

**DAVID'S DATLINE
APRIL 2019 Newsletter**

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

**Church Office
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Ministers of David's Church - All David's People
**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb
Associate Pastor Michelle Wilkey**

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 - Enns Book Study

April 5 - Parents Night Out

April 6 - COCOA Community Concert

April 9 - Life Group

April 11 - Women's Bible Study

April 13 - Breakfast with the Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt

April 14 - Palm Sunday/New Member Orientation/
Jimmy Leach Jazztet Community Concert

April 18 - Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM

April 19 - Good Friday 7:30 PM

April 21 - Easter Sunday Services 9:00 & 11:00 AM

April 27 - David's Dinners

April 28 - Youth Sunday (8:30 Service in the Chapel)/
Graduation Recognition/AED Training/Softball Game

From the Pastor's Desk...

Last month, many Christians and non-believers alike in North America were focused on the gathering of the United Methodist Church's General Conference, where 800 representatives from the global denomination gathered in St. Louis to decide once and for all how they would go forward as a group given the disparity of views on the issue of LGBTQ inclusion. Like the issue of slavery and the ordination of women in previous generations, and similar to struggles in many other Mainline Protestant denominations, the UMC has strong divisions, and ongoing tension between many more progressive and welcoming congregations & clergy, often designated as "Reconciling Ministries," and those UMC congregations and clergy who sought to enforce their "Book of Discipline" statement that "the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching."

In the last few years, you may remember seeing the occasional headline when individual UMC clergy and congregations had been put on "church trial" for disobedience to the Discipline's conviction that gay weddings should not be consecrated in United Methodist settings or by their pastors. Famously, one UMC pastor, Frank Schaefer was put on trial because he'd provided a wedding ceremony for his gay son and partner, with his ordination put at risk by this act of supporting his own child. Other clergy have been defrocked for similar activity, although recently a West Coast Association of the UMC called an out lesbian clergy person to serve as a Bishop in their area, in clear violation to that language in the Book of Discipline. So, you might say, there was a lot of tension for our sisters and brothers in the United Methodist Church.

In our own United Church of Christ, we have a very different organizing structure and polity than the UMC. Like the Anglican/Episcopal system, Methodists have a structure very similar to that of the Catholics (remember before the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, all Christians in the West were Catholics), with Bishops who possess a lot of power over their individual congregations, even moving pastors around as they see fit. In the UCC, local congregations call their own pastors, and make their own decisions about how they will live out their faith on practical matters as they seek to be faithful to scripture under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; thus, we affirm our covenantal relationship with other UCC congregations in Associations, but respect each congregation's autonomy in decision-making. In our polity, the local church is the center for all decision making, things percolate from the bottom up in our structure, in the UMC power rests in the larger body, so it's more top down. So, the gathering of United Methodists in St. Louis to make this decision had dramatic implications for all UMC congregations going forward.

In our UCC, over the recent decades, as the issue of LGBTQ inclusion became a significant value at the National level of our denomination by action of the General Synod back to 1985, it's been up to each congregation to decide how they would respond, whether they would go along with the direction suggested. Currently in the UCC we have some 5500 hundred churches, more or less, and over 1500 of them have become officially Open & Affirming (that's over 30%), outspoken in their commitment to welcome and include folk in the LGBTQ community in the life of their congregations by inviting them into roles in leadership, and honoring their relationship by solemnizing their weddings when asked.

Beyond that number of official O&A congregations, many more practice an informal expression of welcome and inclusion without ever having gone through the process and voting as a congregation to adopt an official statement of welcome, something we did here at David's UCC back in 2012. As the process can feel divisive to many, lots and lots of UCC churches don't become O&A, but choose to act more or less in ways that are quietly "open and affirming." And of course, the more outspoken the national UCC has proclaimed our denomination to be O&A, there have been some churches who voted to leave the United Church of Christ, out of a desire to not welcome these dear children of God. Go figure; win some, lose some.

