

**DAVID'S DATLINE  
JULY 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](http://www.davidsucc.org)**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**July 4 - Office Closed  
(July 3-14 Office Hours 9AM-2PM)**

**July 9 - WAG Sale Collection Starts**

**July 22 - Church Picnic at The Grove**

**July 21-22 - WAG Rummage Sale**

**July 30 - Pilgrimage Stockholder's Luncheon**

## From the Pastor's Desk...

One of the things I often think about as time for vacation comes around is not just the work that has to be taken care of before I leave town--the folk I need to check in with, the reports I should leave behind for the meetings I'll miss--and not just the services or other preparations required for the Sunday after I get home. No, I often worry a bit about the possibility of someone getting gravely ill, having a terrible accident or, worse even, dying, while I as their pastor am not available to offer prayers, or in the end participate in a Christian funeral or memorial for someone who was held very close in the life of the church.

Now it's not that I think I'm indispensable, or that my prayers are better than anyone else's, I've met plenty of great hospital chaplains who are wonderful at helping folk through times of crisis. No, this concern about someone dying while I am away grows from an understanding of the deep covenantal relationship between a church and its members, which can often be represented by the presence of the Pastor in a time of crisis or loss. It's not that there are any "magic words" that only ordained ministers know how or when to say, or that our physical presence has any impact on the actual outcome, but I have found over the years that the very fact that the Pastor is present reminds the individual in a time of pain and uncertainty, or a family who is suddenly cut off from the life of their loved one, that they are truly being held in the thoughts and prayers of the entire congregation.

Sometimes softly reading the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, or offering a word of comfort, or simply repeating the Lord's Prayer, or quietly holding the hand of someone who is overcome with emotion and not sure what to say or think or do, sometimes just assuring them that they are loved and held close in the mind of Christ's Church can make a real difference. So, when I leave for a while, as of course I also want to do, I can feel torn and circumspect about those I'm leaving behind. Now, here at David's Church where there is more than one pastor on staff, we can stagger our vacations most of the time, so that someone will always be here and available should such a circumstance arise.

Back, before I came to David's I had spent 25 years in ministry where I was the only Pastor on staff, and in those early years I was my own secretary, so if I wasn't home to answer the phone, no one from the church got the necessary information if a hospital or family member called. When I was on vacation, there was always another UCC clergy person on call, prepared to step in and visit folk who were hospitalized, or if necessary do a funeral in my absence. It was one thing though to have a seminary student lead worship and fill the pulpit while I was off visiting family or acting the tourist, but folk would be somewhat disappointed if there had to be a funeral for a beloved church member that needed to happen before I was scheduled to return, simply because I had often spent time with that family, I had gotten to know the person we were celebrating in a service of thanksgiving for their life.

There are plenty of times in my ministry, where I have been asked to perform the Rite of Christian burial for someone who was not a member of our church, or any other church for that matter. At those services I was always grateful for the presence of a family member or friend who would be willing to speak of their life in personal terms, since the best that I could do was read from their obituary, or recall for them the stories that were shared with me in a meeting prior to the funeral service itself. If a family was completely "unchurched," and yet still desired a Christian service, I have always tried to offer my professional best, and bring as much that I can learn from a person's life story into the brief service as possible, but I can see why folk who have a church and a relationship with a congregation and pastor would prefer to have the service officiated by someone who really knew and loved them.

So, some of this is running through my mind every time I think about getting on an airplane and flying off to be with people that I've missed, or to some part of the world that we've been looking forward to visiting. Trust me, I believe in stepping away from one's job to be rejuvenated and renewed, I believe in the idea of "Sabbath," a time to rest, a time to rest and recover in spirit, to connect with life and family and the world outside of one's work. I take my days off seriously, and I take all the vacation that my contract allows me, it's important for my family and it's important for me, both to relax and to be refreshed for the job once I return. Plus, it's a reminder that the world can go along just fine without me.

