



**DAVID'S DATELINE
JUNE 2017 Newsletter**

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

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Ministers of David's Church - All David's People
**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb
Associate Pastor Michelle Wilkey**

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1 - Confirmation Dinner

June 2 - David's Night Out at
The Dayton Dragons

June 3 - Dayton LGBT Pride Parade

June 4 - Confirmation Sunday

June 6 & 13 - David's Softball Games
at Delco Park

June 7 - All-Church Picnic

June 13-20 - Confirmation Pilgrimage

June 18-23 - S.I.G.N.S. Mission Trip

From the Pastor's Desk...

Early in May, President Trump, after running a campaign that was deeply critical of the number of Executive Orders that had been signed by President Obama, suggesting that such a reliance on this approach was an attempt to rule by fiat rather than through our democratic legislative process, has signed his 36th such order only 4 months into his young presidency. In the so-called "Religious Liberty" Executive Order, signed during a National Day of Prayer event in the White House Rose Garden on Thursday, May 4, President Trump stated that "We are giving our churches their voices back." The President also made the claim that "Faith is deeply embedded into the history of the country, the spirit of our founding and the soul of our nation... We will not allow people of faith to be targeted, bullied or silenced anymore."

So let me offer a couple responses, and then I'd like to discuss some of the actual language and claims of the Executive Order. First, let me assure you that the Christian Church has never lost its voice. We are and always have been free within the context of our religious tradition to express the meaning and value of our beliefs, thanks to several expressions in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The right to religious expression is protected by the words, "The Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free practice thereof." The other relevant right, protecting the freedom of speech, is declared in the very next phrase of that 1st Amendment.

But more specifically, President Trump's Executive Order which was actually titled "Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty" is an attempt to keep a campaign promise to dismantle the Johnson Amendment, which threatens a church's tax exempt status if they actively participate in partisan political speech and activities. Of course, it would take Congressional action to actually repeal the Johnson Amendment, still President Trump is ordering the IRS to relax its enforcement of the ban on partisan political activities within the life of American faith communities. This is clearly an attempt to appeal to some factions of the so-called Religious Right, a loose organization of conservative religious bodies that came together under the leadership of Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson back in the 80's and is currently led by people like Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, Franklin Graham and Falwell's son, Jerry Jr., the President of Liberty University.

The logic used to support the repeal of the Johnson Amendment grows out of the claim that America was first established by the Founders as a "Christian nation." But our history suggests otherwise. Surely, many of the early European settlers in the New World of North America left their native lands behind in pursuit of the right to express their religious beliefs freely and without persecution. Ironically, once they established colonial rule in many locations, they often sought their own form of theocratic rule, and cast out those with "unorthodox" beliefs.

For instance, Reformed clergyman Roger Williams was cast out of the Massachusetts colony by authorities who found he was spreading a theology full of "new and dangerous ideas." Williams went on to establish the Rhode Island colony, and became an advocate for a separation of church (or religion) and state. Williams defended the right of individuals to believe what they wanted, and to keep religious practice outside of the law making bodies of any community. And that very value of religious freedom finds expression in the 1st Amendment's concern about not having any one established religion, and gave rise to language that protects the rights of a person to participate freely in religious practice or to choose not to, thus the value of personal freedom.

When the Religious Right puts forward that the United States has always been a "Christian nation," they tend to neglect the fact that many of the Founders were people of the enlightenment, and thus practiced their Christian faith without wanting the new American country to have an established religion. Many of them had seen the way church life in many European countries had led to long and violent wars, as in the fights between Catholics and Protestants, and others felt that no person should be persecuted for their religious convictions, or the lack thereof. Thus, the 1st Amendment.

It was Thomas Jefferson who is credited with coining the phrase, "a wall of separation between church and state," in a letter to the Danbury Baptists who had complained that their freedom of religion was viewed not as an immutable right but as "favours granted" by the state. Jefferson's talk of a "a wall of separation" became shorthand for the words of the 1st Amendment's establishment clause, even though those words are not used in the Constitution.

