

**DAVID'S DATLINE
MAY 2016 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

May 1 - Music Sunday

May 1, 8, 15, & 22 - Softball Games at Delco Park

May 12 - Confirmation Dinner

May 13 - Game Night

May 14 - Car Wash

May 15 - Confirmation Sunday
Strengthen The Church Offering

May 20-22 - Pike Lake Weekend

May 21 - David's Dinners at The Grove

May 29 - Memorial Sunday

From the Pastor's Desk...

This last month, I've had some strong thoughts about what it means to be church in the twenty-first century, and more specifically what does it mean to be part of the United Church of Christ, and as such, what does it mean to be David's UCC in Kettering, OH. Of course, a lot of this was spurred on by my attendance of the installation of Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer as General Minister & President of the National Setting of the United Church of Christ.

And, I've also been aware of the many studies that list the challenges facing faith institutions of all kinds in our current cultural moment, and some reflection was brought on by the news that our friends at Harmony Creek (over on Bigger Rd., a dually aligned congregation of the UCC and the Alliance of Baptists) had experienced a protester around the issue of LGBT inclusion, which is at the heart of our ONA statement of welcome. What kind of church, I find myself asking, are we called by God to be, and is that kind of congregation sustainable for the long-haul, given what we know about the world around us?

While the UCC is a relatively young denomination, we come from deep historic roots that go back hundreds of years to the Protestant Reformation. Because our communion took shape in 1957, one might easily assume we are shaped by and for modern era, and there is that sense in which we take seriously the science and information of the technological age in which we were birthed, but one cannot underestimate the scholastic efforts to get to the full meaning of our Scriptures, the struggles toward a more peaceful and just society, and the heart for service of others that is part of our heritage from each of our antecedent traditions.

Long before anyone suggested that we serve a "Still Speaking God," German academics and theologians in our Evangelical & Reformed communities were bringing the tools of higher criticism to our sacred texts, and suggesting a more than literal reading. Long before there was a fight over the teaching of evolution and the assertion of "Creationism" from conservative literalists, more liberal scholars were asking important questions about the texts of Genesis, seeing them less a scientific explanations for how the universe came into being, but rather statements of faith in the God that initiates all that brings life.

That capacity to read these Sacred Scriptures as historical texts from two theologically rich and complex communities (the Hebrews who produced the Old Testament, and early Church that gave birth to the New) about their experiences of God, helped critical minds to see beyond those ideas that were culturally bound, or limited by the common human knowledge of the day, to those moments of revelation, wisdom and truth that found God's Spirit pointing toward a higher way of being, loving and living. And, if God is still speaking in those texts, many came to see that God is also speaking still in the new science and information that we've gained about our universe and the world around us.

And just as our traditions' interests in a reasonable, more academically aware understanding of faith, many applied those same interests to the world around us. When the mothers and fathers of our faith listened to the stories of peoples' diverse experiences in the world, and became aware of some situations of injustice, suffering and war, they responded with compassion and a desire to reshape the world as a safe haven for all people.

Once abolitionists began to hear the stories of human cruelty at the heart of slavery, they rose up to put an end to it. When some voices pointed out that slavery as an institution that was never directly challenged in the Bible, these free thinking women and men realized that God was still calling people of faith to live by the higher truth which also found voice in Scripture. Paul writes in Galatians 3:28 that in Christ human divisions disappear, "there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for you are now one in Christ."

This broader reading of Scripture, focused by an outpouring of compassion in response to the many thousands who were suffering in the evil and dehumanizing slave trade, led progressive Christians to seek to bring it to an end, and many still work today to stop human trafficking in our world. Because every human person is a child made in God's image, each one is deserving of freedom, human dignity and the opportunity to live by their own choices. Christians throughout our historic tradition have engaged in struggles to overcome issues of racism, poverty and injustice.

And if you had begun to see how a text like Galatians would work to liberate slaves, and fuel the civil rights movement, you can see how it might also be applied to the rights of women. Suffragettes struggled for women to have an equal voice in the voting booth, and women have continued to strive for equal pay and protections under the law. Some have always turned to the Bible, which has texts which seem to suggest that women are to be subservient to men, that women should not teach in church, etc. But our more critical, less literal reading of the Scriptures point us in the direction of a Still Speaking God who honors and values the gifts of women, equally to those of men, so we have worked to stem the tide of patriarchy in our world, to affirm and support the gifts of women, ordaining them and inviting them into our pulpits and places of leadership.

