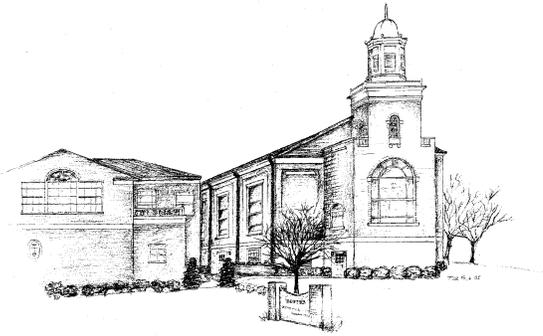


**DAVID'S DATELINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 2019 Newsletter**



**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**

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

August 30 & September 2 - Office Closed

September 8 - Parking Lot Dedication/  
Sunday School Begins/

Fall Kick Off & All-Church Picnic/  
SIGNS Welcome Back Meeting

September 9 - Food Fundraiser City Barbeque/  
Warm Wishes II

September 13 - Game Night at The Grove

September 14-15 - Confirmation Trip to Camp Kern

September 15 - Communion Sunday/Offering of  
Letters/Acolyte Training/Rohr Book Study/  
SIGNS Parent Meeting

September 19 - Women's Book Study

September 27-28 - Ohio Conference Annual  
Gathering

## From the Pastor's Desk...

Recently, I encountered a TEDTalk that was quite illuminating. It was delivered by a young Nigerian woman and author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. In the Talk, she spoke eloquently about "The Danger of a Single Story." She described how she as a young child was an early reader and writer, but the only books she had encountered had come from European authors, so when she wrote her first stories they were filled with stories about children like the ones she had read about, white kids in England who had a taste for ginger-beer, because she had never read any stories in her books about people like her, whose skin she described was the color of chocolate and had never had a drink of ginger-beer, but was sure she wanted to.

She goes on to tell of how when she came to America to go to college, her first roommate was surprised to find that she spoke English so well and had come from a middle-class background. When her roommate expressed an interest in hearing some of Chimamanda's "tribal music," she was disappointed when she shared her Mariah Carey CD. Ms. Adichie goes on to explain that her roommate's expectations had been shaped by the single story she had been told about Africans, that they were poor, often uneducated, malnourished and often sickly. When we only are told one story about a person, or group of people, we often assume that's the common story of an entire group of people, which explains how stereotypes can often color our expectations.

Ms. Adichie describes how she had only heard a single story about Latin and Central Americans, and Mexican people, that they were often arrested on the Southern border of the U.S. for entering illegally, that they were poor and desperate, willing to risk their own and their children's lives in order to come start a new life in the States. So, she was very surprised when she visited Guatemala and encountered bankers and business people, college professors, teachers and artists, and a variety of people living very differently than she'd been led to believe. The single story she'd been told was inadequate, inaccurate and misleading. It was the story of some people, but certainly not all the people.

To illustrate the short-sidedness and dangers of hearing only a single story about an ethnic group or nationality of people, Ms. Adichie spoke about someone who had read her novel, which depicts a fictional Nigerian father as abusive. The reader met her at a book signing and commented that since all Nigerian men are abusive, it must be very difficult for children raised in that environment. Ms. Adichie, who's own father was a gentle, caring parent, pointed out that one character in a book was not illustrative of all similar people. For instance, she had recently read the book, "American Psycho," and had not come to the conclusion that all American men were serial killers. She said, the reason for that is that she didn't have just the one story of "American Psycho" to go by, but she had read and heard many different stories about such men, so she knew better than to make a stereotypical assumption.

I've been thinking about her TEDTalk a lot lately, with a growing awareness of racial conflicts throughout our culture and increases in violence rooted in White supremacy and White Nationalism. Of course, this was all driven home the week we had three mass shootings in our country, at the Garlic Festival in California, at a Walmart in El Paso, and here in our own hometown, just two or three miles from many of our homes. Although I didn't personally know anyone directly affected, it has been very sad to think of the nine victims killed, and dozens more wounded, and hearing all the stories of people we knew who were in the Oregon District that night, or on enough recent occasions that the proximity to such violence and loss brings the dangers and risks of our current time very close to home.

