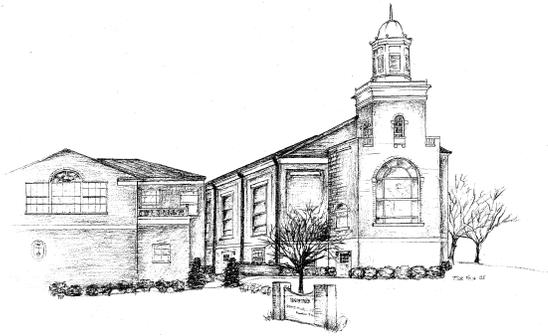


**DAVID'S DATELINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 2011 Newsletter**



**Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 9:50 a.m.**  
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*Ministers of David's Church - All David's People*

**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb**

**Associate Pastor Daria Schaffnit**

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

September 2 & 5 - Office Closed

September 10 - Summer Picnic @ Porter's

September 11 - Fall Kick Off @ The Grove

Dayton Remembers 9/11 Interfaith Service @ Riverscape

September 18 - New Member Orientation

Youth Group Brainstorming @ Greater's Centerville

September 19 & 26 - Adult Confirmation Class

September 25 - ONA-Homosexuality and The Bible

CROP WALK @ Island MetroPark

Golf Outing & Picnic @ The Grove

October 2 - World Communion Sunday

Blessing of the Animals

October 15 - Oktoberfest

## From the Pastor's Desk...

Last month, I wrote some on why “labels” have become more necessary and helpful due to the changing cultural landscape that surrounds the world of the church – where we live and move and find our being. Well, at least, where I as a religious professional work out my own salvation with fear & trembling, as suggested by the Apostle Paul’s Letter to the Philippians.

Of course, the one thing we’ve been trained to rely on – beyond the old joke about death & taxes – is change. And, we know from experience change is not only often necessary, but it can be good, growth cannot happen without change. Still, we also acknowledge that even “good” change come with loss, which can leave us disoriented and sad.

So, what has changed, exactly? Well, look around you, it appears that almost everything has changed. One way to observe how culture has changed and the church responded is to explore the way pastoral roles have evolved in many congregations, as an attempt to stay relevant and meet the needs of everyday folk busy with day to day demands.

I’ve been in the work of ministry as a professional for nearly three decades, so I can report that ministerial expectations have shifted dramatically over that time. One of my mentors in St. Louis, when I settled there to begin my ministry in 1983, liked to compare his work and role to that of a bank officer or school executive. Stan had been groomed in seminary to think of the pastor as one of the growing professional fields, not unlike school principals, doctors and lawyers. In that period (the 50’s and 60’s), the Pastor’s Study was re-focused and renamed as the Minister’s Office.

The previous model for the pastor as the spiritual leader of a neighborhood community, living and working among a close-knit congregation evolved into something modeled on executive work habits. You’ll remember that family doctors gave up house-calls in that era, and if you wanted to see your pastor you would no longer drop by his house where his office was located just off the parlor. Folk learned to make an appointment before coming by during business hours, as folk were driving distances and minister’s schedules became more and more shaped by meetings as well as community outreach and visits. There was also a shift geographically as improved cars and roads allowed people to live more broadly, and thus less connected in day to day life.

My friend, Stan, long since retired, used to explain that a pastor should be in their chair at their desk, groomed in a suit and tie of course, by 9:15 everyday, just like other professionals. In my youthful impudence, I once asked how many bankers had evening meetings or classes, or spent their late afternoons making hospital visits, but Stan liked to insist that ministry was taking on new gravitas as a professional undertaking. Indeed, seminaries for several decades took on the flavor of a professional school, like medical schools for doctors or law schools for lawyers.

Another colleague, George was schooled and shaped for ministry two decades after Stan, and two before me. He shared that while training for his work, he’d been given direction down very different paths. By the time, he was being sent out into the church, the world had rejected many of the authorized roles of the professional world. His preparation included the unique paths of knowledge and learning that pastors, preachers and teachers in the church of every generation are expected to master, like the Bible, its languages & cultures, and the evolving theology of history through the everyday concerns of common folk. But for George’s generation, pastoral ministry was shaped by more public political issues and more private therapeutic concerns.

