



**DAVID'S DATLINE
JUNE/JULY 2019 Newsletter**

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

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**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb
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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1 - Dayton LGBT Pride Parade

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - David's Softball Games
at Delco Park

June 9 - All-Church Picnic at The Grove

June 8-13 - Confirmation Pilgrimage

June 16-22 - S.I.G.N.S. Mission Trip

July 7 - WAG Rummage Sale Collection Starts

July 18, 19 & 20 - WAG Rummage Sale

July 21 - Confirmation Stockholder Luncheon

July 26 - David's Night Out at The Dragons

From the Pastor's Desk...

As I sit to write to you at what feels like the beginning of summer, I have just returned from attending the Festival of Homiletics, the yearly preaching conference that has been my choice for continuing educational experiences for nearly 2 decades. Over the years, it has been a great place to hear inspiring preachers, lectures from some of the most important theological and academic voices currently serving. Over the years, I've felt blessed to hear great preachers like Fred Craddock, John Claypool, Jim Forbes, William Sloan Coffin and others who were groundbreaking in their youth, but still vital and vibrant in the pulpit.

Over the years, we began hearing more diverse voices who added to our appreciation for all the different approaches to the task of speaking the Good News to the church and the world. Women's voices like Barbara Brown Taylor, Diana Butler Bass, Barbara Lundblad, Anna Carter Florence, and many more were added to the mix. Also, voices of people of color joined elder states people like Forbes mentioned above and Jeremiah Wright, and we heard from folk like Otis Moss III who followed Wright at Trinity UCC on the southside of Chicago, Yvette Flunder, and this year in Minneapolis we heard from some of the strongest prophetic voices of our time, Rev. William Barber II, and Traci Blackmon, the Executive Minister of Justice and Local Church Ministries in the United Church of Christ.

So, this year's event in Minneapolis was inspiring, intellectually as well as spiritually challenging as we heard each speaker offer their own insights and ideas around the conference's theme, "Preaching as Moral Imagination." We heard strong preaching from Barber, Lundblad, Moss and Florence, and provocative lectures by Brian McLaren, Lillian Daniels, but two from voices new to me have continued to cause a stir in my imagination. Frank Thomas, a Professor of Homiletics at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, followed up his book "How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon," with a presentation on "How to Survive Preaching a Dangerous Sermon."

The other speaker was Rob Wright, the Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta, who preached a sermon on "Re-Imagining Leadership" based on Matthew 20:20ff, where the mother of James and John asks that her sons be seated at Jesus' right and left hand when he comes into his kingdom. Jesus answers her with what feels like a Buddhist Koan or riddle, he says "whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."

Wright, like many other students of the Bible and followers of Jesus, has come to see that Jesus models a very different understanding of leadership for the "kingdom of God," than that was the rule of the day in the Roman empire, and elsewhere. In the structure of the militaristic empire, the folk at the top ruled over the folk beneath them, and the least powerful were always the people found at the bottom of the food chain, those who served all those above them. When the leaders, and rulers in the empire of Rome spoke, those beneath them did their bidding, when they said "jump," the common people asked, "how high?" on the way up.

But for Jesus, leadership is rooted in service. In John, Jesus modeled that when the disciples gathered for a meal in the upper room and he washed their feet, showing them how a leader acts in his view, as a servant to all. So, Bishop Wright observed that for Jesus, leadership is about the activity of serving. Jesus was modeling what he wanted from those who became leaders in his church when he welcomed the stranger, when he fed the hungry, and brought healing and community to those whose illness left them alone, sick and cut-off. That's the meaning behind Jesus' words that those who would be great among his followers, must serve. We show leadership in the church when we extend ourselves on behalf of others, when we make them welcome, when we seek to help one another as best as we are able.

Wright went on to list what he called "Four Timeless Leadership Guidelines." The first of these was the ability to see the organization and the issues and people that impact it and to diagnose what are the salient issues and areas for concern. You can't lead if you don't understand the challenges to and in your organization, as well as imagine the path forward to remedy these concerns. Leadership, Wright said, requires a complete understanding of the situation and an idea of what is required.

