

**DAVID'S DATLINE
JUNE/JULY 2018 Newsletter**

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Church School, 9:50 a.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2 - Dayton LGBT Pride Parade

June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1- David's Softball
Games at Delco Park

June 9-16 - Confirmation Pilgrimage

June 17-22 - S.I.G.N.S. Mission Trip

June 18 - Trinity Birthday Party

June 22 - David's Night Out at
The Dayton Dragons

July 8 - WAG Rummage Sale Collection Starts

July 20 & 21- WAG Rummage Sale

July 29 - Confirmation Stockholder Luncheon

(Please note: This is a combined June/July issue.)

From the Pastor's Desk...

Most people probably have noticed that there's a bumper sticker on the car I drive most of the time which says "COEXIST," but the C was in the shape of the Muslim crescent, the X was in the shape of the Jewish star of David, and the T took the form of the Christian cross. I bought and wore it proudly on my car to suggest the hope that three of the major religions of the world should and could learn to get along in this world. But these are hyper-political times, where even the hope for peace, tolerance and compassion toward one labeled as "other" is seen by some as unacceptable.

Just a few weeks ago, a guy in a pick-up followed me into the church parking lot on my way to work, to confront me about the bumper sticker by repeatedly asking me "how are we supposed to get along when they want to kill us?" I tried to explain that I don't think "they" were all trying to kill us, once I realized that the "they" he was referring to was Muslims, and then said that as a person who is a follower of Jesus, we are called to love our neighbors... but he repeated his question several more times before shaking his head at me and driving off.

Now, I didn't think much of it at the time, until last week, when someone did the same thing to Susan, my wife, at the DLM parking lot when she was driving the car. The gentleman who pulled in beside her and got out of his car and a little too close to her to make his point made the same point. First asking "what that bumper sticker means," before going on to say that we can't get along with Muslims because "they are trying to kill us."

Now I'm no conspiracy theorist, but I also don't believe in coincidence. The fact that two very similar events took place in such close proximity has led me to conclude that some news source or right-wing pundit with some influence has decided to go after folk who would drive around a car with this bumper sticker and has encouraged their listeners to confront the folk who would drive around carrying this message of tolerance and dream of cooperation.

So, a couple things. First, I believe in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution that proclaims our right to free speech, so it really shouldn't be anyone else's business what messages I might choose to express on my back bumper. I see bumper stickers all the time that I might not agree with, and some that express language that I might even find offensive, but while I might come to conclude something about the politics or kind of person who would drive around with that message, it would never occur to me that I should pull over and give that person a piece of my mind. And, further, as a person who does strive to live by Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, I have tried to not think less of a person simply because we vote differently, or think differently about the environment, or what kind of language is appropriate for public discourse.

And, I'll admit, what we all know to be true, it's not always easy to love our neighbor as ourselves, especially when we've concluded that they are quite wrong about this thing or that. Barbara Brown Taylor was right when she wrote that "The hardest spiritual work in the world is to love your neighbor as the self – to encounter another human being not as someone you can use, change, fix, help, save, enroll, convince or control, but simply as someone who can spring you from the prison of yourself, if you allow it."

But, secondly, I also value the First Amendment's commitment to make no law "respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," which Thomas Jefferson referred to as a "wall of separation between Church & State." Which to me has meant that while religious congregations have a right to express an opinion on issues with regard to human morality and the way our nation acts in the world, and indeed we should as did the prophets of the Hebrew Bible, but that we should also, as a church, avoid partisan political commitments and electoral affiliations or support for one candidate or party over another. We can call our membership to participate in a way that honors the message and values of our faith without endorsing that any one person or political position is the right one, or the one ordained of God. We should avoid attaching the church's commitments to the calls of the Gospel to the political coattails of any singular person or party, as such affiliation does a disservice to our faith when human beings fail to live up to the light and truth of the Good News.

