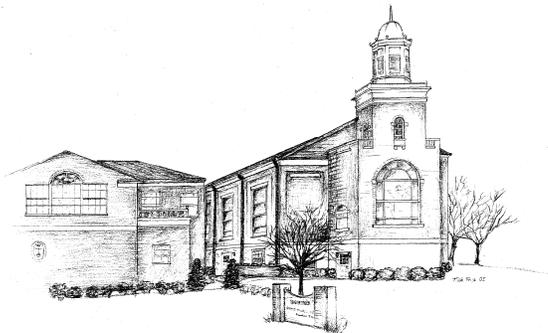


DAVID'S DATELINE
MARCH 2014 Newsletter



Sunday Worship, 8:30 a.m. & 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

Upcoming Events

March 2 – Camp Sunday

March 5 – Ashes To Go/Ash Wednesday Services

March 8 – Rev. William Youngkin Memorial Service at
Harmony Creek UCC

March 12, 18, 26, April 2 – Lenten Specials

March 14 – Game Night at Bender's

March 30 – One Great Hour of Sharing

April 12 – Easter Egg Hunt

April 13 – Palm Sunday

April 17 – Maundy Thursday

April 18 – Good Friday

April 20 – Easter Sunday
9:00 & 11:00

From The Pastor's Desk...

You've probably heard me say at different times, that giving something up for Lent – chocolate, cigarettes, beer or wine, fast food, whatever – may not be a bad idea especially if those things are contributing to your ill health. But, if you want to get into the true spirit of Lent, perhaps you might think of adding something new to your repertoire, like a random act of kindness, or an act of service or generosity, something that is good for others and not just yourself.

A long time ago, an early church Father (there were Mother's too, but we hear less about them), Irenaeus of Lyons is reported to have said that "The glory of God is the human person fully alive." I like that, because it speaks to the intention of God in Jesus calling us to follow him, and in John's Gospel saying "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Jesus even said, he came not to just give us life, but "life abundant." Irenaeus, and Jesus before him, is saying that the purpose and function of this thing we call "salvation" is full communion with God, and one of the by-products of that relationship is that we come into our own, we begin to embody our best true selves, entering into honest and supportive relationships with others with confidence and ease, becoming indeed a "human person fully alive."

So it's easy to see how and why we got into the habit of giving up something for Lent as a preparatory practice as we look forward to Easter. As Jesus went into the wilderness following his baptism by John for forty days of fasting and prayer, we are invited to consider a similar, if less dramatic, yearly event. But usually we take on the assignment like a self-help program, perhaps trying to correct our path after failing to keep our New Year's resolutions. When I was young I was introduced to this idea when the Catholic girls in my High School announced that they were giving up chewing gum for Lent. I remember being intrigued by the concept of sacrifice and preparing one's self spiritually for the onset of Holy Week and Easter, but I wasn't sure what chewing gum has to do with following Jesus. It sounds more like "here's a bad habit I'd like to break," which, again, there's nothing wrong with that.

When Jesus went out into the wilderness, he had just had the experience of baptism and had heard, one way or another, a word from God that he was "Beloved." That time in the wilderness is characterized by "The Three Temptations" of Jesus. Each time, the challenger presses Jesus on the meaning of being God's anointed and beloved one. Each of the temptations invites Jesus to use his status to benefit himself, or perhaps to use his powers to attract others with, as Dostoyevsky writes, "bread and circus."

Confronted with each challenge, Jesus chooses the path of faithfulness to God's will and way, and avoids using power for his own advantage, to avoid his eventual suffering and final outcome. Jesus responds to these temptations by quoting verses from Deuteronomy, language of devotion to God that an observant Jew would have memorized. Each of the temptations suggested that Jesus take control of the situation – turn stones to bread, leap from the high tower knowing God's angels would catch and protect him, or bow down to the Adversary to win with world without struggle or sacrifice – and each time, Jesus affirms his covenant with God, his desire only to do God's will. In that way, Jesus confirmed his own identity as God's anointed, the "Beloved." When Jesus came out of the wilderness, he knew who he was and what he was to do, he had found his best true self as God's child, and come forth a "human fully alive."

Then Jesus went out and called together his disciples, a rag-tag group of folk – some fished for a living, others had less than reputable occupations, some were well-to-do, some were spiritual while others were religious, and many were looked down upon for one reason or another – and taught them the alternative values of what he called "the kingdom of God." (Some folk have taken to referring to the "kin-dom" of God, since we no longer live in the age of monarchies, but do often speak of our common connections in community.) These teachings are expressed in the Sermon on the Mount in Matt. Chapters 5 – 7, and Jesus' affirmation of the Love Commandments, to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.