But, it's part and parcel of the Pastoral profession, I imagine, to carry some concern for your congregation in your heart and mind, even as you gather with family around a Thanksgiving spread in upstate New York, or are mesmerized by the beauty of the wilderness and wonder of glaciers on a cruise ship in Alaska. When a pastor accepts a call to serve a specific congregation we "promise to serve the church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office..."

To my mind, pastoral care of those who are sick and hospitalized, or those who are no longer able to attend worship regularly due to age and illness is the way we fulfill our part of the covenant of membership in the Church of Jesus Christ. When people come into the membership of a church, I often read those words from the Letter to the Ephesians, that "you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are equally citizens with the saints and members of the household of God..." which is to say you are now ours, and we are yours. We also ask new members (and for that matter, long-time members as well) to promise to be present and active, "to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's

people, sharing regularly in the worship of God, enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world.” Covenants, or relational commitments, go in both directions. If folk promise to come, to support the work of the church and get involved, we promise as well to provide care and support to them when life or illness or whatever limits their ability to be present. And, when they face death, we promise to care for them throughout the passage, and when they die, through the Rite of Christian burial, and through the offering of pastoral care, to love and support those they leave behind.

In the past, when folk tended to grow up and live in one community for most of their lives, that sense of connection from birth to the grave, from baptism to funeral, was a foregone conclusion. I have known ministers who served in one setting for most or all of their professional lives, and it’s not uncommon for them to have baptized, confirmed and officiated the marriage of some who later bring their own children for baptism, and for them to have known some of the people whose lives they are celebrating in a funeral service for all of their adult years. These days, people tend to a lot more mobile, a lot less committed to one geographical locale, and some have moved their membership from church to church numerous times in their lives as they followed educational and employment opportunities wherever they led them. Given the transience of our culture, if your family is like mine, your relations are likely spread to the four winds.

All of this has come to mind for me, because as my vacation this last month was coming to an end we got word that two members of our congregation who had been living at Bethany Village had died, and shortly after that we learned that there would be no Christian service of burial for either woman, in fact neither family had even contacted the church. Both of these women were visited regularly each year with communion during Lent and again during Advent, and we followed up on other occasions when there were medical issues.

One had been a member of David’s Church since 1983, she had been an active participant in the kitchen of our congregation, and had often helped prepare those lovely meals that we offer family members following a funeral or memorial service. In her later years she developed Alzheimer’s, and by the time I started visiting her nearly 9 years ago, she did not remember David’s Church and seemed unable to figure out who I was exactly, but she still accepted communion on most visits and would repeat the Lord’s Prayer with me even though she often didn’t remember where she was or why she lived there. We continued to visit her, and attempt to connect as recently as this last Lent.

The other dear saint joined David’s Church in 1993, and for the nearly 9 years that I visited her she always seemed to enjoy our conversation about the people of the church that she remembered, and some who still maintained contact with her. At 95, she was still mindful of her family and those who were coming to visit her. Back in her heyday, she was one of the people who started the Warm Wishes ministry that creates those great mittens, hats and scarves for homeless folk in the winter, and back before the Prayer Chain was handled by email, she used to call people on the telephone to bring them up to speed with prayer concerns in the life of our church.

I always expected that there would come a time when we would get to celebrate the lives of these lovely, faithful women, who had been very active in the life of David’s Church when they were younger, and who we still maintained regular visits with as recently as this April. I felt that when the time came we would hold funeral services for them, that those who were left in their families would come, and we could show them how much we loved and valued these women by offering hospitality to them. And I would have guessed that that is what they expected too. It has often been the natural order of things, folk who find meaning and value in church membership, take comfort in the knowledge that in their faith community they will be memorialized and remembered with thanksgiving.

But as far as we know, there was just a private service at the funeral home for our friend with Alzheimer’s. Originally, the family for our other friend had decided not to have a service, but at the last minute they gathered for an open house, which gave the extended family a chance to be together. As I said, neither family knew to contact the church. When a couple of us dropped by the open house, the family’s representative seemed surprised to know that we had maintained contact with his mother, that she was still a valued member of our faith community.