So as a faith leader, I would never attach our religious commitments in the church to the political agenda of any one political party, which is why some folk associated with the idea of a separation of Church & State once produced a bumper sticker that said, "God Is Not a Republican, or a Democrat." As your pastor, I would seek to avoid any temptation to tell anyone how to vote. We as a congregation or as the UCC would never endorse a candidate, or preach a sermon that said all Christians should vote for this person or that party. When political issues arise that deal directly with an issue of morality, or that touches on a clear biblical principle, like the pursuit of the peace, or feeding the hungry, including and asking for justice for those marginalized as "other," it is a Christian concern for faithfulness, but even then we understand that all issues are complex and it is often challenging and overly simplistic to suggest there is only one way to think about a variety of gray issues where there is little black or white ground to stand on.

Which means, that we honor the differences among us, even as we pray for peace and justice, two very important words in the Bible. But in recent weeks, we have also seen how a prayer for fair treatment under the law can be construed as "political." Reportedly, the Roman Catholic Chaplain of the House of Representatives was asked to resign after he prayed a very biblical prayer that the tax law about to be taken up would be fair to all, a prayer quite in line with the

Hebrew prophets calls for justice, and Jesus' own parable that we feed, care and provide for the marginalized and the needy. The priest did resign, and then he didn't, so some have claimed it was not meant to be political pay-back, but we cannot help but conclude that sometimes prayers are definitely perceived as political.

If we are praying for peace, and demilitarization, some who think war is a better solution, or those who make money selling supplies and weaponry to the military will see our prayers as political. When some of us prayed for Marriage Equality, that couples who identified as LGBT be allowed to marry legally and receive all the rights and benefits that come to marriage partners, those who wanted to keep marriage as an institution only available to straight couples called our activism political. When I boarded a bus to attend the ACT to End Racism Rally in Washington D.C., espousing the goal of completing the work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., of course it was a political expression for all the right reasons, because we were asking for fair and equal treatment for African Americans under the law, an end to New Jim Crow rules and the acknowledgement that Black Lives Matter. If we want to live in a world where peace and love and common sense morality are expressed for all people, we are at times going to be viewed by those who would silence us, or who want to protect the established social order which privileges some over others, as too political.

So, I am still proud to carry a bumper sticker with a message of tolerance and acceptance toward Muslims and Jews, and you can add Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs, Atheists and pagans. I do not believe that any of the major religions teaches its followers to kill the followers of other religions, although throughout history, most all religious groups have found one reason or other to torment and kill those they disagreed with or described as "others." Christians did it during the Crusades to Muslims and Jews, as a result of the Protestant Reformation, Catholics and Protestants went to war against each other for decades. And right now, since 9-11 and before, there has been a virulent brand of radical, violent extremism expressed by a small minority of Islamic Jihadists. There are 1.8 billion Muslims on our planet, they make up over 24% of the population, they certainly do not all want to kill Christians living in the West, the vast majority of them I'm more than sure want the same things we all want, to practice our faith, live comfortably, watch our children and grandchildren grow and inherit a world living in peace.

So, we are in a very difficult time in the history of the world. And surely there are places where the idea of coexistence is challenged by constant war and bloodshed.

Surely, the Jews of Israel cannot coexist with the militants of Hamas, as long as one group is committed to destroy the other. I wish to be neither naïve or ignorant of the threats that truly exist in the world. But by calling for and working for a world where Muslims, Jews & Christians (and others) can not only coexist but support and honor one another is a fulfillment to the biblical mandate to work for the good of the people, to create just systems for the well-being of everyone, and thus *SHALOM*, which our Bible translates as *peace*. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers," not because our actions in the world can easily bring an end to all violence, bloodshed and war, but because when we practice peace we will be called the "children of God." We pray for, we work for, and sometimes we wear a bumper sticker, that calls for peace, because that is what the children of God are called to do and be.

