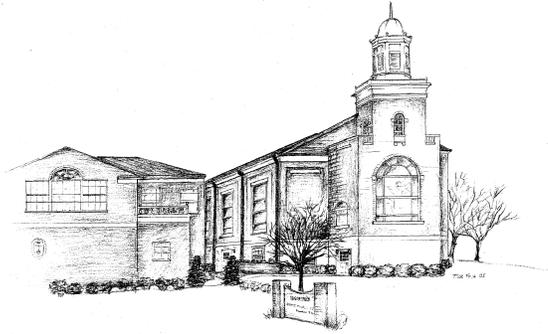


DAVID'S DATELINE
SEPTEMBER 2015 Newsletter



Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 9:50 a.m.
Church School, 9:50 a.m.

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Associate Pastor Michelle Wilkey

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

September 4 & 7 - Office Closed

September 11 - Game Night at The Grove

September 13 - New Member Reception/
Fall Kick Off @ The Grove/
Keeping The Promise Informational Meeting

September 20 - Keeping The Promise
Informational Meeting/
Golf Outing

October 4 - World Communion Sunday/
Neighbors In Need Offering/Blessing of the Pets

From the Pastor's Desk...

Although I've been back in my office for a couple of weeks now, today I just got around to turning the pages of the calendar that hangs above my desk to the current month... which means I turned over four pages, four months.

As you probably know, this has been a very unusual and unexpected period in my life. Back in March, as we were preparing for the beginning of my sabbatical at the end of April, I learned that the kidney cancer was still with me. Although all signs following my surgery to remove a tumor and my right kidney the previous Fall had indicated that my lymph nodes were clear of cancer, it was not so. Aware that there would be some real challenges ahead, we got through the end of Lent and through Easter, all the while I was seeking medical advice and second opinions on the path forward in my treatment.

My sudden need for hospitalization, 10 days prior to my expected withdrawal for sabbatical, came as much of a surprise to me as it did to everyone else. I had developed a blood clot along with all kinds of other issues that, although not entirely related to the discovery of cancer, certainly complicated things. So I spent 10 days in the hospital and then boom, I was on sabbatical and needing to begin my treatment program. A very strange and challenging time, I can tell you.

As you may know, all of my early plans for travel and continuing education in those first two months of my sabbatical were cancelled, while I began adjusting to the new reality. Fortunately, my condition leveled out, and with the aid of steroids, a wheelchair and my very helpful family, we were able to travel to the UCC's General Synod in Cleveland, and other vacation points as well.

Through all this, I've been meeting regularly with my Doctors (I used to only have one, these days I've got at least five), and on the oral chemo treatment that has been proven to be most effective in addressing this specific cancer, and a host of other medications to deal with my blood pressure and thinners, and other drugs to address the side-effects, which have mostly manifested as exhaustion, difficulty catching my breath, and dietary issues.

But here we are, I am doing well enough to find my way back to work and the busy life of David's Church. Folk keep telling me to take it easy and to not overdo it, and I am trying to do my best to be present and attend to my responsibilities while honoring the physical limitations that come with managing this illness. While I admit it has been hard for me to accept the limitations on my activity as I would love to be able to do all that I am used to doing. So, this has been a humbling experience, to say the least. If I try to walk too fast, I find I'm short of breath, if I need to travel a long distance it has been better for everyone for me to ride in a wheelchair. But there is still much that I can do, and I will try to keep my focus there.

That being true, I'm making every effort to live up to my responsibilities here at the church. I am so grateful for all the many cards and letters, the kind words and generous blessings so many have shared with me and my family. Your expressions of support, have helped me on my journey back in ways too many to name. But please know, as we seek a healthy balance and strive to remain faithful in the face of these other challenges, I will do all that I possibly can to live up to your high expectations in the service of this congregation.