Now, this has played out in one way or another in every Mainline denomination across the whole of the US as popular culture has moved to a far less judgmental or punitive stance toward LGBTQ folk. Statistically speaking, most of us have a gay or lesbian relative, or neighbor, or colleague at work, so no church in any community can pretend that they don't have to come to terms at some level or another with the issue of inclusion or rejection. Just up the street, we saw headlines a few years back when a prominent Lutheran Church, part of the ELCA which like the UCC is a more inclusive denomination, split over this issue. Newspaper headlines reported how the lead pastor left with a large group of members and starting their own church and a new Lutheran denomination that was decidedly unaccepting, and non-affirming. It's played out similarly in other Evangelical Lutheran Church of America settings, and also in the Presbyterian Church (USA), which is also open and affirming, but had some congregations leave that fellowship to join the Presbyterian Church of America, which is not. So, you can see how this is difficult and confusing, right? Well, it gets worse.

And that doesn't even account for the majority of conservative Christian churches, many of whom describe themselves as "Evangelical," a term that can be confusing to a lot of folk who grew up UCC, because one of the two denominations who were United in our history in 1957 was called the Evangelical & Reformed Church. Now, of course, the word "evangelical" is a wonderful word, which is a reference to the Gospel, or the Good News. The writers of the Gospels in our Bible – Matthew, Mark, Luke & John – were called Evangelists, because they proclaimed the good news of Jesus. But like many other words, "Evangelical" has come to mean something very different than it meant to our early

UCC immigrants who came to America from Germany and named their congregations “The Evangelical Church,” before their union with Reformed Congregations in the 1930’s.

Here’s how I learned to tell the difference between the kind of “evangelical” church I grew up in, as part of the conservative Free Methodist tradition, and the “Evangelical & Reformed” tradition of the United Church of Christ. I went to an evangelical liberal arts college in the Wesleyan tradition, and when I felt called to ministry went to an “evangelical” seminary in the Baptist tradition, because I, frankly, didn’t know any better. Christians everywhere used the same language, that “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so,” and “Jesus loves the little children/All the children of the world/Red & yellow, black & white, they are all precious in God’s sight.” And practically everyone puts “All are Welcome” on their church signs. But sadly, you can find yourself attending a church that doesn’t really want to love everyone, and where some kinds of people are obviously not welcome, where women are not allowed to preach or teach, where some kinds of questions are unacceptable, and that is especially true if you’re LGBTQ. It might not be all that obvious at first, as many congregations strive to be welcoming and friendly when you first show up, but if you’re a woman with a call to ministry, or a gay couple seeking to wed, you will learn soon enough that you’re not truly welcome, at least not as you are, not who you are.

So, things had come to a head for our United Methodist friends, and many of us watched the long and painful proceedings as they met in St. Louis. Many of the more progressive folk went in hoping that the denomination would adopt the “One Church” plan which would have removed that “incompatible” language from their Book of Discipline, and allow different parts of the church, either in local congregations or areas to choose for themselves how they would go forward on this issue, a more autonomous polity similar to our UCC, but keep the larger denomination intact for support of their global missions, and common sense of purpose and identity. That plan was voted down. The plan that won by a 53% to 47% margin, was the “Traditional” plan, which not only maintained the language that with in the UMC will continue to put forward the view “the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christianity,” but added punitive language against LGBTQ clergy, and calls for harsh discipline for any UMC clergy person or congregation that sanctions/performs a gay wedding. To put it mildly, many of the more progressive UMC, especially the “Reconciling Congregations,” are stunned by this push back, and among lesbian and gay UMC clergy currently serving congregations, there is great hurt, confusion, anger and grief at this decision, which well-known author and UMC Bishop Will Willimon has designated the “mess in St. Louis.” Many of the UMC-related colleges and seminaries are asking serious questions about what it would mean to disaffiliate with their historic denomination. This is a painful time for our United Methodist friends and neighbors, whichever side they are on in this debate, with great uncertainty about the future of one of the largest Protestant denominations in our country. But I am especially concerned for the LGBTQ folk who’ve found a religious home in a UMC congregation, families and individuals who have now heard a message that they continue to be viewed as “incompatible” with their church’s faith and practice.