Your pastor & friend,
Brian Q. Newcomb



Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Why do bad things happen to good people? This is one of the most common questions people have and I have found myself wondering that same thing lately. In his book, "When Bad things Happen to Good People," Harold S. Kushner explores that question. He writes:

"We can't pray that God make our lives free of problems; this won't happen, and it is probably just as well. We can't ask Him to make us and those we love immune to diseases, because He can't do that. We can't ask Him to weave a magic spell around us so that bad things will only happen to other people, and never to us. People who pray for miracles usually don't get miracles, any more than children who pray for bicycles, good grades, or good boyfriends get them as a result of praying. But people who pray for courage, for strength to bear the unbearable, for the grace to remember what they have left instead of what they have lost, very often find their prayer answered."

I recently went through one of the scariest experiences of my life. On the evening of Thursday, April 26, I was involved in a serious car accident. I was driving home when my car crashed into another vehicle which ran a red light. I was rushed to Kettering Hospital and the doctors and nurses ran test after test on me. Thanks to my seat belt and airbags in my car; I was able to walk away from this accident with manageable injuries. I fractured part of my spine and had significant bruising from the seatbelt. My knee was also banged up because of it crashing into the dashboard. So yes, I sustained quite a bit of injuries, but I am alive and that is what matters most.

So, yes, I have asked the question of why this happened to me and I still don't have an explanation. I don't know why bad things continue to happen to good people. But what I do know is this; my prayers to get through this horrific incident;

my prayers for God to be with me, were answered. At the core of my beliefs about God is that God is a God who is with us in all our moments; both good and bad. I don't believe that God is responsible for all the bad in the world; but when we find ourselves going through Hell; God is with us and one of the ways that God shows up the most in our world is through God's people. We are called to be God's manifestation in this world. We are made in the very image of God and because of this we are called to help others see God through us.

God has shown up for me during this time through all my family and friends. This accident occurred the day before my 35th birthday. Needless to say, this was not a gift I was expecting to receive. But through this experience, my faith in God has been made stronger and this is thanks to all the ways that the people in my life have shown up for me; all the ways that people have been living manifestations of God's powerful love.

I am so grateful for all the get-well cards that I have received. I am grateful for all the text messages, emails, and phone calls of everyone who was simply checking in. I am grateful for my fiancé who has stood by my side through this whole ordeal. I appreciate those who sat with me while I was in the hospital that Thursday night. I am thankful for all my friends and family who have stopped by our house to pay me a visit. I could go on and on with listing everything I am thankful for but suffice it to say; I feel blessed to have so many loving and caring people in my life. I feel blessed to belong to such an amazing faith community. David's Church is overflowing with people who are passionate about making this world a better place. I know that you have made my life better with your generous love and support. Your cards, prayers, and kind words have meant more to me than you could ever know. They have gotten me through this difficult time.

I close with a quote from an article written by John Pavlovitz. Two years ago, he wrote an article titled "The Gospel According to Ellen: Living a Practical Theology of Love." I strongly believe that love should be at the center of all that we do; everything in our lives should be grounded in love. I loved what Pavlovitz has to say about what it means to live out a practical spirituality:

"Ellen Degeneres in this way is beautifully transparent. Her heart shines through without fanfare or bombast. It doesn't need to scream from a bullhorn or pound a pulpit to be seen, and it doesn't come at the expense of someone else's humanity either. She is living a practical theology of Love that makes this place better than it was before her presence. The planet is lighter, funnier, more kind, and more compassionate because of her. It's a pity more celebrity preachers and partisan Christian mouthpieces can't say the same. At the end of the day, the truest test of a person's practical spirituality is whether their lives point people toward the reality of God: Do we look at the sum total of who they are and sense the possibility of something greater behind it, regardless of their words? I've come away from witnessing Ellen with great assurance of this truth far more consistently than I have the celebrity evangelists supposing to be about this very work; those who have so often made me question my faith, rather than confirm it. The simple truth is that there is a stronger and more believable testimony from a "faithless" person who lives a Christlike life, than from a jerk in Jesus' name. If more self-proclaimed Christians simply shut-up and lived such a radical theology of Love, more people might be inspired to follow suit. The Church might see a true revival. Goodness might have a holy Renaissance. The Kingdom might actually come."