People, he was told, come to the church to work out their spiritual issues and questions. When those questions take the shape of political concerns, whether they be around economic or civil rights, the pastor functions more as an organizer and movement supporter. When those questions arise from the experience of personal trauma or loss in their life, like a good psychologist or social worker, pastors acted more as therapists, bringing the spiritual disciplines of the church to the aid of individuals on a quest for personal insight, knowledge and understanding.

Some clergy emphasized one or the other, but in reality, congregations were not choosing pastors to embody one role over and against another, but looking for leaders who could do it all – counsel the individual, organize the masses, preach a sermon that speaks to the vast needs of different individuals, develop a compelling youth program, teach a good class for whomever might show up, and reach out to the community and evangelize those who would become new members. New roles and expectations were added, but the old ones remained as well.

And, all of this expectation was growing as congregations were experiencing a noticeable decline in attendance and financial support, as folk were expressing less commitment to institutions at every level in modern life – whether it be the PTO, the Kiwanis or the Masons, folk were far less inclined to join a service organization and attend a local church congregation, or support it financially than they were in generations past.

Some blame the advent of television or the internet for the sense of isolation that has grown up in our culture, perhaps it was air conditioning that moved folk off their front porches where community happened to isolation in doors. This cultural shift is documented in the book, “Bowling Alone: America’s Declining Social Capital,” which chronicles the decline of community in people’s everyday experience. Less people join leagues, suggested the writer, and those that do bowl, tend to bowl alone or in smaller groups.

That's an apt description for the institutional church in a world where the fastest growing group in religious surveys are those who say "None." Or where, more often than not, folk define themselves as "spiritual, but not religious." Less people are joining churches, and those that do attend tend to avoid deeper entanglements or membership altogether, this study suggests.

All this talk about the cultural changes in our lives suggests that more than ever we need to work to communicate what is unique and special about the spiritual community that David's Church is, a place where folk are encouraged to live their questions, a progressive community where faith comes to life. Fifteen years ago, I remember the debate over whether I should fire my church secretary because she was unwilling to take the courses we were offering to help her become more computer literate. These days, we expect our church secretaries to be computer ready and internet savvy, willing to develop skills in website design and social networking to help us in our ministry outreach.

We may long for the past, an era that we tend to think was simpler, less complicated and confusing, where folk went to school and church and shopped where they lived. We wish our communities were stronger, where neighborhood meant something, where community institutions were stronger, and connections lasted longer and folk acted in ways that were more reliable. But we are called to live and embody our faith in the present, to minister to the people of today, to live into ministries that meet their current needs, make them want to be involved in the life of a congregation, in the mission of our church. We can't turn back the clock, even if we wanted to, any more than we can un-invent the television and turn off the internet.

I believe God is calling us to vital and loving ministry and mission in the world of today, here in Kettering, Oakwood, Centerville, and Greater Dayton. As pastor, I know that folk want and sometimes need me to be a good Biblical preacher & teacher, a professional who can help lead and develop other congregational leaders, but also at times a therapist, an organizer, an evangelist, a church growth expert, a philosopher, and occasionally an entertainer. Unlike the Apostle Paul, I know I will fail to be "all things to all people." But in today's world, I believe folk are looking for pastors and leaders who are willing to put down roots and be real, theologians-in-residence who can bring the resources of the faith to the challenges of the new day. They are looking for churches that are truly communities of welcome and encouragement for the tasks of living with joy and satisfaction.

They are looking for congregations where they will be welcomed and valued and affirmed, no matter who they are, or where they have been on life's journey. They are looking for progressive communities where their questions and longings will be honored, and they can work out their salvation in fear and trembling as faith comes to life. I believe folk are looking for a church like David's UCC. We just have to let them know that we're here, what we stand for, and let them know that we strive to live out a welcome that truly welcomes everyone.

