

**DAVID'S DATLINE
FEBRUARY 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

February 2, 9, 16, 23 – White Privilege: Let's Talk

February 5 – Evolution Sunday

February 6 – Food Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings

February 6, 13, 20, 27 – Rev. Newcomb's LTQ Study

February 10 – Game Night at The Grove/

Young Family Night at McCarron's

February 13 – Food Fundraiser at City Barbeque

February 19 – Rev. Wilkey's "Belief" Series

February 25 – David's Dinners

February 26 – Mardi Gras Sunday

February 27 – Food Fundraiser at Bagger Dave's

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March 1 – Ash Wednesday

Ashes to Go – 7:30-8:30 AM, 12:00-1:00 PM, 5:00-6:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...

A couple weeks back, I came into my office to find a large safety pin on my desk. When I say large, I mean it was about 2 and a half feet long... about 8 inches wide, which is to say that it was so large as to be intended more as a decoration than to have any practical use (although, if I ever think of one, I'll be sure to share it).

I knew immediately what it represented, but if I hadn't recognized its intent there was a helpful note attached, which read: "The Message Behind the *Safety Pin*. The idea was inspired by a British movement after Brexit. It is meant to send a message that anyone wearing a pin is standing up against **sexism, racism and xenophobia**, essentially declaring themselves allies and friends to any groups who feel marginalized." And then the note added this: "Our family sees you as one of these allies and wanted to award you with a large decorative safety pin. Much love and thank you! The Phillips-Shimovetz Family."

Well, color me surprised, grateful and honored by the "award." Thank you so much Jennifer, Cheryl, Jackson & Ella (for folk who keep up with our prayer chain, Ella is the 4 year old cancer patient we've been praying for in recent months), I am thrilled that you think of me as an ally, but I'm also humbled by that challenges that represents. And Pastor Michelle received one too, which she has displayed in her office.

Turns out, I had been moved by a meme on Facebook shortly after the election when folk in a variety of what comedian Dave Chappelle called "historically disenfranchised" populations became sensitized by the growing number of hate crimes that were being committed against people of color, Muslims, Latinos, members of the LGBTQ community and women, and no doubt people who were unhappy with the "other" political party, which ever one was the opposite of the one they identified as part of.

The meme suggested that allies in positions to help and support individuals who were feeling vulnerable and threatened by the growing tensions in the surrounding culture might wear a safety pin in their lapels as a sign that they were a person who was safe; someone prepared to listen and offer caring support. I attached a safety pin to the robe I wear to lead worship and to the lapels of several of my suit jackets. It simply indicated that the person wearing the pin was someone that was safe to talk to, someone who would be attempt to be non-judgmental, compassionate and supportive. Someone you could share your fears, sadness and worries with, someone who might help you problem solve a way forward, open up new possibilities, so that you would not have to face your anxiety and pain alone.

It seemed pretty logical to me that every minister should be that kind of a person, so why shouldn't every minister wear a safety pin. And, for that matter why shouldn't every Christian person desire to be in a position to act as an ally to folk who are feeling vulnerable and anxious, who are in populations that have been disenfranchised or marginalized. Isn't that what Jesus meant when he invites us to love our neighbors as ourselves?

And sometimes people get tired of us reminding folk that some of our neighbors have indeed come from "historically disenfranchised" communities. Early in the Obama administration we heard people suggest that we'd reached a post-racial era, but then we saw photo shopped pictures of watermelons growing on the white house lawn, our President with a bone through his nose like an African witch doctor and all kinds of things to remind us that we still live in an age when people of color are still being demeaned and dehumanized.

I know when we saw the excellent movie "Hidden Figures," it was a stark reminder that during my life time there were still segregated high schools and bathrooms, that the entire "colored" population was treated as "less than." It might be good for us to remember that the Civil Rights act signed by Lyndon B. Johnson in response to the protests and agitation of Martin Luther King wasn't signed until 1964. That's only 53 years ago, and it was a year later that African Americans got protections around the right to vote, and the Fair Housing act guaranteed the right to live where they choose was only 49 years ago.

Women in America have had the right to vote less than a hundred years, with the 19th Amendment to the Constitution passing in 1920, but the Equal Rights Amendment guarantying fair and equitable treatment under the law didn't pass until 1972, and the Ledbetter Fair Pay act wasn't passed until 2009. We all were paying attention when just last year, lesbian and gay couples were first given the right to marry, in fact some of the more joyful celebrations I've attended in my life have been the receptions of long-time gay couples who for so long were denied the right to a legally married status.

