



**DAVID'S DATELINE**  
**MARCH 2020 Newsletter**

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

**Church Office**

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
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*Ministers of David's Church - All David's People*  
**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb**  
**Associate Pastor Michelle Wilkey**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 1 - Lesotho Nutrition Initiative Meeting

March 2 - Warm Wishes II

March 13 - Game Night

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8 - Lenten Studies

March 18 - Women's Book Study

March 21 - Men's Breakfast/Lesotho Nutrition Initiative Packing Event/David's Dinners

March 22 - One Great Hour of Sharing/Offering of Letters/Trinity Homes Memory Care

March 24 - WHO Group

**ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26, 2020**

**CHURCH SERVICE 7:00 PM**

**Proclamation of the Word & Imposition of Ashes**  
following the service, we will gather in the Chapel  
for prayers for the healing of human hurts

**“ASHES TO GO”**

**Offered in David's Church parking lot**  
**7:30 – 8:30 AM, 12:00 – 1:00 PM, & 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

## From the Pastor's Desk...

There's a cyclical, repetitive nature to the liturgical calendar that many mainline Christian churches follow, quite similar actually to the changing of the seasons and cycle of events on our yearly calendars. In the natural world, winter follows fall, spring follows winter and then summer. On our yearly calendars, we tend to think of one significant event followed by the next; so, February had Valentine's Day, and then President's three-day weekend, and we look forward to, whatever comes next. St. Patrick's Day, and then later April Fools?

In the religious world, we tend to keep track of significant events on our liturgical calendar. Epiphany followed Christmas and ends on Transfiguration Sunday, which this year was celebrated on Feb. 23. Lent, which comes next, is a season of preparation for our next high holy days, which will be Holy Week that starts on Palm Sunday (this year on April 5), followed by Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter (April 12). We begin the season of Lent, on Ash Wednesday (this year on February 26), which lasts for 40 days prior to Easter, which doesn't include Sundays. The whole idea of 40 days of preparation prior to Easter can be traced back to the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, following his baptism by John, a period spent facing his temptations prior to the beginning of his public ministry.

All of this, these so-called "holy days," and the other days spent preparing for them, has me thinking about the nature of our lives and all those days which supposedly are less holy... or, to borrow another term borrowed from our liturgical calendar, "ordinary" time. It's only natural, I guess, to focus special attention on certain events on the religious calendar and mark them as special, the same way we remember important life events: birthdays, anniversaries, starting a new job, or losing a special loved one. We mark these days as significant and mark them on our calendars to remind ourselves of life's importance. And similarly, our spiritual, liturgical calendars mark significant moments that pass in our religious lives.

A recent article in *Christian Century* noted how often theologians looking for examples of faithfulness tend to act like "cultural anthropologists who find themselves having to go further and further upriver, deeper and deeper into the jungle, in order to find the pristine, the pure, the traditional" as a guide for our thinking today (the quote from a dissertation by Peter Dula, titled "Fugitive Ecclesia"). The author of the article, Isaac S. Villegas, found an important idea in Dula's observation, writing that there is "the temptation to escape the prosaic, to shift my attention to a remarkable time and an extraordinary people elsewhere rather than where I am, in my commonplace life with my ordinary congregation."

We tend to do that in life, look back to a past time when things felt ideal, or exemplary. When we reflect on the issues of race and cultural diversity in our country, many of us quickly recall the lofty language and beautiful words and writings of Martin Luther King, Jr. It's easier to read the words of the "I Have a Dream" speech than confront the real challenges of racial inequities that still exist in many areas of our daily lives. Whenever folk are discussing the differences in the way life is these days, or someone is critical of the actions or activities of younger generations, it doesn't take long before I hear someone recall the past glories and accomplishments of "the greatest generation."

And that's true as well in the life of the church, when folk are discussing the current challenges faced in congregational life, it seems like someone is always quick to remember a time past in "the good old days," when confirmation classes were overflowing with dozens of young people and it was standing room only on Sunday mornings in churches everywhere, while neglecting the fact that blue laws meant that on Sundays in many communities the church had a monopoly, they were the only game in town.

As Transfiguration Sunday suggests, we do love our "mountain top" experiences, or as Bruce Springsteen once put it, many of us do love to relive our "glory days." We tend to remember the victories and forget the losses, and often we celebrate the accomplishments but neglect to give their due to the hours of preparation, the countless times we tried and failed before we were able to succeed. Given our disposition, it's not surprising that we often fall back on heartwarming clichés, and simple, easy to digest solutions when confronted with complex, difficult and unsettling challenges.

