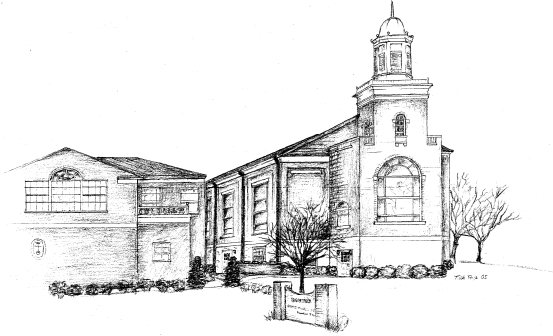


DAVID'S DATELINE
OCTOBER 2011 Newsletter



Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 9:50 a.m.
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Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb
Associate Pastor Daria Schaffnit

Upcoming Events

October 2 - World Communion Sunday,
Youth Group at Ohio Cider Fest,
Blessing of the Animals

October 9 - Acolyte Training

October 8 - Youth Group at Bull Run Farm

October 15 - Oktoberfest Dinner & Silent Auction

October 23 - ONA - Homosexuality and Biology
with Dr. David Goldstein

October 25 - Greater Dayton Conference on Youth
at the Convention Center

October 30 - Reformation Sunday, Big Hat & Tiara
Sunday, 3rd Grade Bible Presentation,
New Member Reception,
Family at Five Potluck & Pumpkin Carving Party

From the Pastor's Desk...

“Rabbi Zusya said that on the Day of Judgment, God would ask him, not why he had not been Moses, but why he had not been Zusya,” wrote a 20th Century historian Walter Kauffman.

Now of course, Moses is perhaps the most noteworthy hero of the Jewish faith. He met God in the burning bush, led the people of God out of Egypt in the exodus, climbed up to commune with God and deliver to the nation of Israel the 10 Commandments. Surely this Rabbi with the strange, probably impossible to pronounce name isn't advising us to not seek to emulate Moses' faith and responsiveness to the call of God. Rather, we are being encouraged to trust that God has made us as unique and gifted people of God. We are not called to be Moses, or even Jesus or the Apostle Paul. When we live into a faithful relationship with God, we are called first and foremost to be our best true selves.

Recently, I read a very different kind of author suggest a similar point. A young woman, writing in Salon.com, told of detailing her checkered past in a tell-all memoir. She had lived her life out of the closet, so to speak, in the urban environs of NYC, where many folk feel isolated and/or anonymous. She felt that she had lived her life as an open book, but after moving to the country where folk were more friendly and observant, even nosier, and perhaps a bit more “judgmental,” she discovered “how much easier it is being the person you think other people want you to be.”

That's one of the dilemmas of living your life in an attempt to only please others, you become convinced that people wouldn't love you if you showed them your real true self, flaws and all. So to win their love and acceptance we think we have to pretend to be something more, something different, something “better” than who we really are. We try to present ourselves as somebody else, some more presentable, a more pleasing portrait of who we think people expect us to be.

Now there's nothing wrong, really, with putting one's best foot forward. We all do that, but this is something altogether different. At job interviews, on first dates, when we meet someone new, we are likely to present the best possible portrait of ourselves. And many of us aspire to be better people today than perhaps we were able to be yesterday. But no marriage can survive on the level of intimacy and projection that folk bring to a first date. No real friendship can grow out of people pretending to think and feel one thing, while really thinking and feeling another.

And that's the other side of the double-bladed deception of attempting to present yourself as someone other than who you really are – you never really get to learn or benefit from how folk might feel about the real you, because all you've shared with them is who you want them to think you are.

Like the author, it may feel safer, even easier to pretend to be “the person you think other people want you to be.” But in the end, we end up isolated and alone, living to project a false image, perhaps cut off from our best true selves, and any real sense of love and community. How can you feel that people really love you, if you've never really showed them who you are, warts, questions & doubts, insecurities and all.

As the Rabbi said, when we meet God the question will not be why you weren't St. Theresa, or Billy Graham, or anyone else. The question is have you been yourself, have you lived authentically, open to life as the person God made you to be, with unique gifts and talents, but also challenges and limitations. More than anything, the world needs, and I believe God wants for us to be ourselves. Surely, God longs for us to be the best possible versions of ourselves, the most loving and giving, expressing our own perceptions with confidence while open to the insights and stories of others. To reach this goal, we may have to work at accepting ourselves, and accepting others as we/they really are, but that's good and important work that pays real dividends.

