DAVID’S DATELINE
APRIL 2017 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.
Phone: 937-434-2131, Fax: 937-434-1913
www.davidsucc.org

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 – David’s Dinners
April 7 – Parents Night Out
April 8 – Breakfast with the Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt
April 9 – Palm Sunday
April 12 – Keenagers
April 13 – Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
April 14 – Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.
April 16 – Easter Sunday
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
April 21 – Game Night at The Grove
April 28-29 – 30-Hour Famine at The Grove
April 30 – Youth Sunday
(8:30 Service in the Chapel)
I recently came across an article published online at ReadTheSpirit.com about a presentation by author, church historian and theologian Diana Butler Bass in Ann Arbor to support of her latest book, “Grounded; Finding God in the World—A Spiritual Revolution.” The article described how “Bass tackled the nationwide news story about millions of Americans who are abandoning their traditional religious identifications. How, according to Pew Research, nearly 1 in 4 Americans respond with the option, ‘None,’ when asked by pollsters to give their religious affiliation.” While Bass noted that “A lot has been written about the rise of the Nones.” She asked, “But what if we’re living in an age of mystics – and not really Nones? What if we’ve been getting that story wrong?”

The article described Bass’ main point, and that of her book, as this: “There is a historic movement unfolding at the grassroots – among everyday lay people – that is ‘grounding’ Christianity in a new way.” She goes on to report what has become obvious, that hierarchical religious structures, or “vertical churches” as she describes them, are crumbling and new religious networks and movements of the spirit are growing.”

There is another whole group of people today who describe themselves as “spiritual but not religious,” and find themselves described in the quote that “Religion is a person sitting in church thinking about kayaking. Spirituality is a person sitting in a kayak, thinking about God.”

I get why a person would think that way, but my role and responsibility requires me to suggest that there’s nothing wrong with sitting in church thinking about kayaking… I think about all kinds of things in the course of the 70 minutes we are gathered together in worship. But my true hope is that we are also engaging one another, encouraging a deeper and fuller faith, and perhaps besides kayaking thinking about other more significant life issues and concerns. But for many, religion and church services, I’ve been told, can feel disconnected and irrelevant for life, so I take this criticism seriously, and hope that what we do together each week is authentic and meaningful, and not merely a waste of time when you could be somewhere else doing something you enjoy more.

According to Bass, the reason so many people have voted with their feet, especially younger generations, to leave conventional church life in their rearview mirrors is that churches are often thought of by everyday people as “hierarchical religious structures,” or “vertical churches.” While regular folk are seeing church life as increasingly irrelevant, she warns that many faith communities in this “time of great turbulence, anxiety and dislocation,” are holding on to the past. Many people feel “deeply abandoned. They wonder: ‘Where is God?’ People start acting insane when they feel abandoned. They don’t know what to do. So they go about trying to rebuild structures they once depended on.”

For Bass, there is a healthier alternative than entrenching and insisting that we find ways to return to a past that is no longer within reach. She suggests that churches and faith leaders be open to the growing number of women and men who reported to Pew Research that they have weekly experiences of awe about the world around them. Bass calls these “signs of a spiritual movement in the general population.”

Pew reported that between 2007 and 2014 there has been a 7% increase in those who say they feel a deep sense of wonder about the universe at least weekly. “We are all mystic,” Bass says, “We all have a capacity to see. Seeing is part of being mystic, …People often talk about this as mindfulness. We all have a capacity for mindfulness.”

For Bass this has signified a spiritual movement that is sweeping across our culture. It is “a truly new theological territory … in which our deepest spiritual connections revolve around our relationships with other people and the natural world.”

This suggests to Bass that rather than emphasizing the vertical structures of the past, we are better off recognizing the horizontal relational connections that are modeled in friendships. Bass says that studies have shown that for many of the millennial generation, friendship is one of the primary influences around which they organize their ethical universe. If they have a friend or relative that is gay or lesbian, they are very likely to judge a church or institution by how they treat folk in the LGBT community. If they have gotten to know someone who is an immigrant or a refugee from another country, they will often vote, and work to defend immigrants from unjust mistreatment.