Right on the tale of that tragic event, I read the news story of a young man, 18 years old, arrested in the Cleveland area, who had stock-piled over two dozen weapons, had 10,000 rounds of ammunition, body armor, and who was steeped in the messages of hate from racist websites that celebrated past mass shooters and violence. Today, we're hearing about 3 more arrests of young men, who were planning and preparing for mass shootings in the near future, one of them from the Youngstown area, who like the driver of the car that drove into a crowd of people killing one woman, was an Ohioan who attended that fateful Charlestown Unite the Right Rally, and who recently posted online his desire to shoot up a Jewish Community Center.

Of course there are many issues that surface in these kind of violent acts, but I honestly cannot understand why we are willing to allow the legal purchase of assault rifles along with high capacity magazines in a society where we made lawn darts illegal, and I'm denied the purchase of my Claritin-D if not enough time has passed since my last trip to the pharmacy.

But beyond the violence, I have real concerns about the story these young white men have come to believe about people of color, Jews, immigrants on our border with Mexico. Somehow, they have accepted a narrative that makes these folk with whom we share our world expendable, unnecessary, I guess even less-than-human. It's heart-breaking. How is it, I wonder, that these folk growing up here in Ohio, have come to think that our Black and Brown sisters and brothers, that the Jewish and Muslim and people of other faiths who are our neighbors are somehow less valuable, less worthy of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness than them? Was it our education system that failed them? Have we in our churches been too timid in our rebuke of racism, have we not proudly proclaimed and celebrated the diversity of our humanity, have we failed to make it clear that every single person alive is one of us, a child of God?

The other day, I read a story about a current KKK leader, who described his organization as “a non-violent, Christian” one, and my heart just sank. This kind of terrible association of the Christian Gospel with anti-Semitism and Racism should be an affront to every follower of Jesus.

The same thing happened in Germany, when Hitler used a bad interpretation of Scripture to justify his animosity toward Jewish people, somehow ignoring the fact that Jesus was a Jew, and lived and practiced the Jewish faith. In an article by Gregory Paul titled, “The Great Scandal: Christianity’s Role in the Rise of the Nazis,” we come to face an ugly truth about our history: “Christianity had the capacity to stop Nazism before it came to power, and to reduce or moderate its practices afterwards, but repeatedly failed to do so because the principal churches were complicit with—indeed, in the pay of—the Nazis.” The fact that the church and its leaders in Germany were complicit in Hitler’s attempt to eliminate the Jewish people, has been an historical stain on the Church of Jesus Christ, and the fact that many German pastors and people of faith stood by quietly illustrates a great failure that we cannot afford to repeat today.

After that terrible shooting event at the Garlic Festival, I remember reading that a nearby Orthodox Presbyterian church recognized the shooter as a son of their congregation, someone who regularly participated in worship, and who used some religious language in describing his motives in the killings. Can you imagine the pain of that recognition? The letter that surfaced from the congregation was full of sadness and remorse, that one of their own had grown up to be so full of hate, and chose to attack those he saw as less than human, of no worth.

On our BE THE CHURCH sign in our narthex it says that we in the United Church of Christ “Reject Racism,” but all of this has me wondering if we’ve done enough. We know now all too clearly how the Bible can be mis-read to support slavery, and racial divisions. And, we can see how dangerous it is to allow a White Nationalist narrative of white supremacy to share any association with the Christian message. We need to affirm all the more loudly Jesus’ command to love our neighbor as ourselves, and clearly state that that means our Black neighbor, our Brown neighbor, our Asian neighbor, our Jewish and Muslim neighbors, our Native American neighbor, our Mexican and Guatemalan neighbors, our LGBTQ neighbors, and all God’s children. We can’t afford to stand silently by while hate speech and false narratives about our sisters and brothers are told without challenge in the media. We know how that silence kills.