And what can be said of people can also be said of communities and congregations. We need not waste a lot of time comparing David's Church to other congregations in the community or out in the broader United Church of Christ. We don't need to be what they are, and sometimes if we spend all our energy chasing after something we are not we lose that vital and good thing that made us unique and special in the first place. We don't need to pretend to be something other than we are, we can be the people God has made us to be, and tell the story God has given us to share.

People that like you as a person, will like who you really are, they will value your strengths and gifts and will not be put off by your mistakes and limitations. Same is true of our common life as David's Church. When we tell the truth of our experience of God, when we stand up for the message of God's grace and love that we see in the person and ministry of Jesus, and seek to the best of our ability extend an extravagant welcome to all, folk who are looking for a “progressive community where faith comes to life,” will come to find a home here. Let's be true to ourselves, true to the light we've known, the grace we've experienced, and let's work to share that gift with others. Let's not lose another night's sleep, or another moment in regret that we can't be something we were not meant to be anyway, let's stop pretending and stop being impressed with the pretensions of others. Let's be real. Let's strive to love one another in ways that really matter, because in this fragile life that's what makes all the difference.

Yours,

Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Daria

My mom often closes her notes to me with “I love you more than” statements. Often, they are seasonal. Always, they make me smile. She closed a recent note with, “Love you more than a lifetime of leisurely moseying through warm October lanes with a belly-full of crisp apples!” What a lovely image, something I hope to be doing at least some this fall. I love this season and all the gentle pleasures it brings: crackling fires in the hearth, cozy sweaters coming out of the cedar closet, pots of stew bubbling on the stove, big hats & tiaras adorning the congregation on Reformation Sunday. But there is a spookier feel to October, too, a shadow side that comes along with the celebration of Halloween. In our culture that prefers to deny the darker side of life, it’s sometimes good to stand right up and look what scares us in the face---even if what we’re looking at is a giant evil bunny rabbit like the one the Youth saw in the Springboro Black Bog last October.

Since we had such a good time last year, the Youth are going back to brave the Black Bog and accompanying Haunted Hayride this October 8th. We’ll leave the David’s parking lot at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for the hayride, \$10 for the Bog and \$18 for a combo ticket. In addition to this outing, we’ll head down to Hidden Valley Fruit Farm following Second Hour on October 2nd to take in the sweetness of the season at the Ohio Cider Fest. Youth should bring money to buy any treats they want. If I can get enough Youth to sign up in advance, I would like to venture down to Waynesville for a Ghostly History walking tour on October 15th after the Octoberfest dinner here at David’s. The tour begins at 7:30 p.m. so we’d have enough time to eat and get down to Waynesville in plenty of time. Cost is \$10 and reservations are required, so if you’d like to participate, please sign-up and pay your tour fee no later than October 9th. If you’re planning to attend the Cider Fest or the Haunted Hayride, please let me know immediately so I can plan for enough transportation and chaperones.

On the more serious side of Youth programming, the Greater Dayton Conference on Youth will be held October 25th from 8:30-3 p.m. We’ll meet at David’s at 8 a.m. and proceed to the Convention Center from there. Cost is \$10 for students and most schools count the Conference as an excused absence because it is for leadership training. You can register at this website: <http://www.daytonyouthconference.org/register.cfm>. Make sure you say you’re part of the David’s UCC group when you register. While the training is serious, it’s presented in a variety of fun workshops and other activities, with plenty of cool freebies and yummy food.

There’s plenty of fun to be had for families in October, too, as our Family at Five group gathers on October 30th at the Grove for a potluck harvest feast and pumpkin-carving! Bring your own pumpkin and any must-have specialty carving tools! Each family should also bring a favorite fall dish to share, as well as table service for your family. We’ll have some extra carving tools and patterns. We had quite a spectacular display of finished Jack o’Lanterns last year and I can’t wait to see what everyone comes up with this year!

Confirmation will begin official classes this month, with a focus on Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. We will also visit the Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for worship and join the Adult Ed and Senior High classes for Dr. David Goldstein’s talk on the biology of homosexuality, part of our Open and Affirming dialogue, on October 23rd.

Women Exploring Faith (formerly known as Women’s Bible Study) will be meeting on Friday, October 21st from 9:30-11 a.m. We’ll watch and discuss part one of Lisa Wolfe’s DVD series on biblical heroine Judith. This part focuses on the real King Antiochus. Lisa Wolfe was my Old Testament professor at United Seminary and she has also presented lectures here at David’s. She is a marvelous teacher and I think we are going to learn a lot and have some great discussion. This alternate date is due to my participation in the Great Lakes Association of United Church Educators annual meeting at Pokagon State Park in Indiana. I am really looking forward to this time with my fellow educators and youth leaders, which will be full of great workshops, inspiring speakers and the chance to enjoy time around the bonfire comparing notes with one another. I appreciate this opportunity so much!

