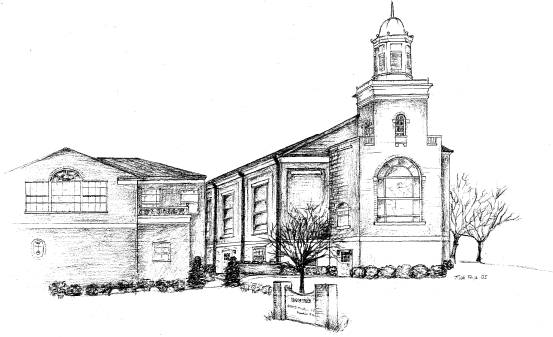


**DAVID'S DATELINE**  
**FEBRUARY 2012 Newsletter**



**Sunday Worship, 8:30 a.m. & 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 Daria Schaffnit**

## **Upcoming Events**

February 5 – Spiritual Parenting Group

February 6, 13, 20, 27 – Pastor Brian's Study in Mark

February 8 – Women Exploring Faith  
Keenagers

February 12 – Rev. Geoffrey Black

February 20 – President's Day – Office Closed

February 22 – Ash Wednesday

February 25 – Spaghetti Dinner

February 26 – Youth Group

February 27 – Women's Spirituality

## From the Pastor's Desk...

You've probably heard me joke that being a pastor & teacher in the modern church is a lot like herding cats. That's only funny until you have to get the cats together to make a decision or embrace a new path or direction, then it can be a bit exhausting.

As you might guess, the nature of leadership in the church has evolved and changed over the decades, creating a sense of dis-ease and uncertainty among professional clergy and elected lay leaders about how best to lead, the most effective path to garner congregational support and buy in to programs.

One might imagine that this lack of clarity can be especially difficult to navigate when a congregation is weathering a massive transition like a pastoral vacancy or considering a visioning process like the one associated with the Open & Affirming process and the Covenant of Welcome statement. So, let me share a few words about leadership in the church today, from a personal perspective based on insights from a number of resources I've tapped on the subject.

I doubt that leadership has ever been "easy," but certainly there was a time in the not so distant past where it was less complicated than it is today. Certainly, family life in America never actually mirrored the life on the '50's TV series "Father Knows Best," but we have a sense of a simpler time, less intrusions, less complications, certainly less technology. Without all the alternatives, and with a social structure that supported church participation as a community norm, successful suburban congregations learned that if they knew how to shape a solid worship hour, had some programming for children and youth, they would very likely see growth.

In that previous era, pastors, mostly men, benefitted from a level of cultural respect and consideration that no longer exists in most places. Leadership often involved technical problems, which required gaining knowledge and aptly applying it. Name the problem and there was always an answer, a fix. Often it was presumed that if something worked in one setting it would work in every setting, so all you had to do was acquire the skill, apply the technique, and the problem would be solved. Need more youth, have a week-long VBS. Need to raise funds, throw a chicken dinner and the community would come out and support it. Write a decent sermon, have a solid choir, give the kids a good Sunday School experience, and families would come to church. It often appeared to many that it was just that simple.

I don't think I need to go into detail enumerating the changes of the last 60 years and the challenges they represent in the life of a modern day, mainline Protestant church like ours here at David's, but we can all agree that in many and profound ways, "times have changed." We may wish for the good old days, we may long for older, simpler times, but that emotion and \$2 will get you a cup of coffee at Starbucks, where I hear they do a steady business on Sunday mornings even though many churches do not. (And do you remember a \$.39 cup of coffee?)

In his book "Transforming Congregational Culture," Anthony B. Robinson summarizes the challenges congregations like David's face at the end of his first chapter: "Others have pointed to other factors in the cultural change: demographic shifts from the east to the west, declining birth rates among the mainline, and a shifting financial base, among others. But **these five** – from **obligation to motivation**, the **breakdown of social trust and reliable authority**, new immigration and **religious pluralism**, the **Protestant main line's stifling embrace of modernity**, and simple **complacency** on the part of the Protestant mainline – seem to me to be the most salient shifts in American culture and its religious ethos that have spelled decline for the mainline Protestant churches."

Robinson goes on in that book's second chapter to borrow from the learnings of Ronald Heifetz, author of "Leadership Without Easy Answers," to address some of the internal challenges to life and leadership in the church of the modern era. Heifetz makes an important distinction between "technical work" and an "adaptive challenge." Problem solving in that previous era was often technical work; if one could clearly define the problem; there was often an obvious and clear solution. Fixing a broken arm is a technical problem. The Doctor knows how to set the bone, so that healing and recovery can happen.