Let our lives continue to point toward the reality of God and God's love and let us continue to do this until Kingdom come.

Love and Blessings,
Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Time Out Of The Office

Pastor Brian will be leaving on vacation after services on the evening of June 3, for two weeks of vacation, plus the Elders have okayed a Continuing Education experience, a 10-day Reformation Tour in Germany, tracing the life of Martin Luther, who kicked off the Protestant Movement just over 500 years ago. Pastor Brian will be returning on June 27, and we ask that you respect his time off and not call him on his cell phone during his time away (International calls can be expensive).

Also: Pastor Michelle will be away for a week's vacation from June 25 thru July 1. She will also be travelling with the Confirmation Pilgrimage from June 9 thru 16, while she and Brian will both be away, we will have a UCC pastor on call should anyone experience an emergency and wish to speak with a pastor before we return. Please call the office and we'll contact that pastor for you.

Have A Musical Talent?

While our choirs are on summer hiatus, we are in need of special music during our 9:50 a.m. worship service. If you have a musical talent you would like to share, please sign-up in the Narthex and contact our Musical Director, *Tim Williams*, at 937-620-9328.

June Trinity Birthday Party

On Monday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m., David's will host the Birthday Party for Trinity residents who are celebrating June birthdays. We arrive there at 6:00 with many assorted pies and after we entertain them with a sing along, we serve pie to everyone and recognize each birthday.

Please sign up on the pie list posted in the Narthex. Just a reminder that some of our friends at Trinity are diabetic so feel free to donate a sugar free pie. You can bring your pie on Sunday June 17th, marked Trinity Birthday, or no later than 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 18.

Thank you, *Your Mission Board*



LGBT Pride Parade

On Saturday, June 2, Dayton will have their annual LGBT Pride Parade. It is always wonderful to have our church participate in this important event and to make our accepting and welcoming presence known. This year, the parade will start at Cooper Park. Everyone is invited to line up around 11:00 a.m. with the parade beginning approximately at noon. After the parade, there will be different activities for families to enjoy and our church will also have a booth at Courthouse Square from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. anyone would be interested in helping with the booth, you can let Pastor Michelle know. Also, for all those interested in marching in the parade, make sure to sign up in the Narthex. Any questions, please see *Pastor Michelle*.

Summer Sunday School Volunteers

During the summer, we go to a one room schoolhouse Sunday school format and we need volunteers to help lead it! Curriculum is provided or you can come up with an idea of your own. We will certainly have plenty of children eager to attend Summer Sunday school, but it can only happen if we have adults willing to be there as well. Sign-up for a Sunday or two in the Narthex.

David's Church Softball

Come out and cheer on team! We will play most Sunday afternoons at Delco Park. We are already a month into the season. The remaining schedule is:

- Sunday, June 3 – 3:30 p.m. at Field #1
- Sunday, June 10 – 4:40 p.m. at Field #2
- Sunday, June 17 – 2:20 p.m. at Field #3
- Sunday, June 24 – 3:30 p.m. at Field #2
- Sunday, July 1 – 2:20 p.m. at Field #3



Vacation Bible School with Harmony Creek UCC



David's UCC and Harmony Creek UCC have once again teamed up for VBS this summer, hosted at Harmony Creek on 17-20 June, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The theme this year is a tour of the Caribbean while we learn how to Embrace the Fruits of the Spirit. Registration is open to children age 4 through rising 5th graders. David's Christian Ed board will cover the \$5 registration for children from church families. Friends and neighbors who are not members are invited, but we ask that they pay the registration fee themselves. Children can be registered at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RYN0EnnAzb9LJxfB3>. We also need volunteers: 2 small group leaders and 2 helpers, who lead the children from station to station and help to supervise; 3 station helpers to

assist the station leaders for arts & crafts, sports & games, and science; and 1 opening leader to help lead the opening and closing session each evening and have a short public speaking role. Lastly, we will be setting up the decorations on Sat, 16 June. Volunteers can register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C44ACAC2FAA8-vacation>.