The second guideline for a would-be leader is the ability to stay focused on what's most important in the big picture, and not be distracted by the day to day challenges. This requires self-management. A leader is someone who can keep their eye on the prize, while dealing with everything else that comes with nurturing and caring for a community as issues and concerns arise daily. And the third is related, a leader needs to be able to mobilize and activate others around their sense of vision, and engage others to share in accomplishing the organizational goals. All of this, Wright suggested, leads to the fourth guideline, one that allows the leader to make artful interventions, to come up with creative solutions that will attract buy in from others, and move the organization toward its stated goals.

It's at this point, that the rubber hits the road, said Wright, emphasizing the ability to express the underlying purposes of your cause, organization or community. Having skills in leadership, says Wright, without a strong sense of clarity about the direction you want to take and the purpose behind all that effort, makes leadership meaningless, just another set of incoherent and relentless tasks. We have to be able to answer the "why" question that underlies any group or institutional body that we might hope to lead, says Wright, because real innovation comes after we have made our common sense of

purpose clear and intentional. When folk understand where you want to lead them and why, they can get behind your program, and will put real effort into achieving your common goals.

Then, Rev. Dr. Wright moved from the theoretical and philosophical underpinnings of how and why leadership works, to the fundamental question facing pastors, preachers and faith leaders today: “Why does the Church exist?” What is the central purpose of our gathering together week after week, what are we asking people to support with their offerings and gifts of time and talent, why do we do what we do, and is it worth sustaining? There has to be more to it than tradition, or because “we’ve always done it this way before.” What vision, what sense of purpose, underlies our invitations to come and join with us in our work? What is it we’re hoping to do, and see accomplished, where are we headed? Is it something we can all agree is important, a community value worthy of our efforts, something we need and want to see sustained from one generation to the next?

Bishop Wright drew upon his personal hero to express his own sense of the purpose for the church, quoting Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., from his “Letters From the Birmingham Jail,” where he states unequivocally that “The great tragedy is that Christianity has failed to see that it has the revolutionary edge... I didn't get my inspiration from Karl Marx; I got it from a man named Jesus, a Galilean saint who said he was anointed to heal the brokenhearted. He was anointed to deal with the problems of the poor. And that is where we get our inspiration. And we go out in a day when we have a message for the world, and we can change this world and we can change this nation.”

Drs. King and Wright offer up this picture of a church with a “revolutionary edge,” at a time when many mainline Protestant congregations are struggling, seeing decline and threats to their future existence at every turn, at a time when younger generations report losing their trust in “organized religious groups,” with a growing number of young adults answering survey questions about religious or spiritual affiliations with the answer, “none.” In a research study a few years back, folk asked for their first impressions of Christians and the church a majority responded with words like “hypocritical,” “judgmental,” and “too political,” which referred to many “Evangelical” congregations’ display of alliances with partisan Republican politics, and they described these churches as “anti-gay.”

In this current reality, it’s not enough to say, “But our church isn’t like that, we’re different.” We who care about the Church and its future, have to do better in expressing our sense of purpose, our values, what we have to offer as an alternative to that other way of doing religious life. Sensing this need our denomination, The United Church of Christ, affirmed these statements as recently as 2016: **Purpose Statement (from the Gospel of Matthew):** *To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves.* **Vision Statement:** *United in Christ's love, a just world for all.* **And this Mission statement:** *United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.* To help local congregations think concretely about that sense of purpose, vision and mission, the UCC invited folk to look for ways to express our values in “3 Great Loves:” The love of neighbor; Love of children; and Love of Creation. At the heart of these brief statements our church roots its sense of identity in Jesus’ call to serve. We embody our love for God and neighbor in the work for a just world for all. When we remember this, we’re unlikely to lose our revolutionary edge.