Pew’s research has shown that many of the millennial generation have perceived that many traditional churches treat LGBT people poorly, and so they are less interested in participating in a group that they see as having been mean to their friends, especially gay friends or people in other vulnerable groups. They want to see how a church lives out its values by caring for the needy and less fortunate, how open and welcoming are they to people who are “different.” Bass challenges congregations and church leaders to think about the question: “What is a theology of friendship.”

Bass concludes, after answering questions from audiences across the country over the years as she has traveled around presenting material from her books – “Grounded,” “Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening,” and “Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith” – that one of the most important concerns she hears from people these days is, “Where is God?” She says someone might share a personal challenge or describe a global tragedy or conflict and wonder: “Where is God in this situation?”
But Bass is convinced these are not abstract queries that can be ignored, she suggests that “our conception of God—the way we conceive God—shapes the whole character of our lives and ultimately our culture”. For Bass and for many of us, “God is not a captive of vertical religious structures. God is not limited to the sky or the upper reaches of traditional church steeples. God is among us in the ‘commons’—wherever people live their everyday lives.”

And, given technological advances, our global world is more connected that ever before. With the internet, social media, and access to news and media from around the globe, made immediately available for our view, Bass says, the idea of a real global commons is no longer mere wishful thinking. This historic shift of focus, which impacts how we think about our sense of community and the place of God in our lives, moves us “from a distant God at the peak of a vertical universe, high above us, toward an intimate God hovering with us and around us.”

“There are a lot of people,” she warns, who are seeking to escape the chaotic culture that can at times feel overwhelming and disorienting, “who are still hankering for the old verticality. They want to hold on to the past, and spend their energy trying to rebuild those old vertical structures. But I think our faith should call us to a place where we really feel our feet on the ground. We are called to realize that God is with all of us—here—and now.”

Here at David’s Church, I have experienced a faith community of true welcome and acceptance. It has been important to let people know that ours is a forward thinking, science friendly and intellectually vibrant expression of Progressive Christianity, so they know up front that we don’t expect them to park their brains, their questions, concerns and doubts in the parking lot on the way into the church for a service. We have become Open & Affirming and strived to make our building as physically accessible as we can, so that we can live into our value that “whoever you are, and wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

And we seek to live faithfully into our mission to be Christ’s healing hands, and arms, and feet in the world through projects to alleviate hunger, care for those who are in need, and work to transform the world, and ourselves as people, so that love, and peace, and justice are available to all people. And one of the real signs of this congregation’s faithfulness is that I see new people welcomed each week as if they were old friends, and we reach out and show care for the needs of our older friends who can’t worship as often as they would like. There is a real spirit of Jesus, that I experience in how we work together to see that all people feel welcomed and valued and cared for. We’re entirely human, which means at times we’re far from perfect, but I truly believe that we are a safe place for people to come, bringing their questions and longing, their disappointments and losses, their grief and their joys, and find themselves surrounded by friends who believe that God is here and now, with and among us.

As we strive to make the world more like God intends for it to be, we do not have to walk the road of life alone. We are surrounded by a community of Christ that, like Jesus, is a friend to all.

Your pastor and friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

It will probably not come as a surprise to anyone that knows me to discover that I am a big fan of superheroes. There is one superhero that I love above all others; and if you have ever been in my office then you know that I love Superman the most. I have been a big fan of the “Man of Steel” since I was 9 years old. I still remember the show “Lois and Clark The New Adventures of Superman” airing and it was this show that introduced me to Superman and from that day forward, Superman became a big part of my life and to be honest, it still is an important aspect of who I am.

