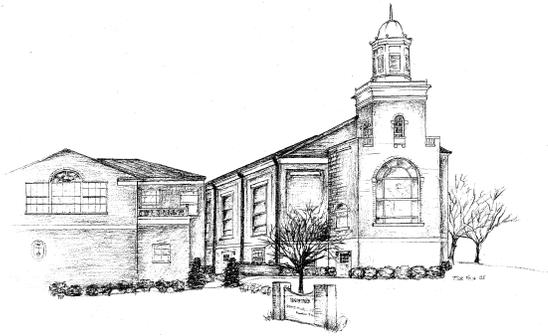


**DAVID'S DATELINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 2017 Newsletter**



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**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb**

**Associate Pastor Michelle Wilkey**

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

September 1 & 4 - Office Closed

September 8 - Game Night at The Grove

September 10 - New Member Reception/  
Fall Kick Off @ The Grove

September 11, 18, 25 - Living The Questions  
Book Study

September 11 - Food Fundraiser at City Barbeque

September 13 - Keenagers

September 16-17 - Confirmation Trip  
to Camp Kern

September 17 - Racial Justice Sunday/  
Warm Wishes II

## From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear friends, this has been a very strange couple of weeks... very strange may be putting it lightly. Two weekends back (from this writing), I watched live video of a neo-Nazi/white supremacist group, made up mostly of young white men, marching by torch light (they were tiki torches, but still...) through the University of Virginia campus in Charlottesville chanting things like "Jews will not replace us," and "blood and soil," which is a phrase right out of the Nazis in Germany's handbook. And if that was not incredible and unexpected enough, I saw Facebook posts at the same time from UCC and other clergy that had gathered in a church for an interfaith service near the campus in Charlottesville, to pray for peace, unity, and respect for diversity. The clergy there were told that the church was surrounded by these torchbearers and that it was not safe to leave the building. They were trapped inside for an hour or more once the prayer time had ended, and eventually were snuck out of a rear entrance to insure their safety.

The next day, Rev. Traci Blackmon, the recently confirmed Minister of Justice & Witness with the national office of the United Church of Christ and one of the people who had posted the night before from that Charlottesville prayer service, was being interviewed on the news channel I was watching, when her assigned security person whisked in and pulled her off the set and away from the camera. There was some time before we were assured that Rev. Blackmon had been moved to safety when a group of the clergy had been attacked by some of the more militarized Nazi types. Later, another of the clergywomen reported that a group of ministers who had stood in the way of this group entering the park where the rally had been planned were attacked. It was reported that they were being spit on and hit by some of the militant rioters, several were knocked to the ground, some were shoved and hit, and one woman clergy person was punched in the face. And then there's the other violent tragedy of that car being driven into a crowd and at least one woman killed, and over two dozen injured.

All of this was heartbreaking to see and hear on a number of fronts. It recalled stories I've been read about life in the South and around America in the Jim Crow era, when the lynchings of mostly black men, but also women and boys, were happening in the dark of night as people with hoods over their faces came out of the night to use violence and terror to control the minority population of people of color. Also reminded me of footage of Nazis marching vast numbers of the German Jewish population, along with some Catholics and any LGBT folk who had be outed, onto the packed train cars that would carry them to prison camps where inevitably many of them would be killed. And here we are in 2017, in our own country and we see this kind of evil speech and violence happening again.

Now, I recognize that in the minutes, hours, and days that followed there has been a lot of political haymaking going on over these events, the media coverage, the President's responses, and all of that, and I have no interest in discussing those issues here. We may have very different thoughts about statues of Confederate Generals and such, and different responses to what was done and said on both sides of the conversation. While I have my own personal political views, I'm not going to express them here. We are a congregation with a diverse set of political views and interests among our membership, and I am not interested in further divisions or political arguments. There's enough of that elsewhere. I believe that we who are in the church of Jesus Christ have important concerns to be raised, and I don't see the benefit of arguing a political position when there are profound moral and spiritual concerns that would likely get lost in the crossfire. There are plenty of political pundits on all sides of the issues being discussed ad nauseam on the 24 news stations, so what I'm more concerned about is how we as Christians are acting in the world, how our actions are perceived and how we can do better at living up to the better angels of our best true selves and values.