Now, maybe I misread these women, maybe they didn’t want a final service with a Christian funeral service, maybe they had discussed their wishes with their families and they didn’t want all the fuss of a church service in their honor. But here’s my point, maybe they took that all for granted, and had not discussed their final wishes with their loved ones, the people who would be making the decision about what was going to happen after they died. Furthermore, if you have ideas about how you would like to be remembered at the time of your death, take the time to write down your wishes, and talk about your desires with your family. In the church office, we have forms to help folk plan their own funeral services, to suggest hymns, scripture verses or poetry or any other thing they would want done or said in a service of thanksgiving for their life and Christian funeral. We are happy to make them available to anyone with interest, and they can be shared with your family or the person named executor of your estate, and you can return it to the office where we can keep it on file until that time comes.

It had only been the 9 years at the end of their lives, but I grew fond of the two Dotties, and I looked forward to visiting them and reminding them that their church continued to hold them close with affection. It was a great honor to serve them communion, it was an important act to fulfill our part of the bargain when they entered into membership with

David's Church. Our friend with her memory still intact told me some great stories about our church's past and history, and our friend whose memory had failed her still exhibited a certain spunk that hinted at her personality and attitude in life.

As we say in the final prayer of the funeral liturgy: "With faith in your great mercy and wisdom, we entrust these beloved saints to your eternal care. We praise you, God, for your steadfast love for them all the days of their earthly life. We thank you for all that they were to those who loved them and for their faithfulness to the church of Jesus Christ. We thank you that for them all sickness and sorrow are ended, and death itself is past and that they have entered to home where all your people gather in peace.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend the lives of these your servants. Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, daughters of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the company of the saints in light.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Your pastor and friend,

*Brian Q. Newcomb*

## Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Danny Kaye once said; "Life is a blank canvas, and you need to throw all the paint on it you can." Throughout our Confirmation Pilgrimage trip, the students and chaperones certainly threw plenty of paint on the canvas of life. On Tuesday, June 13, ten of our Confirmation students and four brave adults set out for an adventure; and that adventure would take us to Atlanta, Georgia. For this month's Dateline, I have chosen to focus on the Pilgrimage and share with everyone some of the highlights from our trip. I particularly wanted to focus on the volunteer activities that we participated in.

As I plan for this trip, I work hard to find the best organizations to volunteer at and this year I found four great places. On Wednesday, June 14, we spent the morning at Atlanta Community Food Bank. According to their website, the Food Banks works with more than 600 nonprofit partners—including food pantries, community kitchens, childcare centers, night shelters and senior centers—to distribute over 60 million meals to more than 755,000 people in 29 counties across metro Atlanta and north Georgia.

That morning, we worked in the Product Rescue Center. We sorted through everything that has been donated and organized all of it into categories and made sure to throw away any damaged or expired foods. In just a few hours, we worked with some other groups and we sorted through and organized several boxes. We were able to organize enough food to provide 8,425 meals! What a wonderful way to spend a morning. In our small way, we got to be part of the mission of the Food Bank and help get these meals to those in need.

On Thursday morning, we went and had a tour of Atlanta Habitat for Humanity. We had a tour because we were unable to volunteer there because they have certain age requirements that our students didn't meet. According to their website, the vision for Atlanta Habitat for Humanity is to create "an Atlanta where all people have access to quality affordable housing in safe, vibrant neighborhoods with opportunities to thrive." As we toured, it was inspirational to hear about all the success stories of people in need being able to own their first homes.

Of all the days that we volunteered, Friday morning was my favorite. We volunteered for an organization called "I Care Atlanta." This is an organization that works to prevent homelessness by reaching out to the working, insecure and homeless men, women, and children in Metro Atlanta and surrounding communities. What is truly remarkable about this organization is that the founder, Anthony Delgado, used to be homeless himself. He told us his story from how he went from living on the streets to founding "I Care Atlanta." It was truly a one of a kind success story.