I believe one of the many things I love about Superman is that he represents hope. In the newest Superman movies, it is discovered that the “S” on his chest symbolizes hope. As Superman quotes in “Man of Steel,” “It is not a S. On my world it means hope.” On the show “Smallville,” Clark Kent says, “I believe in the darkest soul, there’s always hope. People want to believe in something greater, and it may be easier to hate, but it is stronger to love.”

Right now, what the world needs now, besides love, is hope. When we look around our planet today; we may not find many reasons to have hope. But I believe that hope can be found even in the darkest of moments. I think one of the reasons that the superhero genre is so popular is because it does give people hope; it gives people hope and faith in a better world; in a better humanity. I don’t just love Superman because he can fly and leap tall buildings in a single bound. I love Superman because he always strives to see the best in people and isn’t that what we should be doing; isn’t that something that could make the world a better place?

Robert Clancy points out that “We all have the capacity to be a superhero. In order to become one, you just have to find your unique power or ability and exploit it for the greater good. The cape and mask are optional accessories, but a kind heart is essential.” In order to be a superhero, you don’t have to be able to fly or see through walls because a superhero is anyone who desires to make the world a better place. So what gives me hope is that I believe that everyone has the ability to make a difference; everyone can be a hero.
I am filled with hope because David’s Church is a congregation filled with superheroes. We are a church overflowing with people who want to make a difference in the world and you know what I believe we are making a difference. I am very excited for our Youth Sunday service this year which will take place on Sunday, April 30. Our theme for this year’s service is “using our powers to make a difference in the world.”

This service will be completely led by our youth and it is always a very exciting and memorable service. This year, our service happens to take place during our 30 Hour Famine weekend. On Friday, April 28 through Saturday, April 29, the youth and some adult leaders will participate in World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine. This is the third year that I have had the wonderful opportunity to lead this powerful event at David’s Church.

The website for the 30 Hour Famine (30hourfamine.org) states: “Worldwide, 795 million people — about one in nine — are chronically hungry. The Famine gives your group a chance to do something about this unacceptable tragedy — to stand together and serve the hungry in Jesus’ name. Your group can give real and lasting hope to families living in poverty by doing the Famine. And in the process, you’ll draw closer to God and each other.”

One of my favorite Gandhi quotes; which I say often is; “be the change that you wish to see in the world.” It is heartbreaking to know that there are so many people all over our planet who don’t get enough to eat. So participating and leading the 30 Hour Famine is one way that I am doing something to work to end world hunger and the youth get to also be part of the change that they wish to see in the world.

On Youth Sunday, the teens will share with the congregation what they learned during the famine. Our fundraising goal for the Famine this year is $5000!! We invite everyone to consider making a donation online at: http://youth.worldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=15083. You can also write a check out to David’s UCC and in the memo line write 30 Hour Famine. We will take up one final offering for the 30 Hour Famine during the Youth Sunday service.

As I said earlier, I believe we can all be superheroes and that is why I want to invite everyone to dress up as their favorite hero on Youth Sunday. If you don’t want to wear tights and a cape; you could just wear a t-shirt with your favorite superhero on it. For Halloween one year, I wore a Superman costume and had tights and a cape and everything and to find out whether I wear this costume again; you will just need to come to Youth Sunday and see for yourself.

We all have the ability to change the world. I believe there is hero inside all of us and on Youth Sunday we will celebrate that we do have the powers to make a difference. We can not just imagine a better world but we can work toward creating a better world. Let us remember the words of the famous J.K. Rowling: “We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better.”

So don’t miss out on a “Super” Youth Sunday this year!!! On April 30, our sanctuary will be overflowing with heroes; ordinary people who are doing extraordinary things which are truly changing the world. I hope to see you all here for a spectacular worship service led by our amazing teens!!

Blessings,
Pastor Michelle

Living The Questions 2.0

Friends, after the Lenten Specials, Dr. Newcomb will be returning to the Monday night book study of “Living the Questions; The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity,” together with the DVD series “LtQ 2.0.” Because Pastor Brian was sick with the flu and missed a class, we’ll be starting with chapter 7 and then working through the second 7 week section of the book, saving the last third for the Fall season. Even if you didn’t participate in the first section you’re welcome to join with us as we meet around these following chapters for conversation and dialog… (you can order a copy of the book at Amazon for about $14)… remember, all questions are welcome.