So it shouldn't surprise us in the current political climate that many people in these communities feel vulnerable, that the progress they've made is at risk. With the appearance of the Alt-Right and a more casual

expression of racism on the rise, which I heard a comedian describe as “a lower case kkk,” and a growing number of public expressions of anti-immigrant, anti-Hispanic, anti-Muslim and even Nazi swastikas showing up in public graffiti expressing anti-Semitism, it’s becoming very important that Christians, and all peoples of faith, be prepared to say out loud that we oppose hate, that we are called to be a people of love.

Isn’t that what we mean when we in the UCC carry those signs or wear that t-shirt that says “BE THE CHURCH,” and announces our values that include “Reject Racism,” “Fight for the Powerless,” “Embrace Diversity,” “Care for the Poor,” and “Share earthly and spiritual resources”? Is not all that language merely another way of saying that we’re trying our best to love our neighbors, and isn’t being an ally another way of saying we want to act neighborly to all people, especially those who need a neighbor most.

I’m grateful that Pastor Michelle is offering the curriculum on White Privilege that is being offered by the UCC. It’s an important opportunity for us as a largely white congregation, in a similarly oriented denomination, to look at how we can better honor the truth that all people are made in the image of God, or as we sang as children, “red and yellow, black & white, all are precious in God’s sight.” We need to learn not to feel slighted or threatened by the statement that “Black lives matter,” which is a reminder to us that people of color live with a higher level of threat and risk.

And men didn’t need to feel slighted by the Women’s March and Rally’s where women spoke out, asking that their hard won rights not be diminished or taken away. And the same is true for all Americans—black and white, male and female, straight or gay, bisexual and transgendered, young and old and in-between, able bodied and physically challenged, healthy folk and those who are dealing with illness, people of differing faiths or no faith at all—we as Christians are invited by Jesus to welcome every person into our midst, to see every individual we meet as another child of God, worthy of being treated fairly, kindly, and well, and to work for a better world where they are safe and valued participants, never second class citizens.

Christian saint and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, “Christianity stands or falls with its revolutionary protest against violence, arbitrariness, and pride of power, and with its plea for the weak Christians are doing too little to make these points clear rather than too much. Christendom adjusts itself far too easily to the worship of power. Christians should give more offense, shock the world far more, than they are doing now. Christians should take a stronger stand in favor of the weak rather than considering first the possible right of the strong.”

And as I shared in a recent sermon on the Beatitudes, everyone of who lives long enough will reach a time when we are “poor in spirit,” when we will be “hungry and thirsty (or lonely),” when we will mourn the loss of one we love, when we will need to be comforted, and reminded that we are God’s children.

There’s a meme that gets at that point, which says “Respect the old when you are young. Help the weak when you are strong. Confess the fault when you are wrong. Because one day in life, you will be old, weak, and wrong.” I don’t know about you, but I’ve had a few days here and there, when I’ve managed to be all three, and I suspect it will happen again and again.

So, let’s be honest, and admit that each one of us will one day need an ally. So, let’s commit to pay it forward, and be an ally today... and tomorrow, and in the days to come. You don’t need to wear a safety pin, for folk to realize that you are trustworthy, that you are kind, that you are not afraid to speak out against racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia... who wants to be a fan of something as crazy as xenophobia anyway?

So, let us continue to work together to “Be the Church,” to “love God, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Your pastor and friend,
Brian Q. Newcomb



Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

There is an alarming statistic that I found which states that 50% of pastors quit ministry within five years. According to one article I read, “50% of the ministers starting out will not last 5 years. 1 out of every 10

ministers will actually retire as a minister in some form. And 4,000 new churches begin each year while 7,000 churches close. The statistics speak for themselves. Working in ministry – whether you’re a full-time pastor or a lay minister balancing a job and a church – can be challenging.” (“Why do so many pastors leave the ministry? The facts will shock you.”)

