



**DAVID'S DATLINE
MAY 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

**May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – Softball Games
at Delco Park**

May 6 – David's Dinners

**May 7 – Music Sunday
(8:30 Service in the Chapel)**

May 10 – Keenagers

May 11 – White Privilege Event

May 12 – Game Night

May 19-21 – Pike Lake Weekend

May 21 – Warm Wishes II

May 28 – Memorial Sunday

From the Pastor's Desk...

In an article I came across recently titled "Reimagining Religion: The 10 Qualities of Creative Communities," author and lecturer Brie Loskota describes this particular period in the life of churches as "a period of flux, a period of rapid and continuous change, where the old order is being torn down, where people are disaffiliating from groups, and where institutional life is being stressed and stretched. This is acutely true in the realm of religion, where contestations to religious power, authority, truth and organizations can be seen across every tradition and denomination."

I confess there are times when I hear about the continued "graying" or aging and patterns of decline across many mainline denominations like the United Church of Christ, I can feel a bit guilty or just "lucky" to be at David's UCC, where we are experiencing a very different or opposite trend, as more young families have come to participate in our weekly worship, and we see that in the growing number of children participating in "Children's message" time and going off to Sunday School.

While many other congregations are viewed as "struggling," we've been in the enviable position of stable attendance and a growing involvement of younger participants. As we've had to consider ways to increase adult volunteers to tend to the growing number of babies on some Sundays, and had to think through the increased size of certain Sunday School classes and the potential number of confirmation-aged folk joining Pastor Michelle's class in the Fall, we've found ourselves joking that "This is a great problem to have."

But the good luck and privilege of being able to serve and lead a thriving congregation aside, it's clear that this is a challenging time for organized religious communities across the board. As I've reported before, the first two congregations I served in St. Louis city right after my graduation from seminary have now both closed, and the congregation that I served for 14 years before moving here to Dayton is reportedly struggling for its survival. So, that reality provides a dose of humility and forces us to ask serious questions about the future prospect of any on-going ministry in this era of institutional decline and a growing sense of irrelevance in denominational structures, as we watch both the Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association and the Ohio Conference face challenging fiscal and participatory challenges.

Whenever I'm tempted to feel too confident, or too aloof to the issues many other congregations are facing, all I have to do is ask myself, "How many of the young people confirmed at David's UCC in the last ten, 15, even 20 years, are actively involved either here at David's or at another UCC or other mainline protestant denomination nearby to wherever they currently live?" The answer to that question, I'm sorry to admit, is not very promising, even though we're currently maintaining stable worship attendance and are seeing positive moves in some demographics. One has to ask the obvious questions, are we merely behind the curve in the downward spiral that is impacting so many other similar congregations, or are we part of an innovative move that can help lead to a turn-around strategy for others to follow? But if we're honest, it may well be just too early to tell.

So, it seems like a timely and valuable use of our time to consider the "10 Qualities" that Loskota describes as essential elements of congregational vitality in a time of flux and transition. As part of the Center for Religion and Civic Culture's project on Religious Competition and Creative Innovation, her group studied 555 congregations in six different areas in Southern California, developed in-depth case studies of 76 congregations and organizations, and conducted more than 300 interviews with leaders and members. They were asking, how are congregations changing to cope with the challenges of this period of flux? What new forms of organization have developed? What is being carried forward from their past and what is being reimagined in light of the contemporary period?

Describing their work as one of the most religiously diverse experiments in human history, Loskota's study found a boom around the Los Angeles metro area in innovation, which they did not take to mean the beginning of a completely new religious movement or form and expression, but a reassembling of different things from the congregation's past to meet contemporary challenges.

The article goes on to explain that innovation was seen as "the repurposing, rediscovering, recombining what already exists, sometimes bringing those things from one group into another, infusing those things with new meaning and relevance. It requires an openness to trying out something other than what has always been done, even if it means pushing the boundaries of the current acceptable orthodoxy. We see innovation as a form of creative problem solving."

The study found that "Young adults who are leaving established institutions are forming new kinds of associations to nurture a sense of purpose and belonging. Congregations with empty pews are experimenting with novel forms of music and liturgy to try to attract converts as well as retain the faithful... And a variety of spiritual practices that focus on the experience of individual believers are flourishing."