Now, if those brief statements don’t point clearly enough to our larger sense of purpose, let’s consider the way we have sought to embody these values and virtues in the life of our own congregation, here at David’s UCC. In our “Covenant of Welcome,” which you can find on our website at www.davidsucc.org, states clearly and in no uncertain terms our goal to offer an extravagant welcome to all who would come, making sure to say specifically that we include those who identify as LGBTQ. We desire to be an inclusive fellowship that is inter-generational and open to people of all races, ethnicities, or cultural backgrounds, and unlike some we could name, we welcome women into leadership positions, including the ordained ministry (See Pastor Michelle, below). So, coming and being together is part of our purpose, so that we can grow together in Christ, and offer one another support, nurture and care as desired and needed. The African saying says, “if you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far go with others.” As a congregation, we desire to go far.

And as a congregation, when we come together to build one another up in the faith, and maintain our relational connections, we combine our gifts, resources and abilities to make a difference in the world around us. We do that in so many ways here at David’s Church, as you can see by reading our mission partners that we support financially, whether it’s through Our Churches Wider Mission and the larger UCC, or localized ministries like House of Bread or Lydia’s House. In addition, we feed hungry kids in Kettering each summer through a combined community effort, we provide hundreds of sets of mittens, hats & scarves each winter through Warm Wishes, we collect over 400 jars of peanut butter for local children who get help with lunches at school so they have food for the weekends, we bring a warm meal to the homeless shelter each month, make quilts for veterans in hospice care, and the list of good made possible by this congregation goes on and on, all of which expresses our love of neighbor, and our church’s sense of purpose.

It was 11 years ago, when the congregation of David’s invited me to come as your pastor and spiritual leader, and it is my daily pleasure to come and serve this congregation to the best of my ability. I’m so very proud to say I’m part of the good work and community that is David’s United Church of Christ. I hope this letter is received as an expression of my gratitude to all of you for your friendship and support over the years, sending me off to improve my preaching chops at

the Festival of Homiletics. I hope it reminds you of the unique role our common ministry takes here in Kettering, and instills within you a greater commitment to live out the good news of God's love for all people, and embrace the revolutionary spirit that we can change this world for the better.

Your pastor, servant & friend,
Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

It is my desire and goal to spend my days being my most authentic self and living out my own truth. This is something that took me quite a few years to gather up the courage to do because I spent the first 24 years of my life trying to become someone I wasn't. At 24 years old, I finally gathered up enough courage to be my authentic self and I broke open the closet that I was hiding in for so many years. So, this month I wanted to share some of my journey to getting to that point in my life where I could be my authentic self. Sharing some of my personal story is my way of telling my truth.

I was born into a very religious family. My grandparents and my parents all were raised in ultra conservative households. I grew up attending an independent Baptist Church in Fairfield, OH. Anytime the doors were open, you would find me at church. I was "saved" at the young age of seven and then proceeded to be baptized by full immersion shortly after accepting Jesus into my heart. Now to be honest, I got "saved" multiple times. I pretty much had the "Hell" scared out of me on numerous occasions. Each time the pastor would preach a fire and brimstone sermon and remind everyone of their fate if they didn't accept Jesus into their heart, I would come forward and seek salvation once again. I lost count on how many times I was "born again."

Fear was my number one motivator growing up and the number one thing that I was afraid of was God. I was constantly walking on eggshells because I was so afraid of making God mad at me. When I was a teenager, I struggled with same sex attractions and I knew that had to really piss God off. When I opened up to my mom about my struggle, my mom went out and bought many Focus on the Family books and other books about curing the sin of "lesbianism". My mom did some serious praying over me and my church did as well. The pastor made sure to remind me of all the ramifications I would face if I were to follow through on my attractions and the biggest one of all would be an eternity with Satan himself.