So there was something very affirming and focusing about that 40 days in the wilderness for Jesus, and I think that's how we might best be served in approaching Lent. What is missing in your becoming a "human being fully alive"? What might you add to recover that sense of passion for your best true self in relationship to God and the world around you? What's in the way, what do you need to give up to increase your health, your hope, your connections, your sense of faithful engagement? Have you lost track of your identity as one of God's "beloved" children, what would help you recover and honor that relationship?

Some folk might want to add a spiritual practice, like studying a Gospel or the Psalms or some other book that points toward the teaching and love of God. Some folk might take up meditation, or set aside time each day to pray, or time for a walk in nature. Others might want to anonymously donate time or money to good and important causes that will make the world a better place, touching the lives of the needy and dispossessed; others might want to volunteer their time tutoring young people who struggle with reading and math, or get involved in the movement to save the environment. Some folk might really need to give up something that is stealing their joy and health in life – too many sweets, too much time wasted online, too much dependence of alcohol, things that cut you off from others and don't enrich your best picture of yourself – and maybe someone might want to give up chewing gum.

But remember, the goal is a renewed spirit and connection with the Divine, a reminder that you are indeed “Beloved,” and that God has something for you to do with purpose and intentionality. The result will connect you to God in ways that are fulfilling, leading each of us to a “life abundant,” and your own person, once again, finally alive.

Your pastor and friend,
Brian Q. Newcomb

Ashes-To-Go at David’s UCC on Ash Wednesday

from 7:30 – 8:30 am, Noon – 1 pm, and 5 – 6 pm.

Ash Wednesday services inside at 11 am and 7 pm.

Lent is, in the Christian tradition, a pre-Easter season of preparation that lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays), often marked by penitence and confession, fasting or other kinds of sacrifice, special times of prayerful reflection, and acts of service or generosity. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, a reminder to Christians that life is fragile and that we need not wait until a later date to seek a lasting connection with God. Traditionally, the ashes are imposed with the words “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” This reminder of one’s mortality, an act of humble contrition, can be a helpful, even powerful reminder of God’s goodness and grace and the promise of new life that Easter brings. We offer two worship services to begin the season, one at 11 am in the chapel, without music, and the other at 7 pm in the Sanctuary, with musical accompaniment, hymns and special music from the Chancel Choir. For those who wish to mark the beginning of Lent, but cannot attend services, we’re offering **drive-by Ashes-to-Go** in the parking lot outside our offices at the times listed above, before work, over the lunch hour and during the evening rush hour drive home.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sunday, March 30

It’s truly remarkable what your gifts will do! By supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, the United Church of Christ offers hope and well-being to people around the world suffering from poverty, illiteracy, illness, and the effects of wars and disasters.

Nearly 6,000 United Church of Christ congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico join together annually to channel more than \$3 million dollars in humanitarian aid. Further, the United Church of Christ unites with Christians in eight other Protestant denominations and Church World Service, thus multiplying the effectiveness and extent of our commitment to One Great Hour of Sharing many times over.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to:

- **Build sustainable communities.** OGHS supports self-help programs in more than 80 nations to build sustainable communities that enable people and communities to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other forces of injustice that deny and destroy dignity.
- **Respond to disaster.** OGHS provides emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, tornados, storms, floods, tidal waves, fires, explosions, technological disasters, civil strife, war, or other natural or human-caused events. On average, OGHS responds to a disaster once every 2.5 days.
- **Minister to refugees.** OGHS responds with advocacy and help, hope and hospitality for people who have been uprooted from their home of origin. More than 30 million of the world’s people are uprooted at any given time.



One Great Hour of Sharing is part of a remarkable network of service and caring that is efficient, effective and faithful. Your gifts will truly make a difference. Thank you.

David’s Mission Board

From The Deacon’s

Well here we are in the middle of the deep freeze looking forward to warmer weather. As I step into the position of Deacon Chair I must first take time to thank Sue Walters for her years as a Deacon and The Cool Deacon Chair. I look forward to taking on this challenge that leaves me with some huge shoes to fill but with your prayers and support we will make it through with flying colors. I would also like to welcome our two newest Deacon’s; Joyce Comer and Bert Jones. As Deacon’s we will strive to the betterment, growth and future of David’s UCC. Keep warm or at least warm thoughts.

Prayerfully,

Ed Webb & nbsp; Almost Cool Deacon Chair & nbsp; (That’s AC/DC for you old rocker’s out there)

Adult Education Classes

Join us in the Adult Education Room for Second Hour.

