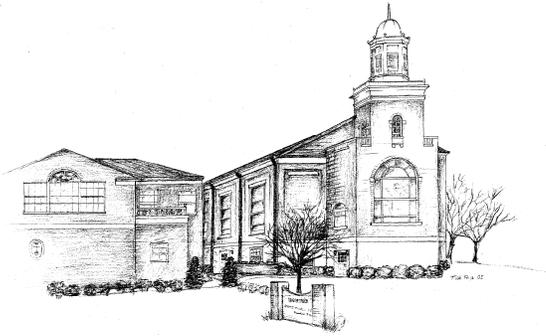


DAVID'S DATELINE
JULY 2012 Newsletter



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

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

July 1 - Guest Preacher Ruth Hopkins

July 4 - Office Closed

July 8 - Worship with Communion
WAG Rummage Sale Collection Starts

July 10-13 - National Youth Event @ Perdue

July 11 - Picnic @ The Grove

July 18 & 25 - SS Summer @ The Grove

July 19 - WAG Rummage Sale Preview Night

July 20 - WAG Rummage Sale

July 21 - WAG Rummage Sale

July 29 - Confirmation Pilgrimage Stockholder's
Luncheon

From The Pastor's Desk....

For me this time of year always recalls that "Summertime Blues" song by Eddie Cochran, although when I think about it the version that my memory easily recalls, it's by the band The Who. The lyrics say "I'm gonna make a fuss, I'm gonna raise a holler/Workin' all summer just to earn a dollar... Sometimes I wonder what I'm a gonna do/But there ain't no cure for the summertime blues." The songwriter, even for all his complaining about having to work all through the hot summer months, presumably to earn money for a car and to cover school expenses, says "I'm gonna take two weeks, gonna have a fine vacation," before deciding that he'll take his complaint to the United Nations. Lots of our young people do indeed get summer jobs between terms in college, or to save for college during those last years of high school, but most of us, younger and older especially, tend to think of summer as time off, time away.

It's not just the weather, it's the changes we go through that make summer "summer." The kids (or grandkids) are out of school, and need jockeying between band camps, church camp, summer jobs and down time. There are family vacations and travel, some of us spend the entire summer by a pool, others go off to summer homes and timeshares, the schedules shift and bend and flex, we spend more time outside when it's mellow and cool, and more time inside away from the heat when it's hot, humid and miserable. We play golf, ride bikes and swim. Those that can't be physically active themselves, like to pull up a lawn chair and watch the kids play baseball. And we go to block parties, outdoor concerts, bar-b-ques. The longer days and more accommodating summer schedules can provide much needed time for relaxation, recovery and renewal.

Well, truth be told, we all enjoy the break from the routine. Whether it's two months in a very different routine, or two weeks of travel and sightseeing to a part of the country we've not visited before, or a stay in a familiar country place where we can rest and regroup, we all look forward to a bit of a vacation. Like the Fourth Commandment, which calls us to remember the Sabbath as a time set aside for rest and to be reminded that God is God and we are not, that in our humanity we need to pause and reconnect, the summer down-time can come as a much needed time for spiritual as well as physical refreshment.

But it might be worth asking, what are we being refreshed for? If we're gifted with down-time for recovery and renewal, we get the sense that we are recovering from the daily grind, the hard, at times demanding schedules that can ask a lot of us and wear us down, but what are we being renewed for? While we might say that we long for a kind of "permanent vacation," a time when little is required of us, most of us are self-aware enough to admit that we kind of enjoy having a purpose, a set of goals and tasks, which give us meaningful work to do and a sense of value for our daily existence. Which is why, as we're nearing the end of our vacations, whether they be travels or stay-cations in more restful environments, many of us say things like, "I'll be glad to get back to our schedules," or "I'm ready to get back to work," or "It's great to get away, but it's also great to get back home," and to all that that means, including work and busy schedules.