Which brings me to Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we are invited to confront the reality of our own mortality. Not only do we wear ashes on our foreheads, but we are to reflect on the words that "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return." It's a curious thing, that we start our period of preparation for the Easter celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, the "first-born of the dead," with a reminder that one day, each one of us will die. If you stop to really think about that, it's hard to respond with a cliché about how "everything happens for a reason," or "this too shall pass," because the message very clearly is that at some point, we will pass, that this life will end. Of course, many of us Christians are quick to affirm that death is not the end, as many of us believe we will be joined to God in Christ, and that in time we will be reunited with our loved ones in the next life. I, like many of you, want to live in the hope that this is true.

However, we should not overlook the lesson in being reminded very directly that we, if the account in Genesis 2 is correct, come from dust and to dust we will return. The story there is that God formed the first person from the "dust of the earth" and God breathed life into us. Take away the breath of life, and we are nothing but dust. There's a popular Ash Wednesday joke. A child comes forward and the priest makes the sign of the cross with the ashes on her forehead and

says, “we are nothing but dust.” The girl gets back to her seat, pulls on her Mom’s arm who leans down the hear the girl whisper, “what is butt dust?”

The older I get the more I marvel at the magnificent thing the human body is, the things we do with our bodies. I think a word or two, and my fingers type them on the keyboard, and they show up on the screen, and in time you can read them here. I live in the hope that some of you will. But if I stop to think about it, every action, every movement, any and everything we do, is all somewhat miraculous. If you’ve ever been close to death, very, very sick, had a surgery that was touch and go, then perhaps you, like me, have become more and more aware of how beautifully miraculous it is to have a body to live in, to be healthy and able to do things, it’s all so very wonderful, and it is also all so very vulnerable.

So, here is my point (and by now you’re really hoping that I have one): life comes down to breath. I’ve sat with people at the time of their death, it can be a very sacred moment. One moment they are breathing, and then they are not. So, one thing to remember, is that for as long as we can, we should breathe. Breathe in the breath of life, and breathe it out, and repeat.

So, sure, there on the mountain top, in the midst of a celebration we might be short of breath because something grand and lovely is happening, and we may want to hold our breath, hold it in, hang on to the special feeling in that moment. But we can’t really, and we will let it out and breathe again. And on the way down the mountain, just like on the challenging climb up, we were breathing. Perhaps we were breathing more deeply on the way up because of the exertion, but we may not have noticed because our eyes were on our goal. And perhaps on the way down, we may be exhaling with a sigh of disappointment because we have moved on from something that was meaningful and significant, and we’re not sure what we are returning to, life below, life back to normal.

But here’s the thing, we’re still breathing. We’re still alive. We’ve allowed ourselves to think of the mountain top as the moment that matters, but in reality all the moments matter... the moments of imagining in anticipation of climbing the mountain, the preparations to make the effort, and the effort itself, and even the rest when the work is done... we breathe through all of it, and all of it matters.

Sometimes we need a wake-up call. We need to be reminded that we are here, alive, and breathing, even in the everydayness of our lives, in the ordinary time, in the day in and day out of the daily grind, we are live and breathing through all of it. We may have allowed ourselves to think that some days are more important than others, or that things were better in some distant past time, or that if only we could relive our “glory days,” then life would be good. We short-change ourselves if we succumb to that way of thinking, we lose track of the good in our lives, we start to take it all for granted. And if we’re not careful, we forget to breathe. We forget to live. We forget that each day we are given the chance to make a positive difference in the world by being ourselves, using our gifts, sharing with others, acting out of love. So, it’s good that we enter this season of Lent reflecting on the fact of our own deaths, because it reminds us that we are here now, and alive, and should live as if our being here actually matters. Because it does. Julian of Norwich said it this way, “The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.” Get that? Everything. The good days and the difficult ones. The special times and the ordinary time.