On Friday morning, we gathered together and made lunches to pass out to the homeless. We made over 400 lunch meat sandwiches and put them into plastic bags and then put other goodies into each bag. Then we took these bags of food and water and we passed them out to those in need. I like to think that, on this day, we truly were the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. We went to the streets and we fed the hungry. It was a day that I will never forget. It was an incredible experience for all of us. One particular highlight for me and one of the students from this experience was being able to pray for one of the homeless men. There was a man named Robert whom we gave lunch to and he asked me and the other student if we could sit down with him and pray. So right there in the middle of the sidewalk; we knelt and joined hands and we prayed for Robert. At the end of the week, we asked each student to share their favorite memory from the week; and the student who was with me during this moment; said that this was their favorite part of the trip. It was one of my favorite memories as well.

On Monday morning, we volunteered at an organization called Furkids. Furkids is Georgia's largest animal rescue and no-kill shelter. Furkids has rescued more than 25,000 animals since its founding in 2002. We got to spend Monday morning being the church by cleaning up around their office area. Some of the kids got to get their hands a little dirty and do stinky work by cleaning up some of the yards. They had the honor of cleaning up dog poop and I must say that I was impressed that they did this without too much complaint. We also got to play with some of the dogs before we left. The organization was very grateful for our help that morning.

Aside from volunteering, we also got to do several other things on the trip. We visited the Coke Museum, the Georgia Aquarium, College Football Hall of Fame Museum, and the Civil Rights Museum. On Wednesday night, we all participated in an Escape the Room challenge. We also had the privilege of eating at a wide variety of restaurants. It was such an amazing trip and we made so many memories, but most importantly, I believe we did our small part in trying to make a difference in this world.

Ray Bradbury says in the book *Fahrenheit 451*: "Everyone must leave something behind when he dies . . . Something your hand touched some way so your soul has somewhere to go when you die . . . It doesn't matter what you do, so long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away."

I reminded the students at the end of this trip; that I hope they remember all the wonderful things we did while in Atlanta. I pray they remember all the lives that we might have touched; directly or indirectly. We were able to help provide meals to thousands of people through our service at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. We were able to hear stories about lives that have been touched and greatly impacted by the wonderful Atlanta Habitat for Humanity. We helped an organization by simply getting our hands a little dirty during our time at Furkids. Then we got to take to the streets and feed the hungry directly during our time with I Care Atlanta. In all these ways and more; we were being the church. There were times that servers at the restaurants we ate at would ask what we were doing in Atlanta, and we testified to the acts of kindness that we were participating in and each time we testified; people were very touched by what we were doing. So, I truly believe that we did make a difference during our time in Atlanta and I believe we did create change.

This month, on July 30, everyone who bought stock will have the opportunity to attend our Stockholder's Luncheon. This will take place after church, and during this meal, everyone will have the opportunity to hear from our students and chaperones and hear them talk about the trip. We will also have a slideshow to present with pictures and videos. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our Confirmation class.

Love to all,

*Pastor Michelle*



## **Congratulations Confirmands!**

On Sunday, June 4, 2017 *Sophia Shannon, Cameron Teeters, and Jacob Morris* were confirmed into the life of the church by and Rev. Michelle Wilkey.

## Respecting Our Pastors and Their Time Off

Did you know that our Pastors take one day off during the week, since Sunday is a work day for them? Pastor Brian typically takes Friday off while Pastor Michelle strives to take Wednesday as her day off. The Pastors also take vacation from time to time. The pastors will both be attending the UCC General Synod in Baltimore June 30-July 4. **Pastor Michelle will be on vacation July 10-23, and Pastor Brian will be on vacation July 18-25.**

We ask that you respect this time off for them and try not, unless it is an emergency, to contact them and give them their time with family.

Any church business should be conducted by contacting them in the office during the work week (9-5 M-F). Please reconsider the true nature of your call before calling them on their personal cell phones on evenings and weekends. If you do have a pastoral emergency, do not hesitate to call them on the numbers listed in your directory.

Rev. Bev Jenkins will be covering pastoral concerns when Brian and Michelle out on the same days and in the pulpit on July 2 and July 23.