April 3 – Chap. 7 “Out into the World; Challenges Facing Progressive Christians”
April 10 – Chap. 8 “Restoring Relationships”
April 17 – Chap. 9 “The Prophetic Jesus”
April 24 – Chap. 10 “Evil, Suffering, and a God of Love”
May 1 – Chap. 11 “The Myth of Redemptive Violence”
May 8 – Chap. 12 “Practicing Resurrection”
May 15 – NO CLASS
May 22 – Chap. 13 “Debunking the Rapture”
May 29 – Chap. 14 “Honoring Creation”
Adult Ed Class
Join us on April 2 at 11:15 a.m., in the Adult Ed Room, as we welcome Bruce Rill from We Care Arts. We Care Arts believes in the healing power of creating and producing art that transforms physical, developmental and mental challenges into a future rich with possibilities. The organization has been around for over 35 years and served over 1300 people last year.

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, April 2. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!

Parent’s Night Out Friday, April 7!
All children through 6th grade are invited to spend a fun evening at David’s Church from 6-9 p.m. We will spend the evening eating pizza and watching a movie. Special thanks go out to the SIGNS group for volunteering to help at this event. For this special night, we are just asking for parents to consider donating toward their summer trip. See Pastor Michelle if you would like to sign-up your child.

Breakfast With The Bunny!
We will have our "Breakfast with the Bunny" and Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 8. This event will include and assortment breakfast foods and coffee (for the parents). There will be games and of course the main event the Easter Egg hunt. Eggs will be filled with an assortment of special treats. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The breakfast will begin at 9:00AM. The Easter Egg hunt will follow breakfast and conclude with games in fellowship hall. The event should wrap up around 11:00AM. Look for a sign-up in the Narthex.

Holy Week Worship Schedule
Palm Sunday Services
April 9 – 8:30 & 9:50 a.m.

Maundy Thursday with Communion & Service of Healing
April 13 – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
April 14 – 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
April 16 – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Children’s Moment, Sermon, Chancel Choir & Holy Communion at both services
Free Community Concert with Ric Hordinski Trio

On Sunday, April 9 at 4 pm, David’s United Church of Christ will host a free community concert with guitar instrumentalist Ric Hordinski. Ric maintains his own recording studio and performance space, Monastery Studio, housed in an old church building in Cincinnati, and he teaches at the University of Cincinnati – Conservatory of Music. His latest recording, “Arthur’s Garden,” is compositionally lush and richly textured, echoing the ghosts of English folk music in semi-classical madrigals played primarily on acoustic instruments. Working with a rhythm section in his trio, Ric works on electric guitars to produce “instrumental, ambient sounds. We say it’s not-not-jazz.”

As a musician, Ric has been described as the “guitarists’ guitarist.” He was a founding member of recording artist Over The Rhine, where he participated as guitarist, songwriter and producer for 8 years, and then released six independent recordings under the moniker Monk. Ric has produced albums for luminaries like David Wilcox and Phil Keaggy, among others, and was hand-picked by Keaggy to be the second guitarist to tour performing his instrumental masterpiece, “The Master & the Musician.” Keaggy called Hordinski “a painter, using the melodies of strings to communicate beautiful colors. He plays beautiful guitar.”

Paste Magazine writes, “Hordinski shows himself to be the rarest kind of virtuoso – one who knows when not to play and what not to play… what makes Hordinski’s music so compelling is that it transcends both notes and spaces, communicating to the listener something that transcends the literal.”

Come out and spend an enjoyable afternoon with this world class guitarist in the intimate setting of the David’s Church Sanctuary, and feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. This free concert is open to the community and made possible by the Memorial Music Fund.
Why Do I Need To Sign The Pew Pad?