Other Founders spoke similarly. Thomas Paine once wrote that "persecution is not an original feature in any religion; but it is always the strongly marked feature of all religions established by law." James Madison concurred, writing that "every new and successful example therefore of a perfect separation between ecclesiastical and civil matters is of great importance. And I have no doubt that every new example, will succeed... in shewing that religion & Gov't. will both exist in greater purity, the less they are mixed together."

And reflecting on a Peace Treaty with the Muslim nation of Tripoli, John Adams wrote that "as the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion,--as, it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion, or tranquility of [Muslims],--and as the said States never entered into any war or act of hostility against any [Mohammedan] nation, it is declared by the parties that no pretext arising from religious opinions shall ever produce an interruption of the harmony existing between the two countries."

The more modern voice of former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor warns that "those who would renegotiate the boundaries between church and state must therefore answer a difficult question: why would we trade a system that has served us so well for one that has served others so poorly?"

So, the great and established tradition of American life has maintained a separation between religion and state (I know that many people speak of this as between "church & state," but a Rabbi friend once reminded me that people practice many different religions in America, and some decidedly choose not to, so referring to only church and state is an expression of Christian privilege, ignoring those who worship in mosques, synagogues, or wherever else). The Johnson Amendment was an effort to stop churches, with tax exempt status, from acting like political action groups, and participating in partisan campaigns.

So what then is the hope of this new dubiously titled Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty Executive Order? The most obvious intent it seems is to free up pastors in churches that already tempt fate by handing out candidate voter guides prior to major elections to go one step further so that they can actually endorse political candidates and donate church funds toward political parties and campaigns.

This, I believe, is a very bad idea. First, because as Madison wrote in the quote above, when partisan politics and religious faith are mixed together it hurts both, they "exist in greater purity, the less they are mixed together." Or to quote the words of Jesus, "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." Now, I believe these words of Jesus would just as easily apply to the world of politics: you can't serve God and power.

Every election year, I and my UCC ministry colleagues receive educational emails from the national church that remind us against making common mistakes that would entrench our congregation in the vast political partisan divide and put our tax exempt status at risk. Under the banner of "Our Voice, Our Vote," the United Church of Christ has sought to encourage people of faith to actively participate in the political process, to fulfill each individual's civic duty, but we have not allowed our churches or denomination to be dragged into partisan political squabbles.

One bumper sticker stated an important truth: "God is not Democrat, or Republican." UCC lawyers have warned pastors from engaging in political partisanship from the pulpit. We were advised not to advocate or endorse in our role as religious leaders any one candidate, nor either political party, and similarly we were advised not to denounce any specific candidate or political organization. On the one hand this is just common sense, as most congregations have members of a variety of political parties among their members, Republicans, Democrats and independents, as well as some who align with the Green or Libertarian or other parties.

But more than just not wanting to disappoint or anger one faction of the congregation's membership, although it's wise to avoid doing that if you can, more central to our identity is the belief that every member has the right to make up their own mind on political issues and candidates. In the first place, clergy and church leaders are called to serve all their members equally, when congregations get too entrenched in the verbal debates of political adversaries unhelpful divisions are given room to grow in the community of the faithful. When a minister goes out on a limb to advocate or endorse a political candidate, they are tying themselves to that person, their voting life, their extra-curricular activities, something that can really diminish one's capacity to share the good news of God's love with every person. The same is true of political parties, there is no single spiritually superior political party or individual politician, so we should not wed ourselves too closely to their attempts to engage and wield power. Power, it's worth remembering, corrupts, often even the most noble and valiant among us.