- March 2, 2014 "A Place at the Table" part 1. We will view and discuss part of a documentary that tells powerful stories of three Americans and their struggles to put food on the table. This will add perspective to the issue of hunger in America.
- March 9, 2014 "A Place at the Table" part 2. We will view and discuss the rest of this documentary on hunger in America and share ideas on possible solutions.
- March 16, 2014 "Living in Ukraine under the Soviet Union and after its breakup." Ralph and Christine Dull lived for six months in a rural Ukrainian village in 1989 and again four years later after the Soviet Union broke up. Ukraine has recently been in the news because of political unrest. Please join us to hear their unique perspectives.
- March 23, 2014 Lesotho. Scott Rosenberg has for several years taken groups of students to Lesotho. Scott will share his perspectives on life in this African nation.
- March 30, 2014 Hunger Issues. Betsy Keyes will give us background information on hunger at home and around the world. Her presentation will prepare you to participate in Bread for the World Offering of Letters. She will provide addresses and sample letters to enable you to write your letters at home if you wish.
- April 6, 2014 Bread For The World Offering Of Letters. Betsy Keyes will provide paper, envelopes, addresses, and sample letters for you to write your letters to political leaders. You may write your letters at church or take the information home to write. Please return any letters written at home on April 13 to be counted and blessed during the worship service.

This is the last adult education class until September. Thank you for your participation.

C.E. Corner

- The CE Board welcomes new members Pam Storar, Heather Greene, Jenny Miller, and Debra Monk. Pam, who has served on the board previously, will serve as chairperson along with co-chair Amy Askins.
- Camp Sunday will be March 2. Please join us in Fellowship Hall to learn more about summer camp opportunities and to make-your-own trail mix.
- Youth will meet for lunch and fun after Sunday school on March 2.
- SIGNS enjoyed a Superbowl party and helped pack and transfer peanut butter during February. They will also assist at the spaghetti dinner and are considering a fundraiser to help with summer trip costs.
- Ronald McDonald House will be the recipient of the children's offering. Sunday school classes made Valentine's Day cards for kids at Children's Hospital in addition to the regular curriculum.
- The CE Board is pleased to offer childcare during Lenten Specials.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Services

April 13- 8:30 & 9:50 a.m.

Maundy Thursday with Communion & Service of Healing

April 17 - 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae

April 18 - 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 20 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Children's Moment, Sermon, Chancel Choir & Holy Communion at both services

DAVID'S CHURCH

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES 2014

Lent will soon be here and we hope the Wednesday night series will be part of your plans.

March 12, 19, 26, & April 2

5:45 PM Dinner 6:30 – 7:30 PM Programs

How We Got Our Bible, And How Best To Read It (For Beginners) – led by Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb
For this year's Lenten Specials, Pastor Brian will be offering a three-week conversation on the Bible.

Movie: "The Greatest Game Ever Played" – led by Warren Back & Andy Fisher
The crowd-pleasing underdog epic movie about golf based on an inspirational true story.

A Christ-Centered Approach To Yoga – led by Sherri Raderstorf
Bring a mat (extras available if you don't have one).

Knitting Ruffle Scarves – led by Margie Phillips
All you need is one pair size 11 knitting needles and one ball of yarn (Starbella or Sashay).

Card-Making For Shut-Ins – led by Cindy Wheeler
Bring your scissors--no experience necessary--Lots of fun!

Youth Activities – led by Jill Chabut
Different crafts each week with fun and games for all – 3 years - 6th grade.
Nursery – infants to 3 years.

Kitchen Clean-Up
Enjoy fellowship with others as you clean up the kitchen after the meal.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNER SERIES 2014

The Committee invites you to come and share these dinners and fellowship
with each other before the Lenten Series classes.

Free Will Offering

3-12-14 Lentil Soup, Goulash Soup, Cheese Soup
 Beer Bread & Chinese Slaw
 Apple Crisp & Ice Cream



3-19-14 Wrapped Sandwiches & Beef Barley Soup
 Fruit Salad
 Cookies & Brownies



3-26-14 Pizza
 Tossed Salad
 Texas Sheet Cake



4-2-14 Spaghetti
 Tossed Salad & Garlic Bread
 Ice Cream

As always, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, carrots and celery sticks, and applesauce are available. Water, milk, coffee and tea are beverage choices. *(registration on next page)*

REGISTRATION FORM (*place in the basket in the Narthex*)

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Class(es) I (we) will attend _____

attending dinner _____

Thank You

Dear David's Church family,

Thank you so much for your parting gift to me as I step down from the Youth Bell Choir Director position. As my family knows, I love Amazon, and my only difficulty will be in choosing how to use this unexpected bounty.

Thank you all for your support, and for the incredible gift of allowing me to spend time enjoying music and laughter with the talented, creative, lively, generous, intelligent youth of David's Church. I am sad that I can no longer commit to the weekly practices they need and deserve, but confident that Julie Wellbaum will lead them to continued growth and new discoveries both in music and in fellowship.