One of the darker chapters of Christian history is the way the Bible has been used to support racist views. Over 20 years ago, shortly after the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, I attended a seminar with a scholar who had spent his life studying the Christian Identity movement and was exposed to the way a racist ideology had grown from a strange and rather corrosive approach to the biblical narratives. People who think this way, often misusing Bible texts, have argued a white supremacist theology that states that people with European bloodlines are the true "Israel" and are therefore the blessed and beloved people of God. And through an elaborate hocus pocus scheme they have twisted the biblical narrative to suggest that Jesus was not Jewish, and that all people of color are sub-human. Now, I find this thinking illogical, wrong-headed, and morally repugnant, but it's the kind of thing that continues to fester and grow in some parts of our country.

We, as Christian people in America, have to come to terms with the fact that there has been a racist tinge to the way many of us have been taught to read the Bible, if we read it at all. Some of us, have been told the Bible says this or that, or we have shaped some of our opinions about our faith on what we think the Bible says, but we don't often read it, we have a vague notion that the Bible calls us to a "good" life, but we've perhaps failed to sort out what the Bible says is good. So, it may surprise us that when the issue of slavery was argued in the public square, in cases that went all the way to the Supreme Court, the Bible was quoted in support of slavery. Critics of the Bible have fairly made the point that the Bible accepts the existence and institution of slavery as a given, and never outright condemns it. So, as much as we know in our heart of hearts that slavery is an evil thing, and the more we learn about the violence and cruelty of the way slavery was

utilized to tear apart the families of these imprisoned African people who had been dragged away from their homeland and forced into horrible lives of labor and other degradations by their owners, we as Christians will have to come to the terms with the way our faith, the teaching of Jesus has been used to white-wash a long, horrible period in our nation's history.

Which is not to say, white Christian people are bad or wrong and that we need to keep apologizing for the bad thing some of our ancestors did. That accomplishes nothing, guilt and shame are often cyclical creating only more guilt and shame; we need to break that cycle to embrace a new way forward. What we can, and I believe we should be doing, is focusing on the way Jesus teaches his disciples – back in his time, and here now in ours – to live and act toward one another.

In the Cotton Patch Gospel, translated in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century by Clarence Jordan, when Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10, it replaces the hero of the story with a black person traveling in Georgia. Like Jesus, Jordan wanted to emphasize that this person may have been despised by Jesus' white audience for the color of his skin, but it is he who acted like a good neighbor. It was an expression of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's dream that a person would not be judge by the color of their skin but by the content of our character. For the last decade and longer, I've heard some white Christians get defensive about the past racism in our country and suggest that we left all that in the past, that we have now entered a post-racial era. Well, the events in Charlottesville have put the lie to that sentiment, and we have got to stop trying to heal a nearly fatal flesh wound with a mere band aid.

Race matters, it always has in America, and always will I'm afraid. And when I think of my nephews and niece on both sides of my family who are bi-racial, I join with African American parents and worry about how they will be treated, are they going to be profiled, will they be unfairly denied access to education, employment and housing, will they be harassed and mistreated, called ugly names or worse merely because of the color of their beautiful, brown skin. When I read about the disproportionate rates of black young men who are stopped by police, and are charged with crimes, when we know that white kids are just as often involved in illicit behaviors, and that police are more likely to be verbally and physically abusive to people of color than they are white folk, I want to join my friends who are people of color in declaring that, yes, of course, Black Lives Matter, and all people born on this earth-of every race and creed-are made in the image of God.

So, I'm grateful to be a part of church that has been steadily confronting racist attitudes and white supremacy since its inception, in the heat of the civil rights movement. When King marched on Selma, he called on white clergy in the North to come and walk alongside their African American sisters and brothers, I'm proud to know that along with Catholic and Episcopal priests, and progressive pastors in a host of Protestant traditions, many of our UCC pastors responded positively to that invitation, some who came home to churches who fired them for their participation. We would be mistaken though, if we assumed that the time for marches and public witness on the issue of racial inclusion, diversity, and harmony are no longer needed.