Certainly, this is an alarming statistic, and I do not want to be part of that 50% who quit. It is incredibly fortunate that we belong to such an amazing denomination who cares about the future of the church. The UCC decided to respond to this statistic by offering a wonderful leadership program for new ministers. “The United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance (UCBMA), having been richly blessed by resources given by our forebears, and having a century-old mandate to care for and work with those on the frontiers of ministry, is committed not just to the future of the Church but to the Church of the future. The Next Generation Leadership Initiative: Target 2030 (also commonly referred to as “NGLI: Target 2030,” “NGLI,” and “the Initiative”) is a 20-year focus on energizing and sustaining younger, emerging United Church of Christ local church pastors, rooted in the belief that healthy, catalytic pastors lead to healthy, vibrant congregations.” (pbucc.org)

About a year ago, I applied for this outstanding program and then at the end of May of 2016, I received the wonderful news that I had been accepted. “Those selected for NGLI: Target 2030 will be provided with advanced training to hone their skills and gifts in order to serve as transformational leaders. They will also have the opportunity to create a cohort of colleagues in which they can encourage and challenge one another, as well as reflect together on the life of a local church pastor in the twenty-first century.” (pbucc.org) So I was absolutely ecstatic when I learned that I would now be part of this transformational leadership program.

I am so proud and thankful to be serving at a church that values continuing education and transformational leadership. I am confident that my involvement with NGLI will make me not only a better person but a better pastor and leader. Gandhi tells us to, “Live as if you were to die tomorrow and learn as if you were to live forever.” It is my goal to be in a state of lifelong education.

This past week, I flew to Phoenix, AZ for an intensive week of leadership training. During year one of NGLI, we focused on Self-Differentiated Leadership and Bowen Family Systems Theory, with an emphasis on practicing non-anxious leadership and applying systems theory in a congregational context. I know that is a mouthful and trust me it was a very intense week. Now I won’t go on to explain in detail the complex nature of Bowen Family Systems Theory, but I will say that this week of classes was incredibly enlightening. One of our assignments was to create a genogram and focus on our family of origin. Let’s just say that I discovered many things about myself; both good and bad, by simply looking at patterns that have been part of my family history for years. Studying my family of origin has helped me in defining who I am; not only in my family but also who I am within my church family.

I have already noticed a difference in my leadership skills and pastoral skills since joining this program. After this first year of classes, I have a solid plan of action to follow in order to be a better leader here at David’s Church. I know that I have a tendency to over function and to put a little too much on my plate. So now is the best time for me to take a step back and evaluate all the things I do here at David’s. The last thing I want to do is to be busy simply for the sake of being busy. The last thing David’s Church needs is an exhausted Associate Pastor.

I think of the quote by Howard Thurman; “Don’t ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” Do you know what makes me come alive? I come alive when I am involved with something that is bigger than myself. I come alive when I am engaged in ministry that brings about previews of the Kingdom of God. I come alive every Sunday when I get to worship with a congregation overflowing with people who are passionate about making this world a better place. So I want to not be busy for the sake of being busy; I want to be busy doing those things that make me come alive.

This is why I am excited about the opportunity to engage in thoughtful conversation around the topic of white privilege. Starting Thursday, February 2 and ending on Thursday, February 23, I will be leading a 4-week series on a UCC curriculum entitled “White Privilege: Let’s Talk.” UCC General Minister, Rev. John C. Dorhauer says, “It is time that this still largely white denomination wrestles with its investment in whiteness, and learns all it can about the manifestations and impact of White Privilege.” We will meet each Thursday in February from 7-8:30pm in the Conference Room. There is no cost to this series; one will just need to download and print the curriculum packet.

Follow this link to download and print the free curriculum:

<http://www.uccresources.com/products/white-privilege-lets-talk-a-resource-for-transformational-dialogue-pdf-download>.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said that “our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” I can’t think of anything that matters more than working together to create a world where all lives truly matter. Doing this type of work is what makes me come alive. Knowing that I serve at a congregation that is filled with people who desire a better world gives me hope for the future.

Love and Blessings to all,

Pastor Michelle

Evolution Sunday – February 5, a Time to Thank God for Good Science

For a few years now, Pastor Brian has used the second Sunday of February, the closest to the birthday of Charles Darwin (Feb. 12), to speak on the relationship between faith and science. With some Christians arguing that the Bible insists that the earth is only 6000 years old, and that “intelligent design” and the Genesis accounts be taught in schools as an alternative scientific theory, Dr. Newcomb wants to go on record with the common sense view that many modern mainline Christian thinkers have expressed, that we can believe in God and still accept the teachings of evolutionary science. He signed this Clergy Letter ages ago, and looks forward to preaching on Faith, the Bible and Science again this month.