Game Night

Attention all Gamers! Come to The Grove from 7:00-10:00 p.m. on June 8 at The Grove (hosted by Pat Johnson) 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.

Thank You!

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank our teachers, shepherds, subs, and other key church school volunteers. Without you, we could not offer the church school programming we do for 3 years old to confirmation.

Teachers & Shepherds:

Emily Angel, Jeff Baldwin, Jill Chabut, Colleen Gallagher, Nan Gordon, KC Harmer, Rhonda Havig, Diane Herbst, Julia Hughes, Tom Hughes, Anne Jones, Janice Kinghorn, Jennifer Phillips, Rebecca Rine, Robert Stitt, Scott Thompson, Heather Vest, Jason Vest, Eric Vogler, Becky Yerman

Superintendent Extraordinaire: *Betsy Keyes*

Superintendent Assistant: *Drew Vest*

Subs: *Jill Blum, Ernie Dalton, Tina Donovan, Linda Ford, Judy Jones, Kathe Lindner, Claudia Stolz, Alice Stone, Jen Teeters, Steve Wellbaum, Cindy Wheeler, Chris Wood*

Nursery: *Laura Mann, Brittney Green, Felicia McCarron, Lindsay Pitstick*

Support, Guidance, Leadership: *Pastor Michelle*

If you would like to join this awesome team and help in the nursery or teach Sunday School this summer, please sign-up in the Narthex or contact a Christian Education Board member.



Congratulations Confirmands!

On Sunday, May 13, 2018, *Sabrina Barraclough, Amelia Bishop, Natalie Hughes, Joe Nielsen, Laura Nielsen, Ben Persinger, Jake Schairbaum, Abigail Vest* were confirmed into the life of the church by Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb and Rev. Michelle Wilkey.

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.

52 Years at Pike Lake

David's Church Campers journeyed the final leg of their way to Pike Lake May 18-20, 2018 due to road construction on Pike Lake State Road. They were treated to beautiful hilltop views and exciting narrow roads finally entering the Park with a beautiful view of the two trees dedicated two years ago with large white blooms on the Dogwood and a healthy Poplar tree.

A wonderfully warm Pike Lake Weekend interspersed with occasional sprinkles on Saturday but not enough to ruin the activities enabled the 44 adults and 17 youth (61) to enjoy a treasured get-away!

Saturday morning began with Matt Minter, Pike Lake Naturalist, leading Archery instruction followed by a Treasure Hunt created by Debbie McCoy that gave participants the opportunity to explore Pike Lake State Park. The Annual Boat Race organized by Matt & Jen Teeters was enjoyed by all both in the boats and on the shore!

After lunch the wiffle ball game organized by Daryl Leighty, brought all ages together for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Andy and Anne Jones organized the Annual Cornhole Tournament with Andy & Ellie Jones crowned champions with Alan Avila John and Lucas Rodriguez coming in second and Matt & Jen Teeters placing third!

Later everyone gathered for dinner at the "Egypt Hollow" shelter and following a blessing by Debbie McCoy all enjoyed a magnificent potluck! After dinner, DJ Marissa spun tunes from the Bunny Hop and Hokey Pokey to the Electric Slide and Cupid Shuffle with a nice variety in between also held at the "Egypt Hollow" shelter! At the close of the day, many gathered around the grill fire to enjoy S'mores with S'more building assistance provided by Polli Leighty and Debbie McCoy.

Sunday worship was led by Polli, Daryl, Amy Leighty & Ben Persinger who wrapped up a wonderful weekend at the Amphitheatre.