So, first and foremost, let us pray for our friends and colleagues in the United Methodist Church, however this situation is eventually resolved, many are hurting, especially those in the LGBTQ community. Let us be mindful of all the young people we know, especially those who are LGBTQ, as they are hearing again through this experience the message that many think there is something wrong with them, that they are not valued, or truly welcomed, and will not be cared for. We, who believe we know better, need to counter that message, with love and affirmation.

In the weeks and days since that decision many of the “Reconciling” United Methodist congregations have raised their rainbow flags in protest, many congregations have doubled down on their commitment to remain faithful to their understanding of the Bible’s message declared in the commandment to “love your neighbor,” knowing that they were not accepting and affirming of LGBTQ in spite of the Bible, but sought to love and welcome all people, because that’s what the Gospels teach us about Jesus. The future for these UMC congregations, progressive clergy, and LGBTQ members of UMC churches is uncertain, but whatever they do, wherever they land, we can support, honor and support them as our siblings in faith.

Given all of this, and the breakdown of trust and the growing divisions we see in the UMC, I want to express my gratitude for the United Church of Christ, and the people of David’s Church who courageously honored the call to follow and live in the love of Jesus for all people, as we became an officially Open & Affirming congregation in 2012. I’m so grateful that his congregation has become a safe place for all kinds of people, those who ask hard questions, those who’ve survived a divorce, and for LGBTQ individuals and families. May we always take seriously our call to offer an extravagant welcome to all who come looking for love, care, and a community of faith where their gifts of service will be encouraged and received with gratitude.

One thing those who oppose this path often say, is that the Bible “clearly says,” this or that, which always provides an excuse to exclude, to deny people, and say things like “love the sinner/hate the sin,” and other catch phrases that excuse them from a deeper reflection of the teachings of our faith, and what we can learn about human sexuality that would increase our understanding and appreciation for folk whose lives are different than our own. When the Bible is called into question on this subject, I’m always quick to suggest the article by Walter Wink, “Homosexuality & The Bible,” which

pops up in a quick Google search. It takes seriously the very few verses of Scripture that appear to have something to say on these issues (hint: Jesus never condemned LGBTQ people and homosexuality as an orientation is never understood), by acknowledging what Peter Enns new book tells us about the Bible: that it is “ancient, ambiguous, and diverse.” Worthy of our consideration, and reflection.

We know that no church is perfect, no congregation is a perfect fit for everyone. But when we open ourselves up to the possibility that God is glorified when we learn to love one another, not merely in spite of our differences, but as an appreciation of the goodness, depth and wideness of the grace of God, as we grow in faith, kindness and understanding we experience a fuller expression of God’s love for us all. In the coming days, we might meet folk who’ve been hurt and wounded by the UMC’s recent embrace of the less welcoming and anti-inclusive path. They will need our care, friendship and support, and if they find their way to our doors, they will need to know that this is a truly safe and good place. It’s going to take more than our words, because the UMC is famous for their campaign celebrating their “Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.” Words are shallow, and have failed people again and again, lifting their hopes and expectations only to let them down. We will have to do better than that, we will need to show them that they are welcome here, that they are valued and loved, with our actions, with our very lives. I think we are up for the task.