Your pastor & friend,  
*Brian Q. Newcomb*

## Notes from Rev. Daria

This time of year, I love to wander down the store aisles and fill my eyes with the great bounty of glue sticks, filler paper and crayons laid out like a feast before me. I make excuses to buy colorful binders, enticingly empty notebooks and new pens, realizing this makes me such a school supply geek! Even though I'm no longer in school, I get really excited about the start of a new school year. Now that I'm teaching Confirmation, I can get excited about a new year of classes! I am really looking forward to continuing to work with the rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders and getting to know the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders better! If you are the parent or grandparent of a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader who would like to participate in Confirmation this year and your family missed the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, please contact me. The Confirmands will be going on retreat to Camp Kern again, as well as participating in a number of exciting September events such as visiting Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, hanging out with mentors at Fall Kick-Off, CROP walking (which I hope the whole congregation will take part in, whether through actually walking or just sponsoring a walker), meeting my Hebrew professor and starting regular classes during Second Hour. It should be a fun year!

I've also got a bunch of fun Youth ideas for the coming year, but nothing is set in stone yet. Eli & Sydney Pence brainstormed with me on our way to Cedar Point. If you're in grades 6-12 and want to be part of our next brainstorming session, come to Graeter's in Centerville at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. I also need those of you who are interested in being part of the Greater Dayton Conference on Youth, which will be held at the Convention Center on October 25<sup>th</sup>, to get registration information from me. Senior Highs should also be signing up to attend Fall Youth Event at Pilgrim Hills the weekend before Thanksgiving! The theme is "Let Justice Roll" and there'll be workshops on everything from conservation to music videos, from leadership on justice issues to art play. If you're interested in being a chaperone, let me know. It's just as much fun for the grown folks as for the kids!

Another activity that pairs grown folks with kids is our First Sunday Family at Five hootenanny, usually held at 5 p.m. the first Sunday of every month in Fellowship Hall. In September, Julie Wellbaum has offered to teach us folk dancing!

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, we'll start with a 5 p.m. potluck dinner and then dance the evening away! Each family should bring a dish from their ethnic background to share, as well as table service. I am busy trying to decide between Cuban, Swedish, Scots-Irish & German food! This event is open to families of all sizes, with kids of all ages! Come join us! We always have a ball!

In other September news, Women's Bible Study will be starting up again, with a gathering on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. We'll share some pastries and decide on the coming year's discussion topic. Also, Coffee Shop Hours in September will be Wednesdays from 3-5 at Starbucks across from the Dayton Mall.

Have a superb September!

*Rev. Daria*

## Adult Education

Fall is here and adult education second hour classes will resume. On September 18, Martha Moody Jacobs, physician, author, and quiet activist, and Beth Schaeffer, member of David's Church, will share photos of Israel and their experiences of the cultural exchange established with the Arab village of Dier Al Assad within the borders of Israel. On September 25, Dr. Thomas B. Dozema will speak on Biblical sexuality as part of the ONA series.

On October 2, we will have information on what is included in SB5. SB5 is a big and complicated piece of legislation. Before you vote on the referendum in November, find out what is included in the bill. On October 9, we will begin a series on important decisions for your future. Please join us for these stimulating programs.



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## FALL KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2011**

**DAVID'S GROVE**

**After second service**



- **Sloppy Joes will be provided by Fellowship & Hospitality Board**
- **Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex**
- **Sign up to bring a side dish or a dessert to serve 10 to 12 people**
- **Games will be available**
- **Come and enjoy food and fellowship**

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## Peanut Butter Needed!



Thank you congregation for helping with the Kettering Backpack Program. 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. The 18-ounce peanut butter jar is inserted just once a month. We currently only have a one-month supply of peanut butter in stock! So...bring in as many jars as you can and we will store them for distribution during this next year. Pick up a take-home white bucket in the narthex labeled: "A BUCKET OF BUTTER" or just bring in jars when you are able. You can keep the bucket at home and add to it as the days go by as a reminder of your service to a very worthy project. Thank you!

*-The Mission Board*

## Confirmation 2011 – 2012 Year

Confirmation is Coming! We are planning our Camp Kern Confirmation Retreat and looking forward to another year of learning about and deepening our faith! All entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to be part of the Confirmation Class! If you are interested, please let Rev. Daria know of your plans to participate before the end of August. It's going to be a really fun year full of field trips, fun activities and important conversations, culminating in our June Pilgrimage to Memphis & St. Louis!