The truth is we all love to get-away, to take the break that refreshes, and we certainly love the change of pace that a vacation can bring, we know that these things are not the center or focus of our lives. Usually, if we are "living for the weekend," as the song once suggested, perhaps we're not balancing our lives well, maybe something's gone awry in our week. It's great to plan and look forward to a vacation, to save and prepare – Lord knows, it pays to work out the details of your trips in advance if you want to avoid misadventure – but where our lives matter most is where we center ourselves most of the time. So, as we get away, slow down and find time to take a break this summer, one thing to keep in mind is that if we spend our day to day lives wishing only for escape, there may be something very important missing in our lives that we might want to think about.

The reason the Fourth Commandment is so crucial to a healthy spiritual existence is that it restores balance in our lives. Humans tend to think, each one of us, that our world revolves around us, so like Atlas, we can attempt to carry the weight of the world on our own shoulders, rather than letting God be God. When we step away, we learn that the world can often go on just fine without us; it can give us some much needed perspective and move us toward balance. What we do, what we contribute might be important, but it doesn't all depend on us. In fact, we're better when we're depending on God, and taking care to get our rest, step away to attend to our relationships in the world, to "be" in the world, and not just focus on what we "do" in the world. Sabbath grounds us in our faith in God, allows us to rest, recover and be renewed, so that we can return wholeheartedly, reconnected to what matters.

One of the lessons, then, is that when we disconnect for a time, take time to rest and pull back, it's as much about how it is when we're still connected and then reconnect. If we can pull away well, the more likely we are to re-enter regular life well. If we can pause, rest and refresh, then we can reconnect with renewed vigor and energy, we come back to our day-to-day commitments with greater perspective and insight, and hopefully we'll have learned to bring greater balance to our lives, knowing that everything does not depend on us even if we have an important role to play.

At David's Church, we have a tradition of taking the month of July off from all our boards, councils and standard business meetings. All that is good, as it's a quieter time with many of our members traveling, squeezing in summer

activities before August arrives with school preparations and calls to reconnect getting earlier, it seems, each year. So, let us all take advantage of this down time, this break in the routine, this little extra moment that we give ourselves and each other. The time away can help remind us of what is valuable and important about when we do gather and the work that we do together. The reasons we value worship and Sunday School, and coffee hour, the times we come together as a congregation can become clear to us on those days when we are distant or otherwise occupied and are not able to gather.

Absence doesn't always make the heart grow fonder, but it can remind us what matters most in our lives, what value we have previously taken for granted, and it can refresh the sense of purpose in our coming together as a 'progressive Christian community where faith comes to life.' In fact, it can point us to those places in our lives where faith is most crucial and important, where it may have been lacking before and now is all the more important. Let us pray that our summer vacation is as meaningful as it is restful, that we come back with a better sense of God's call on our lives, in our work and in our play, and that we grow in our ability to live out our faith with a sense of balance and joy.

Your pastor & friend,
Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Daria

As my birth month arrives this year, I will have just seen "Evita" on Broadway and will be spending the first week touring sites associated with our UCC roots in New England with a group of adventurous pilgrims from the Western Reserve Association. Among the highlights will be worship at Riverside Church, visiting Lancaster Theological Seminary, touring venerable houses of worship in Boston & Providence, and all kinds of other cool church history geek stuff. I will be home from my vacation two days before Tara Heiner, Eric Murphy, and six David's Youth leave in caravan with youth from Cross Creek and First UCC in College Hill for the UCC National Youth Event at Purdue! I'm so excited to share this experience with our young people! Later in July, I will attend the 2012 meeting of the Association for Reformed & Liturgical Worship at Princeton on a scholarship. I'm really looking forward to gathering with colleagues to explore varied ways to delve deeper into liturgy! All this travel, on top of June's Pilgrimage to Memphis & St. Louis, makes for a pretty hectic summer, but a very fun one!

Speaking of the Pilgrimage, on July 29th following the second service, we'll be telling our stories and showing pictures at the Stockholder's Luncheon for all of you who were so kind as to purchase stock to support our journey. Please contact the office to RSVP before July 20th.