The timing of this conference means, of course, that there will be no Coffee Shop Hours on October 12th, but you can find me the other Wednesdays in October from 3-5 p.m. at the Town & Country Panera.

Wishing you leisurely moseying, warm October lanes and crisp apples!

Blessings,

Rev. Daria

Blessing of the Animals – October 2

Blessing of the Animals will take place at David’s Church on Sunday, October 2 at 4:00 p.m. We invite you to bring any and all of your friendly, well-behaved pet friends 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, we hope you’ll tell and bring along your friends and family and all their pets. Participating pets are expected to be up-to-date on their rabies shots.





Adult Education

Oct 2: SB5 is a big and complicated piece of legislation. Before you vote on the referendum in November, find out what is included in the bill.

Oct. 9: "Financial Peace of Mind" - Becky Roess, V-P & Trust Officer LCNB National Bank Issues to be addressed will include privacy, probate avoidance, asset protection, estate planning & investment management.

Oct. 23: "Homosexuality and Biology" – Dr. David Goldstein has served as Chair of the Biological Sciences Department at Wright State University since 2002. Dr. Goldstein received the B.S. in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Biology from UCLA. He subsequently completed a post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Physiology at the University of Arizona prior to joining the faculty at Wright State. He serves on the steering committee (recently as Chair) of the Comparative and Evolutionary Physiology Section of the American Physiological Society.

Oct. 30: "Elder Law and Estate Planning" - Joe Mattera & John Clough, partners in the Pickrel, Schaeffer & Ebeling law firm. John will discuss health care, Powers of Attorney, Wills, Trusts and the like. Joe will discuss long term care insurance, Medicare, VA benefits and Medicaid etc.

We need a Couple of Volunteers!

Have you ever wondered who unlocks the doors, turns on the lights and sound system, hands out the bulletins at the 8:30 Service, rings the bell before the service and during prayer, and gets everything ready for worship on Sunday morning? This is the job of the Head Usher!

If you'd like to learn more about this job and/or shadow a Head Usher to see if you'd be interested in volunteering for a month, please contact Kevin McCoy at 299-9218 or kdam4300@sbcglobal.net. We currently need a Head Usher for November and December.

Cari's Quilt



Approximately two years ago Cari Wright asked David's Hearts & Hands Quilters to create a quilt that would be raffled to raise funds for summer Church Camp scholarships so families of David's Church to help defray the cost of sending their children to Pilgrim Hills and/or Templed Hills. Cari had been a camp counselor at Templed Hills and attended church camp as a youngster. She wanted to help campers experience the joy of being immersed in God's wonderful world and build lifelong friendships with fellow campers.

After much thought, the colorful quilt you see evolved to represent all the colors that symbolize cancer awareness. The handmade origami flowers were folded and hand stitched together then incorporated into the quilt. Once the quilting was finished on the quilt, the flowers "bloomed" with each petal being hand stitched open as you see it today. The quilters envisioned hope for a cure of all cancers as each flower "bloomed" on the quilt. The quilters wish the winner of the quilt much enjoyment from their many hours of love stitched with Cari in mind! The finished quilt measures 96 x 96 which should easily fit a queen size bed.



The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. All the proceeds will go to David's Camp Fund. Tickets will be available for purchase in Fellowship Hall near the quilt most Sundays of October and dates to be announced in November, December and January. The drawing to award the quilt will take place at the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2012. Need not be present to win.

Christian Education Happenings

On October 9th, all children in grades 3 and up will be offered the opportunity during Sunday School to complete acolyte training and be added to our roster of acolytes. If your children are interested, please make sure they are here that day!

Bibles will be presented to David's 3rd graders on Reformation Sunday, October 30th, during the 9:50 a.m. service. Bibles are traditionally presented by a parent or other person close to the child. Please contact the office with information about who will be presenting the Bible to your 3rd grader. (Chris, feel free to change if this is incorrect)

Congregational Stewardship Event

Sunday, October 16

Following the 9:50 Service

This will be the first presentation of the 2012 budget.

From the Deacons

Dear David's Family,

The Board of Deacons have prepared a new document called "DAVID'S UCC FUNDS DEFINITIONS". This document describes each of our church's funds and their potential use and who or what group administers these funds. The Council approved this document at the August 2011 Council meeting. Please take the time to read this document, below. Its purpose is to explain our various funds and how they can be used to support the work of our church. If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact me on 937-299-0339 or swalters0460@aol.com.

Thank you.