Your pastor & friend,
Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone." This is what Neale Donald Walsch believed; and you know what, I wholeheartedly agree with him. Janelle and I just got back from a vacation of a lifetime. On Sunday, August 1, we landed in Dublin, Ireland and from there we began an adventure through the beautiful country of Ireland. We spent the next twelve days journeying through Ireland and we traveled from Dublin and our last stop was in the town of Shannon. Luckily, Janelle was brave enough to rent a car and thankfully she was the one driving. I am very proud at how well Janelle handled the new experience of driving on the opposite side of the road and car. Throughout the trip, Janelle and I were constantly venturing out of our comfort zones and because of that we experienced life at the fullest while in Ireland.

The highlight of the trip for me was hiking the Cliffs of Moher. Standing 214m (702 feet) at their highest point the Cliffs of Moher stretch for 8 kilometres (5 miles) along the Atlantic coast of County Clare in the west of Ireland. Janelle and I spent a day actually walking a trail that was on top of the cliffs. At some points of the walk, we were just inches from the edge of the cliff. At first, I was absolutely terrified to journey along this path that was so close to the edge. But Janelle urged me to be brave and live on the edge a little; in this case walk on the edge. So I took a deep breath and we both were able to walk the five mile trail along the Cliffs of Moher. Janelle and I even laid down on one of the Cliffs and took a selfie. I was far from my comfort zone on that day and I loved every minute of it. If you have never been to Ireland, I would highly recommend taking the time to go. It is truly a beautiful country and some of the sights will take your breath away.

Now speaking of getting outside our comfort zones; the Confirmation students will be taking a trip outside their own comfort zone as they journey to Camp Kern. We will be heading to Camp Kern on the weekend of September 26-27 and while there we will have the opportunity to soar high in the sky as we go zip lining. Camp Kern will be a great getaway for the Confirmands and I am confident that it will also be a bonding experience for all of us.

Our first Confirmation class will take place on Sunday, September 20. This year we are also going to be venturing out of our comfort zones to begin a new Sunday school class that is geared toward youth. Starting in September, our youth at David's will meet once a month for Sunday School. They will meet during church on the first Sunday of each month and throughout the year they will be exploring what it means to be a Progressive Christian. This class will primarily be led by the Parents of some of the Confirmation students. Aside from the once a month classes, I also have some fun youth events planned throughout the next year. So I am confident that it will be a fun and exciting year for all the teens at David's Church.

This summer was an exciting time at David's for all ages. In June, our Confirmation students got to travel to Atlanta for the annual Pilgrimage. I had two fun activities that were geared toward young adults in July. We went and played Paintball and then we saw a movie. July was also the month that people of all ages came together to attend a Dayton Dragons Game. August will be the month that the church spends a Sunday afternoon at King's Island. Kings Island is the largest amusement park and Water Park in the Midwest and it is a park that is fun for all ages. They have many thrill rides, family rides, and children's rides; so there is something for everyone to love. On Sunday, August 30, all of you are invited to head to the park after church and then we will all meet up for lunch. Following lunch, we will spend the day riding rides and playing games. This will be an exciting day and I hope many of you are able to come.

It is hard to believe that it has officially been one year since I began here at David's Church. This past year has been a very challenging but fulfilling time for me. I have no doubt in my mind that I am right where I belong. I love being your Associate Pastor and I love all of you and I am very lucky to be able to work alongside Pastor Brian. So as I begin another new year here at David's I am reminded of a quote by the country singer Brad Paisley. "Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." So now it's time for me to start filling up the pages of this new and exciting year.

Blessings and love to everyone,
Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Special Congregational Meeting **Sunday, October 4 - following the 9:50 service**

As Congregational president I would like take a moment to refresh your memory regarding Keeping the Promise II (KTP II). It was 20 or more months ago that your church council charged KTP II to research and come up with ideas for changes to the sanctuary and David's Grove. Once ideas were found KTP II was to ask council for informational meetings as well as a Special Congregational meeting where it will be up to you as the congregation to decide to pursue or not to pursue the proposed changes. I would like to take this opportunity not only as Congregational/Council President but as a member of this congregation to thank Anne Brown, Deb Monk, Sue Walters, Debbie McCoy, Dan Deitz, Dennis Lee, Ed Webb and Kevin McCoy. They have completed this task by staying focused, dedicating many hours, and several moments of prayer. THANK YOU.