While staying out of partisan politics is requisite if one is to honor the separation of church and state, no honest Biblical Christian believes that we should not advocate for the things that Jesus says matter to him and therefore should matter to Christians at every station in life. Remember, under the cruel and violent rule of the Roman Empire, Jesus spoke of the empire (or kingdom) of God. So Christians throughout the centuries have sought to be voices for the values of Jesus in the world, advocating for the hungry, the imprisoned, the homeless, the "least of these" that Jesus called "my sisters and brothers." Christians throughout history have taken on important issues in public life, challenging slavery, advocating equal treatment of people of color, women, and the LGBT community, and working for a Just Peace and a moral budget. As people of faith, we can seek to make a difference in the world through our generosity and acts of service, but also in advocacy, and activism, standing up against unjust practices and working for a better world for all.

So, in spite of the President's recent Executive Order, I as your pastor will not be standing in the pulpit and using it to advocate for my favorite candidates, or political parties. That's not what I'm called and ordained to do, my job is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is good news for all the people of all political parties and leanings, and to work to aid the people Jesus was especially concerned about, which were those who were cut off from wealth and power, the poor, the marginalized, those labeled as "less fortunate."

Many people have criticized the church over the years, and certainly many ministers need to give ear to the criticism that comes our way, but I don't believe there are many people out there who want the church to become more political in the obvious partisan sense of the word. So, to my mind, this particular Executive Order misses the mark, and suggests that

the church should be something other than what it is called to be and do, making it a mere auxiliary to political parties. No thank you, we have a far greater purpose in mind.

Your pastor & friend,
Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

J. K. Rowling said: "Let us step into the night and pursue that flighty temptress, adventure." In September of 2014, I most certainly did step into the night and pursue adventure because that was when I began my journey here at David's as the Associate Pastor and what a journey it has been so far! It brings me great joy to help lead worship on Sundays; I love every opportunity I get to preach or make pastoral visits. These are some of the many reasons I love what I do. I wanted to highlight one more thing that I love about my job, and that is teaching and leading Confirmation. Throughout the past three years, I have gotten to know some of the most amazing teenagers and parents and family and in just the short time I have been here, I have had the privilege of witnessing 10 teens get confirmed and become full voting members of our church. This month, on Sunday June 4, we will see an additional 3 teens get confirmed.

One of the most amazing things about pastoral ministry is being able to be invited into people's lives. I'm able to be present for people during key moments in their lives; those joyous moments and even the heartbreaking ones. What an honor it is to walk alongside people in their faith journeys and that is something I seek to do with people of all ages. When it comes to Confirmation, I have been reminding the Confirmands that they are all on their own faith journey; I encourage them to form their own beliefs. There is a powerful quote I share with the teens each year and it goes like this: "When you write the story of your life, don't let anyone else hold the pen."

I grew up in a faith tradition where I was taught what to believe; I wasn't given the space to form my own faith. Doubting was never an option and I was always told that every time you doubt you are pushing yourself farther and farther away from God. It wasn't until I completely left that faith tradition and found the UCC, that I discovered the true freedom to establish a faith of my own and to believe what I choose to believe and not merely believe what I was told to.

It is my desire to cultivate an environment for the teens in which they feel free to create their own faith story; to write their own life story. I never tell them what to believe; I simply share with them my personal faith story and the faith story of our church and we spend two years breaking down the UCC Statement of Faith. At the end of the Confirmation journey or even adventure, it is never my intention for them to walk away with a faith that is exactly like mine; it is my deepest desire that they walk away with a genuine faith of their own. I encourage them to ask questions because I no longer see doubting as detrimental to our faith; I see it crucial to our faith. Each class, I strive to leave room for questions and I even acknowledge to them that not every question has an answer.

At the end of each Confirmation year, each student who has completed the two years has the responsibility to write their own faith statement. I make it clear that these statements are not written in concrete; meaning that they are not final statements on their faith. These are statements of what they believe now; and these may or may not hold true years down the road. But I do like to make sure they know one thing is true; and that is the truth that they will always have a home here at David's. No matter what and no matter where life may lead them, David's will always be here to embrace and welcome them home.