Sue Walters, Deacon Chair

DAVID'S UCC FUNDS DEFINITIONS

Operating Fund – Account through which monthly revenues and expenses are recorded. This account has a moving balance pending gains or losses from each month's activity. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer have direct access to this fund and its activity.

Benevolence Fund – Holding account for Budget and Non- Budget contributions for Mission. The disbursement of these funds comes from the direction of the Mission Board. End of year balances are carried forward at the discretion of the Mission Board.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund- Money available to the Pastors to use in their daily care and assistance of the congregation and community. Pastors have sole responsibility for the administration of this fund. The Treasurer and or Assistant Treasurer should be the only other person(s) with knowledge of expenditures from this fund.

Remembrance Fund – Donations made in Memory of or in Honor of an individual may be designated by the family. Designated Funds must be used for the specific purpose as specified by the family of the one being remembered or honored. Undesignated Funds can be used for any purpose supported by Council. The Board of Deacons will administer this fund by receiving requests from other boards or groups within the church. The Board of Deacons will recommend to Church Council for approval the disbursement of these funds and ask the Pastors to dedicate these funds in a regular church service.

Capital Improvements Fund – Formerly Repair and Replacement Fund. Fund is for major repairs and improvements that exceed Board of Trustees' budget. Trustees have the responsibility for the administration of this fund in conjunction with the Deacons, subject to Council approval.

David's Grove – Fund created for projects at David's Grove. The David's Grove Committee administers this fund. Council approval is required for major projects.

General Endowment Fund – Formerly Endowment Fund. Subject to Endowment Fund Accounting and Council approval. This fund was established from gifts and bequests not specifically earmarked to any other fund. The fund is to ensure that David's UCC continues as a strong and active participant in community life. While the intent would be to use Endowment Fund Accounting for this fund, the Board of Deacons may make recommendations to Council for disbursements of principal to support continued growth and operations of David's Church. Any use of this fund requires a majority vote of Council.

Music Endowment Fund – Subject to Endowment Fund Accounting and Council approval. Fund is to be used for music, musicians, etc related to music programs of David's Church. Director of Music should make formal requests for use of this fund to the Board of Deacons, subject to Council approval. Endowment Fund Accounting may be put in place to help offset the current Music budget. Any use of this fund requires a majority vote of Council.

Youth Fund/Christian Education Fund/Confirmation Fund/Senior High Fund – All of these funds are to support the work and activities of David's youth, including but not exclusively for the Confirmation Pilgrimage, Junior and Senior High trips, Education Materials, etc. The Associate Pastor and the Board of Christian Education will administer these funds. The Board of Deacons is to be notified of monies being expended from these funds.

Scholarship Endowment Fund – Created to encourage the development of church leadership among David's Church members especially in responding to the call to ordained ministry. Fund can also be used for Scholarships, Educational Grants to lay leaders pursuing a course of study for lay leadership, SALT, and Continuing Education for David's staff including travel and program expenses. Fund is subject to Endowment Fund Accounting and requires a majority vote of Council for all disbursements.

SALT Endowment Fund – Fund supports Summer Adult Leadership Training program. Any expenses for SALT including salaries and expenses can be drawn from this fund. Endowment Fund Accounting applies to this fund and requires Council approval. The SALT Committee can request funds each year to support this program. Any use of this fund requires a majority vote of Council.

Spaghetti Dinner Fund – Income and expenses summarized in this fund for the annual Spaghetti Dinner held in February. Any profits from the annual event may be disbursed at the direction of the First and Second Couple with input from those who have worked at the spaghetti dinner.

WAG Fund – Women's Activity Guild - Monies collected from an annual event (Rummage Sale). Requests for use of these funds can be directed in writing to the Chair of WAG. Designation of these funds are directed by WAG members.

Warm Wishes Fund – Fund for the activity of the Warm Wishes Group who make hat/scarf/gloves sets for the distribution of these items to the homeless. The Warm Wishes Group has direction over this fund.

Bazaar Fund - Monies collected from an annual fall event (Bazaar). Requests for these funds are to be submitted in writing to the Board of Deacons who will review these requests and if no other monies are available will forward these on to the Bazaar Group. Designation of funds are directed by the Bazaar Members.

Miscellaneous Fund – This fund is for small projects with a specific purpose (ex: purchase of hymnals). Once the project is complete, any leftover funds will be disbursed by recommendation of the Board of Deacons, subject to Council approval. This fund can also be a holding place for special capital gifts (ex: Website Project). The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer will maintain an accounting of these individual balances and report these to the Deacons. Larger capital gifts will be disbursed with recommendation of the Board of Deacons subject to Council approval (ex: Website).