The Clergy Letter - from American Christian clergy – An Open Letter Concerning Religion and Science

Within the community of Christian believers there are areas of dispute and disagreement, including the proper way to interpret Holy Scripture. While virtually all Christians take the Bible seriously and hold it to be authoritative in matters of faith and practice, the overwhelming majority do not read the Bible literally, as they would a science textbook. Many of the beloved stories found in the Bible – the Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and the ark – convey timeless truths about God, human beings, and the proper relationship between Creator and creation expressed in the only form capable of transmitting these truths from generation to generation. Religious truth is of a different order from scientific truth. Its purpose is not to convey scientific information but to transform hearts.

We the undersigned, Christian clergy from many different traditions, believe that the timeless truths of the Bible and the discoveries of modern science may comfortably coexist. We believe that the theory of evolution is a foundational scientific truth, one that has stood up to rigorous scrutiny and upon which much of human knowledge and achievement rests. To reject this truth or to treat it as “one theory among others” is to deliberately embrace scientific ignorance and transmit such ignorance to our children. We believe that among God’s good gifts are human minds capable of critical thought and that the failure to fully employ this gift is a rejection of the will of our Creator. To argue that God’s loving plan of salvation for humanity precludes the full employment of the God-given faculty of reason is to attempt to limit God, an act of hubris. We urge school board members to preserve the integrity of the science curriculum by affirming the teaching of the theory of evolution as a core component of human knowledge. We ask that science remain science and that religion remain religion, two very different, but complementary, forms of truth. (http://www.theclergyletterproject.org/Christian_Clergy/ChrClergyLtr.htm)

Respecting Our Pastors and Their Time Off

Did you know that our Pastors take one day off during the week, since Sunday is a work day for them? Pastor Brian typically takes Friday off while Pastor Michelle strives to take Wednesday as her day off. The Pastors also take vacation from time to time. We try to announce these times in church and in the church bulletin.

We ask that you respect this time off for them and try not, unless it is an emergency, to contact them and give them their time with family.

Any church business should be conducted by contacting them in the office during the work week (9-5 M-F). Please reconsider the true nature of your call before calling them on their personal cell phones on evenings and weekends. If you do have a pastoral emergency, do not hesitate to call them on the numbers listed in your directory.

Pastor Michelle's "Belief" Series Continues

On Sunday, February 19, Pastor Michelle will continue showing the Oprah Winfrey's series "Belief." She will be showing episode 3 entitled "Acts of Faith." Our beliefs can give us strength to endure and overcome obstacles. In this episode there will be a story about a mother who tries to forgive her son's killer in Kansas; a family who looks for a miracle in Mexico; and a young boy who acts out a death-defying rite of passage in the South Pacific. Come to the Adult Ed. room from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. to watch and then discuss. You can go ahead and mark your calendars for the remaining episodes which will be shown on March 12, May 14, June 25 and July 9. If you have any questions, please see *Pastor Michelle*.



David's Dinners

Back by popular demand! David's Dinners, formerly known as "Dinners for Eight"! Why the name change? Well, we know that some of you would like to host, but can only do so comfortably with a smaller number, like 5 or 6, or that you'd prefer to have a larger group, say 10 or 12 guests. We also want to encourage single folk to sign-up so, that's why we've nixed the "Eight" and changed the name to the "David's Dinners." These dinners are a wonderful way for David's member to get to know one another.

The three dates for this year's dinners are Saturday, February 25, Saturday, April 1, and Saturday, May 6 (Fellowship Hall). The first two will be smaller groups in homes and the third will be a large group dinner in Fellowship Hall. Starting time is up to the host. Hosts will be sent a list of names and phone numbers, based on the number they have indicated they would like to entertain. If any guests on the list cannot make it, the host is welcome to invite others, provided that they are members of David's. Hosts cook the main course – other guests bring fill-ins, such as an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert.

We encourage everyone to sign-up in the Narthex. When you do, please indicate which nights you would like to attend, which dates you'd like to host, if any, and how many people you would like to host.

Questions? Please contact *Steve Roark & Jeff Baldwin* at 643-9478 or s.roark@att.net.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 1, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Proclamation of the Word and Imposition of Ashes

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 Fellowship Hall, 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, February 5. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!

Ashes-To-Go at David's UCC on Ash Wednesday for the Sixth Year

March 1 from 7:30 – 8:30 am, Noon – 1:00 pm, and 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Service in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm.