So, let us do this Lent together, by seeking to behold God in all things, good and difficult, happy and hard, let us breathe deep and look for signs of life around every corner. Or as Pope Frances once said, if you want to fast in the season of Lent:

*Fast from hurting words and say kind words*

*Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude*

*Fast from anger and be filled with patience*

*Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope*

*Fast from worries and trust in God*

*Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity*

*Fast from pressures and be prayerful*

*Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy*

*Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others*

*Fast from grudges and be reconciled*

*Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

But in the end, remember to breathe. Breathe in life and breathe out those things which are getting between you and the full life which God has intended for you. Because here’s the thing, there is no such thing as an ordinary day.

Your pastor and friend,

*Brian Q. Newcomb*

**Breathe in . . . Breathe out**

## From The Desk Of Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Throughout the season of Lent, I will be leading a book discussion on Rev. Nadia Bolz Weber's book "Shameless." I wanted to take time in this month's article to highlight this wonderful book and share why this book really spoke to me. Reading this book was a healing and transforming experience for me because it served as a balm to my own wounds that I received from the toxic messages around sex that I was taught early on. I grew up in a toxic religious environment where shame and guilt played a big part. When it came to what I was taught about sex, the one thing I remember being told over and over again was how bad it is unless you are married and married to someone of the opposite gender. So, imagine the shame and guilt I felt as I struggled with own sexuality and realized that I was attracted to people of the same gender, when I realized I was attracted to other females.

In her book, Rev. Nadia tells the story about Meghan, a transwoman. Rev. Nadia used to serve a church called All Sinners and Saints and their church would have monthly community meals. At one of these meals, Meghan sits apart from the people gathered for the meal. Rev. Nadia joins her, and they have a conversation around sex. Rev. Nadia told Meghan, "I read my old Christian sex-ed book this morning for the first time in 40 years. It taught me that God's plan is for everyone to be a heterosexual, cis-gender Christian who never has sex with anyone until they marry their one true love and make babies. I mean, I do think there are genuinely those kinds of people out there..."

Meghan then holds up her hand and touches her thumb to the rest of her fingers, making a small circle and she says: "Sure there are. And this is how small that circle is." I liked what Rev. Nadia said next, "If you were to draw a circle that represents all the people on the planet, and then inside it draw another small circle to represent the people who live according to (what we were told was) God's plan, then, well, very few people on the planet fit in that circle. Meghan doesn't fit in that circle. I don't fit in that circle. Also not included in the circle are divorced people, people in unhappy marriages, people who have sex before marriage, gay people, bisexuals, and people who are gender non-binary. If that's God's plan, then God planned poorly. Maybe you don't fit into that circle, either."

One would be surprised to know that I learned something about farming from reading this book. Nadia talks about a time that she was flying over the dry plains of Colorado and she looked down and saw the crops were all planted in circles. She wondered why farmers plant circles of crops in lots that are square. She researched this and found out that a man named Frank Zybach invented the center pivot irrigation system and in this system, the watering equipment turns on a pivot, allowing sprinklers to water crops in a circular pattern. The crops aren't actually planted in circles; they are just watered that way. The water essentially never reaches the crops in the corners.

God has planted so many of us in the corners and Nadia says that the "center pivot irrigation of the church's teachings about sex and sexuality tends to exclude us. Many of us were taught that if you don't fit inside the circle of the church's behavioral codes, God is not pleased with you, so we whittled ourselves down to a shape that could fit those teachings, or we denied parts of ourselves entirely. But our sexual and gender expressions are as integral to who we are as our religious upbringings are." Nadia goes on to talk about how this book is for those who find themselves planted in the corners; it is the water they so desperately need.

I am someone who spent years whittling myself down to a shape that could fit into what I was told was "God's plan." I went through years of conversion therapy and I was in counseling while in college. I spent many hours in prayer, and I was desperately asking God to take away the "sinful" feelings that I was having, but nothing was working and because of this I felt like I was broken. The only way for God to love me, so I believed, was if I can get rid of this burden, this burden of liking women. Members of my family told me I just needed to meet the right guy and then all those feelings toward women would naturally go away. Needless to say, I spent several years of my life in spiritual agony and desperately trying to be someone God could love and accept. It was a game-changer when I realized that I didn't need to whittle myself down to some straight version of myself. It was life-changing to know that I was already loved completely as I was. I didn't need to be anyone but me and coming to understand that truth was the most life-affirming thing I have ever experienced.

I came out of the closet when I was 24 years old and there was no going back for me. I am a Christian woman who identifies as a lesbian and I am proud of who I am. It has taken years for me to get to the point where I am at peace and genuinely proud of the person God made me to be. If I am being honest, I am still in the process of healing from the wounds that were inflicted upon me by the church where I grew up and by the years of conversion therapy and counseling I received, but this book has definitely helped in that process.

