



**DAVID'S DATELINE
JUNE 2015 Newsletter**

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26-July 27 – Pastor Brian's Sabbatical

June 6 – Dayton LGBT Pride Parade

June 14-20 – S.I.G.N.S. Mission Trip

June 15 – Trinity Birthday Party

June 16-23 – Confirmation Pilgrimage

June 17 – All-Church Picnic

July 12 – WAG Sale Collection Starts

From the Pastor's Desk...

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

Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience." This summer, we will be living life to the fullest here at David's and we have several fun activities planned. I want to highlight one event; and that event is Dayton's LGBT Pride Parade on Saturday, June 6. The parade begins at noon and will start at Cooper Park. We need to line up for the parade by 11am and if you are able to march; we will meet at the church at 10:30 and head downtown. If you are interested in representing David's Church during this important event, please let me know.

May was a busy month for the Confirmation group. Our second year Confirmation students have been busy completing their personal faith statements. We had six students confirmed on Sunday, May 31. The students who were confirmed were: Karina Czeiszperger, Raymond Johnson, Ellie Jones, Emma Thompson, Steve Wellbaum, and Cody Wright. I am bursting with pride for all six of these amazing kids. The students had the opportunity to read their faith statements at the Confirmation Dinner which was held on Thursday, May 28.

One of the most exciting things that will be happening in June is the Confirmation Pilgrimage Trip. On Tuesday, June 16, the Confirmation group will be heading to Atlanta, GA. Besides myself, there will be three other adult chaperones going on the trip; Becca Webb, Chris Wellbaum, and Jacob Van Leeuwen. Our trip this year will be overflowing with fun and excitement. Among some of the activities I have planned for us are: visiting museums, volunteering at Atlanta's Food Bank, attending worship at Ebenezer Baptist Church, and visiting Martin Luther King Jr.'s Historical Site.

The Confirmation students have been busy selling stock in order to raise money for the Pilgrimage trip. For just \$10 a share, you can become a stockholder and make an investment in our youth. All stockholders will receive a postcard from the confirmands while in Atlanta and an invitation to the Stockholder's Luncheon which will take place on Sunday, July 26 after church. During the Stockholder's Luncheon, everyone will get to hear all about our fun and exciting trip to Atlanta.

After the Pilgrimage to Atlanta, I will be heading to Cleveland, OH to represent our church at the UCC's General Synod. 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. This year, I will have the honor of being a delegate during Synod. This will be my first time at General Synod and I am honored to be able to attend on behalf of David's Church. General Synod will be held from June 26- June 30.

As we look ahead to the summer, I am excited to have on the calendar some college age/young adult events. Our first event will take place on Sunday, July 12. After worship, we will have lunch and then play paintball at Paintball Country in Liberty Township, OH. The cost for paintball will be \$35 per person. Our second event will be on the evening of Sunday July 26. We will head to the Greene for dinner and a movie. Then for our third activity, we will head to Yellow Springs, OH and eat lunch and get ice cream at Young's Dairy Farm. This activity will take place on Sunday, August 16 after church.

I am super excited for another fun event that will take place this summer. On Friday, July 10, we will have a David's Night at a Dayton Dragon's Game. The game starts at 7pm and this will be a great opportunity to join your church family for an evening of baseball. For just \$16 a ticket, you can watch the Dragons, receive a Dragon's hat, and receive a food voucher. This will be my first Dayton Dragon's Game and I am honored that I get to experience my first game with my church family.

Before I end my article, I would like to extend a note of sincere gratitude to my church family. In April, life at the church was turned upside down when we found out that Pastor Brian has cancer again and then he unrepentantly had to start his Sabbatical early. So my thoughts and prayers immediately were centered on Pastor Brian and his family and they continue to be to this day. At the same time, however, I was stepping up to the plate a couple of weeks early and because of that it has been a busy month here at David's Church and I have had more than enough on my plate. But I have never felt more supported in all my life than I do now. I want to say thank you to everyone at David's Church. I appreciate all your support and encouragement that you have continued to give to me. It is such an honor to serve at such a giving and loving church. I love you all and I am so thankful to have you all in my life.