On Wednesday, March 1, Pastors Brian and Michelle will be out in the church's parking lot during rush hour drive times prepared to impose ashes for any persons who desire to begin the season of Lent in this time-honored tradition of Ash Wednesday. At 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, there will a full service, imposition of Ashes, with the addition of hymns and special music from our Chancel Choir.

"We've not invented the idea of 'Ashes to Go,'" says Dr. Newcomb. "I had a number of UCC and Episcopal colleagues back in St. Louis, where I served previously, go out and offer ashes to passersby on the street corners. I was reminded of this by recent comments from Church historian and author Diana Butler Bass, and thought we ought to do something for those folk who want to begin the season of Lent in a meaningful way, but perhaps their work and family lives don't allow them to stop everything for an hour to attend a full worship service."

Lent is, in the Christian tradition, a pre-Easter season of preparation that lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays), often marked by penitence and confession, fasting or other kinds of sacrifice, special times of prayerful reflection, and acts of service or generosity. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, a reminder to Christians that life is fragile. Traditionally, the ashes are imposed with the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This reminder of one's mortality, an act of humble contrition, can be a helpful, even powerful reminder of God's goodness and grace and the promise of new life that Easter brings.

New Young Families Group

David's would like to invite all the young families to a kick off pizza party on February 10 from 5-7pm at the home of Felicia & Joshua McCarron (2307 Crew Circle, West Carrollton). We are a new group looking to connect parents and their children together. We will have group events, play dates, mom/dad night outs, babysitting and other fun activities for all!

We look forward to seeing you on February 10, please RSVP to Felicia by February 3 via email at mccarronfelicia@gmail.com or feel free to call/text at [616-914-2135](tel:616-914-2135).

Also check out our Facebook group at: Parents of David's UCC

Warm Wishes Evening Meeting Begins Again In March

Have you wanted to be a part of Warm Wishes and cannot meet during the day? Well, this is your opportunity. We have formed an evening group that meets on the third Sunday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. At this meeting you will learn to either cut fleece, sew fleece or assist with the process.

If you have basic sewing skills and own a sewing machine, you can do this! There will be 2 sewing machines available for your use or you may bring your own. You can also learn to sew these items at the meeting and then sew them at home. If you want to cut fleece following a pattern, we will give you complete instructions and even provide the scissors.

This group makes hats, scarves and mittens for the needy and homeless in the greater Dayton area. You will have an opportunity to make new friends while you are following the David's church mission of outreach. Take action, be involved, make a difference.

A sign up sheet will be posted in the narthex. We will start up again on March 19. Questions should be directed to *Nedral Dalton* at 937-416-4164 or realtornedral@nedral.com.

Game Night

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on February 10 come to The Grove (hosted by Bert & Judy Jones) for Game Night. Bring a snack, BYOB, your favorite games, and be prepared to have fun playing board games or card games like euchre, double pinochle, or canasta.

DAVID'S CHURCH

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES 2017

Lent will soon be here and we hope the Wednesday night series will be part of your plans.

March 8, 15, 22, 29
6:30 – 7:30 PM Programs

Christ & Culture – led by Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb

Throughout church history, Christians have struggled with the implicit teaching of Jesus to be “in the world, not of it.” In John’s Gospel, when Jesus prays for the disciples in that long section that is described as taking place at the end of the Last Supper, we hear words like these: “If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you” (15: 19); “I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world” (17:14). Similarly, in 1 John 2:15 it says, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him,” and Romans 12: 2 says, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

These texts have often left Christians feeling a tension in their interactions in the world, something H. Richard Niebuhr describes as “an enduring problem,” in his helpful book, “Christ and Culture.” During his Lenten Special class, Dr. Newcomb will unpack the 5 historic types of responses to this ongoing challenge to live in the world, but not of it, which underlie the basic theological world views that we see in the diverse denominations of the current Christian faith in North America. Pastor Brian’s class will then reflect on the meaning of Jesus’ incarnation, which John’s gospel describes as “the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth” (1:14), and discuss some common sense ways that we as Christians can interact faithfully with the culture and people of other faiths and no faith with whom we share the world.