Your pastor and friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

From the Desk of Rev. Michelle Wilkey

If you have ever been in my office; you will know that I have a thing for superheroes; one superhero in particular. Since I was 9 years old; I have loved all things Superman. What’s not to love? We have a strange visitor from another planet called Krypton, who comes to Earth and chooses to use his powers for good. He becomes a symbol of hope. In fact, in the Superman movie “Man of Steel,” Superman even goes on to say that the “S” on his chest stood for hope. In his own way, Superman becomes the person that Metropolis had been waiting for and he comes in and saves the day. It isn’t necessarily the fact that Superman can fly and move at super speed that makes me like him. I like Superman because he is an example of someone who uses his abilities to bring about change. He isn’t someone that can just sit by and let bad things happen to people; he goes out and does what he can to make the world a better place. When you think about it; all superheroes have that in common. Whether it be the Man of Steel, Batman, or Wonderwoman; superheroes are people who rise to the occasion and choose to use their powers for good.

While I was home back in October recovering from my knee surgery; I read a book titled “Hope and other Superpowers: A Life-Affirming, Love-Defending, Butt-Kicking, and World-Saving Manifesto.” It is written by one of my favorite authors, John Pavlovitz. The back of the book says this, “Drawing from lessons of beloved fictional superheroes, John shows us how to identify our origin story, build protective suits of armor, guard against our personal kryptonite, and vanquish our villains.” In the book, John Pavlovitz expresses that we can be superheroes. We don’t need to have superpowers in order to make a difference. This was a very inspirational book and I share with you now some of his words:

“You’ve been given a priceless gift with this life of yours. You get to wake up every morning and run into your living room and your neighborhood and your school and your city, into your Metropolis filled with imperiled, exhausted people all waiting for someone to do something- and you get to do something. In ways no one else can, you get to bring hope to people who have forgotten what hope feels like. At the end of your time here, the world will either be more or less kind, compassionate, generous, funny, creative, and loving because of your presence in it-and you alone get to choose. Friend, you know who you are, you the beautiful arsenal at your disposal, you know the need and the stakes and the cost, and deep within you, you know exactly the kind of people this place needs right now. All that’s left is for you to put this book down and to go and do what superheroes do: give a damn and love well and chase away fear and make the bad guys run, and fight like hell not to waste a single, glorious second of daylight you have left.”

On Sunday, April 28, we will have our annual Youth Sunday service. This is one of my favorite Sundays of the year. I love watching the teens step up and do a wonderful job during that service. Each year we strive to have a central theme for the service and this year’s theme is centered around superheroes. But we aren’t dedicating the service to fictional superheroes; we are centering the service around ourselves and how all of us can be heroes; all of us are capable of going

out into our worlds and making a difference. I believe strongly that we are called to be the change we wish to see in the world and I also am crazy enough to believe that we can actually change the world; that we can actually make the world a better place.

Let's go back to the word "hope." What does "hope" mean to you? For me, hope means believing that something better is possible. Hope means seeing the world not just as it is; but daring to see the world as it could be. Teaching and leading Confirmation continues to be something that gives me hope for a better tomorrow. These teens are already making a difference in the world. I have hope for a better world because of our church. There are so many ways that David's Church continues to make a difference in our community and in our world. We serve a warm meal to the men at the Gateway shelter every month and we give money to worthwhile organizations that are also making a difference. I think of one of our Mission Partners; Mercy Manor. Mercy Manor is a spiritual, alcohol and drug-free living environment for women recovering from alcoholism or drug addiction. This was the organization that I was assigned when the Confirmation class and I presented our church's Mission Partners last month during the two second hour events on Sunday, March 10 and Sunday, March 17.

Martin Luther King Jr. said; "If you lose hope, somehow you lose the vitality that keeps life moving, you lose that courage to be, that quality that helps you go on in spite of it all. And so today I still have a dream." My friends, I still have a dream as well. I still dream of a better world; a world with less hate and more love; a world with less violence and more peace. I have hope for that kind of world and as long as I am still breathing, I am going to fight to create that kind of world. So, I invite you all to attend Youth Sunday this year on April 28 and let that day be a day we remember that we are all invited to go out into the world and make a difference. We can all be heroes in our own way! Let us remember that all of us are capable of making a difference. We are all called, I believe, to be co-creators with God; and work to create a better world.