As I think about this summer, I also want to say how excited I am to have Rev. Bev Jenkins joining me. I look forward to serving and working alongside Bev throughout the next few months. I am eagerly anticipating all the fun events that are planned for this summer at David's Church and it will be an honor to get to know Bev and to continue developing friendships with all of you.

Rev. Michelle Wilkey

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

Nursery Help Needed

Nursery help is needed on June 21 & June 28. If you are available, please contact *Pam Storar*, 294-4682, 657-1065 or email at camiha@aol.com. Thanks so much!

49 Years at Pike Lake



David's Church Campers were welcomed to Pike Lake May 15-17, 2015 with an absence of water as the State of Ohio continues work on the spillway that was built in the 1930's. A wonderfully warm Pike Lake Weekend interspersed with occasional sprinkles on Saturday but not enough to ruin the activities enabled the 56 adults and 26 youth (82) to enjoy a treasured get-away!

Saturday morning began with a Treasure Hunt created by Debbie McCoy that gave participants the opportunity to explore Pike Lake State Park. Casual kickball on the Lodge front lawn, fellowship and conversations near the camp store filled the rest of the morning.

After lunch the traditional wiffle ball game organized by Daryl Leighty, which this year pitted the kids against the adults took place. Andy Jones organized the Annual Cornhole Tournament with 11 teams of players taking part in an action-packed tourney. New champions Matt & Jen Teeters were crowned this year with runners-up Nancy & Zach Angel.

Later everyone gathered for dinner at the "Egypt Hollow" shelter and following a blessing by Debbie McCoy all enjoyed a magnificent potluck! After dinner, DJ Miss Amy spun tunes from the Bunny Hop and Hokey Pokey to the Electric Slide and Cupid Shuffle with a nice variety in between under the protection of the Egypt Hollow Shelter! At the close of the day, many gathered around the grill "campfire" to enjoy S'mores with S'more building assistance provided by Jen Teeters and Debbie McCoy.

Sunday worship was led by Fischer Barnett, Amelia Bernard, Harper Daniel, Haylee Grilliott, Anne Hamm, Leighton Heiner, Ellie Jones, and Raymond Wright who wrapped up a wonderful weekend among good friends at David's Church.

It's not too early to reserve your cabin for *David's 50th Year at Pike Lake* which we're hopeful will find water back in the Lake – May 20, 21, 22, 2016!!! See or call *Kevin or Debbie McCoy* 299-9218.

June Trinity Birthday Party

On Monday, June 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., David's will host the Birthday Party for Trinity residents who have June birthdays. We arrive there at 6:00 with many assorted pies and after Dan Heffner entertains us with his guitar, we serve pie to everyone and recognize each birthday.

Please sign up on the Pie List posted in the Narthex. You can bring your pie to church on Sunday, June 14 or Monday, June 15 by 5:30p.m. Join us!

Betsy Keyes, Mission Board



Experience David's Grove

David's Grove is now available for free rental to our members. Have that Family Reunion, Wedding Anniversary, Birthday Party, or anything else. Reservations MUST be made through the church office with Chris Wood, and a \$25.00, refundable deposit is required. See any Trustee for additional information.

LGBT Pride Parade

Everyone is invited to represent David's Church at the Annual Dayton's LGBT Pride Parade on Saturday, June 6. We would need to line up to march in the parade by 11am at Cooper Park and the parade will begin at noon. If you would like to walk in this year's LGBT Pride Parade in Dayton, let Pastor Michelle know.

News from the Elders

We are undertaking a Constitutionally mandated but often overlooked dusting and clean up of the Constitution. Each Board has been asked to examine their mission, whether they are meeting what is expected, what may not be needed and what might be added. The Elders are looking at making the document more in line with our faith as well as worship and the possibility of alternative worship opportunities. We ask the entire congregation to review the Constitution, prayerfully consider improvements and submit them to the Elders before 7/1/15.

We do not plan a wholesale revamp. A theological update is important as well as bringing Board descriptions and duties in conformity with what really happens. A grammatical clean up is overdue.