In Heifetz's model, the challenges facing the church today are not technical problems, but complex "adaptive challenges," where the solutions are not so clear and requires learning and change; not like a broken bone that needs to be set, but more on the lines of being diagnosed with heart disease, where the suggested solutions are in the vein of lifestyle changes, like more exercise, different diet, reducing stress, etc. Robinson asserts that responding to adaptive challenges is "no simple matter... Learning is required. Change in the internal life, self-perceptions, and culture of a congregation will be necessary if it is to respond to these shifts in the community."

If you think it's hard for an individual to change their lives to be more healthy after a diagnosis of heart disease – giving up red meat and other "bad habits," exercising and losing weight, avoiding some behaviors, adding others – imagine how we might lead a whole congregation, an entire church, to rethink their relationship to faith and the church community, to give up favorite things and take on new challenges and practices. Sound easy? Sound like "herding cats?"

Next month, I'll share some of Robinson's insights into Church leadership in a time of cultural change. In the mean time, I continue to strive to serve as your pastor and friend,

*Brian Q. Newcomb*

## Notes from Rev. Daria

February is well-known for being the month associated with St. Valentine and all the hearts and flowers which go with his feast day. However, one of my favorite saints' days falls on February 1. While everyone else is waiting with bated breath to discover what Punxsutawney Phil predicts the next day, I am celebrating St. Brigid's feast day. This patron saint of Ireland is said to have founded a school of art and is known as a patron saint of metal-workers, which is how she first caught my attention, me being a blacksmith's daughter and all. In addition, she is associated with light (there is a legend that she hung her cloak on a sunbeam) and with poetry. Since the holiday is in such close proximity to Candlemas, I like to treat myself to a little poetry & candlelight in honor of the day. I hope you might, too!

I'd planned to celebrate St. Brigid's Day with Family@5, but then realized the usual date coincides with the Super Bowl. While this is not a problem for me, I realize some of you might opt for the Super Bowl over just about anything else, whether you watch it for the game or the commercials. Since the other Sundays in February are already booked, we will have our next Family@5 on March 4<sup>th</sup>, a celebration of all things Irish, including St. Brigid and St. Patrick! We'll start with a potluck dinner of Irish foods, some poetry, and some Irish-themed crafts in Fellowship Hall! Please bring an Irish dish to share, as well as some of your family's favorite poetry.

The Spiritual Parenting Group will meet in the conference room on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Principle 3 (Listen to Your Child) in Mimi Doe's *10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting*. If you haven't yet attended, you are welcome to come!

Youth in grades 7-12 can look forward to a comedy improv workshop for youth, led by Adrian Cosby, a stand-up comic friend of mine, and his comedy troupe, Lofty Aspirations. Come learn all about improv from Adrian and his funny friends at 12:30 on February 26<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. We'll have pizza for lunch. Friends are welcome!

Youth in grades 6-8, mark your calendars now for the Ohio Conference Jr. High Retreat, "LET JUSTICE ROLL" — March 3rd – 4<sup>th</sup> at Pilgrim Hills, 10:00 a.m. Saturday through 11:30 a.m. Sunday. The Ohio Conference website describes the event as follows: "Our youth know how to do charity really well — helping with food pantries, work camps and mission trips — but do we help with the justice part of our mission? This event will focus on justice through the music and leadership of Andra Moran and Stephen Daniel King. Small groups will focus on questions to challenge our youth to think about justice Biblically. And of course there will be free time, games, and workshops. Save the dates and watch for registration information."

The Women's Spirituality Group will meet in the chapel Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to share about our Sabbath practices and our thoughts on the February section of Sarah Ban Breathnach's *Simple Abundance*. This group is designed to be an interfaith group, so feel free to bring friends from beyond David's Church. All women are also invited to be part of the Women Exploring Faith discussion on biblical heroine Judith. We'll meet Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

My February Coffee Shop Hours will be at Boston Stoker in Washington Square every Wednesday from 3-5, so come join me for serious theological discussion or chat about cooking or anything else that strikes your fancy! I may even have a special guest co-hosting Coffee Shop Hours with me. If so, it will be noted in the preceding Sunday's bulletin.

May you all find your hearts overflowing with love & poetry in February!