Writer Sarah Bessey says: "If the conversation around sex in the church has felt like a small, cramped room to you, brace yourself. Nadia Bolz Weber is about to kick in the door, hustle you outside, and burn down the room as you march out into fresh air. If ever there was a time for the church to disrupt the world's broken notions around sex, gender, masculinity, and power with this sort of shameless reformation, it is now." Conversations around sex and sexuality can be uncomfortable, but I truly believe these are conversations that we desperately need to be having. Rev. Nadia asks: "If

religion has been the venue in which the power of sex is taken most seriously, could it also become the place in which a new conversation arises?"

We will be holding these important conversations throughout Lent. We will begin discussing this book on Wednesday, March 4 and we will meet in the Confirmation room from 7-8pm. We will then proceed to meet the next four Wednesdays (March 11, 18, 25, and April 1) at the same time and in the same place. Please let me know by February 24 if you want to participate in this book study. I hope that those who choose to participate in this book study with me will also find some healing along the way.

Blessings and Love to All,  
*Pastor Michelle*

## **Come Hear More About Lesotho Nutrition Initiative On Sunday, March 1**

Scott Rosenberg will be here on Sunday, March 1 and will be giving a special presentation after church! He will be here representing Lesotho Nutrition Initiative which is an organization that packs and ships meals to feed thousands of people suffering from malnutrition and stunting in Lesotho, Africa. We have hosted several packing events here at David's Church and we will be hosting another one on Saturday, March 21. If you would like to hear more about this organization and hear more about the country of Lesotho, then I invite you to come to this special second hour event. Financial support is needed to fund the packing of the 30,000 meals David's Church will be doing on March 21. Women's Activity Guild will be matching dollar for dollar any funds raised up to \$5,000 so your donations will go a long way to feed hungry people Any questions, please see *Pastor Michelle*.

## **Serving At Gateway**

The first Sunday of every month, David's Church is responsible for providing and serving a meal at the Gateway Shelter for Men. This meal, which consists of meat loaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, salad, and lemonade, is one of the favorites served at the shelter. In the Narthex, you will find a sign-up sheet for food that is needed as well as an opportunity to be a server at the shelter. Our next serving is Sunday, March 1. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!



## **Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 8**

Don't forget to set your clocks FORWARD one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7.

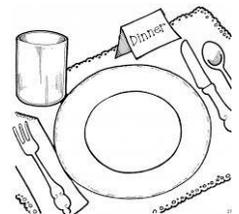
## **David's Dinners**

Back by popular demand, David's Dinners! These dinners are a wonderful way for David's family to get to know one another.

This year's remaining dinners are Saturday, Saturday, March 21, and Saturday, April 18. Starting time is up to the host. Hosts will be sent a list of names and phone numbers, based on the number they have indicated they would like to entertain. If any guests on the list cannot make it, the host is welcome to invite others, provided that they attend David's Church. Hosts cook the main course – other guests bring fill-ins, such as an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert.

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

Questions? Please contact *Steve Roark & Jeff Baldwin* at 513-855-1180 or [s.roark@att.net](mailto:s.roark@att.net).



## **Game Night – Location Change**

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on March 13 come to Fellowship Hall (hosted by The Michel's) 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.

## 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 March 2 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 Nedra Dalton at 416-4164 or email her at [realtornedra@sbcglobal.net](mailto:realtornedra@sbcglobal.net).

## 500 Jars Of Peanut Butter Needed!

Did you know that David's Church distributes approximately 500 jars of peanut butter each month to the schools for 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 oz.) when you do your grocery shopping and place them in the orange bucket in the Narthex. Thanks!

## Bread For The World - Offering Of Letters 2020

Once again it is time to write letters to Congress urging it to address hunger issues. In 2019, Congress responded by passing the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY2020, which included four of our specified requests. Also, two Global Nutrition Resolutions passed out of their respective committees with bipartisan support with more than 200 members of Congress signing letters of support.

It is urgent to increase funding for both domestic and international nutrition programs. Conflict and climate change affect children globally. Here in the U.S. summer is the hungriest time of the year because children do not have access to school nutrition programs. We at David's provide lunches for one week of the summer here in Kettering, but Congress funds the Summer EBT program giving children across the U.S. access to viral nutrition.