Thanks, your Elder Board

News from SIGNS Youth Group at David's UCC:

For those of you who are not familiar with SIGNS, we are an ecumenical high school group that has been in Kettering for over 15 years. We formed SIGNS primarily because we saw a need for a group that included teens from different churches, different faith backgrounds and even teens with no faith background. We nurture spiritual exploration and growth, but we also equally promote community service, safe social events, justice, love, acceptance and fellowship. We've been housed at The Grove for over a year now.

Since we've been at David's, we've helped out in a variety of ways: serving at two Pilgrim Feasts, helping to rehab the playground, helping at a Spaghetti Dinner, subbing for Sunday School, helping facilitate David's role in the summer lunch program and packing and moving a gazillion jars of peanut butter each month for the past two years.

Each June, we take our teens on a week-long summer trip. Over the years, we've traveled to Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Colorado, Texas, San Francisco, New Orleans and Minnesota. This year, we'll be staying close to home and camping near Ft. Recovery, Ohio. During the week, we'll be working on a house build in Celina, working in a county park, spending a day with the Amish, volunteering in a neurological center, going on a ghost hunt, exploring the area and learning about its history and much more. We could use donations of food to help offset our tight budget. There is a list in the Narthex of some of the donations we could use. Please consider helping out with our trip!

And finally, our group grows through word of mouth. If you know of a teen entering high school, or who is currently in high school, please send me their name and address, along with their grade (for next year) and which high school they attend.

We'll send them an invitation, which also encourages them to bring their friends along as well.

SIGNS has had a great year at The Grove and with David's UCC. We are so grateful to the staff and congregation for continued support of our program.

Offering of Letters – Thank You

On May 11, 2015 we mailed 50 letters to our senators and representatives in Washington, DC. This is probably the most we have ever sent. I am sure it will cause them to pay attention, whatever their final action may be.

Thank you for your time and commitment in speaking up for hungry people, especially our children.

Betsy Keyes, Mission Board

Make an Investment in Our Youth

With the Confirmation Pilgrimage to Atlanta approaching, you have an exciting opportunity to "invest" in the trip. For \$10 a share, you can become a stockholder in our Confirmation Pilgrimage. No one says you can't buy multiple shares; our kids are a good investment. All stockholders will receive a postcard from pilgrimage participants while in Atlanta. You will receive the satisfaction of knowing your investment will reap spiritual returns for a lifetime. Please contact any confirmand, or see them in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, to begin your investment portfolio!

Book Barrel (correction)

The "new" Book Fair Foundation Inc. Barrel is near the elevator for members to donate books for their annual book sale. Needed are used books, CDs and DVDs. The proceeds of the sale will be used to support local partners. This year, the proceeds will be split between the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm, Human Race Theater, and the House of Bread.

Rummage Sale Coming Soon!

Have you started spring cleaning yet? Ready to donate good, clean, working items you just don't need anymore to the Rummage Sale? We know July 12 seems like a long time to wait to donate items you've decided you're ready to part with but every space is being used at David's on a daily/weekly basis so we kindly ask that you start a "Rummage Sale Corner" somewhere in your home until July 12. On the 12th and 19th of July, you can bring items between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. During the week, items will be received in Fellowship Hall during church office hours – 9 to 5. Evening drop off times will be announced or call Debbie McCoy (299-9218). If you're going to be gone during the time donations are being received, please arrange for a friend or relative to bring your items to the church or arrange for them to call Debbie McCoy and arrange pick up. We will continue to receive donations till NOON on Wednesday, July 22 with the Annual Sale to be held Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. Proceeds from this sale will go to Women's Activity Guild (WAG) who disperses funds for Mission Projects, Building Improvements, and more. Soooo, if you've started spring cleaning, please start your "Rummage Sale Corner" at home in anticipation of JULY 12th! As always, it takes many hands to have a successful Rummage Sale so please consider volunteering!



Looking for Peanut Butter Cookie Bakers for General Synod!

SONKA has been asked to provide 2,000 peanut butter cookies. The SONKA cookie coordinator is Sherry Scheuerman at First UCC, Troy. Questions can be directed to her at sherry.scheuerman66@gmail.com of (937)339.3134.