Blessings,

Rev. Daria

## Keenagers

Looking to the south and to the east, Keenagers and others will note that we are surrounded by a very large (and growing) cemetery. A simple walk will tell you a lot about our neighbors, but don't you wonder? Come to our next luncheon on Wednesday, February 8 at 11:30 to hear more of the story! Steve Hopkins (Mary Ellen's son) and superintendent of David's Cemetery will be our guest speaker, with occasional asides from Jim Widman. Texas sheet cake is on the menu and we're thinking a saucy chicken - very good! Hope to see you then.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

February 22, 2012 - 12:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Proclamation of the Word & Imposition of Ashes

# Evolution Sunday, a Time to Thank God for Good Science

Every year for some time now, Rev. Newcomb has participated in Evolution Sunday events on the second Sunday of February, with a host of other clergy coast to coast. With UCC General Minister and President, The Rev. Geoffrey Black, coming to preach on Feb. 12, that won't happen this year. But we want to acknowledge this event and remind you of the letter that started it all.

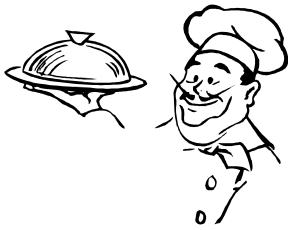
## **The Clergy Letter - from American Christian clergy - An Open Letter Concerning Religion and Science**

*Within the community of Christian believers there are areas of dispute and disagreement, including the proper way to interpret Holy Scripture. While virtually all Christians take the Bible seriously and hold it to be authoritative in matters of faith and practice, the overwhelming majority do not read the Bible literally, as they would a science textbook. Many of the beloved stories found in the Bible – the Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and the ark – convey timeless truths about God, human beings, and the proper relationship between Creator and creation expressed in the only form capable of transmitting these truths from generation to generation. Religious truth is of a different order from scientific truth. Its purpose is not to convey scientific information but to transform hearts.*

*We the undersigned, Christian clergy from many different traditions, believe that the timeless truths of the Bible and the discoveries of modern science may comfortably coexist. We believe that the theory of evolution is a foundational scientific truth, one that has stood up to rigorous scrutiny and upon which much of human knowledge and achievement rests. To reject this truth or to treat it as "one theory among others" is to deliberately embrace scientific ignorance and transmit such ignorance to our children. We believe that among God's good gifts are human minds capable of critical thought and that the failure to fully employ this gift is a rejection of the will of our Creator. To argue that God's loving plan of salvation for humanity precludes the full employment of the God-given faculty of reason is to attempt to limit God, an act of hubris. We urge school board members to preserve the integrity of the science curriculum by affirming the teaching of the theory of evolution as a core component of human knowledge. We ask that science remain science and that religion remain religion, two very different, but complementary, forms of truth. ([http://www.theclergyletterproject.org/Christian\\_Clergy/ChrClergyLtr.htm](http://www.theclergyletterproject.org/Christian_Clergy/ChrClergyLtr.htm))*



## David's United Church of Christ



presents our 45<sup>th</sup> Annual

# SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday, February 25, 2012 – 5:00–8:00 PM

Tickets - Adults: \$6.00 in advance, \$6.50 at the door,  
Children (3-12): \$3.00, Children (2 and Under): Free



Buy your tickets now so you won't miss out on this delicious dinner that has become a tradition at David's Church. See you at the Spaghetti Dinner!!!

Tickets are available on Sunday mornings in the Narthex or by calling the church office 434-2131.

Volunteers are needed in many areas. You can check the sign-up board in the narthex or contact *Jennifer Walker* at 439-3692 or [tjwalker1022@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tjwalker1022@sbcglobal.net). We are looking for couples to serve the meal, bakers to provide 3 dozen cookies, and people who can help set-up on Friday or Saturday, and/or clean-up Saturday night.



## David's Church to host UCC General Minister & President, Rev. Geoffrey Black

Sunday, February 12 the current elected leader of the United Church of Christ, The Rev. Geoffrey Black will preach at our 9:50 a.m. service, which is Racial Justice Sunday. We are cooperating with the churches of Cluster 5 of SONKA, which will be invited to gather at 3:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall to hear Rev. Black discuss the state of our national church and take some time for Q & A, finishing up at 4:30. In addition, as February is Black History Month, Terry Ogletree will be bringing her exhaustive collection of items related to Racial Justice and the struggle for civil rights for African Americans for display to David's.

## Camp News

Camp Sunday will be March 4. Come wearing your favorite camp T-shirt. We will have a fun camp snack.

Camperships: Help the Conference raise funds for camperships by taking your ink cartridges to Staples and provide them with the Conference phone number 614-885-0722. The conference will get credit for the used cartridge.