Many of the usual activities of David's Church are suspended in July, giving way to picnics, golf outings, and softball games. Family@5, Spiritual Parenting Group, Women Exploring Faith, and Women's Spirituality Group are among those. If you usually attend these and find yourself minding the gap in activity, I encourage you to check out some of the special summer fun available now! Of course, you are also welcome to assist with SS Summer, as it chugs out of port from 6-8 p.m. July 18th and 25th at the Grove. It's a wonderfully fun evening of table fellowship and learning activities! Kids in grades K-6 who want to set sail with us should sign up in the Narthex.

Due to all the travel and activity, my Coffee Shop Hours in July will be limited, but you can find me at the Oakwood Starbucks from 3-5 p.m. July 18th. Come hear my stories of pilgrimage and UCC Youth!

Stay cool & have a blessed July!
Rev. Daria

Return of the "You Asked For It" Sermons at the End of Summer

Last year, in the month of August, Rev. Newcomb focused several of his sermons to respond to questions raised by the congregation. If you provide the questions or topics, he'll attempt to do it again this year, on the Sundays of August 19 – Sept. 2 (Labor Day weekend). So, have a question or interest you'd like to hear Pastor Brian address in a sermon, send him a note or email. Please include your name so he can clarify any questions, even though he promises to respect your confidentiality and not to mention your name to anyone. If there are no special issues or questions, Dr. Newcomb will return to the standard lectionary for those Sundays.

Altar Flowers

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

Confirmation 2012

On Sunday, June 3 during the worship service, *Bobby Hughes, Miles Menafee, and John Newcomb* affirmed their baptisms through the Rite of Confirmation. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Indeed, this was a day of celebration!!



S.S. Summer

The SS Summer has set sail, however, it is not too late to jump on board! Children who have completed grades K-6 are invited to participate in the rollicking fun! Continuing voyages are set for July 18 & 25! All Jack (& Jill) tars should arrive at the Grove, ready to hoist sail & learn about God, at 6 p.m. The galley will serve up a meal, then we'll have plenty of onboard games & activities to keep us busy until the ship docks at 8 p.m. Guests are welcome, inexperienced sailors will be trained! There is no cost, but we do request that all passengers sign up on the ship's manifest in the Narthex!

Rummage Sale NEWS FLASH!!!

It's almost time to bring all those treasures you've been accumulating in your "Rummage Sale Corner" to David's!!!

Drop Off of Items begins Sunday, July 8

Last Day to Donate Items is Wednesday, July 18 at NOON

If you have large items you'd like to donate and need them picked up, please call Debbie McCoy at 299-9218.

Lots of volunteers are needed to sort, price, and arrange items prior to the Sale.

We work nearly every day beginning July 9 till about 1:00 and we'll add evening hours beginning July 16 (7-9).

ANY TIME you can give is very much appreciated!!!

PREVIEW NIGHT – Thursday, July 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

SHOPPING DAY – Friday, July 20 from NOON to 6:00 p.m.

SHOPPING DAY – Saturday, July 21 from 9a.m. to NOON

Volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday to assist customers and keep the merchandise nicely arranged, work at the check-out – calculating sales and bagging items, as well as helping customers to load furniture or large purchases.

AND THEN . . .

At Noon on Saturday, volunteers are VERY MUCH APPRECIATED to help pack up all the leftovers. We hope you'll be part of the fun and fellowship of making this year's Rummage Sale a great success!

July 11 David's Church Picnic at the Grove

The July 11 all-church picnic will be hosted by the Bayman and Bender families at The Grove. They will provide hamburgers/hotdogs, drinks, and tableware. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the Narthex and indicate how many in your family will attend and if you will be bringing a Salad, Side Dish, or Dessert. Seating will be provided around picnic tables, but you are welcome to bring folding chairs. Don't forget to sign up soon, so that we know how many to plan for!

Does Your Group Need Paper Supplies For A Church Event??????

The storage room (across from the kitchen) has been organized and an inventory of the items that are available for use is on the cupboard door in the storage room. Before your group buys any supplies, please check the storage room and use what has already been purchased by David's church.