Looking at the variety of commonalities expressed in those that stood out as "reimagined communities," they were able to identify 10 characteristics that capture how groups are innovating and responding in this period of flux. While some groups might focus more on some qualities than others, these 10 characteristics could be found in each group that was rising to meet the challenges of a new era.

They found that **Reimagined communities are:**

Bounded: While they are innovating and pushing boundaries, they are constrained by forms of religious tradition or ways of being. They remain true to their core values and heritage while looking for new or more relevant ways to express their identifying congregational traits.

Authentic: Communities ground truth and meaning not in abstract concepts but in ideas with internal and intuitive resonance, which is to say that they remain true to their own experience; they don't try or pretend to be something they are not.

Embedded: These congregations are committed to a particular place and location and want to make a difference there. For David's, it's important to us and our membership that we make an impact in the greater Dayton area and the Miami Valley. To borrow a slogan that's been used at the National United Church of Christ offices: **David's Church has Faith in Kettering.**

Pollinating: These congregations are interested in spreading ideas more than in establishing institutions. We strive to equip our members to take the ideas of God's love, acceptance and call to justice and peace into their everyday lives and find ways to express that hope and desire organically, in the communities where people live and move and express their being.

Embodied: While ideas and concepts can inspire, congregations benefit when they are moved to action, when they carry the truth in their bodies as an expression of love. We see that when people show up to volunteer, to help our children learn God's love in Sunday School, or cook food and serve it at the Gateway homeless shelter, or come to cut fleece for Warm Wishes, make quilts for veterans or fill the bins with peanut butter to help ward off hunger in local school age children.

Activated: Which is part of what we described in "Embodied:" Congregations that are reimagined communities are not satisfied with mere ideas, they want to enact their vision for a better world, they want to get involved and make things happen.

Empathetic: But it's not meaningless action, doing something merely to say we got something done. In reimagined communities, actions are grounded in empathy, care and compassion, especially for marginalized people, people who really need help to be included, to know they are valued and taken seriously, ones who could use a hand up, and bit of encouragement and support until they can learn to stand on their own.

Networked: A lot of the good that gets done in our community comes from our ability to work well with others. Our Mission Board connects us with mission partners so that through our giving we are participating meaningful in a variety of outreaches and service organizations throughout the Dayton area, and through Our Church's Wider Mission we are networked with other congregations throughout the Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association, and state-wide through the Ohio Conference, and Nationally and Internationally through our broader United Church of Christ, and Global Ministries, which we share with our friends in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The more you know about our church, the more you realize how connected we are.

Enfranchised: While we do have an organizational structure, that enhances communications between the diverse peoples and groups of our congregation, we try to encourage people to express their gifts and pursue areas of ministry that interest them. When our quilters felt the need to create patriotic quilts for use by Veterans in Hospice care, we blessed their efforts. When Young Families felt the need to come together for social connection and mutual support around the tasks of raising children, we encouraged them to go for it. We don't need to have a strict hierarchical control over every aspect of our common life, we can trust each other to do what we can while honoring one another's gifts and unique contributions.

Adaptive: Reimagined communities respond to new social challenges and opportunities with a sense of possibility, rather than a sense of fear. An adaptive community is one that is "Bounded" and "Authentic," but can let go of certain traditions or expressions if they no longer have relevance, or no longer accomplish the things that they were brought into being to do. And as old ways are let go off, we can consider new ways to be and act, to better express ourselves in this new and changing context, by listening and hearing one another and responding to the real needs around us.

Again, as I read through this list of characteristics it's not difficult for me to see all of the many ways that David's Church has thrived for over 190 years, no doubt by exhibiting these qualities as they evolved to meet the challenges that came with all the social change that each generation experienced. Recently one of our newest members shared with me that she has found here in our congregation a quality and experience that was best described by a Danish word, that I

REIMAGINED COMMUNITIES are:



wouldn't be able to guess how is spelled or pronounced, but she said the word was best translated as "cozy," which I take to be an experience of the natural expression of hospitality, kindness and care that I have come to know throughout the life of this congregation at its best in the last 8+ years that I've been here, serving as your senior pastor. It's truly an honor to see us express our faith with authenticity, integrity, compassion and empathy, and a commitment to act on it with and for others. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to journey beside you in faith and love.