Blessing and Love to All,
Pastor Michelle

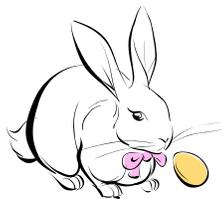
Parent's Night Out Friday, April 5!

All children through 6th grade are invited to spend a fun evening at David's Church from 6-9 p.m. We will spend the evening eating pizza and watching a movie. Special thanks go out to the SIGNS group for volunteering to help at this event. There is no charge for parents to bring their kids to this event, but we are asking for parents to consider donating toward the SIGNS' summer trip. See *Pastor Michelle* if you would like to sign-up your child.

New Member Orientation

If you would like to become a member or you are just interested in learning more about David's and the United Church of Christ, we invite you to come to an orientation meeting in the church conference room following second service Sunday, April 14. We will be taking in new members in the next few weeks.

Breakfast With The Bunny!



We will have our "Breakfast with the Bunny" and Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 13. This event will include an assortment of breakfast foods and beverages (including coffee for the parents!). There will be games and, of course, the main event: the Easter Egg hunt. Eggs will be filled with an assortment of special treats, and those that prefer trinkets to treats will be able to trade for a non-food delight. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Easter Egg hunt will follow breakfast and conclude with games back in Fellowship Hall. The event should wrap up around 11:00 a.m. Look for a sign-up in the Narthex.

Serving At Gateway – More Food Needed

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. Due to an increase in numbers being housed at the shelter, there are increased numbers being fed, so a greater need for food, so be aware we are asking for more support and more food. Our next serving is Sunday, April 7. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!

HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Services

April 14 – 8:30 & 9:50 a.m.

Maundy Thursday with Communion & Service of Healing

April 18 – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 19 – 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 21 – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Children's Moment, Sermon, Chancel Choir & Holy Communion at both services

Easter Flower Orders

Orders are now being taken for flowers for Easter Sunday (April 21) to decorate the chancel floor. We will have an assortment of daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths.

Your message will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please complete this form and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate, with payment, by Sunday, April 14. The cost is \$17.00 per plant. Flowers may be picked up on Easter after the 11:00 service or left to be planted at the church properties.



EASTER FLOWERS

Given by (please print) _____

In Memory/Honor of _____

Please order _____ at \$17.00 each. Amount enclosed \$ _____

_____ I/We will take the flower home.

_____ Please plant the flower at the church properties.

Last day to order is Sunday, April 14.

Experience David's Grove

David's Grove is now available for free rental to our members. Have that Family Reunion, Wedding Anniversary, Birthday Party, or anything else. Reservations MUST be made through the church office with *Chris Wood*, and a \$25.00, refundable deposit is required. See any Trustee for additional information.

Youth Sunday On April 28

During The 9:50am Service – The 8:30 Service will be in the Chapel

Margaret Mead said that we must; "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Each year our Youth Sunday service has a theme and this year's theme is all about superheroes. But we aren't dedicating the service to fictional superheroes; we are centering the service around ourselves and how all of us can be heroes; all of us are capable of going out into our worlds and making a difference. We invite everyone to be part of this service by simply showing up and being ready to pose in your best superhero pose. Mark your calendars for this awesome service that will be led by our amazing youth. Any questions, see *Pastor Michelle*.

Please Help Our Money Counters!

Each Monday, following the Sunday morning service, a group of four church member volunteers come into the office to count the offering money. They want to make sure your offering gets counted correctly and is placed in the appropriate fund 100% of the time.

Here's how you can help:

1. Place your offering in an envelope that has your name clearly printed on the envelope. (While you may think your writing is clear, please print as legibly as possible.) Monthly giving envelopes are available from the church office. Those who like to give weekly can utilize the envelopes located in the pews.
2. Clearly write the amount of the offering on the outside of the envelope.
3. If you are contributing to more than one fund, write a separate check for each fund.
4. Clearly identify the fund you are contributing to. For example, you could state: "regular offering" or "Peanut Butter fund" or "Remembrance Fund for _____", etc. This can be done on the "memo" line if writing a check or clearly written on the envelope if giving cash.

