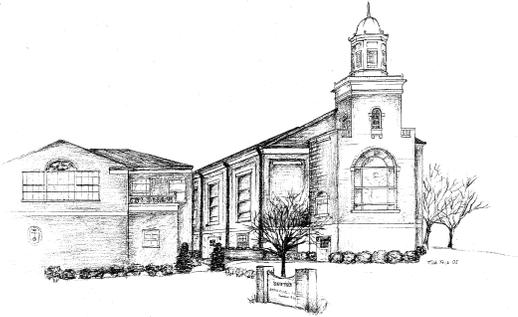


DAVID'S DATELINE
MAY 2014 Newsletter



Sunday Worship, 8:30 a.m. & 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
Interim Associate Pastor Bev Jenkins

Upcoming Events

May 4 – Music Sunday/Teacher Recognition/
Gateway

May 9 – Game Night at Schiller's

May 10 – CARE Walk in Oakwood
(Sponsored by David's UCC)

May 11 – Introduction of Michelle Wilkey/
Mother's Day

May 12 – Rev. Bev Jenkins Begins

May 16-18 – Pike Lake Weekend

May 25 – Memorial Sunday

May 26 – Memorial Day – Office Closed

Summer Picnics – June 25 & August 6
(see inside for details!)

From the Pastor's Desk...

Recently I stumbled across an article some of my clergy friends were passing around on Facebook, a blog article by Thom S. Rainer titled "Seven Questions a Pastor Should Ask Before He (or She) Says Yes." Two things: 1) I had to insert the "or She" into the title, so clearly this guy is not working in our context where a called minister is just as likely to be female as male, and 2) while these questions are designed to help a clergy person who is interviewing with a Search Comm. before accepting a call, it occurred to me that these are questions a healthy congregation with a pastor in place might want to ask itself from time to time as a way of making sure we keep ourselves on track as a faithful community of Christ followers.

So, let me present Rainer's 7 Questions and suggest how we might want to reflect on the concern he raises.

Rainer's first question is "If a big decision needs to be made in the church, to who do the members look for blessing or approval?" He goes on to suggest that often congregations have both formal and informal power structures, the elected Council and boards, and then perhaps a group of folk who are thought of as pillars of the congregation, or major stakeholders who have a long history as leaders, but may not always serve in the formal capacity. Some individuals may carry so much silent authority that their ideas and concerns may hold sway even if the democratic path led to a different conclusion. This can be very confusing or concerning to a pastor who is working only within the formal structure, and to new members who may not realize who or why these informal power brokers carry more sway than others.

The second question is "What is your dream for how the church might look ten years from now?" Often a pastoral candidate will ask a search committee if the congregation is willing to change in order to grow, and of course they hear what is perceived as the "correct" answer, that growth is important to the congregation. And while that is almost always true of congregations, that they desire growth, often they are not prepared for the change that inevitably comes with growth as new members arrive with different thoughts, experiences and ideas of what the church can and will be. If the dream is that in ten years that the congregation will be a lot like it is now, only with a few new members, they may not be prepared for the kind of changes, risks and effort that will be required for real growth in a culture where church attendance and membership is in decline. To attract unchurched people in this challenging climate, there will very likely be real changes involved, and the congregation's leadership and pastor will need to be on the same page for this to happen smoothly.

Third is "What was the topic of your last contentious business meeting?" Every congregation, like any family or business, will have times when folk feel differently and strongly about a decision they face. The issue is not whether there will be times when different individuals or groups disagree about this or that, of course there will be, what matters is how these issues are handled. Are folk able to listen to one another in a civil way, and work toward a mutually satisfying compromise, or does dialogue disintegrate into a verbal battle with winners and losers? Tensions and struggles are inevitable in any organization, but has the congregation learned to work together with mutual respect and appreciation of the unique gifts and ideas that each person brings to the community?

Fourth is "What is your fondest memory of the church?" Rainer suggests that this question gets at when the "good old days" were, and if they are still the focus of longing for many in the congregation today. Of course, those who have been members for decades and those who joined in recent years may have very different thoughts about that, and that might also be a point of contention. In many of our mainline churches, there are often memories of a time in the 50's and 60's when families came to church eager to join, confirmation and Sunday school classes overflowed, the choir was huge, and so on and so on...but every one who's studied the data realizes that we are not likely to see a return to that time again anytime soon. While remembering the good old days can keep some looking with nostalgia toward the past, others might see it as a motivating factor to return to a time when the church experienced a period of great spiritual and numerical growth and thus look seriously at the challenges that congregations face in the current environment. Desiring to see the church healthy and strong requires we look forward in creative ways that reach out to people in the community with a spirit of inclusion and welcome, and served in missions that have made a difference in people's lives. Remembering times when the church did that well in the past may inspire new ministries, outreach and energy to face the future.