Questions? Please contact Fellowship & Hospitality Board-Roselyn Faulkner

CE Corner

- 3s & 4s will be in a combined class with the nursery children.
- 5s-6th grade will come together in a one-room schoolhouse format.
- SS Summer sets sail from the Grove from 6-8 p.m. July 18th & 25th! We'll have dinner, scripture, & a fun learning activity! Sign the ship's manifest in the Narthex if you wish to join the fun! Guests are welcome, but they need to be signed up beforehand, too, please.
- Confirmation will have the summer off and will resume with a re-mixed class in September!
- Six of David's Youth will journey to the UCC National Youth Event at Purdue University July 10th-14th, with Tara Heiner, Eric Murphy, and Daria Schaffnit as their fearless leaders, in caravan with Cross Creek UCC and 1st UCC College Hill.
- Women Exploring Faith is on summer break, but will be discussing *The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus* by Robin Myers beginning in September, so let the church office know now if you want to purchase a copy of the book through us.
- The Women's Spirituality Group will also be on break for the month of July.
- The Spiritual Parenting Group will resume meeting in August.
- Family@5 will take the month off, but families are encouraged to join the congregational picnic on July Summer Picnics

46 Years at Pike Lake



What a glorious weekend: perfect weather with a great intergenerational mix of 63 adults and 35 youth (98) enjoying a treasured get-away!

Saturday morning began with the **boat race**, organized by Matt Teeters, which included kayaks, canoes, paddle boats & row boats with everyone a winner! What a beautiful picture to see families fishing & boating on the lake, children playing in the water, and others just relaxing on the widespread lawn in front of the docks. After lunch a small group engaged in a casual game of volleyball, while a large gallery of fans was treated to a fun-filled wiffle ball game --a real classic--organized by Daryl Leighty, with two year olds to teenagers plus a few adults thrown in for good measure! Dennis Lee organized the Annual Cornhole Tournament with 8 pairs of players taking part in an action-packed tourney. John and Jill Chabut added a Euchere Tournament to the afternoon as well. Later everyone gathered for dinner at the "Egypt Hollow" shelter and following a blessing by Debbie McCoy all enjoyed a magnificent potluck! After dinner, strains of music could be heard signaling the beginning of dancing led by Julie Wellbaum. At the close of the day, many gathered around a wonderful campfire built by Kevin McCoy and enjoyed S'mores with S'more building assistance provided by Polli Leighty & Debbie McCoy.

On Sunday morning, the Fishing Derby concluded with winners in the 3rd grade and younger category being Anne Hamm for the largest fish caught, Lily Wissler, Duke Daniel and Sam Welbaum tied for the most fish caught. In the 4th grade and older category, Raymond Johnson swept both categories!

The Sunday worship service led by Jeff, Karin, Alan & Nico Avila-John was the culmination of a wonderful weekend enhanced by the enthusiastic spirit and participation among good Christian friends at David's Church.

Sock Hop Dance

Hey all you mom's and pop's and cat's and kitten's, would you like to go on a "Stroll" or take a "Sea Cruise"? Can you cut a rug and do a bug? Well even if you don't know what that means, come join us on Saturday August 18th from 6 – 10 p.m. for a family evening of fun and memories as we take you back to the days of the '50's and '60's for an oldies Sock Hop. Hosted by former radio DJ Jason Edwards (AKA church Deacon Ed Webb) and the other David's church deacons. We will have lots of dancing to the twist, stroll, jitterbug and more as well as soft drinks, ice cream and ice cream floats. There will also be contests for the best sock hop costumes, best jitterbug dancers and best "limbo". Tickets are only \$5.00 each for adults \$3.00 for kids or \$20.00 for the entire family. Soft Drinks are \$1.00 and Ice Cream and Float's are just \$2.00. Advance tickets will be sold in the Narthex after second service and also at the door the night of the dance. Be there or be square but I've got to go now – got to see a man about a record.



Church Campers & Their Addresses

There are lots of campers signed up for camp. There is still room at some of the camps.

The mail going to the camps is slow so if you are sending mail, please mail it the Friday before the camp.