By following these four simple steps you will assist our volunteers to meet their goal of 'perfect accounting'. Thank you!

Warm Wishes II

If you have an interest in helping with the largest outreach project at David's here is your opportunity. If you know how to use a pair of scissors you can cut fleece. If you know how to do basic sewing you can sew hats and mittens. This group is open to everyone, so sign-up in the Narthex to come to our meeting April 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Warm Wishes 2 only meets once a month. For anyone new, the Warm Wishes group also meets on Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are always excited to have new people join us. If you have questions, please call *Nedral Dalton* at 416-4164 or email her at realtornedral@sbcglobal.net.

Trustees Needed

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the care and maintenance of Church buildings and grounds. This means overseeing things like lawn care, snow removal, electrical and plumbing repairs. There are currently 2 vacant seats on the Trustees board. If you have an interest in contributing to this effort, please notify the Church office. A Trustee will contact you to discuss the position.

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, April 20. No need to RSVP, but you can call the church office at 434-2131 with any questions.

Take Me Out To The Softball Game

David's Church will have another fun season of softball this year! Our first game will be on Sunday, April 28, sometime in the afternoon and we will have an informal practice on Sunday, April 22. All of our games will take place in the afternoons at Delco Park. We are still in need of some more players for our team and to be clear, you don't have to be a professional. We play in a recreational league for Kettering and we are there to win as best as we can but most importantly, we are there to have fun and fellowship with one another. The cost is \$25 a person to play. Please let *Pastor Michelle* know that you want to be on our softball team this year. We are always looking for new people and all are most certainly welcome to join our team!



AED/CPR Training

For three years now, we have had two AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) units. One is located in the Narthex and the other is on the lower level just outside of the office door. For instruction on when and how to use the AED in case of an emergency, together with the latest in CPR, we have scheduled the Kettering Fire Department to explain and demonstrate for all interested members. The class will be held on Sunday, April 28 in the Adult Ed room, following the second service. Reservations are a must so that we can ensure that we have enough instructors to students. Please contact Chris in the church office, by Wednesday, April 24, if you would like to attend – 434-2131 or chriswood@davidsucc.org.

Game Night

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on April 12 come to The Grove 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.

Peanut Butter Needed!

Thank you all 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. Please remember to pick up a few extra jars of peanut butter (16 or 18 oz.) when you do your grocery shopping, and place them in the orange bucket in the Narthex. Thanks!

Usher & Greeter Sign-Ups

Check out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to greet or usher at the second service on Sunday mornings.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers (\$20 per vase) are available for the next few 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.

Our Whole Lives (OWL)

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a series of sexuality education programs co-authored by the UCC and Unitarian Universalist Association for six age groups: grades K-1, grades 4-6, grades 7-9, grades 10-12, Young Adults and Adults. The Christian Ed board is inviting volunteers to be trained in facilitating OWL programs and has some funding available for the training costs. An opportunity for training in K-1/4-6 programs is available in April in Kalamazoo, MI. Please see Scott Thompson if interested. (937-409-0095 or scottiet812@gmail.com).

Graduation Recognition

David's has designated Sunday, April 28 (Youth Sunday) as the day to honor those in our congregation, young and old, in a high school, college, or specialized program who are about to graduate or who have graduated since our last recognition. Please call the church office or email *Chris* at chriswood@davidsucc.org to give us this vital information so that you or someone you know will be included.