So, as people of faith, especially us White Christian folk, I think we need to open ourselves in meaningful ways to the stories of our neighbors. Whether it’s in the books we read, or in the TV shows and movies we watch, or the people we engage within our day to day lives, let us make the extra effort to learn more about the lives and stories of people of color, whether they be from Nigeria, or from West Dayton. We know the power of the single story that White Supremacists and Racists are telling, and we can see daily the violence it unleashes. Let us refuse to be silent and let us commit to listening to the stories of folk outside of our comfortable echo chambers.

And as people of faith, let us not neglect the stories of Jesus in the Bible. You know one of the things we should remember, especially when someone from the KKK or the racist White Identity movement claims that Jesus wasn’t Jewish and they claim their White Supremacy is a Christian value or teaching, is that there are NO WHITE PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE. Jesus was a Palestinian Jew, likely with brown skin, like many of the Palestinian Jews born there today. Jesus taught his followers to appreciate Samaritans, who were racially and religiously different, yet Jesus ministered equally to both groups. Jesus spent his ministry looking for and including marginalized groups of people, and when he sent his disciples out in the Great Commission, he sent them to Jerusalem, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the world, making disciples of all nations. So, we Christians need to value and care for people of the whole of the world, all nationalities, every ethnicity, every color and shade of skin. Inside we are all the same, all made in the image of God.

When I was a child, one of the songs we sang that I still love today, invites us outside of any single story, and excludes no one from the love and care of God. It’s this chorus: “Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in God’s sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.”

It’s that simple. Let’s commit anew to live that love in our own lives.

Your pastor & friend,

*Brian Q. Newcomb*

## **From The Desk of Rev. Michelle Wilkey**

Author, Alice Walker, once said that “Time moves slowly, but passes quickly.” Time has certainly passed quickly since I started here at David’s back in 2014. I couldn’t have asked for a better church to have my first call. Our congregation continues to surprise and amaze me with all the many ways that we go out into our community and in our world and make a difference. Gandhi tells us to “be the change we wish to see” and I believe our church is filled with people who are passionate about creating a better world.

As your Associate Pastor, I wear different hats. Once a month or more, I have the wonderful opportunity to preach and lead worship. As best as I am able, I assist Pastor Brian with all the Pastoral Care concerns. I work alongside the

Christian Education board to make sure we are providing the best Sunday school for our kids. One of my favorite responsibilities is Confirmation. I absolutely love teaching and leading our young teens each year.

I wanted to take time this month to highlight what is in store for our teens this year in Confirmation. Each year, I work to make it the best program possible for our youth. Over the past five years, I have tried out many different activities or lessons with the class and some have worked and some have crashed and burned. I know a big part of leadership is taking bold risks and if and when mistakes are made, then it's important to learn from them and move on.

Growing up in a fundamentalist church, I didn't have the best experience as a teen. During my middle school years, we didn't have many teens at our church, so our youth group primarily consisted of me and the pastor's grandkids. It wasn't until my senior year, that the church hired a youth minister and this man came in and somehow turned our class of 2-3 into a class of 50-60. It was an amazing thing to see how he transformed the youth group. I have many memories of doing some crazy and fun games. We had a cardboard maze built in our church, we had lock-ins, and we had a fear factor event and kids had to eat gross things. Since I consider everything gross, I didn't participate in the fear factor challenge.

The games and activities were very fun, but underneath it all was still a theology of shame and guilt. We would have these fun youth events but at the end of each one, there would be an altar call. I have said this before; I was "saved" at least 100 times. Throughout my teen years, I spent time trying to be someone I wasn't because I wanted God to love me. But, in all honesty, I never once felt loved by God when I was growing up. I was too busy being afraid of God and feeling shame and guilt for every sin and mistake I made.