We have not done these things, as a Church in the modern age, by dismissing the Sacred Teachings of our faith, the Bible. In fact, we take the Bible so seriously that we refuse to take it literally, so that we can hear the continuing voice of the Spirit calling us to wholeness and community.

And this is why our national UCC and many congregations like David's UCC have chosen to act faithfully, to act compassionately by hearing the stories of our LGBT friends and neighbors and choosing to act in a welcoming and loving manner. More so, we believe this is the way Jesus would want us to act, the way we feel God's Spirit is calling us to live out God's love for all the world and its diverse peoples. This same desire for compassionate inclusion, for just treatment, has made us advocates for youth, for senior citizens, for folk living with disabilities, for any persons who may have been slighted or denied full participation because of who or how they are.

In the United Church of Christ, we believe that every person is valued and loved by God. We no doubt have made and will continue to make mistakes, we may say or do the wrong things, but we are motivated by the desire to follow the simple teaching of Jesus that we "love God, and love our neighbors as ourselves."

As we gathered in Chicago, that was the church I experienced in the National work of our larger denomination. John C. Dorhauer was called to serve the church, and he called the church into covenant to seek the new vision of God's love and justice in the world, so that we might be the church of God's heart, living out the wholeness and humanity of Jesus through acts of service, healing and renewal in the world. And that also is true about David's UCC, I believe.

We strive to be a community of faith where, no matter who you are, or wherever you have been, you are welcome.

I doubt that many of us think of our church as a radical place. Our worship service is pretty traditional, we lean toward the organ for our hymns rather than worship-band led choruses. Many of us dress in business casual for services, although if you show up in shorts or jeans nobody seems to bat an eye. We offer a pretty traditional program, Sunday School for the children, Confirmation and work camps for the youth, Bible study for interested adults. As a congregation that's in its 190th year, folk no doubt think of us more as "established" and "traditional" than "radical."

But we dare to believe in a Still Speaking God. We seek to embody the radical idea that God's love should pour through us into the world, that everyone is a child of God, whose story and experience and gifts can be put to use here. We may make mistakes all the time, experience growing pains, or have very differing views about how to respond to the challenges we face, but this is a place where grace and kindness, forgiveness and mercy are valued. And the still radical idea that in Christ there is no Black or White or Brown, there is no LGBT or straight, there is no married or single, no rich or poor, where we are all one, and whoever you are, and wherever you have been, you are welcome here.

Your pastor and friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

P.S. It's hard to believe, when Susan & I moved our family here to Dayton so that I could come and serve here at David's UCC, our son John was only in 5th grade, and now he is a senior. We are so proud of the young man he has become, and his musical talent, and excited about his future as a student at University of Dayton where he plans to major in Music Education. I have been honored with the opportunity to preach at his Baccalaureate service for Oakwood High School on May 22. Since the people of David's have become so important in the life of our family, we want to invite any who feel a connection to John to come and join us for a celebration at his graduation party/open house at David's Grove, on Tuesday, May 24th, drop in anytime between 5 and 8 pm.

Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

"Silence is spoken here." This was the phrase that was written on a plaque at the Silent Retreat I attended this past weekend (April 15-April 17). On that Friday, I headed out to New Haven, Kentucky to spend a silent weekend at the Abbey of Gethsemani. The Abbey has been receiving guests from its first days in 1848 and people from all over the world come to this beautiful facility to get away from the distractions of their busy lives. The monastic environment offered everyone a place "to entertain silence in the heart and listen for the voice of God- to pray for your own discovery." (Thomas Merton).

One of my favorite quotes from a classic movie called "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" is: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." During this Silent Retreat, I took time to stop and simply be present in the moment and look around. It is amazing how much you see when you take time to really see the world around you. During my retreat, I spent quite a bit of time outside and the weather was just perfect and it was nice to take the time to just look at all of God's beautiful creation. In the silence, I heard the birds chirping and I also watched as butterflies flew all around me. I didn't realize how busy my life had truly become until I took the time to simply stop and unplug for a while.

Aside from just sitting in contemplation, I also spent time reading. Throughout the retreat, I read four books. One of the books that stood out the most for me was Peter Enns' new book, "The Sin of Certainty." In the book, Enns discusses how many of us in the Christian faith have gone off course by putting belief and certainty at the center of our faith instead of simply following and trusting Jesus. He writes:

“When trusting God is central—even just the simple act of trying to trust when we might not feel like it—we are walking a holy path. When we learn that it is okay to let go of the need to be right—that God is not going to pounce on us from behind the corner and give us a whipping but actually welcomes this step of faith—only then will the debilitating stress of holding on to correct thinking begin to fade. Then we are giving control over to God, which is a more secure place for faith to rest than on the whims and moods of our own thinking. The focus moves from ourselves to God, in whom we trust—what Jesus calls dying and losing our lives.”