Rainer's fifth question is "What is the number one recommendation you received in your search for a pastor?" When congregations are in an interim setting, there is room to ask questions that they might not feel comfortable asking when there's a settled pastor in place. No doubt the search committees surveyed the congregation about what kind of leadership members hoped they'd find in the new pastor, and both the interim pastor(s) and outside observers may be feeding the congregation hints and suggestions about the kind of individual they should call, the kind of leadership qualities, characteristics and strengths would be helpful in reaching the congregation's goals and needs.

Sixth was "What is something a pastor might say from the pulpit that would cause a number of members to cringe?" Rainer suggest that this is a way for a congregation to surface any of their "hot button" issues – it might be a theological point, a pastor who was "too political" or "not political enough" for some, or just a time when a preacher misspoke and hurt someone's feelings or used language that was uncomfortable for some. Remembering that pastors often feel called to

“comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable,” it can be helpful to acknowledge what those touchy uncomfortable issues are up front. That said, sometimes preachers – like myself – make mistakes, how does the congregation respond when a sermon misses the mark?

Seventh, “What was the biggest mistake made by any of your previous ministers?” Or for that matter, what was the biggest mistake the congregation made when making decisions, planning a ministry or event, or in thinking about the future? There will always be mistakes, we’re all human, we get it wrong some of the time... that’s the way it is, the way we are. But how do we treat one another when a mistake surfaces, do we get bent out of shape, do we get accusatory or defensive, or do we find a way to learn and grow and regroup?

Rainer intended these questions as ways for pastors who are interviewing as candidates for a new position in a congregation to learn whether this congregation will be a good fit for their ministry style and personality, but they might be the kinds of questions we should be asking all the time. I’m not interested in engaging in another search process anytime soon, and hopefully the congregation agrees with my desire to continue to live out my ministry here at David’s Church, but can we learn and grow and be stronger as pastor and congregation, can we enter into a process of reflection that will help us to be more effective together as we go forward? Absolutely. If our goal is to be a faithful congregation, vital and forward thinking, then there’s always room for growth, learning and a widening of vision. Let us consider together what God is calling the faith community that is David’s United Church of Christ to be and to do as we look toward the future. And let us ask God for the spirit of cooperation and mutuality, and the strength to meet the challenges that are placed before us. David’s has had some great days in the past, but I believe the best may still be yet to come.

Your pastor & friend,
Brian Q. Newcomb

News from the Associate Pastor Search Committee

The Committee reviewed a number of profiles and conducted two interviews recently.

At the second interview we all concluded that Michelle Wilkey and David’s Church had been brought together by God.

Council issued a call to her at the March meeting and she happily accepted.

Michelle will graduate from United Theological Seminary in May and then serve in a Hospital in Cincinnati in the summer for a CPE program that is not required but one that she and we believe will make her more prepared and well rounded especially when it comes to hospital calls.

Michelle is young, bright, energetic, excited about engaging with our youth program and the Church as a whole. As a result of the CPE program she will not start at David’s until September 1. She is going to visit for the 9:50 service on May 11 and stay for fellowship after. Please come meet our new Associate Pastor on May 11.

In the interim since we have much going on this summer the Rev. Bev Jenkins has agreed to serve 20 hours per week plus Sundays from May 12 until August 20. We are very grateful that she is available and willing. Please give her a David’s Welcome in May.

Your Search Committee,
Andy Storar, Chair, Rev. Dr. Brian Newcomb, Amy Hamm, Diane Herbst, Katie Wood, Betsy Keyes, Sue Walters

C.E. Corner

- SALT Program - David's is now accepting applications for 2 part-time, paid summer internship positions. The Summer Adult Leadership Program was created to provide spiritual growth, leadership development, and education about the various functions and ministry of David's and the UCC. Applicants must be between the ages of 18-22, available for 20-30 hours/week from June 1 to August 1, and be a member or affiliate of a member of David's UCC. Applications and full program description are available in the church office or from Debra Monk at debra@monkshack.com.
- Summer Volunteers are needed for Sunday school and the nursery! Sign up for one day or several! Curriculum and activities provided for our one-room schoolhouse summer lessons. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex.
- VBS 2014 - Parents mark your calendars for the week of July 20th! "Workshop of Wonders" will take place in the evenings for rising 1st - 6th graders.. More details to come...
- Sunday School Volunteer Recognition Day will be May 4. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall after the 9:50 service to honor all of our wonderful leaders, teachers, shepherds, and substitutes. Your time and energy is greatly appreciated!!!