Camp Fund – Fund is to be used to help support the cost of Camps for David's youth. The Board of Christian Education and the Associate Pastor will administer this fund.

Note: Endowment Fund Accounting Principal

For the Endowment Funds (General, Scholarship, SALT, and Music) this principal applies. In January, the Treasurer will calculate no more than 5% of the average of the previous 12 quarters of the Endowment Funds and report these numbers to the Board of Deacons and Council. These amounts may be used in that calendar year. Any additional use of these funds above the maximum 5% will require a majority of Council approval.

Our On-Going ONA Conversation

Our ongoing exploration and dialogue about David's Church becoming an official Open & Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ continues in October with a presentation from Dr. David Goldstein on the biological questions that many have around homosexuality. Some argue that being gay or lesbian is a choice, and that folk can therefore be "de-programmed," while others describe the experience as naturally occurring, whether it is in a person's DNA or other factors. Dr. Goldstein is Chair of the Biological Sciences Dept. at West State University, and serves on the steering committee of the Comparative and Evolutionary Physiology Section of the American Physiological Society.

Last month of course we hosted Dr. Thomas B. Dozeman, Professor of Hebrew Bible at United Theological Seminary here in Dayton. If you were unable to attend and would like to read an article on "The Bible & Homosexuality," you can find a helpful article online written by Walter Wink, by googling his name and that title. In November, Rev. Newcomb will again host a showing of the movie, "for the BIBLE tells me so".

The Elders and Pastors are beginning to feel that there is some energy to create an ONA statement that would seek to articulate the welcome we hope for folk to experience at David's Church. We are hoping to convene a group of interested persons from our membership to begin shaping a statement that we might have ready to bring to the Council and then to the congregation for a vote come the Annual Meeting in January. If you have interest in working to shape and write this statement, please let us know at the church office, as we hope to begin convening interested persons by mid-October.

Greetings Keenagers!

On October 12 at 11:30 a.m., Betty Pupko, from the WashingtonCenterville Public Library will present *Flags of our Fathers*, a program about the six flag raisers in the famous photograph taken at the battle of Iwo Jima. I have heard such good things about this program, which will last about 45 minutes. We'll either eat a little faster or stay a little later.



Writing Against Hunger and Poverty

As part of the U.C.C. Mission:1 campaign from 11/1/11 through 11/11/11, David's people are asked to write letters to our U.S. Senators and Representatives to form a Circle of Protection around funding programs for hungry people at home and abroad. Write your letters at home and bring them to church on November 6, 2011, for a blessing before we mail them to Washington.

Why must we be concerned about this Circle of Protection? **FIRST**, as we face huge deficits and budget cuts we must remember that programs addressing the basic needs of hungry people did not create the deficit problem and cuts to them will have little impact on deficit reduction. **SECOND**, international poverty-focused development assistance programs are only 0.6% of the budget. Domestic social safety-net programs (excluding Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program) are only 14% of the budget. Domestic programs respond to the level of need and shrink as the economy recovers and need falls. Internationally, poverty-focused development programs respond to emergencies and build sustainable results. For every 5% drop in income growth in a developing country, the likelihood of violent conflict or war within the next year increases by 10%. Currently 50% of U.S. exports go to emerging markets and one in five U.S. jobs are tied to trade. **THIRD**, the programs for hungry and poor people provide the necessary tools for people to pull themselves out of poverty and to have a chance to thrive. They do not provide long-term handouts.

As you think about writing your letter consider these three important points in creating a Circle of Protection around funding for programs that are vital for hungry and poor people in the U.S. and abroad.

1. Oppose caps on overall federal spending. (Massive cuts would threaten lives and even threaten our national security.)
2. Exempt from cuts programs for hungry and poor people. (In the past 30 years all major deficit-reduction packages have exempted key low-income and anti-poverty programs.)
3. Consider all tools for deficit reduction. (Congress must look to both revenues and spending. Triggers should apply automatic revenue increases and across-the-board spending cuts.)

Here is a sample letter that may help you write your letter.

Dear _____:

As Congress makes decisions about reducing the deficit and raising the nation's debt ceiling, please establish a Circle of Protection around funding for programs for hungry and poor people, exempting them from budget cuts.

Please take a balanced approach to reducing our deficits by considering revenues and spending cuts and opposing any proposals that cap all federal spending.

Sincerely, YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

Here are the names and addresses of our Senators and local Representatives:

Senator Sherrod Brown
713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Rob Portman
338 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Michael Turner (3rd District)
2454 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative John A. Boehner (8th District)
1011 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Steve Austria (7th District)
439 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515



David's Oktoberfest Is Coming – Wunderbar!