Prayerful Book Study – led by Rev. Michelle Wilkey

"I do not know much about God and prayer, but I have come to believe, over the past 25 years, that there's something to be said about keeping prayer simple. Help. Thanks. Wow. My three prayers are variations on help, thanks, and wow. That's all I ever need, besides the silence, the pain, and the pause sufficient for me to stop, close my eyes and turn inward." (Anne Lamott, "Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers")

Pastor Michelle will be doing a book study for her Lenten series and the book she has chosen is Anne Lamott's beautiful book on prayer. Throughout the four weeks, each chapter will be explored and discussed and at the end of each session there will be time to simply sit in silence and pray. Anne Lamott points out that prayer is our communication from our hearts to the great mystery, that something that is bigger than ourselves. To quote the great Martin Luther King Jr., "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." So consider being part of this prayerful book study. Just an FYI: books can be ordered through Amazon or through the church office for \$12.00. Please let us know about your participation by the end of February.

Staying Safe At Church And Beyond – led by Debra Monk

This session will explore how to be more mindful of your surroundings in a day when community threats and gun violence has become a part of our everyday news feed. This series will share ways to best assess your surroundings without stereo typing or being too scared to engage in everyday activities. We will talk about baseline behaviors of those you interact with regularly as well as safety tips ranging from shopping at the mall to strategy should you find yourself in a dangerous situation.

Learn To Play Euchre – led by Ernie Dalton

Ernie Dalton will teach the card game Euchre.

Card-Making For Shut-Ins – led by Cindy Wheeler

This is a fun group. We create cards for the Fellowship and Hospitality group to send to the church's shut-in members. No special skills are needed and all materials are provided. We meet in Fellowship Hall after the meal.

Movie – led by Becca Webb

Becca will be showing a movie (yet to be determined) and prompting discussion afterwards regarding social justice and spirituality themes

Childcare

Infants through 6th Grade will do crafts, games, and activities. Pre-registration required.

Kitchen Clean-Up

Enjoy fellowship with others as you clean up the kitchen after the meal.

Look for registration forms in your church bulletin later in February.

**David's United Church of Christ
Presents our 50th Annual
SPAGHETTI DINNER**



**Saturday, March 4, 2017
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Tickets

Adults: \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door
Children (12 and under): \$4.00 in advance, \$5.00 at the door

Buy your tickets now so you won't miss out on this delicious dinner that has become a tradition at David's Church. Also, bring some extra spending money for our silent auction. See you at Spaghetti Dinner!!!

Tickets are available on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office, 434-2131.

We need all kinds of volunteers! Contact *Donna or Louis Wright* at 415-1631 or wrightx496@sbcglobal.net to find out where you can help.

Fundraiser Dinners Are Back

The Deacons have set up various dining fundraising opportunities throughout 2017. We start off with Buffalo Wild Wings on February 6 and City Barbecue on February 13.

Meals can be dine in or carryout and are available open to close on selected dates. Just present the flyer when ordering. Flyers are available on the hallway table and David's Office. Remember you must present a coupon each time you dine.

Enjoy a great meal and help David's UCC raise funds to help support the growth of our church.



EAT WINGS. RAISE FUNDS.

On the day listed below, present this ticket to your server and Buffalo Wild Wings® will donate 10%* of your total bill (not including tax, gratuity or promotional discounts) to our organization.

Buffalo Wild Wings strives to support our community and the organizations and sports teams within it. Together we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together.

(Show this ticket to your server on the date & time listed below.)

DAVID'S UCC
February 06, 2017 • 11:00 AM
262 E Stroop Rd. Town & Country Shopping Center • Kettering, OH • 937-424-3999

*The 10% donation is contingent on the organization raising at least \$300 of pre-tax sales during the promotion (subject to change in our discretion). Other restrictions may apply. Please see participating location for details. ©2015 Buffalo Wild Wings, Inc.

ADMIT ONE

Eat at City Barbeque and raise money for our group!

Please join us for a special fundraising event.
25% of your purchase will be donated back to our group!

Sale Amt:

\$ _____

Name of group: David's United Church of Christ

Date of fundraiser: February 13, 2017

Participating Location: Centerville City BBQ

Good all day on Dine in & Carry out Orders

Note: If ordering carry out for large groups, please use our Pig Up 'n Go Menu.

Flyer must be presented at time of order to receive credit for the sale.

Flyers cannot be passed out on City Barbeque property. Fundraiser cannot be combined with other promotions or offers. Not valid on gift card purchases.

Check out our menus and **Order Online** at www.citybbq.com

We look forward to serving you to help raise money for your organization!