It is my hope that you have taken the opportunity to attend KTP II's informational meetings August 30, September 13 and September 20 to learn the details of the proposed changes to the sanctuary and David's Grove.

I invite you to attend the Congregational meeting on October 4th after the 9:50 service where I will call the meeting to cast your vote on the proposed changes. It is my sincere hope that all that are able will be in attendance as the decision made is one for the future of our church family. Now is the time for us as the congregation to be heard.

Peace

Jeff Baldwin, Congregational and Council President

Confirmation 2015 – 2016 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 7th and 8th graders are invited to be part of the Confirmation Class! It's going to be a really fun year full of field trips, fun activities and important conversations, culminating in our June Memphis/St. Louis trip! If you know of a 7th or 8th grader that is interested in joining the current class, please contact the church office at 434-2131. We are going to have our Parent Informational Meeting for the upcoming year of Confirmation and this special meeting will take place on Sunday, August 30, following the 9:50 service. "Oh, the places we will go" in this upcoming year of Confirmation.

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, so that we may update you on Church activities and send you monthly copies of Dateline via email.

CE Corner

As summer draws to a close & kids are returning to the classroom, it's also time for Sunday School to return to our regular format. Beginning on August 30, the one room schoolhouse will cease and we will again be in age grouped classes. This year 5 years old through 6th grade will be exploring an exciting new curriculum published by the UCC! 3 & 4 years old will continue to use Group as it is very toddler friendly and makes for a nice transition from the Nursery. Wondering what class your child belongs in? Nursery is for birth through 2 years, if your child will be three by September 30, they may start in the 3 & 4 year old class. If they turn 3 after September 30, we would ask that they remain in the Nursery. The other classes are 5 years through 1st grade, 2nd & 3rd grade and 4th- 6th grade. We are looking forward to another fun filled year learning with and from the kids. Want to join in on all these good times? We are always delighted to welcome new teachers, shepherds (helpers) and subs into the Sunday School gang. Please contact *Pam Storar* for more info 294-4682, 657-1065, camiha@aol.com Thanks :)



Adult/Handbell/Children's Choirs

I trust that you all had a great summer and are ready to get back into the swing of things at church. The respite in the summer rejuvenates us for the fall. I am certainly excited and chomping at the bit to get back.

In an earlier correspondence, I stated that the children's choir would not start until after Labor Day. After reviewing the date the children will first sing (September 20th), we need to get started on the 30th of August. That way we will have three weeks of preparation to sing "All Day, All Night." Our children are our hope for the future and giving them this means of serving the church at an early age helps establish a sense of belonging. Please consider making this a priority for your child. We will meet every Sunday after church downstairs in the choir room directly after the second service. Practice will last approximately 25 minutes. I am hoping to have more opportunities for the children to connect with each other. We will be singing with the Sanctuary Choir in the cantata this year. I purposefully selected one that has a beautiful children's choir part, as I want to include them as much as possible. I truly hope to see all the children at David's Church singing in the choir. What a blessing that would be.

The handbell choir will commence practicing on Thursday, September 3rd. We are in great need of additional ringers. We have five octaves of handbells and often times the low bells do not have a ringer, so we have to omit them. To play in the handbell choir, one only needs to be able to count and follow a line of music. We can highlight your notes so that you know when to play. We have so much fun while we're playing. Ask any of the current ringers and they'll verify that ringing in our choir is a blast. It is a way for people to serve our church and bring smiles to the congregation. We meet at 6:00 every Thursday in the choir room in the basement of the church. It is important to be punctual as we need everyone to make a full sound. We will be playing the fourth Sunday of every month from now until December. In December, we will play on the 20th instead. I have selected the pieces for September, October, and November. We will try to prepare not only the one we will be playing next, but also the ones for the future. I really hope to see you there. This choir is open to high school students as well. Please consider giving back by playing in the choir.