## Greetings Keenagers!

Mark your calendars now for September 14 and October 12 (the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30) We have two fantastic programs for you and, of course, lots of good food! We will march into September with the beat of the drums led by Cindy Feltz who says of seniors, "We're all capable of doing more than we think." Cindy is a former C.E. Director at David's with the most vivacious personality and a remarkable outlook on life. She likes to have fun and has even had a couple of "gigs" this past year. It will be a happy reunion for those who remember her and a treat for those of you who have not yet met her.

In October, Betty Pupko, from the WashingtonCenterville Public Library will present Flags of our Fathers, a program about the six flag raisers in the famous photograph taken at the battle of Iwo Jima. I have heard such good things about this program, which will last about 45 minutes. We'll either eat a little faster or stay a little later.

I am thrilled with both of these programs and hope that you will be there. We still need a little time to plan our menus, but we won't let you down!

## Adult Level Confirmation Class – 8 Monday evenings this Fall

Pastor Brian will be teaching a confirmation study class for adults interested in engaging the core values and faith expressions in the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith. We will use the same text that our young people use in their two-year long class, "Affirming Faith," but engage it at a more accelerated rate in just 8 two hour classes, from 7 – 9 pm, on Mondays starting on Sept. 19. We will take off Oct. 31 for folk to attend to any Halloween commitments, and finish the class up on Nov. 14. The deadline for this class has passed. If you are interested in the class, please speak to *Pastor Brian*.

## Young Adults - Keep In Touch

As a young adult of the church, you may be experiencing some great transitions of life: going off to college, getting married, moving into your first apartment, or buying your first home.

Wherever you are, whatever you're doing, we want to stay in touch with you. Please call the church office, or email [chriswood@davidsucc.org](mailto:chriswood@davidsucc.org), so that we may update you on Church activities and send you monthly copies of *Dateline* via email.

## Summer Picnics

We are rounding out the summer with the last picnic for David's Church folk - September 10 at Porter's (Pool Open!). Families, couples, singles, young, medium, and not so young are all welcome. This is a great chance to relax, kick back, and enjoy good food & great fellowship. The host home will provide a main dish, paper products, and drinks. Guests are invited to bring a side dish or dessert for 10 to 12 people to share and a lawn chair. Rain or shine, we're planning on a great end of the picnic season!

You can sign up to attend in the Narthex so we know how many people to plan for! The Porter's will have their pool open at 2:00 p.m. with the food starting at 4:00 p.m.



## Family at Five, Sunday, September 4, 5 p.m.!

Put on your dancing shoes and join the fun! Learn folk dances and enjoy ethnic foods! Please bring a dish from your family's heritage to share and table service for your family!

Youth Group Brainstorming! Centerville Graeter's, Sunday, Sept. 18, 5 p.m. All the cool kids are doing it!

## Women's Bible Study

Women of David's! Come help decide the shape of Women's Bible Study for the coming year! Pastries & discussion in the Conference Room, 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14!

## Join us for Sunday School!

This year we will be using Spark Curriculum, which is a faith formation program that gets children in grades Kindergarten through 6th excited about God's Word. Spark lessons bring to life stories from the Old and New Testament through games, drama, art, and science, to accommodate all the different ways kids learn. Our dedicated teachers make the lessons fun, interactive and engaging! Registration forms will be available on the table in the Narthex by the beginning of September and should be turned in by September 11th.

Registration for your child takes place in the Narthex prior to the service. After the Children's Moment each Sunday, the children collectively receive a sneak preview about the Sunday's focus and then go to their respective classrooms:

Room UL1 - Nursery: Infants to 2 years old

Room UL3 - 3 year olds to five year olds not going to Kindergarten will continue to use the Group Curriculum

Room LL2 - Kindergarten - First grade

Room LL4 - 2nd and 3rd grade

Room LL1 and LL3 - 4th - 6th grade.