Did you know that we ask you to sign the pew pads for a very important reason? As part of being a member in good standing, attendance is important. Signing the pew pad is a way for us to confirm that you are honoring your commitment to church membership. The Church Constitution reads:

- Members shall pledge themselves to attend the regular worship of the Church and the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, to live the Christian life, to share in the life and work of the Church, to contribute to its support and benevolences, and to seek diligently the spiritual welfare of the membership and the community.
- A member who, for a period of two years, has not attended the Church’s worship or received Holy Communion, after contact by the Church, may, by recommendation of the Elders in consultation with the Pastor and vote of Council, be removed from the membership roll.

Another reason we ask you to sign the pew pad is to get to know the neighbors in your pew that you are sitting with that day. As you sign and pass the pew pad, you may notice a name or two of someone you have wanted to meet, or have not met yet. So, sign in, help us take attendance, and get to know your neighbor!

VBS Looking For Volunteers

David’s is once again partnering with Harmony Creek Church to offer an awesome Vacation Bible School experience! This year, we’ll be superheroes-in-training (thank God Pastor Michelle has already been helping us in this, haha!) with Cokesbury VBS’s Hero Central program (http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com) June 18th-21st from 6:00pm to 8:30pm (with a possible dinner beforehand if we get enough volunteers). We’d love to have some help, so we’re asking everyone 16-116 years old to help with the following:

- Group guides (they will lead children from station to station and may help them with projects/activities if the children ask)
- A Craft leader (crafts and supplies will be provided…the leader would just need to demonstrate each step and assist children where needed)
- 1-3 Science leaders (science project and supplies will be provided…the leader(s) will just need to demonstrate each step/discuss the project as described in the leader book provided and assist children where needed)
- Registration staffers (1-3 people from 5:30pm-6:30pm to greet children and their parents/guardians, sign them in, and direct them to their assigned groups).
- Pick-up/Set-up volunteers (to pick-up the set from Sugarcreek church and/or help set it up at Harmony Creek on June 17th…mid-morning to early afternoon, time TBD)
- Clean-up/Take-down volunteers (to tear down the set on June 21st following closing at 8pm)
- Snack prep and clean-up during the sessions
- Volunteers to help prepare/serve/clean-up dinner before starting sessions at 6:00pm (time and what will be served TBD)

Please connect with Becca Webb at becca.webb@wright.edu or 609-332-7648 if interested.

Keenagers – Welcome Spring and April Showers

Please join us on April 12 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall as we welcome spring and greet each other after our winter break. Following Spring Brunch, we will welcome our speaker, Mr. Stephen Wright, great grand nephew of Wilbur, Orville, and Katherine Wright. Mr. Wright will speak about his famous family and share his rich family history with us. There will be a question and answer time following his remarks.

As always, we so appreciate your letting our faithful team know you are coming and how many in your party. Please be in touch with Ruth Widman, 991-1064; Sue Oertel, 293-7890; Annabelle Click, 430-3026, or the church office, 434-2131.

Experience David’s Grove

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

The Deacons are teaming up, once again, with the Kroger Community Rewards Program. To begin earning money for our church, each person needs to enroll/reenroll online at krogercommunityrewards.com and sign up with their Kroger Plus card number and the David's church Organization Number 78892. Questions? Contact Joyce Comer 278-3210, or Nancy Jantzen 513-658-7114

DIRECTIONS TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

• Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
• Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
• If a member does not yet have a Kroger Plus card, please let them know that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
• Click on Sign In/Register
• Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the ‘New Customer?’ box.
• Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
• You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
• Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
• Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
• Update or confirm your information.
• Enter NPO number (78892) or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
• To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization’s name on the right side of your information page.
• REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
• Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
• Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Graduation Recognition

David’s has designated Sunday, April 30 (Youth Sunday) as the day to honor those in our congregation, young and old, in a high school, college, or specialized program who are about to graduate or who have graduated since our last recognition. Please call the church office or email Chris at chriswood@davidsucc.org to give us this vital information so that you or someone you know will be included.