I share all this because I wanted to give background as to why I underwent years of reparative therapy and conversion therapy. I can remember being taught to inflict physical pain on myself each time I had "sinful" thoughts about other women. I tried the rubber band method. You snap a rubber band on your wrist each time you have a sinful thought. The only thing this accomplished was giving me bruises on my wrist. I had a punching bag at my house, and I would even go down and punch the bag without wearing gloves. For some weird reason, I thought the more pain I inflicted upon myself, the less I would have thoughts about girls. The struggle I was having was brutal and painful. I cringe every time I remember the days of my youth. I spent so many years doing everything possible to be a straight woman, but nothing seemed to work. I even spent three years in therapy while I attended Cedarville University and the only thing that came out of my therapy sessions was that I developed a huge crush on my female therapist.

Everything changed in 2007 when I met and fell in love for the first time and it was with a woman. I came out in May of 2007 and since then I am so at peace with who I am. But it did take some time to come to peace and finally embrace who I was as a Christian as a child of God. I still had all those voices in my head telling me that God hates gay people.

Back when we were dating, my wife and I did some church shopping and we were looking for a gay friendly church. In September of 2009, we attended Nexus UCC in Hamilton, OH and it was here where I found God, I found a God unlike the God I grew up with and it was completely liberating. At Nexus, not only were gays and lesbians welcomed and embraced but the pastor at Nexus was an out gay man.

During my time at Nexus, I started an LGBT support group for the church, and we watched the film "For the Bible Tells Me So." This film is an exploration of the intersection between religion and homosexuality in the U.S. and it explores how the religious right has used its interpretation of the Bible to stigmatize the gay community. A thesis of the film is that much of Christianity's homophobia represents a misreading of scripture, a denial of science, and an embrace of quack psychology. Viewing this film was a very powerful experience for me because I could resonate with many of the stories. I am so grateful to have found Nexus because it was at Nexus that I came to understand what I wanted to do with my life. It was at Nexus that I came to the decision that I wanted to become an ordained pastor and this decision was one of the best decisions I have made in my life.

I share all this not only to speak my truth but also because it's Pride month. As one website says: "June is Pride Month, a month to celebrate gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and asexual people, plus all other sexual orientations and genders. The month is celebrated in June in commemoration of the Stonewall Riots, which kicked off the first major demonstrations for gay rights in America." Each June, Dayton has their LGBT Pride Parade and since beginning my position at David's, our church has boldly marched and been represented at Pride. I can't stress enough just

how important it is for us to be present at Pride. There may still be people out there who are being told that they are not loved by God because they are gay. I know, even to this day, I have some in my family who still believe this about me.

Our voices of love and inclusion need to be so loud that it drowns out the voices of hate and exclusion. At Pride every year, there are always protestors and they are holding up signs declaring “God Hates Fags” or “It’s Adam and Eve not Adam and Steve.” Sadly, there are still some people in the world that believe those people represent the Christian voice. We must continue to be loud with our love and let other people see a different view of Christianity.

So, I invite everyone to march with our church this year or help in our booth. As we march, we are boldly proclaiming that God does indeed love all, we are boldly proclaiming that ALL people are made in God’s image and are equally deserving of love. I am so proud to belong to a church where we do boldly proclaim the inclusive love of God for people of all walks of life. I am so thankful that I found the UCC because thanks to our denomination, I finally experienced God’s love and came to understand that God loves me for who I am, inside and out. Everyone is deserving of love, so join me as we shower love on all people on Saturday June 2 at the Dayton Pride Parade.

Much love to all,
Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Park & Play Project Update:

The goals of David’s Park & Play Project are to increase available parking, resurface the current parking lot, and to relocate and build an updated playground.

This is an update of the project:

- The City of Kettering has issued the necessary permit.
- Information is being provided to potential contractors so that they can submit bids for the committee’s review.
- The projected schedule for starting construction is July 22 through July 29. (The Rummage Sale and other church activities should be completed by then.)
- It’s anticipated that the construction will last 3-4 weeks.
- Arrangements are being made to continue church services during this period.