## Thank You!!

We would like to thank all of the Summer School Sunday Teachers and Shepherds that provided their gifts and talents this summer to our program. On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our summer volunteers: *Dotti Ankeney, Nico Avila-John, Mary Rose Back, Jill Blum, Jodi Bruner, Amy Hamm, Amy Leighty, Becky Leighty, Anne Jones, Judy Jones, Geoff Miller, Jenny Miller, Mark Miller, Ruth Ann Morgan, Susie Newcomb, Daria Schaffnit, Jen Teeters, and Sherill Weinberg.*

## Salute to the Superintendent!

*Betsy Keyes* has been our Summer Sunday School Superintendent and we would like to give her a special salute for helping. She organizes the curriculum and materials and gives us a special sneak preview of the week's focus which the children (and adults) have thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you Betsy!

## We Need Your Help!

We still need teachers and shepherds for the 2011-2012 Sunday School year for 3's and 4's, K-6 and Senior High. Teachers will teach on a rotating basis for all classes and will not be teaching every Sunday, all year. We are also looking for subs. If interested, please contact either *Becky Leighty* or *Rev. Daria* for this fall.

## So What's The Deal With The Dream Jar?

We are engaged in a dialog here at David's; with ourselves and with God. We are continually working through and developing who we are, as individuals and as a congregation. It is not easy. It is challenging; and, as soon as you think you have it worked out, something changes. Sometimes for the better, and sometimes for the worst, but change comes and disrupts the comfort zone we have worked so hard to create. An early life lesson for most of us was, "The only thing constant in life is change"(François de la Rochefoucauld). The Dream Jar is about change. We already know it is inevitable; we might as well be prepared.

The Dream Jar is about dreaming as a congregation. It is about imagining the future. It is about constructing a vision for what we want David's to be in the future. It is about creating something to work toward; a path or a direction for our congregation. So when we are faced with change we are ready to react; to answer when Jesus knocks on our door.

So why is dreaming important? I would like to share a few perspectives on why dreaming and imaging the future is important:

- Everything you can imagine is real. ( Pablo Picasso )

- We need men who can dream of things that never were. ( John F. Kennedy )

- I dream, therefore I become. ( Cheryl Renée Grossman )

- To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act. ( Anatole France )
- Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will. ( George Bernard Shaw )
- So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable. ( Christopher Reeve )
- I believe that [everyone] is the keeper of a dream - and by tuning into one another's secret hopes, we can become better friends, better partners... ( Oprah Winfrey )
- It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow. ( Robert H. Goddard )
- We do not need magic to transform our world. We carry all the power we need inside ourselves already. We have the power to imagine better. ( J.K. Rowling )

The first step in being ready is to understand who we are and where we want to go. What is important to us? To imagine a world without hunger, a world without injustice, a world without judgement... To imagine a world of healing, a world of caring and support, a world of personal relationships with God... What does the congregation of David's want David's the church to be doing? Are there services we need to be providing to one another and/or to the community? Are their missions we should be supporting? Is there education and self-awareness needs we should be focusing on? What role do we want David's to have in our lives, in our community, and the world in 10, 25, or 50 years.

I am not here to give you the answers. I am here to ask the question, "What is your Dream for David's." Please, take a moment. Think about it. Pray about it. Imagine it. Dream it. Share it in the Dream Jar.

*Andy Blumberg* (Elders Board & Dream Team)

## Warm Wishes 2011

Warm Wishes ministry helps the homeless children, women, and men of Dayton by providing them with warm fleece hats, scarves, and mittens.

The group meets every Monday morning in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. until noon. We cut out the fleece and then sew the clothing items. All supplies are provided. Your help is needed and you do not have to know how to sew. You may chose to work at home. Please assist in making the hundreds of items we will need for our November deliveries to the homeless.

If you have any questions, please contact *Roselyn Faulkner* at 433-8832 or *Nedral Gockel* at 416-4164.

## Holiday Bazaar Workshops

Join us for upcoming Holiday Bazaar Workshops on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to come ~ we have lots of fun! September 6: Pickled watermelon rinds. September 13: Beanbag Santa. September 20: Stuffed mice cat toy.

If anyone has spares of the following items, we could use them for our workshop projects!