The Sanctuary Choir began practicing on Thursday, August 27th. We need singers in all of the sections. We practice every Thursday evening at 7:00 to 8:30. During the Advent season we sometimes practice an additional half hour in preparation for the cantata. Last season we were often short in the soprano section and this made for a real dilemma. The Sanctuary Choir is one of the most dedicated group of people I know. We sing every week and during the Christmas and Lenten season even more often. Singing lifts the spirit of not only the singer, but the congregation as well. I have the anthems selected for the beginning of the season through the end of the year. The cantata that we will be doing this year is "The Silence and the Sound" by Heather Sorensen. It is quite moving emotionally and spiritually as well. The anthems are varied and use instrumentation sometimes. If we do not have a competent musician for the part, I am fortunate to know many fine instrumentalists that are willing to play for a small stipend. Won't you please consider making David's Choir the best that it can be by joining and lifting your voice to praise God? To quote Dan Forrest "Praise Him, O Praise Him, all ye who yet live. Who've been given so much and can so little give. Our frail Lipping praise God will never despise: He sees His dear children through mercy filled eyes.

In His Service, *Tim Williams*

Keenagers

Well, something really new and fun is on our agenda for September. *Dana Barton* and *Cathy Perrone*, two of our newer church members will be our speakers, and they are going to talk about DOGS! But hold on, it's not that simple. Dana and Cathy have been very active in dog shows, all the way up to Westminster and they have some very interesting "tails,". They might even bring a dog or two. On the menu are chili dogs, chips, cole slaw and some yummy dessert. On the table will be puppy chow, of course. Hope to see ALL of you on Wednesday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

KTP II Informational Meetings

David's Church Family is invited to attend Keeping The Promise II's informational meetings on **August 30** in Fellowship Hall, **September 13** at the Grove (Fall Kick-off) and **September 20** in Fellowship Hall as we present our results from over 15 months discussion as we envisioned ways to create a Sanctuary with an accessible and more flexible Chancel area to permit better visibility for the congregation.

Council directed KTP II to follow these points in considering development of the Grove (which were suggestions from the Dream Jar):

- Replace the house with a shelter house (a place for picnics, receptions, and other outdoor events) while maintaining the foundation and basement of the house to be used for storage.
- Roughly a 2 car garage size storage building for mower and other equipment to maintain the property.
- A heated and cooled room with a kitchenette and place to meet.
- Accessible restrooms open to the shelter house as well as the meeting room but can be secured for only one area to be used.
- A prayer garden/labyrinth that is easy to maintain.
- Children's Play Area
- Signage
- Parking Lot

We explored the feasibility of renovating the house and adding the shelter as you'll see in one of our proposals.

We also explored all new construction as in our other proposal.

We put a lot of thought into how to best use our 2.6 acres and create accessible parking for use at the Grove AND for events at the Church. Additionally, we wanted to use our space wisely and leave open space for future development.

We wanted to create a space unlike anything we currently have at the Church which would give the congregation as well as the community the opportunity to enjoy the Grove's beautiful natural setting.

All of our thoughts and the proposals you'll see for the Grove and for the Sanctuary were carefully and prayerfully considered by this committee. When the congregation votes, you will be saying you are ready to raise funds to move forward with fully detailed drawings and plans with the opportunity to discuss, suggest and make changes to what's been proposed here before ANYTHING physically occurs to either the Sanctuary or the Grove.

During the Fall Kick-off at the Grove on **September 13**, we plan to demonstrate the proposed development so those gathered have the opportunity to get a better idea of our use of the land. Following these opportunities for the congregation to learn about the results of KTP II's work, it is our hope that on **October 4** the congregation will be ready to make dreams come true. To plan for the future of David's and make a commitment to begin the process of raising funds, discussion and completion of plans to improve our Sanctuary and develop the Grove.

Anne Brown, Dan Deitz, Dennis Lee, Debbie & Kevin McCoy, Sue Walters, Ed Webb

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Want to explore your faith through Bible stories? How about experiencing the Bible through the eyes of a child? Have we got an opportunity for you!! Volunteer to teach Sunday School- its not scary, the kids are lovable and insightful and you only have to teach less than half the Sundays from mid August to mid May. With 2 teaching teams in place, there's still plenty of Sundays to attend Worship and a sub list for times when you have a conflict. Theological expertise definitely not required, learn as you go! Please give prayerful consideration to joining the fun bunch on Sunday mornings. Thanks, contact *Pam Storar* at 294-4682, 657-1065 or camiha@aol.com :)

2015 WAG Rummage Sale Successful

Following 12 days of feverish preparation, The Women's Activity Guild 29th Annual Rummage Sale opened on Thursday, July 23 with the Preview Sale! Sales continued on Friday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturday, July 25, we opened with customers receiving 50% off everything! Thanks to the generous donations of our congregation, the Women's Activity Guild raised \$9,200!

