



**DAVID'S DATLINE
JULY 2015 Newsletter**

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

Church Office

**Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Ministers of David's Church - All David's People
**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb
Associate Pastor Michelle Wilkey
Sabbatical Interim Pastor Bev Jenkins**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 3 – Office Closed
(June 29-July 2 & 6-10 Office Hours 9AM-2PM)**

**July 1 – Marriage Equality Interfaith Celebration
Service at Harmony Creek**

**July 12 – WAG Sale Collection Starts/
Young Adult Event**

July 24-25 – WAG Rummage Sale

July 26 – Stockholder's Luncheon

July 27 – Pastor Brian's Sabbatical Ends

From the Pastor's Desk...

(Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb and his article are on sabbatical until July 27)

Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

The great writer, J.K. Rowling wrote, "Let us step into the night and pursue that flighty temptress, adventure." This month, the Confirmation students embarked on an adventure. On Tuesday, June 16, ten Confirmation students and four adult chaperones left Dayton to go to Atlanta, GA. Our pilgrimage trip to Atlanta was filled with many exciting and teachable moments. We certainly made time to do some fun and adventurous things like going to Stone Mountain Park and white water rafting. Our group also got to eat some very delicious food and visit some very neat museums.

There is a great quote from Bridget Willard, she said, "Church isn't where you meet. Church isn't a building. Church is what you do. Church is who you are. Church is the human outworking of the person of Jesus Christ. Let's not go to church, let's be the church." During our trip, we had the opportunity to be the church while volunteering one morning at the Atlanta Food Bank. The Atlanta Food Bank was founded in 1979, and it procures over 50 million pounds of food and groceries each year and distributes it to more than 600 nonprofit partner agencies which serve families and individuals in 29 metro Atlanta and north Georgia counties. Our group had the opportunity to work in the Product Rescue Center where we got to come together to inspect, sort, and pack quality grocery donations.

Now no trip to Atlanta would be complete without a trip to the Martin Luther King Jr.'s Historical Site. Martin Luther King Jr. grew up during a time of segregation and he always dreamed of a world where people came together. He became a huge leader for Civil Rights Movement and his legacy continues to live on. It was very powerful to be able to visit the home of his birth and worship at the church where he preached several times. On Sunday of our trip, we worshipped at Ebenezer Baptist Church and then we got to walk around the historical site and marvel at just how much Martin Luther King Jr. was an instrument for social change. This was a very moving experience for all of us. I would like to share one of my favorite quotes from Martin Luther King Jr. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Allow me to take a moment to thank all of you who bought stock to help support our trip to Atlanta. On Sunday, July 26, all those who bought stock will have an opportunity to hear all about our trip to Atlanta. Following our 9:50 worship service, we will have a Stockholder's Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, so all the stockholders are invited to attend this special event.

June was a very exciting month for me. Not only did I get to travel to Atlanta with the Confirmation group, but I also will have the opportunity to represent David's Church at the UCC's General Synod in Cleveland, OH. For the first time, I will have the privilege of attending Synod as a delegate and as your representative. Every two years, General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for formal church witness, inspirational worship, and fellowship with friends. At this year's Synod, we will be exploring some of the "Unexpected Places" where we hear God's voice, where we encounter the Spirit, and where we find the United Church of Christ lifting up its witness in the world. During Synod, I will have the opportunity to attend a special Open and Affirming Banquet. At this banquet, I will have the chance to meet people from other ONA churches from all over the country. General Synod will be a very spiritually uplifting time for me as I get to meet so many other UCC members from all over the country.

Looking ahead to this month, I have planned many fun and exciting activities for a variety of ages. On Friday July 10, we will have a fun night at a Dayton Dragons Game. This will be a church wide event and I am proud to announce that we have over fifty people going to the game. For all those coming to the Dragon's Game, we will meet at the church that night at 6pm. Then we will head down to the ballpark and enjoy an evening of fellowship and baseball. For those who signed up for the game, please make sure to write a check out for your tickets. Each ticket will cost \$16 and it comes with a food voucher, a voucher for a free hat, and admission to the game. You can make your checks out to David's Church and put in the memo line "Dayton Dragon's Game." If you have any questions, please let me know.