Memorial Sunday Flowers

Orders are now being taken for red geraniums that will decorate the sanctuary for Memorial Sunday (May 25). Please complete this form and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate, with payment, by May 18. The cost is \$7.50 per plant. Flowers may be picked up on Memorial Sunday after the 9:50 a.m. service or left to be planted in the church flowerbeds.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Given by (please print) _____

Message _____

Please order _____ at \$7.50 each. Amount enclosed \$_____

_____ I/We will take them home.

_____ Please donate the flowers to plant in the church flowerbeds.



May 18 is the last day to order.

Summer = Sunshine & Watermelon & David's Church Picnics!

The Fellowship & Hospitality Board is looking for friends or families to host this year's picnics to be held on June 25 and August 6. F&H will help with the cost of food and supplies and The Grove is available if you wish to use it. Contact *Jim Williams*, 294-5173 (or anyone on F&H) if you would like to host.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

HIGH SCHOOL

Centerville

Sydney Pence, Kyle Sherrets

The Miami Valley School

Kaja Burke-Williams

Stivers School for the Arts

Bram Hardenbrook

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Alan Avila-John – University of Dayton, BS in Psychology

Nico Avila-John – University of Dayton, BSE in Middle Childhood Education (Language Arts and Science)

Ryan Bender – Ohio Northern University, Doctorate of Pharmacy

Anna Deitz – Denison University, BA in French with a minor in Chemistry

Heather Hess – Kettering College, BS in Nursing

Sarah Hess – Kettering College, Master of Physician Assistance Studies

Hannah Storar – Capital University, BA in International Studies

Jenna VanHouten – Wright State University, BS in Psychology

Keenagers

Guess who is coming back May 14 to entertain the Keeangers? Yep, that's right, *Center Stage* will return with their spring program which they are calling, "The things we love." As always, on this occasion, we invite you to bring a friend. In keeping with their theme, we will serve some of the things we love - Strawberry Delight for starters, or rather enders, deviled eggs, and a grilled chicken salad. We're excited and hope you will be too. See you soon.

Two recipes received a lot of interest at our April event. Below are the recipes for both.

Cronin Pineapple Casserole

1/2 c. butter

7 slices white bread, torn into coarse crumbs

1 c. sugar

2 eggs slightly beaten

3 T. flour

1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple, undrained

In a large skillet, melt butter; add bread and brown over medium-high heat until toast-like. In a 2 qt. casserole, combine sugar, eggs, and flour. Stir in pineapple. Arrange buttered bread crumbs on top; press down, but do not stir. Bake uncovered in a 350 oven for 45 minutes. Serve hot. Serves 8.

Mustard Sauce

Mix together 1/2 cup sugar, 2 T. dry mustard, and 2 T. flour. Add 1 broken egg yolk, then 1 c. milk. Place over low heat and stir constantly until thick and boiling. Then add 1/2 c. HOT cider vinegar. Keep stirring over low heat until mixture reaches desired consistency. Makes 1 pint.

SIGNS Youth Group Thanks You

The teens and leaders of SIGNS would like to thank the congregation and especially Jim Williams, aka "The Pancake Man" for all the help with, and support of, our first pancake breakfast. We are so very, very grateful. It was a huge success! The donations made by all of you will help fund our June 2014 "Mystery Trip" to Kentucky. The trip is called "mystery" because the teen participants won't have any idea what we'll be doing while we're there... each evening in camp, there will be a group game or puzzle that must be solved for them to discover what the following day's activity will be. Overall, the week will include mission work, fellowship, team building, spiritual growth and lots of adventure! Thanks again for making our breakfast such a wonderful success!



Each May, we send out invitations to current 8th graders who might be interested in joining our group. They are welcome to join us for all of our summer activities except for the summer trip. Our group welcomes teens from any area high school and from any denomination. If you have relatives, neighbors or friends who you think might be interested in joining, please send their name and address to Jill Chabut at : chabut.jjcna@att.net and we will make sure they are sent an invitation.

CARE Walk



The 13th annual Breast Cancer 5K CARE Walk is coming, and we hope you will participate. Last year they had approximately 800 walkers and volunteers, and raised \$17,500. All of the money they raised supports finding a Cure, providing Access to mammograms, funding Research to stop this disease, and providing Education and awareness about breast cancer. This year their proceeds went to the Breast Cancer Foundation, which offers free mammograms to the underinsured and supports the Breast Cancer Awareness Video Contest (via YouTube) for local high school students. Pre-registration is encouraged and online registration is available at www.carewalk.org/registration. This year's CARE Walk and Health CARE health fair will begin at the Oakwood High School on Saturday, May 10, 2014. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:00 a.m. David's UCC is proud to be a sponsor for this event. For more information, go to the website:

www.carewalk.org or talk with *Susan Newcomb*.