We offer special thanks to all who sorted, priced, worked the day of and helped pack up the remaining treasures to help others at St. Paul's, and Salvation Army after the sale: *Dotti Ankeney, Lynn Bender, Dave & Jean Blum; Robb Castele, Cindy Combs, Joyce Comer, Carla Creager, Ernie Dalton, Dave & Melanie Dhanraj; Richard Bennett, Del & Roselyn Faulkner; Linda Ford, Terry & Mary Foster; Uli & Louise Gaertner, Nedra Gockel & granddaughter Emily Angel; Nan Gordon, Ann & Curt Heaton; Diane Herbst, Jim Hertel, Ann Hulvey, Anne Johnson, Pat Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Bert & Judy Jones; Betsy Keyes, Becky & Polli Leighty; Joyce Lewis, Kathe Lindner, Marissa, Wesley & Eli Lupo; Debbie & Kevin McCoy; Abby Thompson, Judi McCoy, Dagmar Michel, Mark, Jenny & Sean Miller; Margie Phillips; Lee Richardson, Bill & Patrice Schottelkotte; Howard Sizak, Sue Walters, Ed Webb, Sherrill Weinberg, Cindy Wheeler, Jim Williams, Fran & Margaret.* We hope we didn't miss acknowledging anyone, but if we did, please know we appreciated all volunteer efforts!

Thanks to all who supported the Rummage Sale as well! We're looking forward to another successful sale in 2016!!



FALL KICK-OFF CELEBRATION - SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

ALL CHURCH POT LUCK PICNIC - DAVID'S GROVE

After second service



- Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex
- Sign up to bring a vegetable dish, salad, dessert or fruit - to serve 10 to 12 people
- Main dish (fried chicken), drinks, plates, tableware will be provided
- Lawn chairs appreciated, but not needed
- Come and enjoy the food and fellowship

(Sponsored by Fellowship & Hospitality Board)

BYOG, BYOB, and BYOS!

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m., on September 11, for Game Night hosted by the Bender's at the Grove. Bring your own favorite games, bring your own beverage, and bring your own snack to share, and be prepared to have fun playing board games or card games like euchre, double pinochle, or canasta.

Peanut Butter Needed, Again



We have started a new school year with our affiliation with the Kettering Backpack program and we need your help. The Mission Board appreciates your enthusiastic support for the program. Please continue to bring in 16 ounce jars of peanut butter. They will be put in a backpack to feed a hungry Kettering child for a week.

-The Mission Board

Cutups Needed

Attention men and women – Can you use a pair of scissors? Are you available on Monday mornings? Want to have some fun with a nice group of people? Then this position could be for you. It is not necessary to commit to every Monday – very flexible schedule and hours. To learn more show up at Fellowship Hall between 9:30 a.m. and noon any Monday or call *Nedral Gockel* at 416-4164. The pay is not the best, but the rewards are priceless. – Warm Wishes Committee

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 Sunday, September 6. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!



Kettering Partners for Healthy Youth - A Great Success

In July, David's participated in the Kettering Partners for Healthy Youth program (Kettering Healthy Youth Foodtastic program). We provided 483 lunches during the week, played many games, and thanks to a member of the congregation each child was able to receive books to choose and take home.

This year we saw the youth, both young men and women, taking an active role in helping the younger ones with games, getting their lunches, and helping us with set up and take down.

Thanks to all who donated veggies and fruit, served, and to the SIGNS leaders and youth who helped out each day. David's UCC really owned their asset of "Services to Others".