The committee wishes to thank those who have donated or pledged for this much needed project. We encourage those who are planning to pledge or donate please do so. Information can be found in the Narthex. We need everyone’s support.

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.

LGBT Pride Parade

On Saturday, June 1, David’s will participate in Dayton’s LGBT Pride Parade. Line up for the parade will kick off at 11 a.m. at Cooper Park on the corner of St. Clair & 2nd Street. The parade steps off promptly at 12 p.m. At Courthouse Square, there will be different activities for families to enjoy. Our church will host a booth from 12-4 p.m. If you are interested in helping with the booth or marching in the parade, please sign-up in the Narthex. It is always wonderful to have our church participate in this event and make our accepting and welcoming presence known. Any questions, please see *Pastor Michelle*.

Strengthen The Church Offering

Sunday, June 9, we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC’s future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. And it aids the God is Still Speaking Ministry to spread our message of inclusivity. Strengthen the Church offering envelopes will be available in the pews, or you can mail a check to the church and indicate “Strengthen the Church” in your memo line.

Game Night

Attention all Gamers! Come to The Grove from 7:00-10:00 p.m. on June 14 at The Grove (hosted by Sue Krichbaum) 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.

Summer Sunday School Volunteers

The start of Summer Sunday School is just around the corner and will begin on June 9. In order to have Summer Sunday School, we need at least two adult volunteers each week to help lead it. Curriculum is provided or you can come up with an idea of your own. And you only need to commit to one Sunday!

Please note any adult who signs up to be a teacher or a shepherd is required to have a background check per our safe church policy. Forms with instructions for the check can be found in the Narthex. There is no cost to you and the check is good for three years.

If at least two adults are not signed up for a Sunday, there will not be class that day. So, help make Summer Sunday School happen for the awesome kids at David's by getting a background check and signing up for a Sunday or two in the Narthex! Contact *KC Harmer, Rhonda Havig, or Pastor Michelle* if you have any questions.

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 2 – 2:20 p.m. at Field #2
- Sunday, June 9 – 3:30 p.m. at Field #1
- Sunday, June 16 – 3:30 p.m. at Field #1
- Sunday, June 23 – 3:30 p.m. at Field #2
- Sunday, June 30 – 2:20 p.m. at Field #1



David's Church 53rd Pike Lake Weekend - May 17-19-2019

Although rain welcomed David's Church Campers to Pike Lake on Friday, May 17, 2019, as check-in began at 4 p.m., the skies cleared later that evening providing the opportunity for all to enjoy a leisurely walk to the Lake or simply enjoy the beautiful weather. A clear blue sky and wonderfully warm temperature allowed enabled the 48 adults, 19 youth and 7 Saturday visitors (73) to enjoy a treasured Pike Lake Weekend get-away!

Saturday morning began with Matt Minter, Pike Lake Naturalist, leading Archery instruction and Andy Jones giving a Sand Sculpture Demonstration and Instruction at the Beach.

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 Jones organized the Annual Cornhole Tournament with Allan Avila-John and fiancé Kathleen crowned champions with Jen and Charley Ilg named Runner Up!

Later everyone gathered for dinner at the "Egypt Hollow" shelter and following the traditional blessing begun by Jim & Ruth Widman many years ago and shared by Wesley Lupo, all enjoyed a magnificent potluck!

After dinner, campers gathered around a campfire at the Group Lodge tended by Andy Jones for conversation and to enjoy S'mores with S'more building assistance provided by Polli Leighty and Debbie McCoy. From the hill at the Lodge, all gathered also enjoyed a beautiful full moon rise over the mountain.

Sunday worship was led by John & Betsy Keyes with assistance from John Bierman, Lisa Fernandez, Jana Lehman, Wes and Amelia Bernard, Wes Evans and Maureen O'Meara who wrapped up a wonderful weekend at the Amphitheatre.