Your pastor and friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Rev. John Dorhauer, UCC General Minister and President, writes in the "White Privilege" curriculum: "One of the pernicious and enduring characteristics of privilege is that even whites who long ago became aware of the endemic racism in America, and who challenged themselves to grow beyond their racist pasts, are yet still recipients of privileges that give them enormous economic advantages. Even more insidious is that some of the most committed white allies for racial equity remain largely unaware of the countless ways that privilege manifests itself daily in their lives."

Throughout the month of February, I had the opportunity to lead an eye-opening discussion on this difficult topic of White Privilege. The UCC published an amazing curriculum centered on White Privilege and this served as a wonderful resource for transformational dialogue. Every Thursday evening, several people gathered together and engaged in conversation around the topic of privilege. These discussions caused me and those participating to begin to see things in a new way.

Dorhauer points out how this curriculum does in fact open our eyes to see things differently; he writes: "The fundamental work to be done here is to focus on seeing. Jesus said, 'Let those who have eyes to see, see.' This is not as easy as it sounds-the simple and hard truth is that most whites move through their days with a very deep denial, or at least a very shallow awareness, of how their privilege works. If you are a person of color in America, the seeing of privilege is inescapable. If you are white, you have most likely not been conditioned to even look for, much less see, where your privilege functions."

I had never really thought about my own White Privilege and this curriculum and these conversations truly were transformational for me. There are so many privileges that I have that I have taken for granted for years. As many of the authors of the curriculum point out, my race is not something I think about too much. As one of the writers points out; "Seeing the world through the lens of race changed the way I see everything." I believe everyone else who participated in these conversations would agree that their eyes were opened.

Following our powerful four week discussion, many of the participants mentioned the need to keep this conversation going. I wholeheartedly agree that this is a dialogue that we must continue to have because there still may be people who are in the dark. There may still be people who need to become aware of their privileges and so I reached out to one of the authors of the curriculum, John Paddock. We are pleased to announce that John Paddock will be coming to speak to our church on Thursday, May 11. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:30 and then following the meal, Paddock will speak. There will be a time for questions and conversation afterwards.

John Paddock serves as the pastor at Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Dayton. He has a Master of Divinity degree from The Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton. His thesis title was "Reframing the Dialogue on Racism in America in a Parish Setting." I wanted to share what John Paddock says in the curriculum, he says: "Part of privilege is that, as a white man, I can walk away from dealing with race- blacks cannot. I can simply move back into denial while others have to continue to live in a world of systematic racism, prejudice, implicit bias, angst over possible brutality, and racialized politics."

Part of our calling as followers of Christ is to work to create a world that is free from racism and prejudice. I think of the words of the great Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. who said that, "People of faith above all are called to reengage the holy work of building the beloved community.... Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives."

So I encourage all of you to consider being part of this transformative evening. This topic of "White Privilege" can be difficult to discuss but I believe these are conversations that we should be having. Participating in these sacred discussions can deepen the collective hope that we can work to bring about God's Kingdom here on earth and that we can contribute to building the Beloved Community of which Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed. If you would like to attend this event; I would like to ask that everyone RSVP to me by Sunday, May 7. I hope to see many of you there and at this event we will come together and work toward justice by engaging in this all important "White Privilege" conversation.

Love and Blessings to All,

Pastor Michelle

David's Giving Recognized

Strangely enough, sometimes it's the things you do without expectation of repayment or acknowledgement that earn you the most attention and greatest praise. Over the years, members of David's United Church of Christ have donated thousands of dollars to various mission efforts and ministries, both through our Mission Board through special offerings and mission projects, and many of you have committed a similar number of hours volunteering for worthy causes in the life of our community. Recently a variety of those contributions have been honored by expressions of recognition.