With gratitude,
Jenny Miller

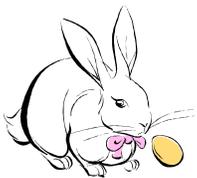
Jim & I want to thank the amazing David's Church Family for all of the prayers, cards and expressions of love and concern sent to him during his recent hospitalization. The power of prayer is awesome and with the insertion of a defibrillator, Jim is doing well! Blessings to all of you!!

Gratefully and with love,
Jim & Ruth Widman

Since my total knee replacement on December 31, I have felt surrounded by much love and support from David's Church family as well as other friends and of course my loving family. I am so grateful for all the care and concern which has helped me in my recovery. Thank you so very much for your prayers, phone calls, cards and yummy meals! You are all truly a blessing!

Debbie McCoy

Breakfast with the Bunny!



We will have our "Breakfast with the Bunny" and Easter Egg hunt on Saturday April 12th. This event will include an assortment of donuts, fresh fruit, juice and coffee (for the parents). There will be games and of course the main event the Easter Egg hunt. Eggs will be filled with an assortment of special treats. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The breakfast will begin at 9:00AM. The Easter Egg hunt will follow breakfast and conclude with games in fellowship hall. The event should wrap up around 11:00AM.

Congratulations - 2014 Church Officers

President – Jeff Baldwin
Vice President – Ed Webb
Treasurer – Dick DeLon
Assistant Treasurer – Daryl Leighty
Recording Secretary – Shawn Monk

March Birthdays

- 1 Betty Wilson
Debbie McCoy
- 2 Bob Bosshardt
Lois Bosshardt
- 5 Lola Emmons
Neil Chabut
- 6 Rob Dunkle
Doug Bishop
- 8 Betty Brewer
Kirsten Morris
Ciara Boothe
- 10 Wayne Marks
- 11 Bruce Michel
Jenny Miller
Ryan Bender
- 12 Barbara Zimmerman
Sarah Deitz
- 13 Doris Lewis
- 15 Jamie King
Ali Chabut
- 16 Cindy Combs



- 17 Roselyn Faulkner
Jeff Barton
- 18 Dennis Lee
- 19 Sue Oertel
- 20 Elizabeth Kaloukian
- 22 Wendy Blumberg
Logan Luke
- 23 Carla Creager
Joey Schairbaum
- 24 Tony Lewis
Cameron Teeters
- 25 Caitlin Wissler
- 26 Robert McCoy
Beth Castele
- 27 Carolyn Grable
- 29 Harriet Fitzsimmons
Sue DeLon
- 30 Debra Anderson
- 31 Joan Grillmeier
Matt Teeters

Church Directory Changes

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Joanne Britain
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(937) 297-4016

Home Communion

If you or someone you know would be interested in receiving home communion during this Lenten season, please contact the church office at 434-2131. Rev. Newcomb will be providing this service in March. Also, if you would like to volunteer to assist him during this time, please contact the office.

GAME NIGHT AT BENDER'S
FRIDAY, MARCH 14
7:00 – 10:00 PM

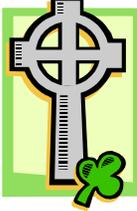
Sunday Fellowship & Card Ministry

There will be an opportunity for fellowship for adults and children in Fellowship Hall after second service. Coffee, lemonade, and treats will be available. There are many new people at David's- let's take this opportunity to get to know one another.

The card ministry will be in Fellowship Hall after second service on Sunday, March 16. The cards will be provided for people to sign for our members that are home bound and/or have serious medical issues. Family members frequently tell us how much people appreciate the cards, so please come and be a part of this ministry.

Rev. William Youngkin Memorial Service

The service celebrating the life and ministry of David's long-time minister, *Rev. Bill Youngkin*, will be held at Harmony Creek UCC (5280 Bigger Rd., Kettering) on Saturday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>2 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Camp Sunday 11:15 AM Second Hour Gateway 7:00 PM Study Group/SIGNS</p>	<p>3 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>4 10:00 AM Quilting 6:30, 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings 7:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>5 7:30 AM Ashes To Go 11:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service Noon Ashes To Go 5:00 PM Ashes To Go 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service <i>Ash Wednesday</i></p>	<p>6 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitting 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 8:00 AM Trustees Meeting 2:00 PM Rev. William Youngkin Memorial Service @ Harmony Creek UCC</p>
<p>9 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship with Communion 11:15 AM Second Hour/Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM Study Group/SIGNS <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i></p>	<p>10 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 12:00 PM Adult Ed 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>11 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>12 5:45 PM Lenten Specials</p>	<p>13 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitting 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM SIGNS 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>14 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at Bender's DATELINE DEADLINE</p>	<p>15 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>16 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Study Group/SIGNS</p>	<p>17 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga <i>St. Patrick's Day</i></p>	<p>18 10:00 AM Quilting 10:30 AM-12:00 PM SONKA COP Mtg. 7:00 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>19 5:45 PM Lenten Specials</p>	<p>20 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitting 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
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