Our church is one that truly practices radical hospitality and radical acceptance. Last year, we had a student choose not to get confirmed. She bravely stood up at the Confirmation Dinner and told everyone that she didn't believe in God. I was so proud of her for choosing a faith of her own; even if it didn't mirror what most of the Confirmands believed. I was also proud of our church and how we radically showered her with love and acceptance. We could see that she did have faith; she just chose to put her faith in people rather than God. Gandhi said: "You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty." This student reminded me of the importance of extending our faith to people as well as God. If we have faith in God; then we can certainly practice believing in God's people.

Netflix released a show recently called "13 Reasons Why." This Netflix Original follows teenager Clay Jensen, in his quest to uncover the story behind his classmate and crush, Hannah, and her decision to end her life. This show completely blew my mind because it had such a powerful premise. The topic of suicide is shown throughout this show in such a real way that it forces viewers to see the extreme way that their choices can affect others. Here's a quote from the show: "You don't know what goes on in anyone's life but your own. And when you mess with one part of a person's life, you're not messing with just that part. Unfortunately, you can't be that precise and selective. When you mess with one part of a person's life, you're messing with their entire life. Everything affects everything."

According to the Parent Resource Program: The Jason Foundation; suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-24. After I finished this show, I had a strong desire to reach out to every teen and just tell them that I am proud of who they are. I wanted them to know that they have worth. I am passionate about Youth Ministry because

every teen deserves to feel loved and accepted. I am passionate about ministry to all ages for that same reason; every person deserves to feel radically welcomed and embraced for who they are. We never know how powerful our love and acceptance of someone could be. Throughout the first season of "13 Reasons Why" I found myself cringing at all the times that people didn't make the right choice for Hannah. There were countless ways that people could have reached out to Hannah and perhaps even had been able to save her life. This show taught me that our actions and our words do make an impact on others. We never know when one simple act of kindness toward someone could save their life. Let us remember the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson who said: "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

It is such an honor to serve at a church that not only advertises that we are open and affirming to everyone; but we live that out day after day. Everyone is invited to attend the Confirmation dinner this year and in this way, we can show continued support and encouragement to our wonderful teens. The dinner will be held on Thursday, June 1 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. At this meal, three of the Confirmands will bravely stand up and share with everyone their personal faith statements. Then these three will stand before the church and be confirmed on Sunday, June 4 during our 9:50 service. If you would like to attend the Confirmation Dinner, please RSVP to *Chris Wood*.

Thank you for all your continued support of our Confirmation students. I am proud to serve at such an amazing community of faith.

Love and Blessings,
Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Strengthen The Church Offering

On June 4, we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. And it aids the God is Still Speaking Ministry to spread our message of inclusivity. Strengthen the Church offering envelopes will be available in the pews on that Sunday, or you can mail a check to the church and indicate "Strengthen the Church."

Take Me Out To The Ballgame

On Friday, June 2, David's Church will have a fun night at a 7pm Dayton Dragons Game. We have reserved 50 seats for this game in which our Dragons will be going up against the Fort Wayne Tincaps. Each ticket will be \$12 and that comes with admission to the park and a raffle ticket. We will be selling the tickets in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see *Pastor Michelle*.



Important Confirmation Announcement

This year we are pleased to announce that we have three wonderful teens getting confirmed on Sunday, June 4 during our Confirmation Sunday service. Please mark your calendar for this important service. Prior to Confirmation Sunday, we have our annual Confirmation Dinner on Thursday, June 1 from 6pm-8pm. All are invited to attend this special event. During the dinner, everyone will get to hear the three Confirmands stand up and read their personal faith statements. Following the reading of their faith statements, everyone gets to hear special words from their parents and mentor. This will be a wonderful evening and if you would like to be part of it, please RSVP to *Chris Wood* by Sunday, May 28.