As I read this book, I got to thinking about my own faith journey. I grew up in a tradition that taught me that faith was all about having right beliefs and not doubting. As a child, I was told it was a sin to question my beliefs. As I think about my childhood faith; I have come to realize that I was trusting my beliefs more than I was actually trusting God.

Now I have a living faith; a faith that makes room for doubt and questions. My faith is still being formed and I believe our spiritual journeys will last throughout our entire lives. We are forever growing and even forming new beliefs. The story of my faith is still being written. This is what I have been emphasizing to the teens this year in Confirmation.

“Life is like a good book. Sometimes you have no idea what’s going to happen on the next page. There are moments when the character has doubts and doesn’t feel strong. This just adds to the beauty of the story. A very boring story would be one without any personal growth or triumph.” (Anonymous)

Throughout Confirmation, I have made a point to express to all the students that they are on their own personal faith journey. No one can tell them what to believe; they must make their faith their own. I also let them all know that it is okay to not have all the answers and its okay to have questions and doubts.

On Sunday, May 15 during our 9:50 service, five of our Confirmation students will complete one chapter of their lives as they stand before their church family to get confirmed. My heart is bursting with pride for these Confirmation students. These students have never been afraid to ask the tough questions during this two year journey of Confirmation. They have acquired a living faith of their own. So all of you are invited to be at church on this special day as these teens end one chapter of their lives and begin a new one.

I wanted to also highlight the Confirmation Dinner; which will take place on Thursday, May 12 at 6pm. During this special dinner, our five students who will be confirmed will have the wonderful opportunity to read their personal faith statements. The five who are being confirmed this year are: *Fischer Barnett, Amelia Bernard, Anne Hamm, Mia Thompson, and Drew Vest*. We would like to extend the invitation to the whole church to come to this special meal and support our youth as they stand up before everyone and talk about their own personal faith.

Let me highlight a couple of other events in May. On Saturday, May 14, the Confirmation class will hold a car wash at David’s from 11am-3pm. If you would like to get your car washed, please stop by and we will make your car sparkling clean. All donations made will go toward the Confirmation Pilgrimage trip to Memphis and St. Louis in June.

On Sunday, May 1, David’s Church will face up against Clark’s Pharmacy in our first softball game of the season. The game will be at 3:30 at Delco Park and all are invited to come watch and cheer us on as we begin our softball season. I am excited for this wonderful opportunity for our church.

It will be a great month at David’s Church!!!

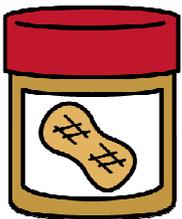
Love and Blessings to All,

Pastor Michelle

Confirmation Dinner

Join the Confirmation students on Thursday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. for the Confirmation Dinner. This special dinner is made possible by the Elders and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. During the dinner, you will have the opportunity to hear the second-year Confirmands read aloud their Faith Statements. If you are interested in going please see Pastor Michelle.

The Need For Peanut Butter Increases



Thank you all for helping with the Kettering Backpack Program. We have been providing 443 jars of peanut butter to the program, each month. They have asked us to increase our number to 555 jars per month due to an increased need in the schools. This ensures that needy students will not go hungry over any given weekend. A backpack is sent home with the kids each week filled with several food items. Please remember to pick up a few extra jars of peanut butter (16 or 18 oz.) when you do your grocery shopping, and place them in the orange bucket in the Narthex. Thanks!

Sanctuary Improvements

Last Fall, during a Congregational Meeting, David's members voted to provide preliminary approval to make improvements to the Church Sanctuary. The preliminary improvement plan was designed by an architect working with the Keeping the Promise Committee. The improvements were primarily intended to make the chancel area more accessible and flexible. After the Congregational vote, the implementation of the improvements was turned over to Church Council.

After discussion during several Council meetings, the Council passed a motion at their March meeting to establish a Sanctuary Improvement Steering Committee to make recommendations to the Council on the construction process. Members of the Steering Committee include *Dan Deitz, Howard Sizek, Ed Webb, and Tom Webb*. Both Pastors and the Treasurer (*Dick DeLon*) will serve in an advisory capacity to the Committee. At this time, the Committee will be meeting on the first and third Tuesdays at 5:30 PM in the office area conference room. All interested church members may attend.