Vacation Bible School with Harmony Creek UCC

Vacation Bible School: Harmony Creek Church and David's UCC invite you to "Be brave! Trust God! Do Good!" VBS will be June 16-19, 6-8:15pm at Harmony Creek. Register at <https://forms.gle/UKr81xxYBGChzyaL9> or contact Donna Hanby at 937-434-3941 or children@harmony-creek.org. Adult volunteers are also welcome!



All-Church Picnic – June 9

Join us on Sunday, June 9 for an All-Church Picnic
At the Grove following the second service.

Main meat dish, drinks, and tableware provided will be provided Sign-up sheet
will be in the Narthex. 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
the Fellowship & Hospitality Board.



Food Fundraiser – City BBQ

On Monday, June 10, 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

Each 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 hasn't been touched on in a sermon lately, 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 is a follow-up question 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, as found in the UCC planning calendar.

Also, 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 Franciscan Father, Richard Rohr's latest, “The Universal Christ; How A Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, And Believe.”

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.

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 15 and then on Saturday, July 20. No need to RSVP, but you can call the church office at 434-2131 with any questions.

Take Me Out To The Dayton Dragon's Ballgame

On Friday July 26, David's Church will have a fun night at a 7:00 p.m. Dayton Dragons Game. We have reserved 40 seats for this game. Each ticket will be \$12 and we will be selling these tickets in the Narthex after church on June 30, July 7, July 14, and July 21. If you have any questions, please see *Pastor Michelle*.

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 7

On Sunday, July 7 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 7 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 7.

On the 7th and 14th 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 1.

Last Day to Donate Items is Wednesday, July 17 at NOON

If you have large items you'd like to donate and need them picked up,

please call *Debbie McCoy* at 299-9218 or 689-4224.

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

We work every day beginning **July 8** from 9:00 till about 1:00

and we'll add evening hours beginning **July 15** (7-9).

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

PREVIEW NIGHT

Thursday, July 18-6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

\$2.00 Per Person Admission - Children 12 & Under \$1.00 Admission to benefit the

Mission Board Kettering Peanut Butter Backpack Program!

FREE ADMISSION SHOPPING DAY - Friday, July 19 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION SHOPPING DAY - Saturday, July 20 - 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!

Deacons – Planned Giving

Every Sunday in the Mission Moment time before our offertory, I try to remind you that everything that happens through the ministry of David's Church, every life that is touched, every spirit that is lifted, every person who comes to know the love of God because of our bold proclamation that "no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." All that and much, much more is made possible by your generous gifts. – Brian Q. Newcomb

No doubt, we all have reflected on the significance of that statement by Pastor Brian. Throughout your lifetime, you've given faithfully to the mission of David's UCC. You have committed your annual pledge and participated in capital campaigns that met specific needs, such as the sanctuary improvements or the new Park & Play project. Perhaps you've made a memorial gift to honor a loved one.

Each gift is an expression of your values, priorities, and gratitude for God's blessings in your life. By giving, we worship God and strengthen our community, as every gift blesses others.

Through the ministry of planned giving, we have a powerful opportunity to ensure that our most sacred values and commitments are part of the legacy we leave behind for future generations. Since planned gifts generally come from the accumulated assets of our lifetime, it is an opportunity to make a final statement of support for a ministry dear to our hearts.

David's planned giving program benefits both our present and future members. Through planned giving, we can help members of our congregation provide for the needs of their family through effective estate planning and tax reduction strategies. Planned gifts also ensure that the church will have the resources needed to continue its mission and ministry for many years to come.

Planned giving does not have to be complicated—and it is not only reserved for those with great wealth. It can be as simple as adding a bequest to the church in your will.

Please take a moment to read the following online resource, [Planned Giving Guide for you and your family](https://bit.ly/2QhOOy1), (<https://bit.ly/2QhOOy1>) which explains the most common types of planned gifts and their benefits.

We ask you to prayerfully consider taking the next step—exploring planned giving opportunities to support David's. Members of the Deacons Board stand ready to provide more information or meet with you for a confidential discussion about planned giving options to best suit your particular circumstances.