WHO Group

WHO (Women Hanging Out) Group will meet at Bonefish Grill (http://www.bonefishgrill.com/) on Tuesday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. for food, fellowship, and fun. Please RSVP to Lou Mason no later than Sunday, April 23 at 299-8923 or lmason1@woh.rr.com.

Cincinnati Premiere on Muslim-Christian Peacemaking - Save the Date

Cincinnati "Sultan and the Saint" Premiere - Sunday, May 7, 20th Century Theatre, Oakley

During the Crusades, Saint Francis of Assisi risked his life by walking across enemy lines to meet the Sultan of Egypt, the Muslim ruler Al-Malik al-Kamil. This remarkable encounter, and the commitment to peace of the two men behind it, sucked the venom out of the Crusades and changed the relationship between Muslims and Christians for the better.

Join us for Cincinnati premiere to learn about the remarkable spiritual exchange between the Sultan and the Saint, and the great risks they took for peace.

Sponsored By: Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, In Partnership with: Xavier University Brueggeman Center for Dialogue.

For More Information, Contact: Nadia Fazlani, ICGC, toursandtalks@cincinnatiislamiccenter.org, or Cynthia Cummins, Brueggeman Center for Dialogue, cummins@xavier.edu.
April Birthdays

1 John Keyes  
Jim Johnson  
Andy Jones  
Ellie Jones

3 Beth Dapp  
Ron Slanker  
Sue Walters

4 Sue Walters  
David Blum  
Sue Krichbaum  
Donna Runzo

6 Judi McCoy  
Jason Stafford  
Doris Lathrop

8 Paul Havig  
Megan Watson  
Laura Nielsen

12 Karen Hendricks  
Reid Schaeffer  
T.R. Routson

17 Carol Amon  
JoAnn Bambauer  
Jacob Morris

19 Bonnie Langdon  
Emma Thompson  
Eric Murphy

22 Barbara Ashbrook  
Tim Andrews  
Joyce Comer

25 Janette Richardson  
Chris Schairbaum  
Doris Lathrop

26 Ethan Schoenlein  
Dave DeLan  
Megan Watson

27 Laura Nielsen  
Reid Schaeffer

Church Directory Change

Joanne Britain  
Symphony of Centerville  
7383 Paragon Rd. - Rm 105  
Dayton, OH 45459

Member Death

Our sympathy to Will, Claire and Ben Roess in the loss of wife and mother, Becky Roess, on March 18, 2017.

Death

Our sympathy to Dan, Julie, Lauren & Kaitlin Pickel in the loss of Dan’s mother, Janet Pickrel, on March 13, 2017.

SALT Discussion

On Sunday, April 9, following the second service, we will facilitate a forum for any members who would like to hear about suggested changes to the SALT (Summer Adult Leadership Program). SALT was created to provide a) spiritual growth, b) leadership development, and c) education about the various functions and workings of David’s as well as the overall ministry of the UCC. The program is designed as an internship opportunity for college age students interested in the leadership of the church, exploring their own core beliefs and spiritual boundaries as well as developing their leadership skills for service to others. Please join us in the sanctuary.

Pike Lake Weekend May 19-21! 1 Deluxe, 1 Standard Cabin Available

Make plans to join in the fellowship of David’s Church Family surrounded by the tree covered hills of southern Ohio! A nice variety of accommodations for any size family/group is described below. Standard Cabin sleep 4 – has one double bed, 1 set of bunk beds; love seat & chair; kitchen; bathroom w/shower; picnic table & charcoal grill ($136.50 for the weekend). You bring the bedding, towels & food!

Deluxe Cabin sleep 6 plus - has 2 bedrooms; one queen bed, two twin beds, 2 rollaways; an eat-in kitchen/living room with fireplace, sofa & 2 chairs; bathroom w/shower; screened porch & charcoal grill ($186.50 for the weekend). The Deluxe Cabins DO include sheets, pillows, blankets, bath towels, kitchen towels and pot holders but you still bring your food!