Temple Beth Or Childcare Opportunity

As many of you may know, we have a relationship with Temple Beth Or where they provide childcare for us on our High Holy Days and we do the same for them. We have the opportunity now to give back to them by helping during their Holidays. The CE Board is looking for members who are willing to help provide this much needed service. The times are Sunday, September 13, 7:45 pm; Monday, September 14, 9:45 am; Tuesday, September 22, 7:45 pm; Wednesday, September 23, 9:45 am.

We ask that you prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful interfaith opportunity. If you can help please sign up in the Narthex or contact *Becca Webb* at 609-332-7648. Thank you!

Thanks

Special Thanks from Sharon and Pete Gratto - We extend our deepest appreciation to everyone who has provided prayer support, information, advice, good wishes, offers of food, and help at home following Pete's recent very serious but also successful back surgery. We were especially pleased to learn that there really are such things as 'weeding angels' for our overgrown garden. You demonstrated yet again the great caring and warmth of the David's Church family.

Sharon Gratto

Golf Outing

The next David's golf outing will be September 20 at Yankee Trace golf course. We are scheduled to play the original 18 holes. Tee times will start at 12:32. Green fees are \$35.00 with a cart and a bucket of warm-up balls.

We will play a scramble and in addition we will have longest drive, closest to the pin and longest putt for both men and women.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. Questions? Contact *Kaaren & Paul Dunlap* at pauldunlap637@yahoo.com.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers (\$20 per vase) are available for the upcoming months. You may order flower arrangements for the altar to honor or remember a special someone in your life or to celebrate a special occasion. Your message will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Call the church office, 434-2131, to order.

Attention All Men!

For many years, the third Saturday of each month has been reserved for the men of David's Church to get together and have breakfast. These days, those who are available, have been meeting at the Bob Evans in Centerville (7115 Far Hills Ave) at 8:00 a.m. Any gentleman who would enjoy getting to know others from church and eat some good food is invited to join in! The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, September 19. No need to RSVP, but you can call the church office at 434-2131 with any questions.

The Ohio Conference Annual Gathering Is Again Coming to SONKA!

As part of the three location tele-conferencing program, attendees are given the option to attend the gathering at United Theological Seminary in Dayton on Saturday, September 26 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. We need 3 or 4 people to act as a hospitality team during the gathering. Duties would be pretty much what you'd expect from greeters at church, but below are some specific needs.

The overall objective of the hospitality team is to make Annual Gathering participants feel comfortable and welcome, as if they were guests in your home. Some specifics that will help accomplish this on the day of the Annual Gathering:

- Be willing to become familiar with the Annual Gathering location ([United Theological Seminary](#)), [facility layout](#) and [agenda](#).
- Arrive at 8 a.m. on the day of the gathering. Stand near the registration area/entrance as people are arriving to greet them, show them where things are, offer assistance and answer questions.
- People attending their first Annual Gathering will have "first-time participant" ribbons attached to their name tag. Watch especially for these attendees to make sure they have whatever they need to be comfortable.
- Be available in high traffic areas during the meeting to give directions and answer questions as attendees move from one activity or area to another.

Members of the hospitality team will not have to pay the \$50 registration fee. Please contact Brice Thomas (revbrice@gmail.com or 937-626-5134) if you are interested in joining the team. He will provide additional details and instructions. Thank you!

Honor Flight

I am looking to see how many WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veterans would be interested in going on the Honor Flight this fall. The trip is free for veterans. A family member can possibly go as a guardian if it is requested and they file a guardian application. Guardians currently pay \$335 for the trip. Veterans and guardians receive free meals, etc... on the trip. The only cash needed for veterans is for souvenirs. Veterans who are handicapped or use a cane will be escorted the entire trip in a wheelchair pushed by a guardian. You will be free to move about but will need to keep the chair with you.

The trip consists of visit to WWII memorial, Arlington National Cemetery (changing of the guard), Iwo Jima memorial, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Monument and more if time provides. The trip will be a chartered flight so no passengers other than our group. I have been on the trip as a guardian for my dad and can tell you that there is nothing like the camaraderie and excitement the veterans and guardians enjoy on the trip.