Return of the "You Asked For It" Sermons

As we have done in the past, in the month of August, Rev. Newcomb would like to focus 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 6, 13, 20 & 27. So, if you have a question or interest you'd like to hear Pastor Brian address in a sermon, send him a note or email (brian@davidsucc.org). 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.

Time Out Of The Office

Pastor Brian will be on vacation June 1-15. We ask that you respect his time off, and if you have a pastoral concern, please contact Pastor Michelle during that time.

June Trinity Birthday Party

On Monday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m., David's will host the Birthday Party for Trinity residents who are celebrating June birthdays. We arrive there at 6:00 with many assorted pies and after Dan Heffner entertains us with a sing along, 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 11 or Monday, June 12 by 5:00 p.m. Join us!

Thank you, *Your Mission Board*



LGBT Pride Parade

On Saturday, June 3, Dayton will have their annual LGBT Pride Parade. It is always wonderful to have our church participate in this important event and to make our accepting and welcoming presence known. This year the parade will start at Cooper Park and everyone is invited to line up around 11am and parade begins approximately at noon. After the parade, there will be different activities for families to enjoy and our church will also have a booth at Courthouse Square. The booth will stay up from 10am to 4pm and if anyone would be interested in helping with the booth, you can let Pastor Michelle know. Also, for all those interested in marching in the parade, make sure to sign up in the Narthex. Any questions, please see *Pastor Michelle*.

Summer Sunday School Volunteers

During the summer, we go to a one room schoolhouse Sunday School format and we need volunteers to help lead it! Curriculum is provided or you can come up with an idea of your own. We will certainly have plenty of children eager to attend Summer Sunday School, but it can only happen if we have adults willing to be there as well. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For any questions, please contact *Pam Storar* at camiha@aol.com or 937-657-1065.

Have A Musical Talent?

While our choirs are on summer hiatus, we are in need of special music during our 9:50 a.m. worship service. If you have a musical talent you would like to share, please sign-up in the Narthex and contact our Musical Director, *Tim Williams*, at 937-620-9328.

David's Church Softball

Come out and cheer on team! We will play most Sunday afternoons at Delco Park. We are already a month into the season. The remaining schedule is:

Tuesday, June 6 – 8:40 p.m. at Field #3

Tuesday, June 13 – 7:30 & 8:40 p.m. at Field #3

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, Melanie Dhanraj, Colleen Gallagher, Rhonda Havig, Diane Herbst, Kate Hill, Tom Hughes, Anne Jones, Ellie Jones, Polli Leighty, Felicia McCarron, Steve Roark, Andy Storar, Pam Storar, Sarah Storar, Jenni Thompson, Scott Thompson, Heather Vest, Jason Vest, Brie White, Becky Yerman

Superintendent Extraordinaire: *Betsy Keyes*

Subs: *Jill Blum, Jill Chabut, Ernie Dalton, Tina Donovan, Linda Ford, KC Harmer, Judy Jones, Kathe Lindner, Claudia Stolz, Alice Stone, Jen Teeters, Steve Wellbaum, Cindy Wheeler, Chris Wood*

Nursery: *Laura Mann*

Support, Guidance, Leadership: *Pastor Michelle*

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 9 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 9. On the 9th and 16th 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 19 with the Annual Sale to be held Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22. 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 9th! As always, it takes many hands to have a successful Rummage Sale so please consider volunteering!



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.

Help Kettering Youth!

David's will once again be participating in the City of Kettering's Healthy Youth Summer Foodtastic program this summer. The Mission Board is spearheading this event the week of July 31 through August 4 and is in need of volunteers. Come help serve and interact with children from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additionally, if you cannot give of your time, there are two more ways you can help, one you can sign up to donate food items, or give monetarily to help purchase the lunch items needed. If you do make a monetary donation, remember to mark your check with "Kettering Youth" in the memo line. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex! Thank you for your dedication to this event.

Your Mission Board

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, June 17. No need to RSVP, but you can call the church office at 434-2131 with any questions.