Since the year 2000, and the art contest to create a portrait of Jesus suitable for the new era, I've kept a print by painter Janet Mackenzie of her "Jesus of the People" near my desk to remind me that Jesus of Nazareth, who arrived near the Sea of Galilee two millennia ago, didn't look like that famous portrait by American artist Warner Sallman in the 1940s. That's a picture similar to the one described by Alice Walker in her powerful short story, "The Welcome Table," about a dear older black woman who is refused a seat in a white church. The Mackenzie portrait allows me to imagine God as bigger and broader than my limited racial and cultural expectations. There are also some wonder paintings of events from Jesus' life by Chinese painter He Qi, that are also favorites. I think it's fine to portray Jesus in a variety of ways that are racially and culturally diverse, a white person, a Chinese person, an African American, as long as we never let ourselves forget that Jesus was a Jew born in ancient Palestine, likely with sun-kissed brown skin.

Last year, our General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer led the UCC on this issue by publishing a helpful curriculum entitled, "White Privilege: Let's Talk; A Resource for Transformational Dialogue." Pastor Michelle led a class through the study earlier this year with over a dozen participants, and I will offer it again in 2018. But in the meantime, here's a modest proposal. In this racially charged time, with protests that have turned violent, let us not turn our heads or the channel to avoid the moral challenges of this time. We who are white can indeed celebrate our historical heritages, but we would truly benefit by recognizing that Jesus' call to love our neighbor as ourselves and the obvious truth that this includes our neighbors who are people of color, all across the spectrum and of all nationalities, and political and religious leanings.

And let us commit ourselves to embody that love by learning more about the real life challenges of our neighbors. It has been eye-opening these last few years to read books that open up the African American experience. I'd recommend Ta-Nehesi Coates' fine memoir, written as a letter to his teenage son, *Between the World and Me*, and Michelle Alexander's powerful exposition of our legal system's systematic racism, *The New Jim Crow; Mass Incarceration in the*

*Age of Colorblindness.* Also, let us make an effort to hear the voices of people of color, let us broaden our understanding of the world to include people who are different from us, racially, religiously, economically, etc. Let's try to include a variety of voices in our experience of God's diverse world and this amazing human race.

It's always tempting to accept the unacceptable as normal so that we don't trouble the waters, or go against the grain. But in a world where hate is on the march, carrying torches and chanting dehumanizing slogans about our sisters and brothers, it's time to face the fact that the waters have been troubled for a long time and the grain may just be the veneer that hides a dark and unjust system or racial discrimination and inequality, so that the only way to love our neighbors as ourselves, as Jesus commands, is to stand with people of color and proclaim what I was taught as a youngster in Sunday School: "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, red & yellow, black & white, they're all precious in his sight, Jesus loves the children of the world."

Your servant and friend,

*Brian Q. Newcomb*

## Notes from Rev. Michelle Wilkey

The singer Jackie DeShannon sang a song entitled "What the World Needs Now is Love." She sings, "What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of. What the world needs now is love, sweet love, no, not just for some but for everyone." As we think about everything going on in our world and in our country; truly; the world does need more love. So, it brings me pride to belong to a denomination which is actively working to bring more love into this world.

Last month, I talked briefly about the "Three Great Loves" campaign that the UCC is implementing. On the UCC website it states, "What would it look like for an entire denomination to commit to a shared mission? How much impact could an entire denomination have if it worked as one on a mission that mattered? We're about to find out. This year, and for the next two years until General Synod 2019, we call the faith communities of the United Church of Christ to engage in the Three Great Loves mission campaign. In response to our Purpose statement – a call to love our neighbor as ourselves; and to our Vision statement – to build a just world for all: we are asking our congregations to seek ways to live out a commitment in mission to the love of children, the love of neighbor, and the love of creation." As promised; this month's article will be centered around one of the "Three Great Loves;" the love of children. I am also going to go into more detail about my time at the UCC General Synod and highlight some of the resolutions that were put forward that revolved around the love of children.