## SONKA News

Rev. Carl Robinson Next Designated Association Minister - On Thursday, May 30, Rev. Carl Robinson signed a contract to become SONKA's next Designated Association Minister and he will begin August 1st. Rev. Carl is no stranger to SONKA; he has served in a wide variety of settings within our Association and is currently serving as the Senior Pastor at Shiloh UCC in Dayton, OH. We congratulate Rev. Carl Robinson on this new and exciting position!

## Summer Sunday School Volunteers

During the summer, we go to a one room schoolhouse Sunday School format and we need volunteers to help lead it! Curriculum is provided or you can come up with an idea of your own. We will certainly have plenty of children eager to attend Summer Sunday School, but it can only happen if we have adults willing to be there as well. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For any questions, please contact Pam Storar at [camiha@aol.com](mailto:camiha@aol.com) or 937-657-1065.

## Serving At Gateway – Please Help!

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

## Return of the "You Asked For It" Sermons

As we have done in the past, in the month of August, Rev. Newcomb would like to focus several of his sermons to respond to questions raised by the congregation. If you provide the questions or topics, he'll attempt to do it again this year, on the Sundays of August 6, 13, 20 & 27. So, if you have a question or interest you'd like to hear Pastor Brian address in a sermon, send him a note or email ([brian@davidsucc.org](mailto:brian@davidsucc.org)). Please include your name so he can clarify any questions, even though he promises to respect your confidentiality and not to mention your name to anyone. If there are no special issues or questions, Dr. Newcomb will return to the standard lectionary for those Sundays.

## Have A Musical Talent?

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

## Attention Keenagers

Just a reminder that Keenagers will not be meeting in July. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 9 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall where we will gather as usual. Just a hint to entice you regarding our program: it will feature a person of "note." You won't want to miss it. See you in August.

## Help Kettering Youth!

David's will once again be participating in the City of Kettering's Healthy Youth Summer Foodtastic program this summer. The Mission Board is spearheading this event the week of July 31 through August 4 and is in need of volunteers. Come help serve and interact with children from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additionally, if you cannot give of your time, we will appreciate a monetary donation too help purchase the lunch items needed. If you do make a monetary donation, remember to mark your check with "Kettering Youth" in the memo line.

This year we have been asked to help collect school supplies to be distributed on the last day of the program, Friday August 4th. Here are the most high demand items:

1 Subject notebooks - wide ruled; Packages of markers -Crayola classic colors wide preferred; Boxes of Crayons (24 count); Notebook paper - wide ruled; Folders (all colors); Colored pencils; Regular pencils; Scissors; Pink erasers; Glue sticks; Pencil boxes; and Highlighters.

Look for sign-up sheets for help serving and the School Supply donation box in the Narthex! Thank you for your dedication to this event.

*Your Mission Board*

---

## **Rummage Sale NEWS FLASH!!!**

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

***Drop Off of Items begins Sunday, July 9***

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

***Last Day to Donate Items is Wednesday, July 19 at NOON***

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

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

*We work nearly every day beginning **July 10** from 9:00 till about 1:00 and we'll add evening hours beginning **July 17** (7-9).*

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

***PREVIEW NIGHT-Thursday, July 20-6:30 to 8:30 p.m.***

***Preview Night Admission will benefit Mission!***

***Bring a jar of Peanut Butter for the Kettering Backpack Program***

***Or***

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

***Or***

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

***SHOPPING DAY - Friday, July 21 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.***

***SHOPPING DAY - Saturday, July 22 - 9 a.m. to NOON***

*Volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday to assist customers and keep the merchandise nicely arranged,*

*work at the check-out - calculating sales and bagging items, as well as helping customers load furniture or large purchases.*

*AND THEN . . .*

***At NOON on SATURDAY,***

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

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

---

# New UCC Logo Reflects, Complements Denomination's Purpose, Vision, Mission Statements



Beginning with General Synod 2017 in Baltimore this summer, the United Church of Christ will begin the transition to a new logo for the denomination. The logo, last re-designed in 2004, has been updated to reflect both tradition and innovation within the church as it faces the challenges and opportunities of Christian witness in the coming decades.