Take Me Out To The Dayton Dragon's Game

On Friday, June 22, David's Church will have a fun night at a 7:00 p.m. Dayton Dragons Game. We have reserved 50 seats for this game. Each ticket will be \$12 and we will be selling these tickets in the Narthex after church on June 3, 10, and 17. If you have any questions, please see *Pastor Michelle*.

Food Fundraiser – City BBQ

On Mondays, June 11 and July 9, once again City BBQ welcomes us with open arms. This is the day we receive a 25% rebate on all the food David's friends purchase—carry out or eat in. And, it is for all day! Please pick up a coupon from the table in the Narthex and enjoy good food at City BBQ. Who knows, you may even see other friends from David's. The Deacons of David's thank you.



You Asked For It Sermons

In August, Pastor Brian has offered "you asked for it" sermons where he reacted to theological questions and concerns shared with him by members of the congregation. If you have a topic, or question, or area of interest that you would like discussed in a sermon, send it to Brian@davidsucc.org, or jot it down in a note and leave it for Pastor Brian in the church office. Please sign your name, even though he will not share where the question came from, so that if there are follow-up questions, or he needs further clarification or explanation he can contact you. If he doesn't get any questions, he'll continue to follow the texts in the Revised Common Lectionary to guide his preaching, as found in the UCC planning calendar.

SIGNS Youth Group

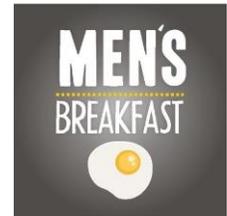
In June, the SIGNS Youth Group will be traveling to Michigan for an adventure trip. Following the trip, our summer schedule kicks in - a much more relaxed schedule, but with some fun events! It is at this time that incoming Freshmen are invited to join us - these social events are a great way to get to know the leaders and other teens in an informal setting. So, if you have an 8th grader who is interested in checking out SIGNS, please notify me and we will send you an invitation, complete with dates and times of summer events.

Also, the only way we grow is through word of mouth. If you know of a teen, in high school or just entering high school, who might enjoy our group, we are happy to send them a letter. Just send in their name, school, grade (for next year) and home address - we'll be sure to send them a welcome letter that explains everything they need to know about our group. Thanks so much to the people of David's for all your support and encouragement throughout the year!

Jill Chabut - chabut.jjcna@att.net

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, June 16 and then on Saturday, July 21. No need to RSVP, but you can call the church office at 434-2131 with any questions.



Fall Book Study

Pastor Brian is considering ideas for his Fall Bible/Book study, and it occurs to him that there might be a some out there who would prefer one thing over another... So, if you would like to attend a class with him this coming fall, starting in late August or early September, here are a few options:

A book study where we read and discuss John Shelby Spong's latest, "Unbelievable; Why Neither Ancient Creeds Nor the Reformation Can Produce a Living Faith Today."

Or, a thematic Bible study produced by our friends at The Kerygma Program. They offer several 7 weeks studies that work through a variety of the biblical narratives, one is titled "God Saves A People" and another is "God Is Faithful." They also have a 6-week study on The Beatitudes of Jesus in Matthew 5, titled "You Are Blessed."

And another option would be a longer survey class on the whole of the New Testament, like the one Pastor Brian is teaching this Spring for SONKA's Lay School. We would read the whole New Testament, and a helpful textbook, "The Fortress Introduction to the New Testament," and then gather to view the Great Courses DVD's of "The New Testament," by NT scholar and professor, Bart D. Ehrman.

Any of these are possible, so share your preference or suggest something else at Brian@davidsucc.org, and include which evening of the week you prefer, Monday or Wednesday. We'll weigh the responses and try to offer a class that would interest the greatest number of participants.



All Church Picnic – August 8

Location: Lynn Bender's home- 10300 Stationview Court, Centerville, OH 45458

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Main meat dish, drinks, and tableware provided will be provided Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex, on the bulletin board, later in July. You may choose to bring a vegetable, salad, side dish, or dessert for 10 people.