This was my second General Synod and so far, it was the best one I have attended. One of the most inspirational aspects of Synod this year was the high involvement of youth in all our business meetings. There was even a powerful moment; when a group of youth were awarded a "Movement Makers" award. This amazing award went to the International Indigenous Youth Council, the group that launched the Standing Rock #NODAPL (No Dakota Access Pipeline) movement. I was filled with incredible hope as I watched ten youth from Standing Rock rise to receive their award. Ten young people stood as representatives of their movement, testifying both to the work they have done and to their commitment in the continuing struggle. Before they left the stage, they held their award in the air, whose slope gleamed like fresh water, and they raised their hands and proclaimed in a loud voice: "We stand! With our brothers! With our sisters! We stand! With our people! For one nation! We stand! For water! For life! We stand! We stand! We stand!" It was an incredible and moving moment at Synod and I believe many others were filled with hope as we saw the future of the church making a big difference in the present.

Guided in large part by the voices of youth, General Synod 2017 enthusiastically passed a resolution of witness urging the recognition of gun violence as a public health emergency deserving of federal funding for scientific research. One of the youth stood up and bravely spoke about her experience with gun violence and she said: "It doesn't really hit home until somebody you've seen every day dies. Three of my friends have passed away. Somebody I talked to the day before, three days after that I heard his car got shot up. It's just a bad experience for me to go through. Being only 16-years-old, I haven't even really lived my life. To know that most of my friends are gone before we even make it to 20 – it's just a lot." I was astounded at the courage these teens had to stand before all of us and speak their mind. It was encouraging to see just how much of an active involvement the youth took in Synod this year.

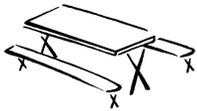
At General Synod, this year; there were several resolutions that were brought before the floor and during our Plenary sessions we took time to discuss and vote on each of them. Aside from the gun violence resolution, here are other resolutions that centered around creating a better world, in particularly a better world for all children:

- There was a resolution centered around the Boy Scouts of America. Some of the text of the resolution reads: "The resolution calls on the UCC through its members, authorized ministers, congregations, associations, conferences, national and other settings to support inclusive scouting programs..."

- There was a resolution centered around calling the UCC to advocate for the rights of children living under Israeli Military Occupation. Some of the text of the resolution reads: "This Resolution calls attention to the plight of children suffering under Israel's prolonged military occupation of the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza. In particular, this resolution names the traumatic situation of children living with constant fear of arrest, detention, and violence at the hands of Israeli forces."
- There was a resolution that centered around corporal punishment of children in homes and institutions. Some of the text of the resolution reads: "This resolution calls for parents and guardians to reject corporal punishment and use other methods to train children."

Nelson Mandela said: "Children are our greatest treasure. They are our future." After attending Synod and seeing the outspoken teens rise up and take a stand; and continuing to see all the amazing things that our children and youth accomplish here at David's Church; I am reminded again and again that children are truly a treasure and they are not only our future but they are very much impacting the present as well.

Love and Blessings to All,  
*Pastor Michelle*



## FALL KICK-OFF CELEBRATION - SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

### ALL CHURCH POT LUCK PICNIC - DAVID'S GROVE

After second service



- Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex
- Sign up to bring a side dish, salad, dessert or fruit - to serve 10 to 12 people
- Main dish (fried chicken), drinks, plates, tableware will be provided
- Lawn chairs appreciated, but not needed
- Come and enjoy the food and fellowship

(Sponsored by Fellowship & Hospitality Board)

## Sunday School Shepherds Needed

Fall Sunday School will be starting Sunday, August 27, we have need of shepherds in order for Sunday School to take place. Please prayerfully consider if this might be a way for you contribute to life of David's Church. The kids will be ready, we just need a few folks to help them learn. No experience needed!! Confirmed youth are welcome to volunteer as shepherds. Please contact *Pastor Michelle* at 937-434-2131 or [michelle@davidsucc.org](mailto:michelle@davidsucc.org).

## BYOG, BYOB, and BYOS!

Attention all Gamers! From 7-10 p.m., on September 8, for Game Night hosted by the Phillip's 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.

## Kettering Partners for Healthy Youth - A Great Success

In August, David's participated in the Kettering Partners for Healthy Youth program (Summer Lunch Program). We provided almost 300 lunches during the week, played many games, and thanks to members of the congregation each child was able to receive books to choose and take home! This year we saw the youth show responsibility, respect and very helpful!

Thanks to all who helped out each day. David's UCC really owned their asset of "Services to Others".