Beginning Sunday, March 22, letter-writing packets will be available in a basket in the narthex. Please take one, read the information, and write your letters to Congress. When our representatives hear from us, they pay attention! Please return your completed letters to the "Letters" basket in the narthex by Sunday, April 19. We will dedicate them, stamp them, count them and mail them to Congress. Thank you for caring enough to write.

*Betsy Keyes, 937-435-0124*

## One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to

One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

We will be collecting this offering on Sunday, March 22. There are three ways to give - envelopes will be in the pews on that Sunday, you can mail a check to the church and note "OGHS" in the memo line, or you can make a donation on our website ([www.davidsucc.org](http://www.davidsucc.org)) and click the "Donate" button on the home page, and then One Great Hour of Sharing is under the Mission grouping. Thank you.



## Congratulations to the 2020 Church Officers!

*Mark Anthony – President*  
*Terry Foster – Vice President*  
*Dick DeLon - Treasurer*  
*Rich Luh – Recording Secretary*

## Lesotho Nutrition Initiative Meal Packing Event

On Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., David's Church will be doing our part to fight against world hunger. We are going to be partnering up with The Lesotho Nutrition Initiative, which is a non-profit organization run by Wittenberg University students and faculty, and we are going to pack 30,000 meals to send to Lesotho, Africa. It is a great honor to have our church be able to host for the fourth year another packing event. These events are organized assembly style - each line consisting of about 10 people to create NutriPlenty meals part-by-part. These meal packets feed 6 people, and a box of meals holds 36 bags. Last year we accomplished packing over 20,000 meals!!! Just think of all the people we were able to feed and this year we are going to feed even more!! Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to take part in this special event where we will put our faith into action. If you are not able to physically be present, you can help financially by donating toward the event. Women's Activity Guild will be matching dollar for dollar any funds raised up to \$5,000 so your donations will go a long way to feed hungry people! Please see *Pastor Michelle* for any questions and/or let her know that you and your family would like to sign-up.

## 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, March 21. No need to RSVP, but you can call the church office at 434-2131 with any questions.

## Come Hear More About The Memory Care Programs At Trinity Homes

Gloria Hurwitz, Vice President of Advancement and Chaplain, Rev. Dale Brown will be visiting our church on Sunday, March 22 and they will be here representing Trinity Community at Beaver Creek. Following church, Gloria and Dale will host a second hour presentation and will be sharing more about the various Memory Care services in Memory Lane at Trinity and will discuss them more in detail. Later this year, Trinity will be celebrating a special rededication of their Memory Lane and will host a unique Memory Care Walk in support of Memory Lane at Trinity in honor of a beloved Memory Care team member who passed away suddenly last year at the age of 34. If you would like to hear more about what is happening at Trinity Community at Beaver Creek, I invite you to come to this presentation after worship. Any questions, see *Pastor Michelle*.

## 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Pike Lake Weekend - Cabins Available

On May 15, 16, 17, 2020, David's Church will be celebrating its 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Pike Lake State Park.

Basic Cabins #13 & #14 at \$134.00 for the weekend.

These two cabins have a full-size bed and a set of bunk beds, a kitchen with frig, stove, microwave along with dishes, silverware, pots, pans, bowls; a bathroom with shower. You provide the linens.

A Preferred Cabin at \$258.00 for the weekend has become available.

It has 2 Bedrooms with a queen size bed, a bunk with twin on top and full on bottom plus another twin bed, along with the same amenities as the Basic Cabins except linens are provided.

If you're interested in any of these options or just want to learn more about this fun weekend with our church family, please contact Debbie McCoy at [kdam4300@gmail.com](mailto:kdam4300@gmail.com) or 937-689-4224 ASAP.

## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers (\$23 per vase) are available for the upcoming months. You may order flower arrangements for the altar to honor or remember a special someone in your life or to celebrate a special occasion. Your message will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Call the church office, 434-2131, to order.

## Thank You

We would like to thank all those who attended the St. Therese Brass concert and contributed to the offering for the Dayton Foundation to benefit the families of the shooting tragedy as well as those affected by the Memorials Day tornadoes. We were able to collect \$1250 in donations and have sent them to the Foundation.