The new logo's design and colors are intended to complement the graphic representation of "A Just World for All," developed to illustrate new Purpose, Vision, and Mission Statements adopted by the national setting of the church last fall.

Those statements were finalized at the October board meeting, adopted following a denomination-wide survey in 2016 and are summarized by the words "A Just World for All."

"I have been traveling around witnessing the work of our churches," said the Rev. John C. Dorhauer, UCC General Minister and president, "and what we are doing will not change. What will change is our ability to tell the story more fully, and to narrate the impact of a mission we are all collectively engaged in. We are hoping to deepen the sense that we are all in this together; and that together we make a profound difference in our world."

The new logo's colors were chosen to work with both 'A Just World for All' and the '3 Great Loves campaign — Love of Children, Love of Neighbor, Love of Creation,' which will be rolled out during General Synod in Baltimore (June 30 – July 4). Blue has replaced red, with black retained as the second color, in the new design, to visually and symbolically represent Creation elements of water and earth.

The phase-in of the new logo begins with its first appearance on the July 2017 – December 2018 UCC Desk Calendar, in the mail to churches this month, and will continue with its introduction at General Synod, where attendees will see the new logo on the screen in the Plenary Hall, in Synod materials, and on identity merchandise in the Exhibit Hall.

Following Synod, the next phase of the transition will be the appearance of the new logo on a completely re-designed and re-organized UCC website, and streamlined KYP (Keeping You Posted), the denomination's weekly e-zine. These changes will take place in early October.

The new logo retains an updated version of the traditional element of the UCC comma — a much-loved and widely used emblem of the United Church of Christ introduced as part of the "God is still speaking," identity campaign. That campaign quoted a line from Gracie Allen that her husband George Burns found among her papers after death. In a letter addressed to him were the words, "George, never place a period where God places a comma." A variation on that line, along with the graphic comma, has been used since 2004 as a symbol and shorthand way to refer to "continuing testimony," or the ever-unfolding nature of God's word for new times.

The new primary UCC logo consists of an updated comma emblem and the words "United Church of Christ." "God is still speaking," remains as the UCC's tagline, and the new logo may be used with or without the tagline.

In addition to the comma, the UCC retains its original emblem for use by congregations and other entities of the denomination: the traditional "cross, crown, and orb" graphic, including the words "That they may all be one" (John 17:21), which dates from the founding of the United Church of Christ in 1957—a statement of the UCC's intent to be a "united and uniting" church.

"It's never easy to move on from a familiar and well-known logo—especially in the church, and especially when the old logo meant 'God is still speaking' to many of us," said Tina Villa, UCC communications director. "While those words are as fresh as ever—which is why we are retaining them—our logo itself needed a visual update. And it needed to reflect the new directions the church is headed in, while not abandoning the core beliefs that anchor us: 'God is still speaking,' and 'that they may all be one.'" (*from the UCC website June 2017*)

## OWL (Our Whole Lives) for Youth Grades 7-9!

A parent information meeting is scheduled on:  
Sunday, September 10, 2017 @ 1:00 pm

at

Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
8690 Yankee St., Dayton, OH 45458

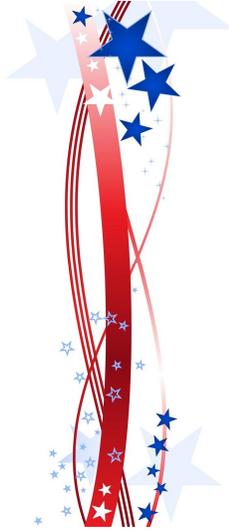
\*Childcare will be available for kids (toddler to age 10) during the parent meeting\*

Additional information about Our Whole Lives is available at: [www.ucc.org/justice\\_sexuality-education\\_our-whole-lives](http://www.ucc.org/justice_sexuality-education_our-whole-lives) (UCC website) and <http://www.uua.org/re/owl> (UU website)

Please contact Marianne Rinaldo ([mcr11101@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcr11101@sbcglobal.net)) or Pastor Michelle with any questions.