# UCC Pastoral Letter Condemns Racist Violence In Charlottesville, Demands Equality For All

August 15, 2017

*As a response to the violent clashes between white supremacists and counter demonstrators in Charlottesville, Va., that left a woman dead and 19 injured, the national leadership of the United Church of Christ issued this Pastoral Letter:*



Dear Members, Friends, Clergy, and Leaders of and within the United Church of Christ,

The Officers of the United Church of Christ and the Council of Conference Ministers have both composed a Pastoral Letter and a set of liturgical pieces. We share both with you now, and invite you to read the letter in your service of worship, add it to your website or social media pages, or print it in your newsletter or bulletin. Please feel free to incorporate any or all of the liturgical pieces in this week's worship.

## **Pastoral Letter**

Last weekend, a group of white supremacists came to Charlottesville, Virginia, and incited violence to protest the removal of a Confederate monument. Although protest is the bedrock of our nation's democracy, coming in riot gear proves that they intended to do more than simply protest.

We, the Council of Conference Ministers and Officers of the United Church of Christ, strongly condemn the acts of violent hatred expressed by these white supremacists, Neo-Nazis, and Ku Klux Klan members. Their white robes and burning crosses were replaced with polo shirts, khakis, and tiki torches, while their lynching was replaced with a speeding car barreling through a group of peaceful protesters with the intention of harming and killing others, which it did. Their vitriolic hatred is the same.

We confess that the events of Charlottesville are systemic and communal expressions of white privilege and racism that continues to pervade our nation's spiritual ethos. And if we only condemn the acts of August 12, 2017, without condemning the roots of racism, which perpetuate discrimination in our American schools, justice system, business, and healthcare systems, then we have sinned as well. We must work toward the Kin-dom of Heaven here on earth now for the sake of a just world for all.

We do this by committing to follow the ways of Jesus, who stood with the oppressed, spoke out against political and religious powers, and courageously embodied a just world for all as he sought to create it. Today, we must follow the ways of Jesus in addressing the hatred of white supremacists and racists among us.

Our local UCC churches must be true solidarity partners with those who march in the streets. Our UCC churches are encouraged to move from the sanctuary and walk alongside other clergy and community leaders who seek to resist, agitate, inform, and comfort. We must resist hatred and violence. We must also agitate ourselves, and our neighbors to acknowledge any racism within or among us. We must inform ourselves, and our neighbors what our sacred stories reveal to us of a just world for all. We must lament and grieve with those who are injured or murdered during violent confrontations with those who mean us harm. And we must comfort those who have been discriminated against with the transformative love of God.

As we go forward, let us model the legacy of activism through our sacred call given to us by our UCC ancestors: May we be prophetic truth-tellers like our Congregational Christian forebears, who marched in public squares demanding equality for all. May we serve others, and remain faithful witnesses like our Evangelical and Reformed forebears, who tended to the needs of the forgotten. And may we be courageous like our non-UCC forebears, who left their spiritual home and joined the UCC in order to fully live out who God created them to be.

In the days to come, may God's truth, mission, and courage be our guide to embodying the Kin-dom of Heaven here on earth.

## Final Section Of *Living The Questions* And New Advent Study

As we agreed, we'll be completing the final 7 chapters in the book & DVD series, *Living the Questions 2.0*

Class Schedule, On Mondays, beginning at 7 pm.

September 11: Chap. 15, "A Kingdom Without Walls"

September 18: Chap. 16, "Social Justice; Realizing God's Vision"

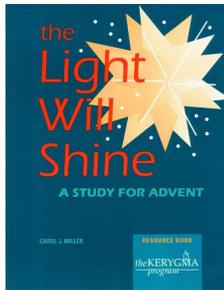
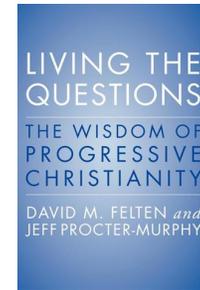
September 25: Chap. 17, "Incarnation; Divinely Human"

October 2: Chap. 18, "Prayer; Intimacy With God"

October 9: Chap. 19, "Compassion; the Heart of Jesus' Ministry"

October 16: Chap. 20, "Creative Transformation"

October 23: Chap. 21, "Embracing Ministry"



Even if you have not participated previously, anyone who wishes to join the class is welcome to do so. You can find the paperback version of the book at Amazon, read the chapters and come on out to view the DVD's and discuss the issues together. There are no silly or bad questions, and no wrong answers.