We will also have a couple of young adult events in July. Our first event will take place on Sunday, July 12. After church, we will go have lunch and then head to Paintball Country to play some fun and exciting paintball. Paintball Country is located in Liberty Township, OH. The cost will be \$35 per person and that comes with everything you need including the paintball gun and 500 paintballs; which will be more than enough. If anyone is interested in attending this event, please let me know. Our second event will be something more low-key. On Sunday, July 26, we will go have dinner and see a movie at the Greene. There will be more information about that, as the time gets closer.

On a personal note, my partner and I will be embarking on an adventure of our own at the end of July. We will be spending the first two weeks of August in Ireland. This will be a very fun and exciting vacation for both of us. So I will be taking two weeks of vacation from August 1- August 15 and will be back at church on August 16. I would like to close my Dateline article with an Irish Blessing. "May God grant you always, a sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you, laughter to cheer you, and faithful friends near you. And whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you."

Rev. Michelle Wilkey



Confirmation 2015

On Sunday, May 31 during the worship service, *Karina Czeiszperger, Raymond Johnson, Ellie Jones, Emma Thompson, Steve Wellbaum, and Cody Wright* affirmed their baptisms through the Rite of Confirmation. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Indeed, this was a day of celebration!!

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.

Serving At Gateway – Please Help!

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. Our next serving is next Sunday, July 5. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!

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 12

On Sunday, July 12 we'll also be setting up the tables in Fellowship Hall immediately after the 9:50 worship and would be most appreciative of all who could stay and help!

Last Day to Donate Items is Wednesday, July 22 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 13** from 9:00 till about 1:00 and we'll add evening hours beginning **July 20** (7-9).*

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

PREVIEW NIGHT—Thursday, July 23—6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Preview Night Admission will benefit Mission!

Bring a jar of Peanut Butter for the Kettering Backpack Program

Or

A Canned Good for our Mission Partner – St. Paul's Pantry

Or

A cash donation which will be used by the Mission Board.

SHOPPING DAY – Friday, July 24 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SHOPPING DAY – Saturday, July 25 – 9 a.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 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!



All Church Picnic – August 6

Location: Lynn & Ralph Bender's home- 10300 Stationview Court, Centerville, OH 45458

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Main meat dish, drinks, and tableware provided will be provided Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex, on the bulletin board, later in July. You may choose to bring a vegetable, salad, side dish, or dessert for 10 people.

Please bring a lawn chair.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the hosts.



KTP II Requests Council Set Congregational Meeting

In June, 2011, a Dream Jar was created asking the people of David's to share their dreams for David's. These dreams were sent to respective Boards for consideration and possible implementation. The Council also reviewed suggestions (dreams) for the Grove and the Sanctuary and realized in order to explore some of these suggestions, David's needed help from an architect(s) to begin the process of discerning what our congregation might choose to pursue in the way of Sanctuary Reconfiguration to make the nave area more accessible and development of the Grove.

In the fall of 2011, David's United Church of Christ was awarded a \$70,000 Grant by the Fred Luther Trust to update the HVAC System in our Sanctuary. The provision accompanying this gift was for the people of David's to raise matching funds for additional improvements.

A Facility Evaluation Team reviewed the condition of our beautiful facility and gathered rough estimates to paint, replace carpet, update the Sound System, Tuck Point the exterior of the Sanctuary, etc.

Council heard the recommendations of the Facility Evaluation Team and voted at the January, 2013, meeting to create the KEEPING THE PROMISE committee of Anne Brown, Dan Deitz, Debbie & Kevin McCoy, Sue Walters and Ed Webb. \$140,000 was raised to make these improvements and architectural fees to plan for our future. By September of 2013 the first phase of KTP (painting, tuck pointing, new carpet, updated sound system, etc) was completed.