All-Church Picnic at The Grove

The June 7 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!

Jeff Baldwin and Steve Roark will host a picnic on Saturday, July 22 at the Grove, and then on August 10 at 6:00 p.m., Lynn Bender will host a picnic at her home.

Lenten Series: Attention Members

There is currently no leadership to work on and implement the Lenten series. If you are interested in providing leadership or serving on a committee to implement the series please email or call Mike Morton. MeMorton@msn.com

SIGNS Youth Group

In June, 16 of us will be traveling to Kentucky for an adventure trip. Following the trip, our summer schedule kicks in - a much more relaxed schedule, but with some fun events! It is at this time that incoming Freshmen are invited to join us - these social events are a great way to get to know the leaders and other teens in an informal setting. So, if you have an 8th grader who is interested in checking out SIGNS, please notify me and we will send you an invitation, complete with dates and times of summer events.

Also, the only way we grow is through word of mouth. If you know of a teen, in high school or just entering high school, who might enjoy our group, we are happy to send them a letter. Just send in their name, school, grade (for next year) and home address - we'll be sure to send them a welcome letter that explains everything they need to know about our group.

Thanks so much to the people of David's for all your support and encouragement throughout the year!

Jill Chabut - chabut.jjcna@att.net

Vacation Bible School at Harmony Creek Church



You're invited to discover your strength in God with Harmony Creek Church and David's UCC for Hero Central VBS! For more information about our Vacation Bible School, or to register, go to: <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/harmonycreekchurch>

06/18/2017 to 06/21/2017, 6:00-8:30 PM

5280 Bigger Road Kettering, OH 45440

"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14b, CEB

Contact *Becca Webb* (609-332-7648 or becca.webb@wright.edu) to volunteer or voice any questions or concerns.

Keenagers

The Beauty & Challenges of the Balkans

Our June Keenagers promises a great gathering of friends, a delicious meal and an interesting presentation. Anne and Hunt Brown will discuss their trip last summer to the eastern European countries of Bosnia & Herzegovina and Croatia. Part fun, part as members of a larger official delegation from Dayton, they experienced both the beauty and the continuing hardships in the area resulting from the wars that erupted with the breakup of Yugoslavia in 1992. They will give you a brief history of the region as well as a cultural and travel perspective. Join us on Wednesday, June 14 at 11:30 am for the fun!

51 Years at Pike Lake

David's Church Campers were welcomed to Pike Lake May 19-21, 2017 with a beautiful view of the two trees we dedicated last year with large white blooms on the Dogwood and a healthy leafy Poplar tree. A wonderfully warm Pike Lake Weekend interspersed with occasional sprinkles on Saturday but not enough to ruin the activities enabled the 48 adults and 22 youth (70) to enjoy a treasured get-away!

Saturday morning began with Matt Minter, Pike Lake Naturalist, leading Archery instruction followed by a Treasure Hunt created by Debbie McCoy that gave participants the opportunity to explore Pike Lake State Park. The Annual Boat Race organized by Matt & Jen Teeters was enjoyed by all both in the boats and on the shore! The morning was capped off with a Hayride provided by Pike Lake Naturalist Matt Minter.

After lunch the wiffle ball game organized by Daryl Leighty, brought all ages together for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Andy and Anne Jones organized the Annual Cornhole Tournament with Matt & Jen Teeters crowned champions with the longest game awarded to Debra & Sawyer Monk!.

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 Marissa spun tunes from the Bunny Hop and Hokey Pokey to the Electric Slide and Cupid Shuffle with a nice variety in between at the Amphitheatre! At the close of the day, many gathered around the campfire to enjoy S'mores with S'more building assistance provided by Polli Leighty and Debbie McCoy.

Sunday worship was led by Amy & Anne Hamm, Jeni, Eli, & Sydney Pence who wrapped up a wonderful weekend among good friends at David's Church in the Group Lodge.