Pint jars and lids	red silk/polyester men's neckties
Jelly jars and lids	6-8" big fat pinecones
Milk weed pods (This year's crop!)	Buckeyes – the real ones
Water Melon rinds (put in plastic bags in church fridge beginning August 30)	

We are also in need of someone who might be able to weld forks and spoons together for lawn ornaments! Contact *Jean Blum* or *Ruth Ann Morgan* with any questions.

## Blessing of the Animals – October 2

Blessing of the Animals will take place at David's Church on Saturday, October 2 at 4:00 p.m. We invite you to bring any and all of your friendly, well-behaved pet friends for a brief service when we will ask God's blessing on "all creatures great and small" in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi. This service is open to the public, we hope you'll tell and bring along your friends and family and all their pets. Participating pets are expected to be up-to-date on their rabies shots.

## ONA – September 25

What does the Bible really say about homosexuality? Come find out September 25 during Second Hour! Dr. Thomas Dozeman of United Theological Seminary will give a lecture as part of our Open and Affirming series.

## SALT Workers for the Summer of 2011

Nico Avila-John and Geoff Miller were added to the staff at the church as our SALT workers.

During the nine weeks that they were on staff ... Geoff visited Habitat for Humanity and other places in Georgia with the confirmation class. Nico survived a week of being a counselor at camp and had so much fun he'd like to go back. They led the S.S. Summer programs, taught Sunday school classes, helped with the Trinity Birthday party in June, organized Gateway for July, helped to lead worship services by reading scripture, writing liturgy, children's sermons and prayers, attended board meetings, participated in spiritual growth training, wrote announcements for the Dateline and bulletin, traveled to Cleveland to visit the national offices of the United Church of Christ, cleaned and organized the classrooms to get them ready for fall Sunday School, called teachers, and the list goes on. They both have learned a lot about what goes on behind the scenes during the week at David's church. A comment during their exit interview, was that many people only see the upper level of David's church, but there is a lot that goes on during the week in the offices. They were also amazed by the number of volunteers and the number of hours that those volunteers give freely of their time and talents.

I have seen them grow from their first Church class to their last S.S. Summer. They have a new perspective of the church, and they have learned new skills that they can take with them as they continue their college training and move into their professions. Thanks to both Geoff and Nico for participating in the SALT program and may God be with them as they start your second year at Case Western Reserve and The University of Dayton.

I'd like to thank the congregation for supporting the SALT program so that young adults can have a great work experience and gain skills that they can take with them.

The Committee hopes SALT will continue to be a successful Program next year with support in the 2012 budget.  
*Dotti Ankeney*

## Mission:1 is coming to David's UCC in November

The goal of Mission: 1 throughout the churches of the United Church of Christ for the first 11 days of the 11th month of the 11th year of our new millennium is quite simple: One United Church on a shared mission to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice.

This mission effort was proposed by the National UCC officers at General Synod in Tampa in early July, and it's been embraced by the local Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association as the theme for our SONKA meeting at St. John's UCC in Newport, KY, on Saturday, Nov. 5. David's Church is sending video of our monthly program to feed the homeless down at the Gateway and our peanut butter ministry for youth in the Kettering schools who need help with food on the weekends.

Still, while we already do a lot with mission around the issue of hunger, David's Mission Board has invited us to go the extra mile and commit to participate wholeheartedly in this national eleven day campaign, to collect 1,000,000 items of food across the United Church of Christ, to support the Neighbors In Need offering (which supports our hunger related ministries), and to write letters with Bread for the World to our governmental representatives asking them to support domestic and foreign policies that will end hunger in rural areas and our inner cities and in distant lands like Somalia and Kenya.

So, let's think and plan ahead. We will be sharing with you a sample letter to write to our Representatives and Senators and the White House in the October Dateline, we hope each home would commit to write one letter, and some might write 10. Let us prayerfully consider how we might increase our Neighbors In Need offering as a response to the challenge to take on hunger in our world. And finally, we gather all kinds of food each fall, donations for the food pantries, peanut butter, for holiday meals to go out to families with need in our community at Thanksgiving & Christmas, what would happen if we gathered all that food in during those first 11 days of November, to help contribute to this nation-wide in-gathering?