Also, please ask any veteran friends if they would like to go. There can be over 100 veterans plus guardians and staff on one plane. By the way, a full medical staff of nurses and paramedics go on the flight in case of problems.

Please let me know as soon as possible so I can start setting this up.

Peace, Ed Webb, aedwebbdj@att.net, 937-299-9929 (H), 937-238-1332 (C)

Children's Moment Folks Needed!

We need a few good souls to help with the Children's Moment during Sunday service. If you'd like to share the message of Jesus' love with the children of our congregation and are willing to help out once or twice per month, please sign up through this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d49abaf2ea4ff2-fall> or contact *Pastor Michelle* at michelle@davidsucc.org. We have material for you to use as a guide and it is not as scary as it may look!

September Birthdays

2 Jim Amon
Jim Williams
3 Nita Jennings
Bill Dieruf
10 Mary Foster
11 Jake Schairbaum
12 Paul Hamm
Cesar Chaves
13 Mark Stachler
14 Lauren Pickrel
15 Tom Rodberg
16 Ronald Lafayette
Craig Chabut
20 Ann Heaton



21 Jessie Blumberg
22 Barbara Pelfrey
Robyn Moore
24 Jim Phillips
Doug McClure
25 Mick Morgan
Bob Miller
Karina Czeiszperger
27 AJ Wright
28 Sydney Pence
29 Nancy Angel
Sarah Hess
Lauren Walker
30 Suzanne Cryst
Andy Blumberg

Weddings

Alix VanHouten & Stephanie Huthmacher were married at David's Church on August 3, 2015 by *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*.

Nicole Murphy & Julius Cantrell were married at David's Church on August 8, 2015 by *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*.

Church Directory Change

Mary Rose & Warren Back
(719) 434-8074

Death

Our sympathy to *Will, Becky, Claire, and Ben Roess* in the loss of Will's mother, *Ann Roess*, on August 21, 2015.

Blessing of the Pets – October 4

Blessing of the Pets will take place at David's Church on Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m. We invite you to bring any and all of your pets 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, so we hope you'll tell and bring along your friends and family and all their pets.

S.I.G.N.S. Ecumenical High School Youth Group

S.I.G.N.S. invites you to join our group! We are an ecumenical, faith-based, high school group and have been active in Kettering for more than 15 years. We hold meetings during the school year every



Sunday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at David's Grove. At our meetings, we delve into a wide variety of topics, and we participate in many social, spiritual, and community service and outings throughout the year. If you would like to join us, please contact *Jill Chabut*, at 297-0324 or jjcna@att.net.

- August 30 – Summer trip slide show/ice cream social @ 6:30, Parent meeting at 7pm
- September 6 – No Meeting – Labor Day
- September 13- regular meeting 7pm
- September 20- Regular meeting
- September 27- corn maze, meet at the Grove @ 3:30pm
- October 4- Gateway in the morning, regular meeting at 7pm

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
	<p>1 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings</p>	<p>2 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>3 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4 Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS</p>
<p>7 Office Closed LABOR DAY</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Quilting 10:00 AM PEO Meeting</p>	<p>9 11:30 AM Keenagers 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Deacon Mtg.</p>	<p>10 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11 7:00 PM Game Night at The Grove</p>	<p>12 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting 3:00 PM Private Reception at The Grove</p>	<p>13 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship w/Communion New Member Reception 11:15 AM Fall Kick-Off @ The Grove/KTP Informational Meeting 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS</p>
<p>14 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:30 PM CE Board Meeting</p>	<p>15 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Council Meeting DATELINE DEADLINE</p>	<p>16 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>17 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast at Bob Evan's 4:00 PM Private Reception at The Grove</p>	<p>20 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 11:15 AM Second Hour/KTP Informational Meeting 12:30 PM Golf Outing 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS</p>
<p>21 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>22 10:00 AM Quilting</p>	<p>23 6:00 PM Yoga/ Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>25 6:00 PM Steve Roark & Jeff Baldwin Wedding</p>	<p>26 Confirmation Class at Camp Kern</p>	<p>27 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:15 AM Second Hour/Cake Reception 3:30 PM SIGNS Corn Maze 7:00 PM Book Study</p>
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