I felt true freedom and peace, the day I stepped away from my childhood church and joined a UCC Church. All of the sudden, I came to the powerful realization that God does love me and doesn't desire for me to live a life of shame and guilt. God loves me as I am and for me that was and continues to be a life-transforming truth. I believe everyone deserves to feel fully loved and embraced for exactly who they are. At the center of all that I do in my ministry, is the desire to make sure everyone feels loved, to make sure everyone feels seen, and to make sure everyone feels heard.

Throughout this year of Confirmation, we are going to be talking about a wide variety of topics. We will talk about worship, faith stories, God's mission, history of David's UCC and the Christian Faith, the Bible, the UCC and their Statement of Faith, creation, God's love, and Salvation. They will learn many things this year about the Christian faith, but the most important thing I want them to remember is that they are beautiful children of God. They are made in God's image and they are loved just as they are. I want to create a space where they do feel seen and heard and it is my hope that our church can also be a space where people of all ages feel seen and heard.

I recently started reading Brene Brown's book: "The Gifts of Imperfection". She offers up some unique insight about love.

"We cultivate love when we allow our most vulnerable and powerful selves to be deeply seen and known, and when we honor the spiritual connection that grows from that offering with trust, respect, kindness, and affection. Love is not something we give or get; it is something that we nurture and grow; a connection that can only be cultivated between two (or more) people when it exists within each one of them- we can only love others as much as we love ourselves. Shame, blame, disrespect, betrayal, and the withholding of affection damage the roots from which love grows. Love can only survive these injuries if they are acknowledged, healed, and rare."

She goes on to talk about how "a deep sense of love and belonging is an irreducible need of all women, men, and children. We are biologically, physically, and spiritually wired to love, to be loved, and to belong. When those needs are not met, we don't function as we were meant to."

The way I see it, the one thing we can't get enough of, the one thing we can't over-give is love. Right now, more than ever, our world needs more love. So, as we begin another church year and as many of us begin another year of school, let's continue to spread as much love as we possibly can. Let's continue to spread that love until one day there is more love than hate. I have hope that one day love will overcome hate and until that day comes, I will not give up and I will continue to fight for a better world.

Much love and appreciation,  
*Pastor Michelle*



**PARKING LOT DEDICATION**  
On Sunday, September 8 (Fall Kick-Off),  
we will begin the 9:50 a.m. service in the parking lot  
and then process in after the prayer of blessing.



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## FALL KICK-OFF CELEBRATION - SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

### ALL CHURCH POT LUCK

After second service at The Grove



- Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex
- Sign up to bring a side dish, salad, dessert or fruit - to serve 8 people
- Main dish (fried chicken), drinks, plates, tableware will be provided
- Come and enjoy the food and fellowship

(Sponsored by Fellowship & Hospitality Board)

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## Sunday School Starts In September!

We have some changes to Sunday School starting this fall:

- Name tags: The first is we will use sticker name tags from this point forward. Every child must have a name tag. This is not only so new teachers/shepherds can know learn their name, but it is a safety measure. If we need to evacuate the church, this makes identifying children easier for volunteers. If your child is wont to remove their name tag, please place it on their back.
- Separate sign-in for Children's Choir: Children who participate in Children's Choir need to be signed out from Sunday School by their adult and signed into Children's Choir by their adult. Teachers and shepherds will no longer take children directly from Sunday School to Children's Choir.

If you are interested in being a teacher, shepherd, or substitute for Sunday School, please contact *Rhonda Havig, KC Harmer, or Pastor Michelle*.