Cookie Requirements: The peanut butter cookies must be fresh and homemade! Please bring the cookies to the David's Church kitchen by June 19. We will then repack them to their requirements.

Useful cookie facts for General Synod:

- 1) 10,000 dozen cookies are needed.
- 2) 360 churches in the Ohio Conference will each need to be responsible for 28 dozen cookies.



Workshop Of Wonders VBS

Join us for VBS, Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. VBS is open to all children between the ages of 5-12. You are also looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in volunteering you can also sign-up in the Narthex.

Thank You!

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank our teachers, shepherds, subs, and other key church school volunteers. Without you, we could not offer the church school programming we do for 3 years old to confirmation.

Teachers & Shepherds:

Emily Angel, Jeff Baldwin, Jill Blum, Nedra Gockel, Heather Greene, Diane Herbst, Jim Hertel, Tom Hughes, Anne Jones, Polli Leighty, Sue Oertel, Andy Storar, Pam Storar, Amy Thompson, Diana Thompson, Heather Vest, Jason Vest, Becky Wierwille

Superintendent Extraordinaire: *Betsy Keyes*

Subs: *Amy Askins, Jill Chabut, John Chabut, Ernie Dalton, Tina Donovan, Bobby Hughes, Judy Jones, Kathie Lindner, Claudia Stolz, Alice Stone, Jen Teeters, Cindy Wheeler, Chris Wood, S.I.G.N.S.*

Nursery: *Katie Mahoney, Sydney Pence, Katie Wood*

Support, Guidance, Leadership: *Pastor Michelle*

If you would like to join this awesome team and help in the nursery or teach Sunday School this summer, please sign-up in the Narthex or contact a Christian Education Board member.

June Birthdays

3 Ian Vest
4 Norma Jean Hendricks
5 Pat Titcombe
Melanie Dhanraj
Jack Bishop
6 John Lusa
8 Anne Hamm
9 Richard Smith
10 Lu Ann Stanley
11 Mark Miller
Marilyn Lusa
Jacquie Housel
Ashley Bland
12 Kayla Johnson
13 Tyler Hess
14 George Ford
15 Janet Marks
Terry Foster
16 Mike Pence
17 Nan Gordon

18 Sharon Shaneyfelt
20 Ken Hopkins
Morgan Storar
21 Anna Tate
Justin Patmon
22 Bill Click
Georgene Hale
Andy Randall
23 Miriam Maue
Jean Blum
Steve Hopkins
Bob Hess
24 Jim Lewis
Sally Brookins
Linda Deitz
25 Shawn Monk
26 Nedra Gockel
27 Sherry Atkinson
29 Bob Brethen
30 Ben Roess

Death

Our sympathy to Jim & Margie Phillips in the death of their son, *Steve Phillips*, on May 20, 2015.

Dragon's Baseball Game

Join your David's family for an evening of baseball! For \$16 a ticket, you can watch the Dragon's and receive a Dragon's hat and food voucher. Game is on Friday, July 10 at 7 p.m. If you are interested, sign-up in the Narthex!

All-Church Picnic At The Grove

The June 17 all-church picnic will be hosted by the Fellowship & Hospitality Board at The Grove at 6:00 p.m. They will provide fried chicken, 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!

Game Night

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on June 12 come to Sue Krichbaum's Home (4601 Medlar Rd, Miamisburg. Call for directions if needed 866-5592) 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.

Golf Outing

Our first golf outing of the season will be June 28 at Community Golf Course. Our first tee will start at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 which includes cart. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Kaaren & Paul Dunlap at pauldunlap637@yahoo.com.

Thank You

I am deeply humbled by the many blessings received from David's UCC church family. Your phone calls expressing love and caring, pastor's visit to our home, prayers, cards and meals are truly an inspiration and strength to me and my family at this time. Thank you all so very much.

Pat Titcombe

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
	1 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM CE Meeting	2 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	3 6:00 PM Yoga	4 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters	5	6 11:00 AM Pride Parade
7 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study	8 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga	9 10:00 AM Quilting	10 11:30 AM Keenagers 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Deacon Meeting	11 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters	12	13 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting Private Reception in Fellowship Hall
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