Plan an evening to enjoy an authentic German meal Saturday, October 15 at David's Oktoberfest 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Great food prepared by our own chef, Ulrich Gaertner. Savor a Bratwurst or Mettwurst on a bun, along with sauerkraut or red cabbage, German potato salad and dessert. Coffee, tea, and water are included in the adult ticket for \$12.00. A seasonal brew is available for \$3.00 a bottle. A child's (12 and under) meal is \$6.00 or an alternative child's meal of Hot dog, chips drink and dessert is \$3.00.

Peruse the varied Silent Auction items and put in your bids – lots of fun to beat your friends to the best prize!

Tickets are available every Sunday in the narthex, see *Dave or Jean Blum*, or call the church office at 434-2131.

Bazaar Workshops

Workshops continue on Tuesday afternoons through October 18. Some of you may like to assist but are not available during that time. Please – you may still contribute by working at home and sending items in. Call or see *Judi McCoy, Ruth Ann Morgan, or Jean Blum* or come work at the Bazaar.

Let *Lynn Bender* know if you have baked or food items to donate. Thanks!

Reformation Sunday (October 30) is Big Hat & Tiara Sunday

After years of Rev. Newcomb wearing his Doctor of Ministry cap and hood on Reformation Sunday, last year we introduced "Big Hat & Tiara Sunday," to let everybody get in on the fun and it appeared a good time was had by all.

Reformation Day commemorates the Protestant Reformation, the movement that led to the establishment of the Protestant denominations of Christianity, including the Evangelical & Reformed roots of our U.C.C. Reformation Day is the anniversary of the act that began the movement in 1517: Martin Luther nailing the manuscript of his "95 Theses" to the door of the palace church in Wittenberg, Germany. These statements denounced a number of practices then common in the Roman Catholic Church, including the selling of "indulgences," or documents granting the forgiveness of sins.

On Reformation Sunday, we hold up our traditional commitments to the idea that we are "saved by grace alone." We also affirm our conviction in the "priesthood of all believers," and our commitment to an educated clergy, preachers and teachers committed to equip the saints for a life of faith and ministry to the world. Plus, given the ecumenical nature of our on-going inter-faith work, we strive as well to be reconciled to other Christian traditions, including our Roman Catholic sisters & brothers.

This is a joyful calling, so come to services on Sunday, October 30 wearing your favorite sombrero, 10-gallon cowboy hat, ball cap, jester or stocking cap, propeller beanie, tiara or crown, whatever makes you happy.



Offering to Benefit UCC Colleges in Ohio

On Sunday, Oct. 30 – also Reformation & Big Hat/Tiara Sunday – we invite interested persons to make a gift on behalf of the institutions of higher education here in Ohio, Heidelberg and Defiance Colleges. In recent years, David's Mission Board has moved to more local outreaches, efforts to put food and resources directly into the hands of our neighbors in need. That has meant less money to our related institutions of higher learning, so this fall we're making available an opportunity to give an offering to our nearby colleges. In the spring, we'll take a special offering to support our related seminaries. Just mark your offering for UCC Colleges, and we'll split the offering between our two Ohio institutions.

David's Holiday Bazaar - Saturday, November 5 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Preview Day – Friday, November 4 – 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

Please join us again for seasonal shopping and great food at our Holiday Bazaar. We'll have handmade crafts, unique holiday decorations, gifts for everyone on your list (including pets!) and tasty food. Both Friday and Saturday you can choose from soup, sandwiches, salad and dessert (apple dumplings!), 2 items for \$5.00. Come enjoy and bring your friends!

Big Batch Buckeye Time

We'll be making the Buckeyes on Thursday, November 10 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., which is after the Bazaar on November 5. We'll take orders ahead and at the Bazaar so you'll have them fresh for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We need lots of help! It's easy with food and fellowship included. No experience is needed in this project. Just come and stay as long as you can. Please sign up in the Narthex for the time you think you can help us.

We've reduced the price to the old \$8.00 for a box of 15 large Buckeyes.

Don't miss out on getting your Buckeyes. They hold well in the fridge or freezer. If you work, you can take yours that day, others can pick them up on Sundays at church.

Mission: 1

Nov. 1-11, 2011... ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice. This is MISSION: 1

You've no doubt been hearing a lot about Mission: 1, from members of the David's Church Mission Board. Put simply, all across our denomination (over a million members in nearly 6000 congregations) we're making a concerted effort to make a difference on hunger in our world, both locally, and in national and international policy.