Summer Camp Schedule Is Out: Why would you want to send your child or youth to summer camp?

Goals of Outdoor Ministries: "Camp doesn't exist so camp can exist"

- Camp exists so children, youth and adults can get to know God, one's self and others.
- To become better friends, a strong community and solve problems without fighting.
- Become involved in the local church,
- Learn to take care of one's self, nature and others.
- To find that teaching can be fun and easy to understand
- Focus on time to learn, work, worship and enjoy fellowship.

If you went to camp last year, you received a camp schedule in the mail. If you are new to camping through the church, you may find a schedule on the website [www.ocucc.org](http://www.ocucc.org) or you can receive a copy at the church. The Summer camp schedule is from June 17 to July 28. There are camps scheduled for 1st graders through adults as well as grandchildren as young as 4 and grandparents. There is a 15% discount if 3 or more children, youth or adults go from the same household. Come on Sunday March 4 to hear what exciting news David's has to say about camp funds.

PS: If you can't wait until summer, would like to see where your child might be going to camp and you are a female. Sorry guys. Think about signing up for the Spring Lantern Fellowship at Pilgrim Hills. *Teddy Artz* can tell you all that you need to know about this great weekend April 20-22. Great time to be at camp.

*Dotti Ankeney*

## C.E. Corner February 2012

- 5s-6<sup>th</sup> grade will finish the Baby Moses unit the first Sunday of February, then move to an exploration of Jonah & the Big Fish for the rest of the month.
- Confirmation will have lessons on salvation, justice & peace, and denominations. They will also put together sack lunches for the St. Vincent Shelter and make a visit to the Dayton Hindu Temple on February 19th.
- Sr. High Second Hour will participate in discussions on sustaining ministry, healing presence, thin places, & blessed connections.
- Adult Ed: Feb. 19 – Kettering Police Officer Ron Roberts on Safety Issues. Feb. 26 – TBA.
- Youth are invited to enjoy a pizza lunch and a comedy improv workshop presented by stand-up comedian Adrian Cosby and the Lofty Aspirations Improv Troupe in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Junior High Youth should speak with Rev. Daria ASAP to register for the Ohio Conference Junior High Retreat, "Let Justice Roll," at Pilgrim Hills March 3 & 4. All Youth in grades 6-8 are welcome!
- Pastor Brian will continue his study of Mark on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.
- Women Exploring Faith will continue their exploration of the story of biblical heroine Judith, as presented on DVD by Dr. Lisa Wolfe, on February 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.
- The Women's Spirituality Group will share personal Sabbath practices, spiritual growth experiences, and the journey through Sarah Ban Breathnach's *Simple Abundance*.
- The Spiritual Parenting Group will support one another and discuss principle 3, "Listen to your Child," in Mimi Doe's *10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting* at 4 p.m. on February 5 in Fellowship Hall.

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## DAVID'S CHURCH WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES 2012

*Lent will soon be here and we hope the Wednesday night series will be part of your plans.*

**March 7, 14, 21 & 28**

**5:45 PM Dinner**

**6:30 – 7:30 PM Programs**

### **Falling Upward; A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life** – led by Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb

Dr. Newcomb will be offering a spirituality workshop drawing heavily on Richard Rohr's latest book, "Falling Upward; A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life." Pastor Brian will be breaking down the lessons from the book into handouts to facilitate the conversation so that you don't have to purchase the book to benefit from our time together, but those who wish to order a copy can find it at Amazon.com. Here's a quote from the book flap: "Drawing on the wisdom of time-honored myths, heroic poems, great thinkers and sacred religious texts, Richard Rohr explores the two halves of life to show that those who have fallen, failed, or "gone down" are the only ones who understand "up"... a journey to give us an understanding of how the heartbreaks, disappointments, and first loves of life are actually stepping stones to the spiritual joys that the second half of life has in store for us."

### **Joy Revitalization Playshops** – led by Rev. Daria Schaffnit

In her past life as an at-home mom, Rev. Daria also developed and presented a joy revitalization workshop to several groups in the Miami Valley. This workshop is designed to help participants reconnect, through guided meditation, reflection, conversation on spiritual practices, and craft projects, to a sense of joy in life. Participants should bring a small, plain box to decorate, a journal, and a selection of old magazines that can be demolished.

### **Learn to Play Double-Deck Canasta** – led by Ernie Dalton

This is a great game for family fun. In the 1950's through 1960's it was the most popular card game in the United States. It can be played by 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 players. It is best played by 4 players who are partners. If you are looking for something that isn't technology driven and calls for interactive participation among the players; this is the game for you. Teenager through seniors can play this fun game. We will play a few hands each night. The fourth night we will play the full time.