## Nursery Note

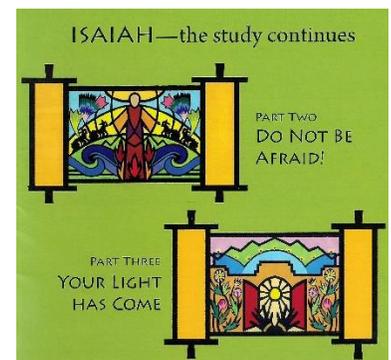
Beginning this fall, only children who are 0 to 2-years-old as of September 30, 2019 will be allowed to stay in the nursery for the school year. Children who are 3 years of age or older as of September 30, 2019 need to either attend Sunday School or stay with their adult(s) in the sanctuary for the service. This is for the safety of the 0 to 2-year-old children in the nursery. Thank you for understanding.

## Pastor Brian's Fall Study Options

In the Fall and Spring months, Dr. Newcomb tries to offer several options for those who want to study scripture or read and discuss current progressive theology books by relevant authors, as one way for folk to dig a little deeper, think a bit more broadly as they seek to grow spiritually. This Fall, Pastor Brian is offering two options.

### Isaiah Parts 2 (Do Not Be Afraid!) & 3 (Your Light Has Come)

Last year, a good-sized group of us studied the first 39 chapters of Isaiah, using a brand-new study resource from the Kerygma Program. Scholars have learned that the book of Isaiah contains three distinct sections, address three specific times in Israel's experience of the exile, the first 39 chapter written by the original prophet of that name. The second section, which begins with the words "comfort, O comfort my people" (Chapters 40 – 55) was written at a later date, and part 3 (Chapters 56 – 66) still later, by authors writing in the tradition and spirit of the original Isaiah. Isaiah is one of the books of the Old Testament, like Deuteronomy, that Jesus and the Gospel writers often quote. Studying the way the nation of Israel coped and maintained a living faith in God through the challenging days of their exile has real resonance for our experience today.



The good people of Kerygma are putting both Parts 2 & 3 in one study guide, which will require us to meet for 6 weeks to cover the second section, titled “Do Not Be Afraid,” and 5 more weeks to address part 3, titled “Your Light Has Come.” Since the curriculum is currently in the final stages of development, we cannot offer specific dates for when we will begin the study, but Pastor Brian hopes to start the class on Monday nights at 7 pm, as early in the month of September as the company can make the materials available. He intends for the class to meet for 6 weeks straight, then take a few weeks off, and pick up with the third section for 5 more weeks later in October into November. While the class dates have yet to be decided (depending entirely on how early we can get the printed recourse books), we’re going to go ahead and invite interested folk to sign up and order your copy of the book, which will cost \$25, and remember we encourage sharing between partners/spouses/friends. You can sign up for the class by making your check out to David’s UCC, write “Isaiah study” in the memo, and put it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

### **Book Study: Richard Rohr’s “The Universal Christ”**

A second option is to read and meet to discuss the latest book by Franciscan monk, author and mystic, Fr. Richard Rohr. Titled “The Universal Christ; How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe” (Convergent Books/Penguin/Random House, 2019). As the inside jacket describes, “Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God’s constant, unfolding work in the world. ‘God loves things by becoming them,’ he writes... Thought provoking, practical, and full of deep hope and vision, ‘The Universal Christ’ is a landmark book from one of our most beloved spiritual writers and an invitation to contemplate how God liberates and loves all that is.”

So, if you’re interested, go ahead and purchase the book in whatever format you are reading these days, and let Pastor Brian know you plan to meet with him about 5 times, on Sundays following services. Pastor Brian imagines the group covering about 50 pages each time they meet for discussion, negotiating the dates to come together so that all who desire to participate can make it; the first gathering will be Sunday, Sept. 15 following the 9:50 service in the conference room, second class will be two or three weeks later, as decided by the group. So, pick up the book and start reading... noting those things that you find especially meaningful or challenging. And as Proverbs says, “come, let us reason together...”