Please bring a lawn chair.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the hosts.



Help Kettering Youth!

David's will once again be participating in the City of Kettering's Healthy Youth Summer Foodtastic program this summer. The Mission Board is spearheading this event the week of August 6-10 and is need of volunteers. Come help serve and interact with children from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additionally, if you cannot give of your time, there are two more ways you can help, one you can sign up to donate food items, or give monetarily to help purchase the lunch items needed. If you do make a monetary donation, remember to mark your check with "Kettering Youth" in the memo line. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex! Thank you for your dedication to this event.

Your Mission Board

Are You Missing Things?

Stop in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings to see if you have left any carry-in dishes, coffee tumblers, clothing items, etc. We have quite a collection. Those items that are not claimed by July 8 will be put into this year's Rummage Sale.

Rummage Sale NEWS FLASH!!!

*It's almost time to bring all those treasures you've been accumulating in your
"Rummage Sale Corner" to David's!!!*

Drop Off of Items begins Sunday, July 8

*On Sunday, July 8 we'll also be setting up the tables
in Fellowship Hall immediately after the 9:50 worship
and would be most appreciative of all who could stay and help!*

We know July 8 seems like a long time to wait to donate items you've decided you're ready to part with but every space is being used at David's on a daily/weekly basis so we kindly ask that you start a "Rummage Sale Corner" somewhere in your home until July 8.

On the 8th and 15th of July, you can bring items between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.
During the week, items will be received in Fellowship Hall during church office hours – 9 to 5.

Last Day to Donate Items is Wednesday, July 18 at NOON

If you have large items you'd like to donate and need them picked up, please call *Debbie McCoy* at 299-9218.

Lots of volunteers are needed to sort, price, and arrange items prior to the Sale.

We work nearly every day beginning **July 9** from 9:00 till about 1:00
and we'll add evening hours beginning **July 16** (7-9).

ANY TIME you can give is very much appreciated!!!

PREVIEW NIGHT-Thursday, July 19-6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Preview Night Admission will benefit Mission!

Bring a jar of Peanut Butter for the Kettering Backpack Program

Or

A Canned Good for our Mission Partner – St. Paul's Pantry

Or

A cash donation which will be used by the Mission Board.

SHOPPING DAY – Friday, July 20 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SHOPPING DAY – Saturday, July 21 – 9 a.m. to NOON

Volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday to assist customers

and keep the merchandise nicely arranged,

work at the check-out – calculating sales and bagging items,

as well as helping customers load furniture or large purchases.

AND THEN . . .

At NOON on SATURDAY,

volunteers are *VERY MUCH APPRECIATED* to help pack up all the leftovers.

We hope you'll be part of the fun and fellowship of making this year's Rummage Sale a great success!

June Birthdays

- 3 Ian Vest
- 4 Norma Jean Hendricks
- 5 Melanie Dhanraj
Jack Bishop
- 6 Rich Gilberg
- 8 Anne Hamm
- 9 Richard Smith
- 10 Connie Wade
Lu Ann Stanley
- 11 Mark Miller
Marilyn Lusa
Jacquie Housel
Jana Lehman
Ashley Motto
Mia Thompson
- 12 Kayla Johnson
- 14 George Ford
- 15 Janet Marks
Terry Foster
- 16 Mike Pence
- 17 Nan Gordon
- 18 Sharon Shaneyfelt
- 20 Ken Hopkins
Morgan Storar
- 21 Anna Tate
Justin Patmon

- 22 Georgene Hale
Andy Randall
- 23 Miriam Maue
Jean Blum
Steve Hopkins
- 24 Jim Lewis
Linda Deitz
- 25 Kathy Hamilton
Shawn Monk
Summer Bartshe
- 26 Nedra Dalton
- 27 Sherry Atkinson
Samantha Hughes
Laurel Bartshe
Maggie Stafford
- 29 Bob Brethen
John Bierman
- 30 Ben Roess