A while back, David's UCC was nominated to receive **The Diakonie Award** by United Church Homes and the Trinity Community here in Dayton. This award, we've been told, is presented to honor those who have demonstrated faithfulness in their support of the mission of United Church Homes and their communities. Factors considered in determining this recognition include: **Faithfulness:** The length of time the congregation has contributed to the support of UCH; **Generosity:** The total amount of their financial contribution; **Compassion:** Significant service through volunteerism; **Encouragement:** The promotion of individual support and involvement to UCH from the congregation.

As you may remember, David's Church has been setting aside a major portion of the offerings on Christmas Eve for Trinity/United Church Homes, in recent years they have received one quarter of the monies donated at those special holy night services. And over the years, our Mission Board has taken donations of pies to Trinity Homes once a year for their monthly Birthday celebration, and other individuals have gone out regularly to spend time with members of our congregation that live there.

David's United Church of Christ will be the 2017 Diakonie Award Honoree, which will be presented at the annual Donor Appreciation Dinner, on July 20, 2017. As both Pastors Brian and Michelle are scheduled to be on vacation at that time, members of our Church Council and Mission Board will attend the dinner and receive our award on behalf of the congregation.

To add to that honor, Rev. Newcomb also received an invitation to attend a celebration luncheon with the **Special Mission Offering Staff of the United Church of Christ**, during the UCC's General Synod in Baltimore, MD in recognition of David's Church's giving to Our Church's Wider Mission, which is a percentage of our mission budget, as defined every year by our Mission Board.

The email stated that: "**Your congregation is a leading example of generous engagement within our denomination!** As a top giver since last Synod in our Special Mission Offerings, and a 5-for-5 congregation, your support enables the church to live into our call for a Just World For All. For one way of saying THANK YOU, we would love to host you for lunch at General Synod." Both of our pastors will be attending General Synod, with Pastor Michelle serving as a Delegate from the Ohio Conference, and Pastor Brian and Susan as visitors.

The designation as a 5-for-5 congregation comes because David's UCC participates in **Our Churches Wider Mission** (OCWM), which goes to support the United Church of Christ through the Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association (SONKA), the Ohio Conference and our National Church, and it comes out of the Mission Board which gets between 8 and 10 percent of giving to the general budget of our congregation.

The other four **special offerings** are outside of our church budget and we send 100% of monies collected to the special causes described: The **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) is an interfaith collection that is received every year during Lent. It supports partners in countries with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response. The **Christmas Fund**, another quarter of our Christmas Eve offerings, provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ ministers and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank-you checks. Each fall we collect the **Neighbors In Need** offering that support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants in local congregations, with one third of this offering going to the Council on American Indian Ministries. Finally, the **Strengthen the Church** offering, collected on Pentecost Sunday, supports church growth, pastoral and lay leadership development, youth and young adult ministries throughout the United Church of Christ.

And last, but certainly not least, many of you have no doubt already seen the special coverage given to our **Warm Wishes** ministry by Channel 7 News (if not, you can check out the video here: <https://youtu.be/mfno-IE6Wn0> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUWNvb07S0c&feature=youtu.be>). When news of this was shared with Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, he passed along the info and one of the reporters at ucc.org followed up and shared the story on our denominations website. Here's a link to the story: http://www.ucc.org/news_ohio_church_s_warm_wishes_ministry_embraces_love_neighbor_04212017.

15 years ago, when Marilyn Cartwright and Dottie Bitzer started Warm Wishes, the last thing they were concerned about were accolades and recognition. What they wanted to do was provide warm hats, scarves and mittens for homeless men, women and children. And while it's nice to have our contributions recognized, the monies donated over the years to mission projects like the hospital and water project in Rubate, Kenya, and support for the mission efforts of our National

Church through Global Ministries which we share with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), OCWM or OGHS, etc., are really about reaching out to meet the needs of people in our world, and in our local community.