Then, as we get past the Thanksgiving Holiday, Pastor Brian will offer a special Advent Bible study using a curriculum from The Kerygma Program, titled "The Light Will Shine; A Study For Advent." The class will meet on four Wednesday's prior to Christmas (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20), and then again one class in January (TBD) to discuss the 5th Chapter on the meaning of Epiphany. Together, we will discover new light in the traditional Biblical texts and seasonal themes, and find fresh perspectives on the journey through Advent to Christmas and beyond. The price of the resource book will be \$13, and couples/friends can share. We will open registrations for this special opportunity on Oct. 22, by dropping a check by the church office, or calling to add your name to the list. Registrations will close on Nov. 12.

## Crop Walk

On Sunday, October 1, everyone is invited to participate in the Dayton Crop Walk which will take place from 12:30-2:30 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. I'm excited to be part of it and would love to have you join me on this journey. 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!!

## 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 3. Many items are still needed. Please take a moment to see where you can help!

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

## Grief Support Group

Beginning on Thursday, October 5 from 12:00-1:30pm, *Pastor Michelle* is launching a monthly grief support group. This group will meet in the Conference once a month and is open to anyone who has experienced loss of any kind. Some find that talking about their loss and perhaps sharing it with others can help in the healing process and that support from others can lighten the load of sadness and grief. There will be a book study that accompanies this group. For the first five meetings; the group will go through the book "The Grief Recovery Handbook: The Action Program for Moving Beyond Death, Divorce, and Other Losses." If you are interested in being a part of this support group, please let *Pastor Michelle* know by September 22, so that she can order the books and get them in time for the first meeting.

## Christmas Is Coming

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner! That means it is almost time for David's Christmas Bazaar. Get those calendars out and mark down Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4! Friday night is for members and friends and will include a chance to eat out dinner and shop for everyone on your list. Saturday is open to everyone and gives a chance to have lunch out and shop some more! See you there so get started on your list!

## Temple Beth Or Childcare

Through the incredible partnership with our Jewish friends at Temple Beth Or, David's UCC has our nursery staffed during our 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. In turn, we help them with their childcare during their high holy days. That time is now!

We are looking for one or two volunteers to staff the Temple Beth Or nursery (0-3 years old and generally no more than a half dozen children) on Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, September 20 and Thursday, September 21, and Yom Kippur, Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30. Volunteers are asked to arrive between 6:30pm and 6:45pm for their 7:00pm service and will be able to leave around 8:30pm at the latest.

If you have questions or are willing to volunteer, please contact *Becca Webb* at 609-332-7648 or [becca.webb@wright.edu](mailto:becca.webb@wright.edu). Thank you for your support of our young ones!

## Young Adults - Keep In Touch

As a young adult of the church, you may be experiencing some great transitions of life: going off to college, getting married, moving into your first apartment, or buying your first home. Wherever you are, whatever you're doing, we want to stay in touch with you. Please call the church office, or email [chriswood@davidsucc.org](mailto:chriswood@davidsucc.org), so that we may update you on Church activities and send you monthly copies of Dateline via email.

## Thank You

To my family at David's UCC,  
I wish to extend a deep heart felt thank s for the love and sympathy you all shared with me during the loss of my mother. I was so blessed to have her in my live for so long.

Sincerely,  
*Ann Heaton*

You are invited to an  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
for  
*Rev. Michelle Wilkey & Janelle Adamson*  
to celebrate their new home  
Saturday, September 2 - 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
(house blessing at 2:30 p.m.)  
6402 Chablis Dr., Liberty Township, OH 45011

## September Birthdays

2 Jim Amon  
Jim Williams  
3 Nita Jennings  
Bill Dieruf  
Beverly Henning  
10 Mary Foster  
11 Jake Schairbaum  
12 Paul Hamm  
14 Lauren Pickrel  
15 Tom Rodberg  
Emy Aiello  
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 Change

### **Bob Chelle**

Elmcroft of Washington Township  
8630 Washington Church Rd.  
Miamisburg, OH 45342

### **Ruth Widman**

Walnut Creek  
2501 Keystone Club Dr. #659  
Dayton, OH 45430

## Member Death

Our sympathy to *Ruth Widman, Julie & Dan Pickrel and families* in the loss of husband, father and grandfather, *Jim Widman*, on July 31, 2017.