In January, 2014, the second phase of Keeping The Promise (KTP II) added 2 members – Dennis Lee & Debra Monk and began the search for an architect. After interviewing 5 architects, we secured Ken Brightman of Brightman-Mitchell. Over the past 15 months we've had much discussion as we envisioned ways to create a Sanctuary with an accessible and more flexible Chancel area to permit better visibility for the congregation.

Council directed KTP II to follow these points in considering development of the Grove (which were suggestions from the Dream Jar):

- Replace the house with a shelter house (a place for picnics, receptions, and other outdoor events) while maintaining the foundation and basement of the house to be used for storage.
- Roughly a 2 car garage size storage building for mower and other equipment to maintain the property.
- A heated and cooled room with a kitchenette and place to meet.
- Accessible restrooms open to the shelter house as well as the meeting room but can be secured for only one area to be used.
- A prayer garden/labyrinth that is easy to maintain.
- Children's Play Area
- Signage
- Parking Lot

We explored the feasibility of renovating the house and adding the shelter as you'll see in one of our proposals.

We also explored all new construction as in our other proposal.

We put a lot of thought into how to best use our 2.6 acres and create accessible parking for use at the Grove AND for events at the Church. Additionally, we wanted to use our space wisely and leave open space for future development.

We wanted to create a space unlike anything we currently have at the Church which would be inviting to the congregation as well as the community.

All of our thoughts and the proposals you'll see for the Grove and for the Sanctuary were carefully and prayerfully considered by this committee. When the congregation votes, they will be saying they are ready to raise funds to move forward with fully detailed drawings and plans with the opportunity to discuss, suggest and make changes to what's been proposed here before ANYTHING physically occurs to either the Sanctuary or the Grove.

Our architect, Ken Brightman, is creating preliminary plans we'll use during **informational meetings** on **August 30** and **September 20**. During the Fall Kick-off at the Grove on **September 13**, we plan to demonstrate the proposed development so those gathered have the opportunity to get a better idea of our use of the land.

Following these opportunities for the congregation to learn about the results of KTP II's work, it is our hope the congregation will be ready to make dreams come true. To plan for the future of David's and make a commitment to begin the process of raising funds, discussion and completion of plans to improve our Sanctuary and develop the Grove.

On May 19, KTP II requested that Council call a **special congregational meeting on Sunday, October 4** following the 9:50 worship so the congregation can hopefully vote their support for Sanctuary Reconfiguration and Development of the Grove.

Anne Brown, Dan Deitz, Dennis Lee, Debbie McCoy, Kevin McCoy, Debra Monk, Sue Walters, Ed Webb

Keenagers

Now's my chance! Without a Keenager's event in July, I can use this spot in the Dateline for some long overdue recognition. Keenagers has been richly blessed with the finest help anyone could ask for. From the very beginning, Ruth Widman picked up the phone to invite our members to attend. FYI, the key to a successful program is a phone call! Along with Carolyn Grable, the two have been invaluable. Moving on to our chefs, Sherill Weinberg, Carolyn Brethen (she does the fruited water too), Margie Phillips, Phyllis Kramer, Linda Ford, Ginny Dieruf, and Dagmar Michel have faithfully and promptly replied to any call I have put out there. Seriously, we can have a plan in place within two days. And yet there is more. Every month Bert Jones calls to see if we need rolls. Jean Blum volunteers her incredible apple dumplings for January. Kaaren Dunlap, Lou Mason, Mary Rose Back, Jeff John, Michael Roediger, all church members, have shared their time, stories, or talents with us. Finally, thanks to all the Keenagers out there who faithfully, through absolutely any kind of weather, attend each month. They are generous and enthusiastic and are the reason we love to do this. You are a joy to all of us.

With gratefulness to all,
Alice Stone

From our last luncheon, we had many requests for the tomato tart. It really has the same flavors as a margarita pizza and is both easy and yummy. Enjoy.