It's been pointed out to us more than once, that if you were to add up all the donations of treasure and food (including meals for the feeding at Gateway Shelter on the first Sunday of each month, and the many jars of peanut butter for the Backpack Program in Kettering Schools), that the members of David's give way more than double to mission than shows up in the Mission line on our yearly budget. Your pastors and staff, the Council, and Deacons, often speak about the amazing generosity of this congregation, how your many gifts, whether through traditional giving or volunteering your time and energy, make possible all of the good that gets done through this congregation. And while praise and accolades are not the reason that we do what we do, and certainly were never required, we have to admit it feels very good to have the good that is coming from this congregation get recognized by outsiders.

We are proud of this congregation, and all of you. We celebrate the good that you do and make possible in the world. Thank you, we thank all of you!

Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb, writing on behalf of Church President Mike Morton and the Council of David's United Church of Christ.

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 7. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!

"Belief" Series Continues

On Sunday, May 14, Pastor Michelle will continue with the Oprah Winfrey's series "Belief." She will be showing episode 5 which is titled "God Help Us." When tragedy, illness or loss feel overwhelming, and relief seems beyond our reach, many believers appeal to their faith for strength. In this episode, we will hear stories about people reaching out to a higher power during troubling times in their lives. From 11:15-12:15, we will watch this episode and have meaningful conversation afterward. If you have any questions, please see *Pastor Michelle*.

Keenagers To Take Road Trip

It's a *Wonderful World* and Center Stage is hitting the road! They'll be stomping their feet in the *Mississippi Mud*, visiting *Sweet Home Chicago*, and traveling all the way from *New York, New York*, to the *California Beach Boys*. So Keenagers, *Ease on Down the Road* on Wednesday, May 10, 11:30 for lunch (the deviled eggs are back) and some lively music. Need a traveling companion? Please feel free to extend an invitation. See you soon.

David's Dinners

The last of the David's dinners will be on Saturday, May 6 at 6 p.m. We will be having the event in Fellowship Hall. *Steve Roark, Jeff Baldwin, Bob and Alice Stone and Hunt and Anne Brown* will be your hosts for the evening and will supply the entree, roasted pork tenderloin. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex for those who have not signed up yet. We hope to have a very large turnout for this evening of fun, food and fellowship!

If you have attended one of the first 2 dinners and have pictures that you have taken, please email them to *Shawn Monk*. His email address is shawn@monkshack.com. If you wish you may also put them on a flash drive and bring to church no later than Sunday April 30, 2017. If you have any questions please call *Jeff or Steve* at 643-9478.



Grove Mowing Team

We are looking for one more person to become a part of the exclusive "Grove Mowing Team." If you are selected to fill this spot, you will be thoroughly trained to operate the church's orange Kubota tractor. This job requires a few hours of work, once a month. If interested, please notify the Church office or phone *Neil Jones* at 937-545-5223.



Congratulations Graduates!

HIGH SCHOOL

Northridge

Kayla Johnson

COLLEGE

Sarah Deitz – Ohio State University College of Medicine – Residency in Cleveland with Case Western, Cleveland Hospital and the VA Center

Rebecca Deitz – Elon University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Alan Avila-John – Wright State University with a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling

Lucas Avila-John – University of Dayton with a Master of Business Administration

Eric Murphy – University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science in Sport Administration

Eli Pence – Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science in Communication

Sam Stanley – Summa Cum Laude, The University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in Micro Biology

Memorial Sunday Flowers

Orders are now being taken for red geraniums that will decorate the sanctuary for Memorial Sunday (May 28). Please complete this form and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate, with payment, by May 21. 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 21 is the last day to order.



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.

CARE Walk



The 16th annual Breast Cancer 5K CARE Walk will begin and end at Oakwood High School on Saturday, May 13th. Our community HealthCARE Fair and registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and CARE Walk will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$52 per family, \$21 per adult walker, and \$11 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 \$220,000 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

This summer, the Confirmation class will be traveling to Atlanta, GA for their summer pilgrimage. Their pilgrimage will take place Tuesday, June 13-Tuesday, June 20. Pastor Michelle has planned out a great trip for the Confirmands and this trip will be filled with volunteering, museums, and eating at delicious restaurants. We are inviting the church to consider being part of this trip by contributing financially toward the Pilgrimage. Throughout the month of May, our Confirmands will sell Pilgrimage stock. All those who buy stock will be invited to come to a Stockholder's Luncheon that will take place on Sunday, July 30, after church. If you have any questions, please see 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!