Book Barrel

A Friends of Planned Parenthood Book 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 are used to help provide affordable reproductive health services and education to women and men in the nine clinics which serve southwest Ohio. The Dayton clinic is at 224 N. Wilkinson St., and there is one in Fairborn at 320 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd. In addition to family planning, they provide most gynecological services, cancer screenings, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted disease, and age-appropriate sexuality education in schools. If our members have a large quantity of books or any questions, call *Pat Johnson* at 434-3038 or email her at gnepat8@att.net.

Make an Investment in Our Youth

With the Confirmation Pilgrimage to Memphis & St. Louis 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 Memphis & St. Louis. You will receive the satisfaction of knowing your investment will reap spiritual returns for a lifetime. Please contact any confirmand to begin your investment portfolio!

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 6 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 6. On the 6th and 13th 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 16 with the Annual Sale to be held Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19. 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 6th! As always, it takes many hands to have a successful Rummage Sale so please consider volunteering!



Volunteer Opportunities

Fellowship & Hospitality Board

Please fill out this form if you are willing to help with the refreshments for fellowship time after second service. You can choose the Sunday that would be most convenient for you. Please put the form in the offering plate or turn it into the church office.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

_____ I will prepare coffee and lemonade and ice water. All the supplies are provided and in the church kitchen.

_____ I will provide cookies, muffins, dessert breads or donuts.

These may be home made or purchased. The items will be kept in the freezer for use during the fellowship time after second service. Please date and label your items Fellowship & Hospitality.

Questions???? Contact *Roselyn Faulkner* at 433-8832 or email me at drfaulkner@aol.com.

May Birthdays

- 1 Benjamin Gabriel
- 2 Laura Beinlich
Lynn Bender
- 3 Val Andrews
Sean Yee
Nick Frye
- 4 Tom Patterson
Sharon Gratto
Becky Wierwille
- 5 Ulrich Gaertner
- 9 Annie Mhaskar
- 10 Steve Stanley
Logan Walker
- 12 Sarah Hartman
Dave Ireton
Ryan Mebust
Isabel Greene
- 13 Erin Sherrets
Becket King
- 14 Denise Richardson
Amelia Bishop
- 16 Patience Kendig
- 17 Michelle Beery



- 18 Dick Taylor
- 21 Frank Cartwright
Ruth Ann Morgan
- 22 Kaaren Dunlap
Mary Whitt
- 23 Marilyn Lemons
Christy Kaloukian
Eli Agte
- 24 Stanley Tate
Tim Williams
Kurt Olt
- 25 Cindy Mason
- 26 Bonney Walther
Jodi Bruner
John Gabriel
- 27 Shirley Johnson
Carol Bradley
- 28 Becky Leighty
Kyle Dunn
- 29 Anna Deitz
- 31 Pam Storar
Brandon Wood
Jessica Barton

Church Directory Change

Warren & Mary Rose Back
3729 Saint Simons Court
Colorado Springs, CO 80920
(719) 418-2172

New Members

Bob (& Carolyn) Brethen
501 Lockerbie Lane
Kettering, OH 45429
(937) 294-0730

Mary Sue Kessler
5604 Duck Row
Dayton, OH 45429
(937) 299-2839

Kathy Hamilton-McCafferty
2105 Lionheart Drive
Miamisburg, OH 45342
(864) 238-1890

Cathy Perron & Dana Barton
7177 McEwen Road
Dayton, OH 45459
(937) 321-9201 – Cathy
(937) 902-6299 – Dana

Michael Roediger
258 Tamarac Lane
Dayton, OH 45429
(937) 938-1838

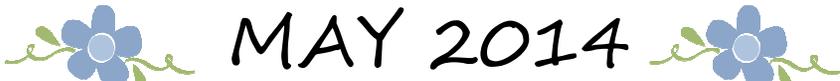
Tom & Becca Webb
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy, SYC 22
Dayton, OH 45435
(609) 332-7648 – Becca
(410) 708-7150 – Tom

Tom & Paula Johnson
8848 Cherry Street
Germantown, OH 45327
(412) 519-6385 – Paula
(937) 271-2888 – Tom

Member Deaths

Our sympathy to *the Grillmeier family* in loss of
Joan Grillmeier on April 13, 2014.

Our sympathy to *Doris Lathrop, Mark Lathrop & Katie White* in loss of husband, father and grandfather,
Bob Lathrop, on April 24, 2014.

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
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