In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will collect more than 1 MILLION ITEMS OF HEALTHY FOOD and other household items for local food banks and outreach services. On the third Sunday of each month we have a "food & clothing" outreach, and collect items that are distributed through the Pantry at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Dayton. We're hoping to take our giving and gathering up a notch, and focus our energies on first 11 days of November to maximize our impact on this wider church initiative.

There are a variety of ways that we already gather food items this time of year. **1).** We prepare food to feed the homeless at the Gateway Shelter for men on the first Sunday of each month, which conveniently falls on Sunday, Nov. 6, right in the center of that 11 day period. **2).** We are continuing our ingathering of food for Kettering school kids' backpacks to insure they have some food on their weekends without free or supplemented school lunches. **3).** At David's Church we collect food donations and give out between 40 and 50 meals to needy families in our community both at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Why not make your donations for those meals a bit early, in those first 11 days of November? We know that many of you give year round, in many visible and invisible ways. Mission: 1 is just a chance to celebrate the many ways we collect and give food to meet the needs of the hungry in one quick burst of combined effort.

In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will make an extra-special push to gather online contributions of more than \$111,111 DOLLARS for Neighbors in Need, offerings that will be shared for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

It is our practice at David's Church to participate in the four special offerings of the UCC, and contribute to Our Church's Wider Mission, which makes us a "5 for 5 congregation," fully supporting the mission program of the larger UCC. We've opted to hold the Neighbor's In Need offering, traditionally collected on the first Sunday of October, until that eleven day period in November. If you make an online contribution to NIN, we hope you'll make mention of David's as your congregation. We'll distribute the NIN envelopes in late Oct., and collect our offering here on Nov. 6.

And, finally in 11 days, the United Church of Christ will offer more than 11,111 LETTERS to Congress asking our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide, helping to provide a major final push to Bread for the World's 2011 "Offering of Letters" campaign.

Mission: 1

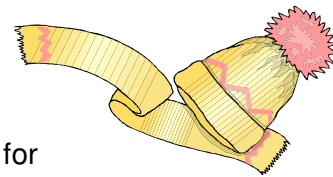
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WARM WISHES



Can you cut fleece or sew fleece?

If you answered YES,
than you can help provide hats, mittens, and scarves for
homeless men , women, and children.



Warm Wishes meets on Monday mornings in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to noon. You can also sew at home.

Further questions, call Roselyn Faulkner at 433-8832 or Nedra Gockel at 416-4164.

“Top Ten Reasons for Giving to the Church,” adapted from Bob Sturtevant of Plymouth Congregational UCC of Fort Collins, Colorado

10. Because my parents set the example by giving generously to the church and other charities in our community.
9. Because it feels good to give.
8. Because I believe in what the UCC and the congregation of David’s Church stands for, and what it does to make my home, our community and our world a better place.
7. Because, especially during tough economic times, when people are hurting much worse than I am, the message of God’s love and acceptance is all the more important.
6. Because when my money is added to your money it has greater power, makes a bigger difference.
5. Because there are many things I could spend my money on that don’t add value to my life, yet that same money makes a big difference here at the church and in mission throughout our community and around the world.
4. Because it’s one way to say “thank you” for all the many blessings that I have known in this life that God has given me.
3. Because this is one more way I can make a difference in the world.
2. Because as someone who had dedicated his/her life to the stewardship of our natural resources, carrying this same concept into our life together in David’s Church is very easy. I want to make sure that this church, and its message of God’s extravagant welcome and radically inclusive love, is here for generations to come.
1. Because God asked me to.

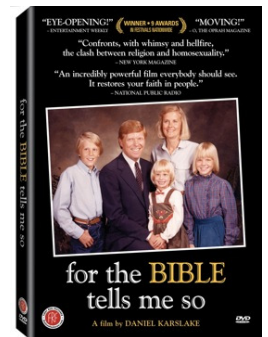
WHAT IS YOUR DREAM FOR DAVID’S CHURCH?

Please take a moment and fill out a form in the Narthex with your dreams for David’s.

THINK ABOUT IT
PRAY ABOUT IT
IMAGINE IT
DREAM IT
SHARE IT IN THE DREAM JAR

“for the BIBLE tells me so”

Rev. Newcomb will be hosting another showing of the movie, “For the BIBLE Tells Me So,” on Saturday, November 12, the night before our next Congregational Forum on the issue of David’s UCC becoming an official ONA congregation. The film looks at the way the Bible has been read on the issue of homosexuality and the impact it’s had on the lives of contemporary American Christian families, like those of Gene Robinson and Richard Gephardt. The response from those who have seen the film are that it was informative and helpful. We’ll gather at 6:30 for pizza, film and discussion, RSVP with Pastor Brian so he knows how much to order.