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*.

David's Church Softball

Come out and cheer on team! We will play most Tuesday evenings at Delco Park. This is sure to be another exciting softball season for David's Church! The schedule:

- Tuesday, May 2 – 7:30 p.m. at Field #3
- Tuesday, May 9 – 7:30 p.m. at Field #2
- Tuesday, May 16 – 6:20 p.m. at Field #4
- Tuesday, May 23 – 7:30 p.m. at Field #4
- Tuesday, May 30 – 8:40 p.m. at Field #3
- Tuesday, June 6 – 8:40 p.m. at Field #3
- Tuesday, June 13 – 7:30 & 8:40 p.m. at Field #3



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.

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, a food voucher, a free hat, 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.

May Birthdays

- 2 Laura Beinlich
Lynn Bender
- 4 Sharon Gratto
Becky Wierwille
Parker Chabut
- 5 Ulrich Gaertner
- 9 Annie Mhaskar
- 10 Steve Stanley
Logan Walker
- 12 Dave Ireton
Sarah Hartman
Nicole Motto
- 13 Erin Sherrets
Becket King
- 14 Denise Richardson
Amelia Bishop
Nolan Cantrell
- 16 Patience Kendig
Anthony Runzo
- 17 Michelle Beery
Connor Havig
- 18 Dick Taylor
Chuck Schlicher

- 21 Frank Cartwright
Ruth Ann Morgan
Becca Barrett
- 22 Kaaren Dunlap
- 23 Marilyn Lemons
Christy Kaloukian
- 24 Tim Williams
Stanley Tate
Kurt Olt
- 25 Cindy Mason
Sylvia Gallagher-Yerman
- 26 Bonney Walther
Jack Gallagher-Yerman
- 27 Shirley Johnson
Carol Bradley
- 28 Becky Leighty
Kyle Dunn
- 29 Anna Deitz
Fischer Barnett
Eva Meehan
- 31 Pam Storar
Harriet Meehan
Brandon Wood

Church Directory Change

Tom & Becca Webb
Howard
614 Hyde Park Dr.
Dayton, OH 45429

Death

Our sympathy to Jacquie Housel & Howard Sizek, Julia, Phillip and Herbert Housel Sizek in the loss of Jacquie's father, ***Herbert Housel***, on April 24, 2017.

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
	1 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study	2 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings 7:30 PM Softball at Delco Park Field #3	3 6:00 PM Yoga	4 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	5	6 David's Dinners in Fellowship Hall
7 8:30 AM Worship in the Chapel 9:50 AM Worship MUSIC SUNDAY Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	8 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. Private Reception at The Grove 6:30 PM CE Meeting 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study 7:00-9:00 PM Private Reception at The Grove	9 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop 4:00 PM SIGNS Peanut Butter 7:30 PM Softball at Delco Park Field #2	10 11:30 AM Keenagers 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Deacon Meeting	11 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:30 PM White Privilege Event with John Paddock	12 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at The Grove 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	13 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans 8:30 AM Trustee Mtg. 2:00 PM Private Reception at The Grove 4:00 PM Dunlap/Moore Wedding
14 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS <i>Mother's Day</i>	15 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. No LTQ Book Study DATELINE DEADLINE	16 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop 6:20 PM Softball at Delco Park Field #4 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	17 6:00 PM Yoga	18 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters	19  Pike Lake Weekend	20
21 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 12:30 PM Private Reception at The Grove 6:30-8:30 Warm Wishes II 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS Pike Lake Weekend	22 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study	23 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop 5:30 PM WHO Group 7:30 PM Softball at Delco Park Field #4	24 6:00 PM Yoga	25 10:00 AM-3:30 PM SONKA Event 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters	26	27
28 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship MEMORIAL SUNDAY Quilt Dedication 7:00 PM Book Study	29 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study <i>Memorial Day</i>	30 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop 8:40 PM Softball at Delco Park Field #3	31 6:00 PM Yoga	MAY 2017 David's United Church of Christ (937) 434-2131 www.davidsucc.org		