'm in my 60's now, especially having grown up singing along to The Who that "I hope I die before I get old," and thinking at the time that 30 was old, and 40 would be unthinkable. But Pete Townshend is still making those big windmills with his arm while playing the guitar, and I'm grateful to still be with you all, able to continue to serve in my role and responsibility as pastor & teacher in this wonderful congregation. Again, thanks. -- Pastor Brian

And on behalf of Pastor Michelle, and the rest of your staff at David's Church – including Tim & Lyn, who lead our worship music, and Anne & Chris in the office – we want to express our 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 that you offer us throughout the year; we are profoundly humbled and grateful. Thank you, thank you, thank you all. – *Pastor Brian and your staff at David's UCC*

New Member Orientation

If you would like to become a member or you are just interested in learning more about David's and the United Church of Christ, we invite you to come to an orientation meeting in the church conference room following second service Sunday, January 8, 2017! If you are interested but cannot attend, contact *Pastor Brian*. We will be taking in new members on Sunday, January 29.

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 40 families for Thanksgiving and 52 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 13 come to The Heaton's home (2224 Old Vienna Drive, 45459). 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 Dalton* at 416-4164. The pay is not the best, but the rewards are priceless.

Important Tax Notice

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2016 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.

Youth Event – January 21 – Dinner & Movie at The Greene

See Pastor Michelle for details.

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 Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

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.

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 21. No need to RSVP, but you can call the church office at 434-2131 with any questions.

MLK Walk & Rally



On Monday January 16, Dayton will have the Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Rally. The march will begin at 10 a.m. 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 11 a.m. This year, we invite the entire congregation to march with hundreds of others and take a stand for justice for everyone. *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. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who wish to participate. 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 see *Pastor Michelle*.

Save The Date!
David's United Church of Christ
Presents our 50th Annual
SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday, March 4, 2017

Usher & Greeter Sign-Ups

Check out the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you would like to greet or usher at the second service on Sunday mornings.

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
Dana Barton
Samantha Smith
- 12 Kathy Randall
Jenny Creel
Abigail Vest
- 14 Julie Pickrel
Andrea Rogers
- 16 Janet Olt
Chris Walther
- 17 Patrice Schottelkotte
Lesley Neufeld
Rebecca Rine
- 18 Rory McKenna



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

Baptisms

Nolan James Cantrell, son of *Nicole & Julius Cantrell*, grandson of *Jim & Jan Murphy*, was baptized at David's Church on November 27, 2016 by *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*.

Jack Anthony Walther, son of *Angelina & Alex Walther*, grandson of *Chris & Bonney Walther*, was baptized at David's Church on November 27, 2016 by *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*.

Member Deaths

Our sympathy to the family of **Pat Titcombe**, who passed away on, November 24, 2016.

Our sympathy to the family of **Betsy Jump**, who passed away on, November 29, 2016.

Our sympathy to the family of **Vi Zimmerman**, who passed away on, on December 4, 2016.

Church Directory Changes

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Mark Your Calendars for the 51st Pike Lake Weekend!

It seems early to be thinking of hiking, fishing, wildflower seeking, wiffleball and volleyball games, but pull out that new 2017 calendar and mark May 19, 20 21, 2017 as the date for our 51st 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 or have a camper, you can always join in the fun by setting up in the campground and participate in all the activities!

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. We currently have several Standard Cabins which have a set of twin bunk beds, a double bed, bathroom with shower, kitchen and sofa, chair and TV available. We'd love to welcome you to the Pike Lake Family!!!! .

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
1 10:00 AM Worship Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study	2 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 AM Warm Wishes NEW YEAR'S DAY	3 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 10:30 PM Staff Mtg. 11:30 AM Worship Staff Meeting 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	4 6:00 PM Yoga at The Grove	5 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	6	7
8 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship with Communion 11:15 AM Second Hour/New Member Orientation 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	9 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:30 CE Meeting	10 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry	11 6:00 PM Yoga at The Grove 6:30 PM Deacons	12 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	13 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at The Heatons DATELINE DEADLINE	14 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting 11:00 AM Vi Zimmerman Memorial Service & Reception
15 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:15 AM Second Hour Food & Clothing Outreach 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	16 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM Meet for MLK Walk 9:30 AM Warm Wishes MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	17 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 4:00 PM SIGNS Peanut Butter 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	18 6:00 PM Yoga at The Grove	19 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	20	21 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans TBD – Youth Event Dinner & Movie at The Greene
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