TOMATO TART - serves about 6

Recipe comes from Jean Blum who got it from Lou Mason

1 9" unbaked pie crust (I use Krogers)

1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella

1 can Hunt's diced tomatoes, drained and patted dry

3/4 cup loosely packed basil

4 cloves garlic -I use about half as much

1/2 mayo

1/2 cup parmesan - grated

1/8 tsp white pepper

Bake crust (don't prick) at 450 for 5-7 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle 1/2 cup of the mozzarella on crust and let cool.

Reduce heat to 375

Put tomatoes on crust

In food processor, pulse basil and garlic until minced (not mushy). Stir mixture with mayo and rest of mozzarella, parmesan cheese and pepper. Spread over tomatoes and bake for 20 minutes. Let set, cool slightly and then slice.

There will be no Coffee Hour following the 9:50 services in July. The Fellowship & Hospitality Board would like everyone to enjoy their summer vacations!

July Birthdays

1 Samantha Bennett
4 Betty Espy
5 Judy Slanker
6 Jan Murphy
7 Signe Yelland
8 Helen Maze
Bernie Wheeler
11 Vickie Dixon
Aidan Thompson
12 Jim Dapp
13 John Chabut
15 Dave Oertel
Anne Brown
Judy Fehr
Kara Tate

16 Jack McNabb
Julie Bernard
17 Heather Bishop
18 Daryl Leighty
Polli Leighty
20 Alice Stone
21 Michael Roediger
Graham Mhaskar
22 Duane Bayman
Mary Rose Back
25 Jim Murphy
26 Joyce Porter
27 Amy Akins
30 Dick Eichel
Steve Wellbaum
31 Margie Phillips

Church Directory Changes

Alice & Bob Stone
1620 Piper Lane #103
Dayton, OH 45440

Dan & Carolyn Yett
3348 Columbia Woods Dr.
Suite B
Norton, OH 44203
330-825-7685

Death

Our sympathy to *Trish, Keta, & Kaja Burke-Williams* in the death of husband and father, *Lindburg Williams, Jr.*, on June 3, 2015.

Change in Office Hours

June 29-July 2 (closed July 3) & July 6-10– 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of those hours, please contact Pastor Michelle at (513) 377-4289 or Pastor Bev at (937) 435-5883. Thank you.

Marriage Equality

We are happy to be one of the Christian denominations who blesses same-sex marriage and respects the identities of LGBT people. Love always wins. We are thankful the Supreme Court ruled on the side of love. Blessings to all of the loving couples who can now legally affirm the love God already affirms.

Come let us celebrate and rejoice! **Interfaith Celebration Service At Harmony Creek Church - Wednesday - July 1, 7:00 P.M.**

When justice is achieved it is time to celebrate and give thanks. We will be doing just that on Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. by coming together as people of faith and advocates for justice to rejoice in the June 26 ruling for marriage equality: singing songs of faith, hearing some beautiful music, being challenged to continue our work for justice for GLBTQ people in Ohio and all around the world! Come join the celebration!

For those of you who contributed in the Marriage Equality Ad, thank you. It will be published in the Dayton Daily News on Sunday, July 5.

<u>SUNDAY</u> <div style="text-align: center;"> <h1>JULY 2015</h1> <p>David's United Church of Christ (937) 434-2131 www.davidsucc.org</p> </div>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 1 6:00 PM Yoga <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Office Hours 9:00 AM-2:00 PM</div>	<u>THURSDAY</u> 2 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Office Hours 9:00 AM-2:00 PM</div>	<u>FRIDAY</u> 3 5:30 PM Nicole Motto & Ashley Bland Wedding OFFICE CLOSED	<u>SATURDAY</u> 4  <i>Independence Day</i>
5 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Gateway 7:00 PM Book Study	6 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	7 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	8 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Deacon Meeting	9 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters	10 7:00 PM David's at The Dragons Game	11 8:00 AM CE Clean Up Day 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting
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