## **Kettering Partners for Healthy Youth - A Great Success**



The last week of July, David’s participated in the Kettering Partners for Healthy Youth Summer Food program. This program helps the neediest neighborhood get the support they need not only with food, but with love. The members of David’s that serve and interact help these families get to know them. The volunteers connect and serve alongside of the children who live here, making it more than just a sandwich. The goal of this program is to help keep the kids in a routine, to help them interact with the peers, care for their neighborhood as well as get a substantial meal each weekday. David’s served an average of 65 youth, and a handful of adults each day. The youth appreciated the books

donated from the Rummage Sale as well as all of the fun games and huge help from the Wellbaum boys' leading kickball or football every day! Water games, bubbles and of course all of the yummy lunches made this a connection to remember! Thanks to all who helped make this week work!

This year, David’s also was able to take over a carload of school supplies, through support of WAG! Thank you to all the WAG Members for your generous donations!

If you have suggestions or feedback, please let *Addie Weaver* know at [addiemweaver@gmail.com](mailto:addiemweaver@gmail.com).

## **Peanut Butter Needed, Again**

We have started a new school year with our affiliation with the Kettering Backpack program and we need your help. The Mission Board appreciates your enthusiastic support for the program. Please continue to bring in 16 ounce jars of peanut butter. They will be put in a backpack to feed a hungry Kettering child for a week. -*The Mission Board*

## **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, September 1. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!



## Coffee With Pastor Michelle

Pastor Michelle will be holding office hours out in our community. Throughout the year, she will hold office hours from 3-5pm at nearby coffee shops every second and third Tuesday of the month. On Tuesday, September 10 and September 17, she will hold her hours at Panera in Kettering. If you have any questions, let *Pastor Michelle* know.

## Special Opportunity For 3rd-6th Graders

Kids play a big role here at David's Church and are responsible for one of the most important aspects of our weekly worship. They have the opportunity to bring the light in and out of the Sanctuary each Sunday by being an acolyte. It's not difficult to be an acolyte. All that is required is your participation in a training during Church School on Sunday, September 15. During that training, you will learn your responsibilities as well as the meaning behind why we light the altar table candles before our worship services. You'll even be given the chance to practice lighting the candles at the training. After the training, Pastor Michelle will create a special sign up for kids to volunteer. If you are interested in participating in worship at least once a month or if you have any questions, please see *Pastor Michelle*.

## Women's Book Study Is Back In Session!

All women are invited to participate in a Bible/Book study group that Pastor Michelle will be leading. The first meeting will be on Thursday, September 19 and the group will meet from 10:30am-12:00pm in the Conference Room. This group will continue to meet every third Thursday of the month throughout the year. The first book we will discuss this year will be Rachel Held Evans's book: "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again." The cost of the book will be \$10. Please let *Pastor Michelle* know by Thursday, September 12 if you wish to be part of this group; this way she can have time to order the books and people can read the assigned chapters (Chapters 1-2) before the first class.

## Warm Wishes

The Warm Wishes project is currently seeking people to join in the fun of creating hats, scarves and mittens for people in need in the greater Dayton area. There is a great need for anyone who can sew as well as people who can cut fabric or be a sewing assistant by folding, packing or putting sets together. We meet in Fellowship Hall most every Monday morning from 9:30 to noon. We will also be meeting on September 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM for those who can not meet during the day.

Sign up in the Narthex, email Nedra at [realtornedra@sbcglobal.net](mailto:realtornedra@sbcglobal.net), or call her at (937) 416-4164.

## Crop Walk

On Sunday, October 6, everyone is invited to participate in the Dayton Crop Walk which will take place from 1:00-3:30 and the walk begins at Island Metro Park. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events that bring people together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world. The steps we take - and the funds we raise - will make a real impact! The Crop Walk is sponsored by Church World Service (CWS) and working in partnership with many other denominations is a hallmark of CWS. This kind of inter-denominational partnership is what makes our local Crop Walk successful. If you have any questions, please let *Pastor Michelle* know. Let's fight against hunger together!!