**HOLY WEEK**  
  
**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday Services**  
April 5 – 8:30 & 9:50 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday with Communion & Service of Healing**  
April 9 – 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday**  
April 10 – 7:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**  
April 12 – 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 12) to decorate the chancel floor. We will have an assortment of Easter lilies, 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 5. The cost is \$18.00 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 \$18.00 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 5.**

## National Youth Event

United Church of Christ's National Youth Event will take place at Purdue University in West Lafayette Indiana July 22-25, 2020. This 4-day event for youth who will have finished 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, is celebrated as the largest denominational gathering. Often bringing in 4,000 participants, this time together is centered on faith, leadership, service and social justice to empower our youth. The cost is \$375. The church will cover 50% for our youth members. If interested, please speak with *Pastor Michelle*.

## March Birthdays

- 1 Betty Wilson  
Debbie McCoy
- 2 Bob Bosshardt  
Lois Bosshardt  
Rich Luh
- 5 Neil Chabut
- 6 Rob Dunkle  
Doug Bishop  
Crystal Barraclough  
Rowdy Harmer
- 8 Betty Brewer  
Kirsten Morris  
Ciara Boothe
- 11 Bruce Michel  
Sylvia Rodberg  
Jenny Miller  
Ryan Bender
- 12 Barb Zimmerman  
Sarah Deitz
- 13 Ingrid Winn
- 15 Ali Chabut  
Sully Harmer
- 16 Cindy Combs



- 17 Roselyn Faulkner
- 19 Sue Oertel
- 20 Wanda Nanna
- 22 Wendy Blumberg
- 23 Carla Creager  
Joey Schairbaum  
Austin Schultz
- 24 Tony Lewis  
Cameron Teeters
- 25 Caitlin Wissler
- 26 Bob McCoy  
Beth Casteel  
Cathy Perron  
Ben Hughes
- 27 Carolyn Grable  
Shirley Martin  
Larry Phillips
- 29 Harriet Fitzsimmons  
Sue DeLon  
Caitlin Chabut
- 31 Matt Teeters  
Eamon Miller

## Church Directory Change

### *Tom & Marilou Routsong*

10400 Randall Park Dr.  
Centerville, OH 45458  
937-907-0522

## New Member

### *Judy Hudson*

1546 Mapledale Dr.  
Dayton, OH 45432  
937-422-4033

## Deaths

Our sympathy to *Jill & John Chabut* in the loss of Jill's mother, *Jean Perbix*, on February 10, 2020.

## Notes From Christian Ed.

Thank you for signing in your children for Sunday School each week! Please be sure to also sign them out and pick them up in a timely manner after the service is over or after children's choir.

## Breakfast with the Bunny!

Mark your calendar for our "Breakfast with the Bunny" and Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 4. This annual event will include food, games, and, of course, the main event: the Easter Egg hunt. Keep an eye out for more details!

## Ready for Summer Camp?

The Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ is excited to announce that registration for 2020 Summer Camp is now open! Register today to lock-in early bird prices (the early bird deadline is April 15) and to ensure your place at camp.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase a camp t-shirt (even if you don't plan on attending camp). The t-shirt is currently in the final stages of its design, but that design will be made public soon. The deadline to pre-order a t-shirt is May 10.

David's Church offers camperships that cover 50% of the cost of your camp at Temple Hills. Please let the church office know which camp you are registering for. Register at <https://heartlanducc.campbrainregistration.com/>

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
1 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship and Baptism Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	2 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 6:30 PM Warm Wishes II 6:30 PM Brass Rehearsal	3 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	4 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Lenten Studies	5 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	6	7
8 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship with Communion 11:15 AM Second Hour/Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Book Study/ SIGNS  <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	9 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 4:00 PM SIGNS Peanut Butter 6:00 PM Y12SR Yoga  <i>Food Fundraiser: City Barbecue</i>	10 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Michelle 7:00 PM CE Mtg.	11 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Lenten Studies	12 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	13 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night in Fellowship Hall  <b>DATELINE DEADLINE</b>	14 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting  Confirmation Trip
15 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 11:15 AM Second Hour 12:30 PM Private Reception at The Grove 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	16 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:30 PM Brass Rehearsal	17 9:00 AM Private Reception at The Grove 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	18 10:30 AM-Noon Women's Book Study 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Lenten Studies	19 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM T&C Book Group at The Grove	20	21 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans 9:00 AM-Noon Lesotho Nutrition Initiative Meal Packing Event  David's Dinners
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