We already do a lot, perhaps this year we might rise to this challenge and do and give a bit more. It's Mission: 1. Look for more news to follow in October, but be thinking of ways that you and your family can be involved. Let's plan to be here on Nov. 6 to dedicate all the letters and food that has come in. It's also Bring-A-Friend Sunday, what a great opportunity to celebrate what we can do when we put our heads and hearts and hands and resources together on behalf of the hungry in our world. It's Mission: 1.

**Mission:1**  
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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Help stop hunger! Sign up for the CROP Walk! September 25, 12:30-4 p.m.,  
Island MetroPark. See Rev. Daria for more info!

## September Birthdays

2 Jim Williams  
3 Nita Jennings  
Bill Dieruf  
4 Pam Morton  
5 Nancy Madden  
8 Chloe Ankeney  
12 Paul Hamm  
13 Mark Stachler  
14 Dawn Balonier  
Lauren Pickrel  
Robert Gabriel  
16 John Callander  
Ronald Lafayette  
Craig Chabut  
17 Tristan Bailey  
20 Judith Dalton  
Ann Heaton  
Kelly Kramer



21 Jessie Blumberg  
22 Barbara Pelfrey  
John Gabriel  
24 Jim Phillips  
Doug McClure  
25 Mick Morgan  
Bob Miller  
27 AJ Wright  
28 Sydney Pence  
29 Lauren Walker  
30 Sally Creager  
Suzanne Cryst  
Andy Blumberg  
Heather Bradley

## Church Directory Changes

### *Ruth Gordon*

11233 Crimson  
Miamisburg, OH 45342-4893

### *Tara Heiner*

5311 Wheaton St.  
Dayton, OH 45429

### *Jim & Ann Tredinnick*

2207 Via Leal  
Camarillo, CA 93010-2237

## Births

*McKay Marie King* was born on August 7, 2011 to *Kirsten Sherk and Rob King*. Proud brother is *Becket King*.

## Deaths

Our sympathy to *Margie & Tom Hughes and family* in the loss of Margie's brother, *Matt Haynes*, on August 8, 2011.

Our sympathy to *Cindy & Bernie Wheeler* in the loss of Cindy's father, *Mason Jones*, on August 18, 2011.

## Interested In Joining David's?

A New Member Orientation will be held on September 18 in the office conference room right after second service. Those interested in membership but who cannot attend the meeting, please contact *Pastor Brian or Rev. Daria*.

## Dayton Remembers September 11<sup>th</sup>

Gather with neighbors & friends for an afternoon of remembrance, healing and hope. An Interfaith Service will be held at Riverscape Metropark on Sunday, September 11 at 4 p.m. *Pastor Brian* will be participating in this service along with many other interfaith leaders from the Dayton area.



**Plan now to attend**

## DAVID'S OCTOBERFEST

**Saturday, October 15**

**German Meal and Beverage**

**Silent Auction**

**Ticket sales start September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**More details next month!**

*Have a donation for the Silent Auction?  
Contact the church office!*



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<h1>SEPTEMBER 2011</h1> <p>David's United Church of Christ 937-434-2131</p>						
				1 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	2  <b>Office Closed</b>	3
4 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship with Communion Private Reception at The Grove 5:00 PM Family at Five 7:00 PM Book Study	5  <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	6 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga 6:15, 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	7 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Starbucks-Dayton Mall 6:00 PM Yoga	8 5:00 PM Worship Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir  <b>DATELINE DEADLINE</b>	9	10 8:00 AM Trustee Meeting 2:00 PM Picnic at the Porter's
11 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:15 AM Fall Kick-Off @ The Grove 4:00 PM Dayton Remembers @ Riverscape 7:00 PM Book Study	12 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga	13 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga 4:30 PM Deacon Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Ed	14 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 11:30 AM Keenagers 6:00 PM Yoga 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Starbucks- Dayton Mall	15 5:00 PM Worship Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	16	17 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast  Confirmation Class @ Camp Kern
18 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 11:15 AM Second Hour/New Member Orientation 5:00 PM Youth Group at Greater's Centerville 7:00 PM Book Study	19 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00-9:00 PM Adult Confirmation	20 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Council Meeting	21 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Starbucks- Dayton Mall 6:00 PM Yoga	22 5:00 PM Worship Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	23	24
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