## July Birthdays

- 5 Judy Slanker
- 6 Jan Murphy
- 7 Signe Yelland  
Beth Flach
- 8 Helen Maze  
Bernie Wheeler
- 10 Kaye Williams
- 11 Vickie Dixon  
Aidan Thompson
- 12 Jim Dapp
- 13 John Chabut
- 15 Dave Oertel  
Anne Brown  
Judy Fehr
- 16 Jack McNabb  
Kathi Herick  
Julie Bernard



- 17 Mark Anthony  
Heather Bishop
- 18 Daryl Leighty  
Polli Leighty
- 20 Alice Stone
- 21 Michael Roediger  
Graham Mhaskar
- 22 Duane Bayman  
Mary Rose Back
- 25 Jim Murphy  
Lu Harmer
- 26 Joyce Porter
- 28 Amy Askins
- 30 Dick Eichel  
Steve Wellbaum
- 31 Margie Phillips

## Change in Office Hours

**July 4 closed & July 3-14 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of those hours, please contact Pastor Brian at (937) 760-3242. Thank you.

## Game Night

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m. on July 14 at The Grove (hosted by Joyce Comer) 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.

## Member Deaths

Our sympathy to the family of **Dottie Fox** who passed away on May 31, 2017

Our sympathy to the family of **Dottie Bitzer** who passed away on June 11, 2017.

## Deaths

Our sympathy to **Kirsten Sherk & Rob King and their family** in the loss of Kirsten's father, **William Sherk**, on May 31, 2017.

Our sympathy to **Judi & Bob McCoy** in the loss of Judi's sister, **Jane Gessaman**, on May 30, 2017.

## All Church Picnics

Saturday, July 22

Location: The Grove

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Jeff Baldwin and Steve Roark will be hosting the 2nd of David's summer picnics.

Come prepared to have fun and get wet. This will be an old fashioned church picnic with sack races, 3 legged race, corn hole and a water balloon toss. For the little ones there will be a bouncy house, a bonzai water slide, and face painting.

Things will be set up by 4:00 if the little ones want to enjoy water time and the bouncy house before dinner.

The main course will be pulled pork and hot dogs. All you need to bring is a vegetable, salad, side dish, or dessert and willingness to have fun.

There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex. Please be sure to sign up so that we know how many to plan for.

Hope to see everyone there.

Wednesday, August 9

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

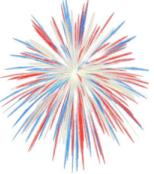
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Main meat dish, drinks, and tableware will be provided

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex, on the bulletin board, later in July. You may choose to bring a vegetable, salad, side dish, or dessert for 10 people.

Please bring a lawn chair.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
 <h1 style="margin: 0;">JULY 2017</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">David's United Church of Christ (937) 434-2131      www.davidsucc.org</p> 							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Gateway 7:00 PM Book Study	9:30 AM Warm Wishes  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM-2:00 PM</div>	  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <i>Independence Day</i>	6:00 PM Yoga	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM-2:00 PM</div>		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Private Reception at The Grove	8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship w/Communion WAG Rummage Sale Collection Begins 7:00 PM Book Study	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">WAG RUMMAGE SALE COLLECTION 9:00 AM-1:00 PM</div>			6:00 PM Yoga	7:00 PM Game Night at The Grove  <b>DATELINE DEADLINE</b>	8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 2:00 PM Private Reception at The Grove 7:00 PM Book Study  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">WAG RUMMAGE SALE COLLECTION</div>			Noon WAG Rummage Sale Collection Ends 6:00 PM Yoga	6:30-8:30 PM WAG Preview Sale	10:00 AM-4:00 PM WAG Rummage Sale	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
9:00 AM – Noon WAG Rummage Sale 5:00 PM Church Picnic at The Grove	8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 12:30 PM Private Reception at The Grove 7:00 PM Book Study	9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	10:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Private Reception at The Grove	6:00 PM Yoga			
29	30	31					
	8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:30 AM Confirmation Stockholders Luncheon 7:00 PM Book Study						