As per the Congregational Meeting vote last Fall, this project will not proceed until there is a second, final vote by the congregation on the final plan and funding details.

The Church Council will attempt to keep David's members informed as the process proceeds.

David's Church Council

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.

Keenagers

Keenagers are in store for a very special program on May 11. Our normal schedule, however, will be different and will require that you get there a little earlier and **ON TIME**. Students from the Centerville High School Speech and Debate team, including David's own Bobby Hughes, will perform some of the prepared speeches they take to competition. Because school is in session, they would prefer to perform over their lunch hour. Please plan to be there at 11:15 (we will have something to eat at your table) and then afterwards we will have lunch. Of course, finding the perfect meal takes time so we are still in the planning stages! We truly hope you will spring out of bed a little early and join us at 11:15 for this wonderful program.



Congratulations Graduates!

HIGH SCHOOL

Centerville

Bobby Hughes

Oakwood

John Newcomb

Car Wash

On Saturday, May 14, David's Confirmation Class will host a Car Wash at the church. If you are needing your car cleaned, stop by David's Church from 11am-3pm, and we will make your car sparkling clean. The car wash will be free, but donations can be made and all money will go toward the Confirmation Pilgrimage to Memphis and St. Louis this June. If you have any questions, email Pastor Michelle at michelle@davidsucc.org.

David's Dinners

These dinners are a wonderful way for David's member to get to know one another. The remaining date for this year's dinners is Saturday, May 21 (at David's Grove). Questions? Please contact *Steve Roark & Jeff Baldwin* at 643-9478 or s.roark@att.net.

Memorial Sunday Flowers

Orders are now being taken for red geraniums that will decorate the sanctuary for Memorial Sunday (May 29). Please complete this form and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate, with payment, by May 22. 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 22 is the last day to order.



CARE Walk



The 15th annual Breast Cancer 5K CARE Walk will begin and end at Oakwood High School on Saturday, May 14th. Our community HealthCARE Fair and registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and CARE Walk will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$50 per family, \$20 per adult walker, and \$10 per student walker. The walk is a family-oriented event for walkers and runners of all ages, and we hope you will participate. Since its beginning, the CARE Walk team has raised over \$175,000 in the fight against cancer. Since 2003, 100% of the proceeds from the Breast Cancer 5K CARE Walk go directly to the underserved and uninsured right here in the Miami Valley. We are completely volunteer-driven to get the most out of the money we collect. David's UCC is proud to be a sponsor for this event. For more information and to pre-register for the event, go to the website: www.carewalk.org.

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, or see them in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, starting May 1, to begin your investment portfolio!

David's Church Dayton Dragon's Family Day

Sunday, July 17

Save the date!

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 10 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 10. On the 10th and 17th 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 20 with the Annual Sale to be held Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23. 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 10th! As always, it takes many hands to have a successful Rummage Sale so please consider volunteering!



Hair and Beauty Day

On Saturday, June 25, we will have a "Hair and Beauty Day" for our Shut Ins. From 2pm to 7pm, our Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a mini Salon. We will be offering manicures, hand and arm massages, haircuts, and updos for your hair. It will be a great day! In order to prepare for this day, we are asking the church for donations of new/unused sample size lotions, makeup, and nail polish. We will be sending everyone home with a special bag of goodies. You can begin to bring your donations in at anytime and for more information about this event, please contact Pastor Michelle at michelle@davidsucc.org or Felicia McCarron at mccarronfelicia@gmail.com.

Book Barrel

The 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. 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.

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.

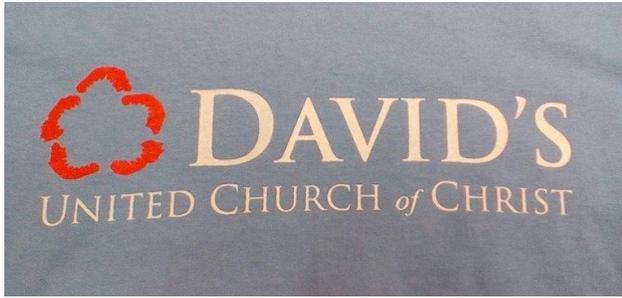
David's Church Softball

Come out and cheer on team! We will play most Sunday afternoons at Delco Park. Our team roster is: *Alan Avila-John, Nico Avila-John, Lucas Avila-John, Vaughn Shannon, Eli Pence, Kyle Sherrets, Sydney Pence, Pastor Michelle, Joanna Stitt, Robert Stitt, Byron Greene, Addie Weaver, Judy Lambright, Danielle Van Brackel Lambright, Wesley Bernard, Jamie Mhaskar, Kim Vogel, Kirsten Sherk, Rob King, Coach Joyce Comer, and scorekeeper, Katie Wood.*