June Birthdays

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| 3 | Ian Vest | 18 | Sharon Shaneyfelt |
| 4 | Norma Jean Hendricks | 20 | Ken Hopkins |
| 5 | Melanie Dhanraj | | Morgan Storar |
| | Jack Bishop | 21 | Anna Tate |
| 8 | Anne Hamm | | Justin Patmon |
| 9 | Richard Smith | 22 | Bill Click |
| 10 | Lu Ann Stanley | | Georgene Hale |
| 11 | Mark Miller | | Andy Randall |
| | Marilyn Lusa | 23 | Miriam Maue |
| | Jacque Housel | | Jean Blum |
| | Jana Lehman | | Steve Hopkins |
| | Ashley Motto | | Bob Hess |
| | Mia Thompson | 24 | Jim Lewis |
| 12 | Kayla Johnson | | Linda Deitz |
| 13 | Tyler Hess | 25 | Kathy Hamilton |
| 14 | George Ford | | Shawn Monk |
| 15 | Janet Marks | 26 | Nedral Dalton |
| | Terry Foster | 27 | Sherry Atkinson |
| 16 | Mike Pence | 29 | Bob Brethen |
| 17 | Nan Gordon | 30 | Ben Roess |

Church Directory Changes

Rev. Michelle Wilkey & Janelle Adamson
6402 Chablis Drive
Liberty Township, OH 45011

Matt & Jennifer Teeters
delete home phone number

Erin & Eric Vogler
85 Graywood Ct.
Centerville, OH 45458

Births

Troy Alexander Stitt was born on May 12, 2017 to *Joanna & Robert Stitt*. Proud sister is *Quinn Stitt*.

Grandparent Announcement

Lyn & Mike Morton are pleased to announce the birth of their grandson, *Alrow Howard Schoenlein*, born on May 12, 2017.

Wedding

Makenzie Moore & Steven Dunlap were married at David's Church on May 13, 2017 by Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb.

Death

Our sympathy to *David & Melanie Dhanraj and family* in the death of David's brother, *Jason Dhanraj*, of Florida, on May 4, 2017.

Game Night

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on June 9 at The Grove (hosted by Lynn Bender) 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.

David's Hats & T-Shirts For Sale

Would you like to purchase a David's Church t-shirt and hat? You are in luck!!! We have them for sale!! Come to the church office to chose your t-shirt size (S-2X) and get a hat. \$10 a piece.

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.

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<h1>JUNE 2017</h1> <p>David's United Church of Christ (937) 434-2131 www.davidsucc.org</p>						
				1 6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner	2 7:00 PM Night Out at The Dayton Dragons	3 11:00 AM Pride Parade
4 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship CONFIRMATION SUNDAY Gateway 7:00 PM Book Study	5 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	6 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	7 6:00 PM Church Picnic at The Grove 8:40 PM Softball at Delco Park Field #4	8	9 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at The Grove	10 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting Private Reception at The Grove
11 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 7:00 PM Book Study	12 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:30 PM CE Meeting 6:30 PM Trinity Birthday Party	13 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop 7:30 & 8:40 PM Softball at Delco Park #3	14 11:30 AM Keenagers 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Deacon Meeting	15 DATELINE DEADLINE	16	17 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans
CONFIRMATION PILGRIMAGE						
18 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 6:00-8:30 PM VBS at Harmony Creek 6:30-8:30 PM Warm Wishes II 7:00 PM Book Study	19 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00-8:30 PM VBS at Harmony Creek	20 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop 6:00-8:30 PM VBS at Harmony Creek 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	21 6:00 PM Yoga 6:00-8:30 PM VBS at Harmony Creek	22	23	24
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25 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 7:00 PM Book Study	26 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	27 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop	28 6:00 PM Yoga	29	30	
PASTOR BRIAN & PASTOR MICHELLE AT GENERAL SYNOD IN BALTIMORE						