To discuss further discuss planned giving opportunities please email *Tom Webb* (tpwebb@gmail.com) or *Terry Foster* (terryfoster@yahoo.com).

SIGNS Youth Group

In June, the SIGNS Youth Group will be venturing out for our annual mission 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

Christian Education Fair on Sunday August 18!

The Christian Education (CE) Board is going to host a special fair after church on Sunday August 18. We will have different booths set up in our Fellowship Hall and each booth will feature different components of our Christian Education Ministry at David's Church. People can visit a booth and hear more about becoming an acolyte, or joining the children's choir, or becoming a member of our ecumenical youth group called SIGNS, or even becoming a Sunday school teacher. Those are just a few of the many programs that our CE Board oversees. Mark your calendar for this important day! If you have any questions, please see *Pastor Michelle*.

Stockholders Luncheon

Come hear the confirmands as they tell us about their trip to Atlanta this June. Lunch will be served after second service on Sunday, July 21. All those who purchased stock are invited. Please RSVP to the church office at 434-2131 by Wednesday, July 17.

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
- 13 Bill Howard
- 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 Geogene Hale
Andy Randall
- 23 Miriam Maue
Jean Blum
Steve Hopkins
- 24 Jim Lewis
Linda Deitz
- 25 Kathy Hamilton
Shawn Monk
Summer Bartshe
- 26 Nedral Dalton
- 27 Sherry Atkinson
Samantha Hughes
Laurel Bartshe
Maggie Stafford
- 29 Bob Brethen
Mary Lou Williams
John Bierman
- 30 Ben Roess

- 11 Vickie Dixon
Aidan Thompson
- 12 Jim Dapp
Marcie Lumppp
- 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
Caleb Cook
- 20 Alice Stone
- 21 Michael Roediger
Graham Mhaskar
- 22 Mary Rose Back
- 25 Jim Murphy
Lu Harmer
- 26 Joyce Porter
- 28 Amy Askins
- 30 Steve Wellbaum
- 31 Margie Phillips

July Birthdays

- 5 Judy Slanker
- 6 Jan Murphy
- 7 Signe Yelland
Beth Flach
- 8 Bernie Wheeler
- 9 Eric Mann
- 10 Kaye Williams

Church Directory Change

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New Members

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Dayton, OH 45458
919-815-8540

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2110 Harmony Dr.
Xenia, OH 45385
Caleb: 260-402-0398
Gen: 210-723-7588

Nick Emrick
6633 McEwen Road
Dayton, OH 45459
937-439-5642

Wanda & Larry Nanna
8838 Wildfire Ct.
Centerville, OH 45458
937-291-0077

Rex & Carol Strine

466 Springside Dr.
Kettering, OH 45440
937-427-0447

Member Death

Our sympathy to the family of **Nancy Weitendorf** who passed away on April 8, 2019.

Deaths

Our sympathy to **Michael Roediger and family** in the death of his mother, **Johanna Roediger**, on May 2, 2019.

Our sympathy to Matt & Jen Teeters and Cam in the loss of Matt's father, **Henry Teeters**, on May 15, 2019.

Change in Office Hours

July 4 closed & July 1-12 – 9:00 am-1:00 pm

The ministers may be in the office past 1:00 p.m., so please call first. If you have a pastoral emergency and cannot reach someone in the office, please the contact the ministers on their cell phones listed in your directory. Thank you. .

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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<p>9 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:15 AM All Church Picnic at The Grove/ Deacon Meeting 3:30 PM Softball at Delco 7:00 PM Book Study</p>	<p>10 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 7:00 PM CE Meeting 6:00 PM Y12SR Yoga <i>Food Fundraiser: City BBQ</i></p>	<p>11 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 PM Elders Mtg.</p>	<p>12 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7:00 PM Game Night at The Grove DATELINE DEADLINE</p>	<p>15 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans</p>
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