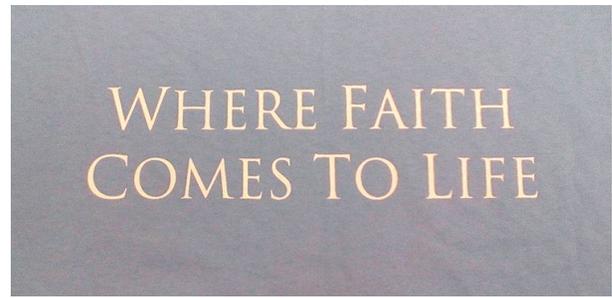
The schedule:

Sunday, May 1- 3:30 p.m. at Field #1
Sunday, May 8 – 3:30 p.m. at Field #3
Sunday May 15 – 4:40 p.m. at Field #1
Sunday, May 22 – 3:30 p.m. at Field #4
Sunday, June 5 – 3:30 p.m. at Field #1
Sunday, June 12 – 4:40 p.m. at Field #1
Sunday, June 19 – 3:30 p.m. at Field #4
Sunday, June 26 – 3:30 p.m. at Field #4
Sunday, July 10 – Tournament
Sunday July 17 – Semifinals
TBD - Finals

David's T-Shirts On Sale May 1



(front)



(back)

The Softball team is all decked out in fancy new David's United Church of Christ T-shirts, and we had extras made for our Pike Lake Weekend and for those of you who may want to show your church pride.

We have limited size quantities from Adult Small to Adult XXXL. They are Carolina Blue with the David's Church logo on the front and "Where Faith comes to Life" on the back. We will be selling them in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, starting May 1, for \$10.00 a shirt.

Support Kettering Backpack Program – Eat Froyo!

David's provides the peanut butter for the Kettering Backpack program, which supplies food to low income children who may go without over the weekend. Show your support for this worthy mission in another way by eating delicious frozen yogurt! Every Wednesday, from 6-9 p.m. through May 25, Orange Leaf at Town & Country will donate 15% of your purchase to the program. Enjoy some delicious froyo and help fight against childhood hunger (and don't forget the peanut butter!)

Serving at Gateway

The first Sunday of every month, David's Church is responsible for providing and serving a meal at the Gateway Shelter for Men. This meal, which consists of meat loaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, salad, and lemonade, is one of the favorites served at the shelter. In the Narthex, you will find a sign-up sheet for food that is needed as well as an opportunity to be a server at the shelter. Our next serving is next Sunday, May 1. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!

David's Quilting Ministry

After serious discussion and research, David's Quilters began the new year dedicating their Tuesday quilting days to creating quilts for patients at Dayton Veteran's Administration Hospice.

It's been exciting to pool our resources and gifts to create patriotic quilts for people who have served and protected our country through military service.

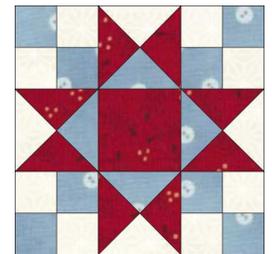
If you'd like to join the fun and fellowship of creating these quilts, we invite you to Tuesday quilting days which begin at 10 a.m. Some stay till noon while others bring a sack lunch and stay into the afternoon. If you have never quilted but are inspired by this project to learn, we're happy to have you join us and we'll share our knowledge.

If you quilt and would like to create quilts for this ministry but can't make Tuesdays, let us know of your interest and we'll make sure your contributions are included in dedication and distribution.

We welcome cash donations to purchase materials needed to continue this ministry. Checks can be made out to David's Church with "Quilting Ministry" in the memo line.

We're really excited about our new direction and the opportunity to combine all of our skills for such a worthy cause. Hope you'll want to join us, too!