April Birthdays

- 1 John Keyes
Jim Johnson
Andy Jones
Ellie Jones
- 3 Beth Dapp
Ron Slanker
- 4 Sue Walters
- 6 David Blum
- 7 Sue Krichbaum
Donna Runzo
- 8 Zeida Patmon
- 9 Judi McCoy
Luca Motto
- 12 Carrie Morris
- 13 Jason Stafford
- 14 Paul Havig
Megan Watson
Laura Nielsen



- 15 Karen Hendricks
- 16 T.R. Routsong
Cara Boothe
- 17 Carol Amon
- 18 JoAnn Bambauer
Jacob Morris
- 19 Emma Thompson
- 20 Eric Murphy
- 22 Barbara Ashbrook
- 23 Tim Andrews
Lee Richardson
- 24 Joyce Comer
- 25 Janette Richardson
Chris Schairbaum
- 26 Cynthia White
Ethan Schoenlein
- 27 David DeLon
Michelle Wilkey
- 30 Glenn Foster

Member Deaths

Our sympathy to the family of *Patience Kendig*, in her loss on February 16, 2019.

Our sympathy to the family of *Joanne Britain*, in her loss on March 4, 2019

Death

Our sympathy to the *Ann & Curt Heaton* in the loss of Ann's sister, *Lyn Gillaspay*, on March 17, 2019.

Our sympathy to the *Paul & Amy Hamm and family* in the loss of Paul's sister, *Barbara Nichols*, on March 18, 2019.

Summer Sunday School

Believe it or not, summer is right around the corner. That means it's time for Summer Sunday School! Please consider helping out by being a teacher or a shepherd for a class on a Sunday or two. Keep an eye out for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Note that, per our safe church policy, all teachers and shepherds need to complete a background check, even for just one Sunday. This is an easy process and is good for three years. Please contact *KC Harmer*, *Rhonda Havig*, or *Pastor Michelle* with any questions.

Church Directory Change

Ashley & Nicole Motto

Luca Motto

352 Wisteria Dr.

Oakwood, OH 45419

Two Free Community Concerts in April

On Saturday, April 6 at 1:30 p.m. we will host COCOA (Composers of Ohio Cooperative Organization for Acoustic Music) celebrating new music by living composers right here in Ohio. New music for the cello as played by Dr. Franklin Cox will be presented as well as a Bassoon concerto and a Viola concerto as played by Kristen Smith and Sheridan Currie, both members of the Dayton Philharmonic and UD faculty. Joining them as orchestral members will be Dr. Franklin Cox, members of COCOA, and students from the University of Dayton. Patrick Reynolds will be conducting.

The Jimmy Leach Jazztet will be giving a public concert at the church on Sunday, April 14 at 3:00 pm featuring members of the University of Dayton Music Faculty. Please invite friends and family to an afternoon of top-notch jazz!



<u>SUNDAY</u> 	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
7 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	1 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 7:00 PM Enns Book Study	2 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	3 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Lenten Book Study/Movie Discussion	4 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	5 7:00-9:00 PM Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM Parent's Night Out	6 1:30 PM COCOA Community Concert
14 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship PALM SUNDAY 11:15 AM Second Hour/New Members Orientation/Deacons Mtg. 3:00 PM Jimmy Leach Jazztet Community Concert 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	8 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 4:00 PM SIGNS Peanut Butter 6:00 PM Y12SR Yoga 7:00 PM CE Meeting	9 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 PM Life Support Group	10 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Lenten Book Study	11 10:30 AM-Noon Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	12 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at The Grove	13 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting 9:00 AM Breakfast with the Bunny 
21 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship with Communion 12:30 PM Private Reception at The Grove	15 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. DATELINE DEADLINE	16 9:00 AM Private Reception at The Grove 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	17 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Lenten Book Study	18 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday with Communion and Service of Healing	19 7:30 PM Good Friday	20 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans
28 8:30 AM Worship in the Chapel 9:50 AM YOUTH SUNDAY/GRADUATION RECOGNITION 11:15 AM Second Hour/ AED/CPR Training TBA Softball Game-Delco 6:30-8:30 PM Warm Wishes II 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	22 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Y12SR Yoga	23 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 5:30 PM WHO Group	24 6:00 PM Yoga	25 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM T&C Book Group at The Grove	26	27 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Youth Sunday Rehearsal David's Dinners
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