## Death

Our sympathy to *Mickey & Ruth Ann Morgan* in the loss of brother-in-law, *Bob Kilroy*, on August 12, 2017.

## Baptism

On Sunday, July 30, *Ruby Riddle McAuley* was baptized at David's Church by Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb.

## Blessing of the Pets – October 1

Blessing of the Pets will take place at David's Church on Sunday, October 1 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.

## S.I.G.N.S. Ecumenical High School 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 17 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 3 – No Meeting – Labor Day
- September 10 – Parent/Teen meeting
- September 17 – Regular meeting
- September 24 – Regular meeting.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



# SEPTEMBER 2017

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1

**Office Closed**

2

Private Reception at The Grove

3

8:30 & 9:50 AM  
Worship  
Gateway  
11:15 AM Second Hour  
7:00 PM Book Study

4

**Office Closed**  
  
**LABOR DAY**

5

10:00 AM Quilting  
Ministry/Bazaar  
Workshop  
10:30 AM Staff Mtg.  
7:00 & 7:30 PM Board  
Meetings

6

6:00 PM Yoga

7

7:00 PM Chancel  
Choir

8

5:00 PM Wedding  
Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Game  
Night at The Grove

9

8:30 AM Trustee  
Meeting  
4:30 PM  
Pancoast/Rask  
Wedding

10

8:30 & 9:50 AM  
Worship w/Communion  
New Member  
Reception  
11:15 AM Fall Kick-Off  
at The Grove  
7:00 PM Book  
Study/SIGNS Parent-  
Teen Meeting

11

9:30 AM Warm Wishes  
10:30 AM Staff Mtg.  
4:00 PM SIGNS  
Peanut Butter  
6:30 PM CE Board  
Meeting  
7:00 PM LTQ Book  
Study  
Food Fundraiser at City  
Barbeque

12

10:00 AM Quilting  
Ministry/Bazaar  
Workshop

13

11:30 AM Keenagers  
6:00 PM Yoga  
6:30 PM Deacon Mtg.

14

7:00 PM Chancel  
Choir

15

**DATELINE  
DEADLINE**

16

8:00 AM Men's  
Breakfast at Bob  
Evan's  
Confirmation Class  
To Camp Kern

17

8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship  
**Racial Justice Sunday**  
Food & Clothing Outreach  
11:15 AM Second Hour  
12:30-2:30 PM Private  
Reception at The Grove  
6:30-8:30 PM Warm  
Wishes II  
7:00 PM Book  
Study/SIGNS

18

9:30 AM Warm  
Wishes  
10:30 AM Staff Mtg.  
7:00 PM LTQ Book  
Study

19

10:00 AM Quilting  
Ministry/Bazaar  
Workshop  
7:00 PM Council  
Meeting

20

6:00 PM Yoga  
6:30 PM Childcare at  
Temple Beth Or

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6:00 PM Adult Bells  
6:30 PM Childcare at  
Temple Beth Or  
7:00 PM Chancel  
Choir

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24

8:30 & 9:50 AM  
Worship  
11:15 AM Second Hour  
7:00 PM Book  
Study/SIGNS

25

9:30 AM Warm  
Wishes  
10:30 AM Staff Mtg.  
7:00 PM LTQ Book  
Study

26

10:00 AM Quilting  
Ministry/Bazaar  
Workshop  
5:30 PM WHO Group  
6:00-8:00 PM Private  
Reception at The  
Grove

27

6:00 PM Yoga

28

6:00 PM Adult Bells  
7:00 PM Chancel  
Choir

29

Wedding Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Childcare  
at Temple Beth Or

30

3:00 PM Avila-  
John/Rodriguez  
Wedding  
6:30 PM Childcare  
at Temple Beth Or