- 11 Vickie Dixon
Aidan Thompson
- 12 Jim Dapp
- 13 John Chabut
- 15 Dave Oertel
Anne Brown
Judy Fehr
- 16 Jack McNabb
Kathi Herick
Julie Bernard
- 17 Mark Anthony
Heather Bishop
- 18 Daryl Leighty
Polli Leighty
- 20 Alice Stone
- 21 Michael Roediger
Graham Mhaskar
- 22 Mary Rose Back
- 25 Jim Murphy
Lu Harmer
- 26 Joyce Porter
- 28 Amy Askins
- 30 Dick Eichel
Steve Wellbaum
- 31 Margie Phillips

July Birthdays

- 5 Judy Slanker
- 6 Jan Murphy
- 7 Signe Yelland
Beth Flach
- 8 Helen Maze
Bernie Wheeler
- 10 Kaye Williams

Church Directory Changes

Joe & Emy Aiello

3533 Amberacres Drive #104
Cincinnati, OH 45237
Joe's Cell: 937-673-3112

Warren & Mary Rose Back

4950 Ramblewood Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Anne & Hunt Brown

180 Lyons Drive
Dayton, OH 45459

Birth

Adalyn Eve White was born on May 16, 2018 to *Briana & Andrew White*. Proud sister is *Winter White*.

Member Death

Our sympathy to *Annabelle Click and family* in the death of her husband, *Bill Click*, on April 29, 2018.

Death

Our sympathy to *Louis & Donna Wright and family* in the death of Louie's father, *Louis C. Wright, Jr.*, on April 27, 2018.

Our sympathy to *Marsha O'Connor & Neil Jones* in the loss of Marsha's mother, *Lillie Engle*, on May 10, 2018.

Change in Office Hours

July 4 closed & July 2-13 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of those hours, please the minister on staff. Thank you.

Stockholders Luncheon

Come hear the confirmands as they tell us about their trip to St. Louis & Memphis this June. Lunch will be served after second service on Sunday, July 29. All those who purchased stock are invited. Please RSVP to the church office at 434-2131 by Wednesday, July 25. .

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>JUNE 2018</h1> <p>David's United Church of Christ (937) 434-2131 www.davidsucc.org</p> 						
3 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship w/Communion/Reception of New Members Gateway 11:15 AM Pilgrimage Meeting/Adult Ed 3:30 PM Softball at Delco Park Field #1 7:00 PM Book Study	4 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	5 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	6 6:00 PM Yoga	7 12:00 PM Grief Group	8 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at The Grove	9 Confirmation Pilgrimage 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting
10 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:15 AM Adult Ed 4:40 PM Softball at Delco Park #2 7:00 PM Book Study	11 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 7:00 PM CE Meeting 6:00 PM Y12SR Yoga <i>Food Fundraiser: City Barbecue</i>	12 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop	13 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Deacon Meeting	14	15 DATELINE DEADLINE	16 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans
CONFIRMATION PILGRIMAGE						
17 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 1:00 PM Private Reception at The Grove 2:20 PM Softball at Delco Park #3 6:00-8:00 PM VBS at Harmony Creek 7:00 PM Book Study	18 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00-8:00 PM VBS at Harmony Creek 6:30 PM Trinity Birthday Party	19 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop 6:00-8:00 PM VBS at Harmony Creek 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	20 6:00 PM Yoga 6:00-8:00 PM VBS at Harmony Creek	21	22 7:00 PM Night Out at The Dayton Dragons	23 Private Reception at The Grove
S.I.G.N.S. MISSION TRIP						
<i>Father's Day</i>						
24 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 3:30 PM Softball at Delco Park #2 7:00 PM Book Study	25 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Y12SR Yoga	26 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry/Bazaar Workshop 5:30 PM WHO Group	27 6:00 PM Yoga	28	29	30

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		OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM-2:00 PM		OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM-2:00 PM		
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