Addresses for:

Templed Hills 5734 Durbin Rd Box 575 Bellville, OH 44813

Pilgrim Hills 33833 Township Rd 20 Brinkhaven, OH 43006

Please add the name of the camp to the address.

July 1-7 at Templed Hills

Daring & Dangerous Camp - Leighton Heiner, Anne Hamm

July 8-14 at Templed Hills

Love the Pool - Tristan Bailey, Ellie Jones

July 15-18 at Pilgrim Hills

Bright Beginnings #1115 - Sam Haas, Hayden Knisley

July 22-25 at Templed Hills

Grandparent/ Grandchild Camp #2137 - Nancy Manuel and Allison & Abigail Severs

July 25-28

Grandparent/Grandchild Camp #2129 - David Blumberg and Ron Blumberg

Any questions please contact *Dotti Ankeney* at dankeney@sbcglobal.net or at 293-8973

Help Us Help You

We understand that Sunday mornings are a great time for you to speak with the pastors and the church staff 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 emailing or calling in your questions and requests to the church office during the work week so that we are less likely to forget what you have asked of us.

Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb – brian@davidsucc.org

Rev. Daria Schaffnit – daria@davidsucc.org

Chris Wood – chriswood@davidsucc.org

Anne Jones – annejones@davidsucc.org

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July Birthdays

1 Samantha Bennett
4 Betty Espy
 Laura Cryst
5 Judy Slanker
6 Jan Murphy
7 Signe Yelland
8 Helen Maze
 Bernie Wheeler
11 Vickie Dixon
12 Jim Dapp
13 EC Pelfrey
 Bob King
 John Chabut
 Zach Weed
15 Dave Oertel
 Anne Brown
 Kara Tate
16 Jack McNabb
 Julie Bernard
17 Daria Schaffnit
 Heather Bishop
18 Gayle Jordan
 Daryl Leighty
 Polli Leighty
 Emily Greene



19 Cody Giehl
20 Alice Stone
 Elizabeth Worthen
21 Bob Lathrop
 Ava Banks
 Sammy Haas
 Graham Mhaskar
22 Duane Bayman
 Mary Rose Back
24 Paul Ankeney
25 Jim Murphy
26 Joyce Porter
28 Dianne Marroletti
 Amy Askins
 Caeleb Shouse
30 Dick Eichel
 Pam Patterson
 Steve Wellbaum
31 Margie Phillips
 Dianna Hopkins

Member Death

Our sympathy to *Bob Miller and Family* in the loss of his wife, *Dee Miller*, on June 3, 2012.



Church Directory Changes

Nedral Gockel
2580 Valais Ct.
Dayton, OH 45458

Ruth Gordon
Phone: 937-530-2366

Diane Herbst
Phone: 937-886-9119

Tara & Matt Heiner
Phone: 937-291-3139

Dave & Sue Oertel
6561 Orchid Circle
Dayton, OH 45459

Change in Office Hours

July 2-13 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Due to staff vacations, the church office will be open only from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. from July 2-13 (the office will be close on July 4). If you have an emergency outside of those hours, please contact the pastors on their cell phones. Rev. Newcomb (937) 760-3242 or Rev. Schaffnit (937) 776-0378.

Use of Church Tables & Chairs

Many of you have asked recently if you could borrow tables and chairs from the Church for use with your family parties, garage sales, etc. It is true that the Church, in recent years, allowed members to borrow our tables and chairs, however, on occasion they have been returned to us damaged, dirty, and broken.

The Church policy is now in place that no tables and chairs are allowed to be borrowed from the Church or the Grove for use that removes them from those facilities.

We know that this change in policy has caused some confusion and hurt feelings, but we hope that you understand the need to maintain our facilities for Church use.

Chris Wood

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
1 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship with Guest Preacher Ruth Hopkins Gateway 7:00 PM Book Study	2 9:30 AM Warm Wishes	3 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga	4  OFFICE CLOSED <i>INDEPENDENCE DAY</i>	5	6	7
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