February Birthdays

- 1 Irene Hopkins
- 3 Rolf Lindner
Gary Hutchison
Glenn Wood
Cody Wright
- 4 Julie Wellbaum
- 6 Don Ashbrook
Chris Wellbaum
- 7 Sam Wellbaum
- 8 Jill Blum
- 10 Vaughn Shannon
Katie Gregg
- 13 Dagmar Michel
Jamie Mhaskar
Cate Shannon
- 15 Jim Widman
Amy Stamper
Jenni Thompson



- 16 Herbert Sizek
Joshua McCarron
- 17 Betsy Keyes
Dave McElwee
- 18 Sean Miller
- 19 Cody Boothe
- 20 Nico Avila-John
Lucas Avila-John
Alan Avila-John
- 21 Thelma Leach
Jerry Beinlich
- 22 Steve Mason
- 23 Debra McKenzie
- 24 Bill Love
- 27 Brian Barrett
Haylee Grilliott
- 28 Amy Hamm
- 29 Pat Johnson

New Members

Craig & Caitlin Chabut
Parker Chabut
2450 Marcia Drive
Bellbrook, OH 45305
(937) 657-9445

Church Directory Change

JoAnn Bambauer
3600 Stoneview Court
Kettering, OH 45429

Baptisms

Luca Ashley Motto, daughter of *Nicole & Ashley Motto*, was baptized at David's Church on January 1, 2017 by *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*.

Connor Riley Havig, son of *Rhonda & Paul Havig*, was baptized at David's Church on January 15, 2017 by *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*.

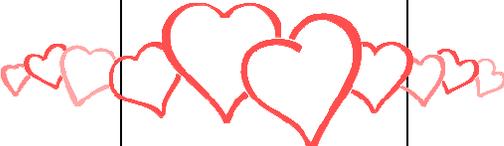
Parker Jean Chabut, daughter of *Craig & Caitlin Chabut*, granddaughter of *Jill & John Chabut*, was baptized at David's Church on January 22, 2017 by *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*.

Mark Your Calendars for the 51st Pike Lake Weekend!

It seems early to be thinking of hiking, fishing, wildflower seeking, wiffleball and volleyball games, but pull out that new 2017 calendar and mark May 19, 20 21, 2017 as the date for our 51st Year at Pike Lake State Park!

If you are a regular to this spring event, you'll want to make sure you hold the date open or if you already have another event for that weekend, please contact *Kevin and Debbie McCoy* (299-9218) so we can fill your cabin!

If you enjoy tent camping or have a camper, you can always join in the fun by setting up in the campground and participate in all the activities! If you've never been to or heard about Pike Lake Weekend with David's Church and are interested in possibly joining in the fun, please feel free to contact Kevin and/or Debbie either at the phone number above or when you see us at church. We currently have several Standard Cabins which have a set of twin bunk beds, a double bed, bathroom with shower, kitchen and sofa, chair and TV available. We'd love to welcome you to the Pike Lake Family!!!!

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
			1 6:00 PM Yoga at The Grove	2 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00-8:30 PM White Privilege: Let's Talk	3	4
5 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship EVOLUTION SUNDAY Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	6 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 PM Staff Mtg. 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study <i>Food Fundraiser: Buffalo Wild Wings</i>	7 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	8 6:30 PM Deacons Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga at The Gove	9 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00-8:30 PM White Privilege: Let's Talk	10 5:00-7:00 PM Young Families Group at McCarron's 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at The Grove	11 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting
12 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship with Communion 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	13 10:30 PM Staff Mtg. 6:30 PM CE Meeting 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study <i>Food Fundraiser: City Barbecue</i>	14 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry VALENTINE'S DAY	15 6:00 PM Yoga at The Grove DATELINE DEADLINE	16 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00-8:30 PM White Privilege: Let's Talk	17	18 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans 10:00 AM Confirmation Trip to Underground Railroad
19 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study	20 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study PRESIDENT'S DAY	21 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 4:00 PM SIGNS Peanut Butter 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	22 6:00 PM Yoga at The Grove	23 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00-8:30 PM White Privilege: Let's Talk	24	25 David's Dinners
26 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship MARDI GRAS SUNDAY CUE Offering 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	27 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM LTQ Book Study <i>Food Fundraiser: Bagger Dave's</i>	28 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 5:30 PM WHO Group	<h1 style="margin: 0;">FEBRUARY 2017</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (937) 434-2131 WWW.DAVIDSUCC.ORG</p>			