Camp Ground – Bring your tent or RV. Pike Lake features 80 sites with electricity, latrines, showers at the Beach House, dump station, picnic tables, fire rings and camp commissary where you register once you select your site ($22.00 per night). Campers with pets are permitted on designated sites.

Arrive on Friday at your leisure with no planned activities. Saturday activities include Scavenger Hunt, Boat Race, Wiffleball, Cornhole, a Potluck Dinner and Dancing w’smores for a night cap! An Outdoor Worship Service wraps up the weekend on Sunday morning.

See Kevin or Debbie McCoy following worship or call (299-9218) with any questions or to make your reservation.
# APRIL 2017

**David's United Church of Christ**  
(937) 434-2131  
[www.davidsucc.org](http://www.davidsucc.org)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUNDAY</th>
<th>MONDAY</th>
<th>TUESDAY</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY</th>
<th>THURSDAY</th>
<th>FRIDAY</th>
<th>SATURDAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship  
Gateway  
11:15 AM Second Hour  
7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS | 9:30 AM Warm Wishes  
10:30 AM Staff Mtg.  
7:00 PM LTQ Book Study | 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry  
7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters  
6:00 PM Adult Bells  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir | 6:00-9:00 PM Parent’s Night Out | 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting  
9:00-11:00 AM Breakfast with the Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt |
| 9      | 10     | 11      | 12        | 13       | 14     | 15       |
| 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship  
Palm Sunday  
11:15 AM Second Hour  
Hour/SALT Discussion  
4:00 PM Free Community Concert  
7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS | 9:30 AM Warm Wishes  
10:30 AM Staff Mtg.  
6:30 PM CE Meeting  
7:00 PM LTQ Book Study | 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry  
7:00 PM Elders Meeting | 11:30 AM Keenagers  
6:00 PM Yoga  
6:30 PM Deacons | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters  
7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY with Communion & Service of Healing | 7:30 PM GOOD FRIDAY Tenebrae Service  
DATETIME DEADLINE | 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast @ Bob Evans  
Private Reception at The Grove |
| 16     | 17     | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22       |
| EASTER SUNDAY  
9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship with Communion  
Food & Clothing Outreach | 9:30 AM Warm Wishes  
10:30 AM Staff Mtg.  
7:00 PM LTQ Book Study | 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry  
7:00 PM Council Mtg. | 6:00 PM Yoga | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters  
6:00 PM Adult Bells  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir | 7:00-10:00 PM Game Night at The Grove  
Private Reception at The Grove |
| 23     | 24     | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28     | 29       |
| 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship  
11:15 AM Second Hour  
7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS | 9:30 AM Warm Wishes  
10:30 AM Staff Mtg.  
7:00 PM LTQ Book Study | 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry  
5:30 PM WHO Group at Bonefish Grill | 6:00 PM Yoga | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Knitters  
6:00 PM Adult Bells  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir | 30-Hour Famine at The Grove  
9:00 AM-1:30 PM SONKA Meeting  
St. John - Cincinnati |
| 30     | 30     | 30      | 30        | 30       | 30     | 30       |
| 8:30 AM Worship in the Chapel  
9:50 AM YOUTH SUNDAY  
11:15 AM Second Hour  
7:00 PM Book Study/SIGNS | 9:00 AM-1:30 PM SONKA Meeting  
St. John - Cincinnati | 9:00 AM-1:30 PM SONKA Meeting  
St. John - Cincinnati | 9:00 AM-1:30 PM SONKA Meeting  
St. John - Cincinnati | 9:00 AM-1:30 PM SONKA Meeting  
St. John - Cincinnati | 9:00 AM-1:30 PM SONKA Meeting  
St. John - Cincinnati |