Up-coming Holiday Services – Hold These Dates!

- Interfaith Community Thanksgiving service on Monday, Nov. 21 at Temple Beth Or, at 7:30 pm.
- Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 9:50 service.
- Christmas Caroling to our Shut-Ins, after services on Sunday, Dec. 11.
- Christmas Cantata at the 9:50 service on Sunday, Dec. 18.
- Christmas Eve services 5 pm for intergenerational families and young children. 7:30 pm with the Chancel Choir, and a quieter service with communion at 10 pm.
- Christmas Day and New Year’s are on Sundays this year, so on 12/25 and 1/1 we will have only one service, at 10 am.

October Birthdays

- 1 Norma Wallad
Kevin McCoy
Steven Hopkins
- 2 Tammy Barton
- 3 George Sperry
William Mhaskar
- 4 Anna Zimmerman
- 6 Mark Dybvig
Jeff John
- 7 Jim Tredinnick
Lillian Wissler
- 8 Mary Ellen Hopkins
Mark Lathrop
- 9 Emma Kane
Alec Kane
Daniel Kane
- 10 Louise Webb
Cindy Wheeler
Christina Brewer
- 11 Kevin Williams
Katie Wood
- 12 Karen Duell
Karen VanHouten
Geoffrey Miller
Kaitlyn Hendricks
- 13 Lou Mason
Joyce Lewis
Marge Dabrowski
Hunt Brown
Amy Leighty



- 14 Sally Lafayette
Kristen Hendricks
- 16 Nan Adams
Ginny Dieruf
- 18 Kathryn Breidenbach
Emily Lingeri
- 19 Frank Johnson
- 20 Lynn Frye
- 21 Beth Schaeffer
Janie Brewer
Anne Jones
- 22 Becky Roess
- 24 Hayden Knisley
Cabot Worthen
- 25 Byron Greene
Sloane Weed
- 26 Ernie Dalton
Claudia Stolz
- 27 Mark Nakauchi
Marian Jones
Robin Dunkle
John Newcomb
- 28 Teddy Artz
Phillip Sizek
- 29 Jan Gabriel
Jennifer Teeters
- 31 Benjamin Persinger

Church Directory Changes

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Member Deaths

Our sympathy to *Louis, Cody & AJ Wright* and *Bert & Judy Jones* in the loss of wife, mother, and daughter *Cari Wright*, on September 9, 2011.

Our sympathy to *Mary Zimmerman* in the loss of husband, *George Zimmerman*, on September 14, 2011.

Our sympathy to *Clara Bruckner* in the loss of husband, *Carl Bruckner*, on September 23, 2011.

Deaths

Our sympathy to *Kathy Galbraith and family* in the loss of husband, father, and grandfather, *Dick Galbraith*, on September 18, 2011.

Our sympathy to *Bill & Patrice Schottlekotte* in the loss of Bill's sister, *Ann Robinson*, on September 23, 2011.

Thank You

Ruth Gordon would like to thank everyone for the wonderful reception that was given for her 90th birthday. The flowers and the cake were just "perfect".



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<h1>OCTOBER 2011</h1> <p>DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (937) 434-2131 WWW.DAVIDSUCC.ORG</p>					1
2 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship World Communion Sunday 11:15 AM Second Hour Gateway 12:30 PM Youth Group @ Hidden Valley Farm 4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals 7:00 PM Book Study	3 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00-9:00 PM Adult Confirmation	4 9:30 AM Quilting 1:00 PM Bazaar Workshop 7:00 PM Yoga 6:15, 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings	5 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Panera Town & Country 6:00 PM Yoga	6 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	7	8 8:00 AM Trustee Meeting 6:00 PM Youth Group @ Black Bog & Haunted Hayride
9 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Acolyte Training 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study	10 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00-9:00 PM Adult Confirmation <i>Columbus Day</i>	11 9:30 AM Quilting 1:00 PM Bazaar Workshop 4:30 PM Deacons 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Adult Education Meeting	12 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 11:30 AM Keenagers 6:00 PM Yoga	13 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir DATELINE DEADLINE	14	15 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans 5:00-7:00 PM Oktoberfest Dinner and Silent Auction 6:30 PM Youth Group @ Waynesville Ghostly History
16 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship Food & Clothing Outreach 11:15 AM Second Hour/Stewardship 7:00 PM Book Study	17 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00-9:00 PM Adult Confirmation	18 9:30 AM Quilting 1:00 PM Bazaar Workshop 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	19 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Panera Town & Country 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM New Member Dinner	20 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	21	22
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