Dotti Ankeney, Lynn Bender, Roselyn Faulkner, Anne Johnson, Debbie McCoy, Christy Mullin



May Birthdays

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| 2 | Laura Beinlich
Lynn Bender | 21 | Frank Cartwright
Ruth Ann Morgan |
| 3 | Val Andrews | 22 | Kaaren Dunlap |
| 4 | Sharon Gratto
Becky Wierwille | 23 | Marilyn Lemons
Christy Kaloukian |
| 5 | Ulrich Gaertner | 24 | Tim Williams
Stanley Tate
Kurt Olt |
| 9 | Annie Mhaskar | 25 | Cindy Mason
Sylvia Gallagher-Yerman |
| 10 | Steve Stanley
Logan Walker | 26 | Bonney Walther
Jack Gallagher-Yerman |
| 12 | Dave Ireton
Sarah Hartman
Nicole Motto | 27 | Shirley Johnson
Carol Bradley |
| 13 | Erin Sherrets
Becket King | 28 | Becky Leighty
Kyle Dunn |
| 14 | Denise Richardson
Amelia Bishop | 29 | Anna Deitz
Fischer Barnett
Eva Meehan |
| 16 | Patience Kendig
Anthony Runzo | 31 | Pam Storar
Harriet Meehan
Brandon Wood |
| 17 | Michelle Beery
Connor Havig | | |
| 18 | Dick Taylor | | |

New Members

Mark Anthony

2430 Barnett Dr.
Bellbrook, OH 45305
937-657-5347

Rhonda & Paul Havig

Connor

2730 Crescent Blvd.
Kettering, OH 45409
937-299-3882

Kim Vogel

4032 Wagner Rd.
Kettering, OH 45440
937-623-7583

Member Death

Our sympathy to *Lynn Bender & Ryan Bender* in the loss of husband and father, **Ralph Bender**, on March 30, 2016.

Deaths

Our sympathy to *Judy Fehr* in the loss of her mother, **Juanita Aldridge**, on April 3, 2016.

Our sympathy to *Jill & John Chabut, Craig Chabut, Neil Chabut, and Ali Chabut* in the loss of Jill's father, **George Perbix**, on April 14, 2016

Our sympathy to *Ed & Louise Webb* in the loss of Ed's father, **Ray Webb**, on April 18, 2016.

Thank You

Dear Friends and Pastors of David's Church Family,
I am in awe of the outpouring of love, prayers of strength and comfort during Ralph's illness. The many Pastor's visits and your many cards and offers of help were a great source of strength. It is great to have a loving and supportive Church Family and Pastors who are genuine and unfailing with their time. I thank all of you who also donated your time, talents or items to the wonderful Memorial Service and classy Reception. A very special "Thank You" to everyone who assisted Dagmar and Jean who turned Fellowship Hall into a Banquet Center, to rival any of the best! It was fantastic and "Spectacular".

Love,

Lynn and Ryan Bender

It's Not Too Late!!

We now have two Standard Cabins
with Queen Bed and Set of Bunk Beds
to stay in as David's Church
celebrates 50 Years of Pike Lake Weekends
May 20-22, 2016!!!

We'd love to fill ALL the cabins!
Please give *Kevin or Debbie McCoy* a call (299-9218 or
689-4224)
to say YES or just learn more about this event..

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
1 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship MUSIC SUNDAY Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 3:30 PM Softball at Delco Park Field #1 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	2 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 7:00 PM Pastor Brian's ACTS Study	3 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	4 6:00 PM Yoga	5 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	6	7
8 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 3:30 PM Softball at Delco Park Field #3 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:30 PM CE Meeting 7:00 PM Pastor Brian's ACTS Study	10 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry	11 11:30 AM Keenagers 6:30 PM Deacon Meeting	12 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner & Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	13 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at The Grove DATELINE DEADLINE	14 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Car Wash
15 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship w/Communion CONFIRMATION SUNDAY STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING Food & Clothing Outreach 4:40 PM Softball at Delco Park Field #1 7:00 PM Book Study/ SIGNS <i>Pentecost</i>	16 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	17 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	18	19 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters	20 Private Reception at The Grove  Pike Lake Weekend	21 David's Dinners at The Grove
22 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 3:30 PM Softball at Delco Park Field #4 7:00 PM Book Study Pike Lake Weekend	23 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 7:00 PM Pastor Brian's ACTS Study	24 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 5:30 PM WHO Group 5:00-8:00 PM John Newcomb Graduation Party at The Grove	25	26 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters	27	28
29 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship MEMORIAL SUNDAY 7:00 PM Book Study	30 OFFICE CLOSED <i>Memorial Day</i>	31 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry	<h1>MAY 2016</h1> <p>David's United Church of Christ (937) 434-2131 www.davidsucc.org</p>			