### **Movie *Invictus*** – led by Gary Hutchison & Warren Back

Nelson Mandela, in his first term as the South African President, initiates a unique venture to unite the apartheid-torn land: enlist the national rugby team on a mission to win the 1995 Rugby World Cup. Stars: Morgan Freeman, Matt Damon, and Tony Kgoroge. Director: Clint Eastwood.

### **Card-Making Workshop** – led by Marian Jones

We are again offering an opportunity to come make cards for our shut-ins. It is fun, creative, and hopefully cheering for all recipients. If you have some crafting supplies such as glue sticks, markers, colored pencils, rulers, seasonable stamps, or ink pads and are able to bring them, please do. If you have none of the above come anyway as we will have lots of supplies to keep you busy.

### **Youth Activities**

Group Activities – age appropriate games and crafts for ages 5 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
Nursery – 0 to age 4.

### **Kitchen Clean-Up**

Enjoy fellowship with others as you clean up the kitchen after the meal.

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## WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNER SERIES 2012

Delicious dinners, two offered by Suzanne Cryst, Director of Nutrition, Maria Joseph  
**Free Will Offering**

The Committee invites you to come and share these dinners and fellowship  
with each other before the Lenten Series classes.

3-7-12 Cheese Soup/Minestrone Soup/Corn Chowder  
Salad/Bread

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate a fruit pie

3-14-12 Chicken A La King/Biscuits

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate cranberry jello

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate my favorite 13 x 9 cake

3-21-12 Dagmar's Delicious Casserole  
Salad/Garlic Bread

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate Lynn's Fruit Berry Cobbler (recipe provided on bulletin board in Narthex) w/ice cream

3-28-12 Pizza  
Salad

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate a 13 x 9 pan of brownies

As always, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, carrot and celery sticks, and applesauce are alternative choices. Water, Milk, Coffee and Tea are beverage choices.

REGISTRATION FORM (*place in the basket in the Narthex*)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Class(es) I (we) will attend \_\_\_\_\_

# attending dinner \_\_\_\_\_

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### Cari's Quilt Awarded at Annual Meeting

At the close of the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2012, the Origami Flower Quilt created by David's Hearts and Hand Quilters in honor of Cari Wright to raise funds for Church Camp Scholarships for David's Campers was awarded.

With assistance from Cody and AJ Wright the 1,451 tickets sold were poured into a huge stainless steel bowl and tossed and stirred to mix thoroughly! Then with AJ standing on his tiptoes while Cody held the bowl high over his head, AJ pulled the winning ticket from the bowl. He handed the ticket to Cody who read Marlene Shook from Vandalia, Ohio as the winner! Marlene is affiliated with Cody's Boy Scout Troop 307.

The total raised from sale of the raffle tickets is \$2,529 with an additional donation to bring the total to \$2,600! If you'd like to continue to help the Church Camp Scholarship Fund grow, simply make your check payable to David's Church and mark the memo line with *Camp Scholarship Fund*.

Cody and AJ Wright and their grandparents, Bert and Judy Jones were presented with small hangings that are duplicates of the raffle quilt.



## Calling All Musicians

Once again, the Elders have asked Rev. Newcomb to consider the available options that would allow us to create an informal, contemporary worship service that leaned toward modern pop, folk & rock music, as a late Sunday morning alternative. Everyone was asked to fill out a time and talent survey on the Sunday of our Annual Congregational Meeting, but we want to make a special request for those folk who've had a good amount of experience playing guitar, keyboards, bass or drums, or other string or brass instrument and would be interested in working toward creating a band to provide music for such a service, or know other musicians who might be interested and inclined toward the kind of progressive Christian theological expression of the faith that is practiced here at David's, to speak with Pastor Brian. Let's imagine what's possible.

## Congregational Vitality Workshop on March 24 – Calling David's Church Lay Leaders

Pastors Brian & Daria, Council President Debbie McCoy and Elder board member Carolyn Young attended an evening workshop on Congregational Vitality with Rev. Jim Oates of the Ohio Conference of the UCC back in late October, and agreed universally that we would benefit as David's Church to bring Jim in to spend some time with us. So, we want to ask members of our Council and major boards, past leaders and any who have a desire to see the ministry of David's remain faithful and effective in the future, to set aside Saturday, March 24 from 9 am – 3 pm, to spend some time reflecting prayerfully on what we do and how we might do it better. There will be no charge for the day, but we may arrange a pot-luck lunch and ask those attending to bring some food to share.