## Generous Matching Grant Available to Fulfill "Park & Play" Commitment

A generous member of David's Church has anonymously offered a Park & Play challenge matching grant for up to \$10,000. New pledges, increased pledges and amounts exceeding donations already made by members who have not pledged will all count towards this \$10,000 challenge. We have had new pledges of \$4791 put towards this challenge. We still need \$5209 to meet this goal. Let's use this opportunity to put Park & Play funding over the top.

## Temple Beth Or Childcare

Through an incredible partnership with our Jewish friends at Temple Beth Or, our two congregations provide nursery coverage during our respective high holy days. During Christmas and Easter, our nursery care workers and shepherds are able to enjoy the services while Temple Beth Or members care for our little ones. It is the time of year that we joyfully volunteer coverage for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We are looking for two volunteers to staff each day at Temple Beth Or nursery (0-4 years old) for approximately 2 hours as follows:

### Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 29 from 7:45 pm-10:00 pm

Monday, September 30 from 9:45 am - 1:00 pm

### Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 8 from 7:45 pm - 10:00 pm

Wednesday, October 9 from 9:45 am - 1:00 pm

If you have questions or are willing to volunteer, please contact *KC Harmer* at [kcharmer82@gmail.com](mailto:kcharmer82@gmail.com) or 520-465-0186. Thank you for your support of our young ones!

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

## Pillowcases for SICSA

During the month of September Warm Wishes will be collecting your clean, gently used or new pillowcases for SICSA. These pillowcases will be stuffed with scrap fabric to make bedding for the animals. We try to not put anything into the trash, so this is a great way to use every little piece of fabric and threads that remain after we put together the fleece hats, scarves and mittens. Look for the box in the narthex for your donations. Thank you for your generosity and support. Questions - *Nedral Dalton* (937) 416-4164.

## Save the Date for Some Great October Events!

### David's UCC Shrimp Boil

Join us on Friday, October 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM a traditional Shrimp Boil – includes all you can eat shrimp, red potatoes, sausage, and corn on the cob for \$20 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance as seating is limited. \$5 kids meals of hot dogs or chicken nuggets will also be available.

### Fabric Sale

Thursday, October 17 & Friday, October 18 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

David's Quilting Ministry will hold a Fabric and Craft Sale on Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to raise funds to continue their ministry of creating quilts for the Victory Ridge Veteran's Hospice Unit. The next dedication of quilts will be Veteran's Day, November 10. As quilts are completed, they're put on display in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Please stop and take a look at our handiwork!

If you have fabric and craft materials you no longer want, please bring them to Fellowship Hall beginning October 13 through October 15 OR contact *Debbie McCoy* at 937-689-4224 for an earlier time to meet or have your items picked up.

We hope you'll also stop in to see us as we prepare for the sale or during the sale to find goodies for your stash!

### Trunk or Treat at David's Church!

Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 27 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the back parking lot of David's Church. There will be more details about this fun event for all ages next month and you will have the opportunity to sign up either as a person to pass out candy or as someone to receive the candy, either way there is candy involved :) For now, we invite you to set aside this date and time on your calendar.

## September Birthdays

2 Jim Amon  
Jim Williams  
3 Bill Dieruf  
Beverly Henning  
10 Mary Foster  
11 Jake Schairbaum  
Sophie Dhanraj  
12 Paul Hamm  
14 Lauren Pickrel  
15 Tom Rodberg  
Michael Hunter  
16 Ronald Lafayette  
Craig Chabut



20 Ann Heaton  
21 Jessie Blumberg  
22 Barbara Pelfrey  
24 Jim Phillips  
25 Mick Morgan  
Karina Czeiszperger  
27 AJ Wright  
28 Sydney Pence  
29 Nancy Angel  
Rhonda Havig  
Lauren Walker  
30 Andy Blumberg

## Church Directory Changes

### **Bob & Lois Bosshardt**

3218 Indian Ripple Road #303  
Dayton, OH 45440

### **KC Harmer**

*Lucille; Rowdy; Sullivan*

84 Ridge Brook Trail  
Beavercreek Township, OH 45385

### **Roselyn & Del Faulkner**

Delete landline – using cell phones only

## Member Death

Our sympathy to the family of **Helen Brown**, in her loss, on July 26, 2019.