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## Warm Wishes Update

Thank you to all the people who attended the second annual Warm Wishes Workshop Blitz on January 9. While making new friends and munching on "goodies" people sewed hats and mittens while others were busy cutting out scarves and more pieces for hats and mittens. Several people took home hats and mittens to sew together.

If you were unable to come to the Workshop Blitz, we can arrange for you to have private lessons. We truly, truly need people to sew items whether at home or at our weekly Monday morning sessions.

Please contact *Nedral Gockel* at 416-4164 or *Roselyn Faulkner* at 433-8832 if you have any questions.

## February 26 – An Offering to Support UCC Seminaries

As a denomination with a rich heritage that values an educated clergy, the United Church of Christ has three excellent graduate schools in the mid-west offering a Master's of Divinity program that prepares new ministers to serve the needs of the Church. They are Chicago, United (located in Minneapolis/St. Paul) and Eden (in St. Louis, MO). Until recently, our CUE seminaries were a line item in the Mission budget, but recently the Mission Board has moved toward more local, hands/food on ministries. So we invite our members to support the work of our seminaries, and the future ministers of David's Church with a generous gift.

## Dinners for Eight to Begin in March

If you enjoy meeting new people or spending time with people you know, "Dinners for Eight" is for you. If you enjoy eating out without the hassle of waiting for a table, or the cost of the meal, "Dinners for Eight" is for you. We need "host" couples or individuals to open their home and prepare a MAIN dish. Each guest, couple or individuals, will bring an item to complement their main course. Dates are yet to be determined, but sign up in the Narthex if interested! This is for everyone at David's who would enjoy an evening out with minimal expense, good food, and pleasant conversation with new and old friends.

## February Birthdays

- 1 Irene Hopkins
- 2 Petrus Moshoeshoe  
Gus Greene
- 3 Rolf Lindner  
Gary Hutchison  
Glenn Wood  
Cody Wright
- 4 Julie Wellbaum
- 6 Teresa McClure  
Tara Heiner  
Chris Wellbaum
- 7 Dave McElwee  
Sam Wellbaum
- 8 Jill Blum
- 9 Mike Hendricks
- 10 Katie Gregg
- 13 Roberta Williams  
Dagmar Michel  
Robert Zangri  
Jamie Mhaskar
- 14 Andy Bearce
- 15 Jim Widman



- 16 Herbert Sizek
- 17 Betsy Keyes
- 18 Jeannene Schaffnit  
Sean Miller  
Nicholas Kaloukian  
Cate Banks
- 19 Cody Boothe
- 20 Bill Kessen  
Janine Mason  
Alan Avila-John  
Lucas Avila-John  
Nicolas Avila-John
- 21 Thelma Leach  
Jerry Beinlich
- 22 Steve Mason
- 23 Lois Schlemmer  
Debra McKenzie
- 24 Dee Miller
- 26 Lisa Wright  
Malia Creel
- 28 Amy Hamm
- 29 Pat Johnson

## New Members

**George Ford** (spouse of member **Linda Ford**)  
6625 Rosecliff Place  
Dayton, OH 45449  
937-648-0279

**Ken & Irene Hopkins**  
374 Rue Marsielle  
Dayton, OH 45429  
937-299-8699

**Rebecca Karason**  
3230 Mirimar Street  
Kettering, OH 45409  
937-417-6410

**Cindy Melke**  
9954 Chautauqua Road  
Miamisburg, OH 45342  
937-746-0345

**Jeannene Schaffnit** (partner of **Rev. Daria Schaffnit**)  
5365 Sheffield Ave.  
Powell, OH 43065  
740-971-3233

## Deaths

Our sympathy to **Andy & Pam Storar** and family in loss of Andy's brother, **George Storar, III**, on January 26, 2012.

## Congregational Meeting Vote Results

*I vote to accept the proposed changes to the 1989 Constitution of David's United Church of Christ.*  
131 Votes Cast  
66 Necessary for Adoption (Majority)  
128 Votes For  
1 Vote Against  
2 Votes Abstained  
PASSED

*I affirm the "Covenant of Welcome Statement" as an expression of David's UCC becoming an Open and Affirming congregation.*  
128 Votes Cast  
65 Necessary for Adoption (Majority)  
104 Votes For  
21 Votes Against  
3 Votes Abstained  
PASSED