## Grandparent Announcement

*Kurt Olt* is pleased to announce the birth of his granddaughter, **Annalee Jane Olt**, born July 25, 2019 to *Heather Olt* in Los Angeles, CA.

## BYOG, BYOB, and BYOS!

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m., on September 13, for Game Night hosted by the Lynn Bender at the Grove. Bring your own favorite games, bring your own beverage, and bring your own snack to share, and be prepared to have fun playing board games or card games like euchre, double pinochle, or canasta.

## S.I.G.N.S. Youth Group

S.I.G.N.S. invites you to join our group! We are an ecumenical, faith-based, high school group and have been active in Kettering for more than 19 years. We hold meetings during the school year every Sunday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at David's Grove. At our meetings, we delve into a wide variety of topics, and we participate in many social, spiritual, and community service and outings throughout the year. If you would like to join us, please contact *Jill Chabut*, at 297-0324 or [jjcna@att.net](mailto:jjcna@att.net).

- September 1 – No Meeting – Labor Day
- September 8 – Regular meeting
- September 9 – Peanut Butter at Church
- September 15 – Parent/Teen meeting (slideshow at 6:30)
- September 22 – Regular meeting
- September 29 – Regular meeting

## Blessing of the Pets – October 6

Blessing of the Pets will take place at David's Church on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m. We invite you to bring any and all of your pets for a brief service when we will ask God's blessing on "all creatures great and small" in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi. This service is open to the public, so we hope you'll tell and bring along your friends and family and all their pets.

## Usher & Greeter Sign-Ups

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

<u>SUNDAY</u> 1	<u>MONDAY</u> 2	<u>TUESDAY</u> 3	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 4	<u>THURSDAY</u> 5	<u>FRIDAY</u> 6	<u>SATURDAY</u> 7
8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Gateway 7:00 PM Book Study	<b>Office Closed</b>  <i>Labor Day</i>	10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings		6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir		
8 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship <b>FALL KICK OFF/ PARKING LOT DEDICATION</b> 11:15 AM All-Church Picnic at The Grove 11:15 AM Deacons Mtg 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	9 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:30-8:30 PM Warm Wishes II 6:00-8:00 PM Y12SR Yoga 7:00 PM CE Board Mtg.  <i>Food Fundraiser at City Barbeque</i>	10 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Private Reception 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Michelle at Panera, Kettering	11 6:00 PM Yoga	12 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	13 7:00 PM Game Night at The Grove  <b>DATELINE DEADLINE</b>	14 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting Confirmation Class To Camp Kern Private Reception at The Grove
15 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship w/Communion <b>Dedication of Letters</b> Food & Clothing Outreach 11:15 AM Second Hour/Rohr Book Study 12:30-2:30 PM Private Reception at The Grove 6:30 PM SIGNS 7:00 PM Book Study	16 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	17 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Michelle at Panera, Kettering 7:00 PM Council Meeting	18 6:00 PM Yoga	19 10:30 AM-Noon Women's Book Study 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 at Bob Evan's
22 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS	23 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00-8:00 PM Y12SR Yoga	24 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry 5:30 PM WHO Group	25 6:00 PM Yoga	26 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	27	28  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Ohio Conference Annual Mtg.</div>
29 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS 7:45 PM Childcare at Temple Beth Or	30 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 9:45 AM Childcare at Temple Beth Or 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	<h1 style="margin: 0;">SEPTEMBER 2019</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">David's United Church of Christ    937-434-2131</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><a href="http://www.davidsucc.org">www.davidsucc.org</a></p>				

