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Ministers of David's Church - All David's People
Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb
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Plan to attend

David's
United Church of Christ

Annual Meeting
of the congregation

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Following the 9:50 service

- Celebrate the accomplishments of the past year.
- Participate in setting program goals for 2012.
- Vote on budget for 2012, Covenant of Welcome Statement & Constitutional changes.
- Share hopes, dreams, concerns.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Shortly after the New Year begins, I will turn 55. I keep thinking that I'm surely not that old, but then I do the math again and, like it or not, it appears to be true. As always, getting older surely beats the alternative, but that doesn't necessarily make it any easier. I know folk who think 55 means middle age, but I'm doubtful that that is true as I've met very few people who are 110 years old.

So clearly, I've reached that part of life which some consider the back half. This is where you insert the joke about picking up speed because you're over the hill and going down the back side, if you're the kind of person who can make jokes about the meaning of one's life and one's mortality. Not all of us can, or want to, I'm sure.

But like G.K. Chesterton, who once said "it is a test of a good religion whether you can joke about it," I'm convinced that the more important we say that something is, the more we should value it and test it with sensible good humor. That's why the best comics and comedians get their funniest material from everyday life – from family, and love & romance, from politics & religion, from our human similarities and differences. These things are not funny in spite of how important they are, rather because they are so very important to us, they can be really, very funny.

And the way we tell a joke—whether its punch-line says in essence, "this we all have in common," or whether it seeks to make one feel better about oneself by denigrating another who is different—often says more about us than it does about life itself. Our humor either embraces the difficulties and painful realities, the questions and uncertainties of human existence, and sets us free to grow and learn and embrace the unknown, or it becomes a wall we use to protect ourselves, to keep out that which would challenge us and invite us on a journey of greater understanding and compassion.

In his book "Falling Upward; A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life," Franciscan priest Richard Rohr writes that "None of us go into our spiritual maturity completely of our own accord... (elsewhere he writes: The human ego prefers anything, just about anything, to falling or changing or dying). We are led by *Mystery*, which religious people call grace."

He warns us that "the familiar and habitual are so falsely reassuring, and most of us make our homes there permanently. The new is always by definition unfamiliar and untested, so God, life, destiny, suffering have to give us a push – usually a big one – or we will not go."

Which brings us to one of life's greatest ironies: Just as life is too serious not to laugh about, the work and activities of our lives are so very important that we probably need to address them with more playfulness. Rohr reminds us that "We grow spiritually much more by doing it wrong than by doing it right." Or, as Elbert Hubbard wrote, "Constant effort and frequent mistakes are the stepping stones of genius."

Another monk, Thomas Merton also wrote that we may spend our whole life climbing the ladder of success only to find when we get to the top that our ladder is leaning against the wrong wall. There are things we can know, things we have learned to be true, but there is even more that we cannot not know, much of life is beyond our control, and part of playing a meaningful role in life (notice the word "playing") means admitting our limitations, but not allowing them to limit what we're willing to try or do.

Recently, at a Church Vitality workshop I attended the leader suggested that the fear of making mistakes, the fear of failure, can keep us from doing the thing that needs to be done, from learning the things we need to know to not only survive but to thrive. He said, if you've not made at least a half a dozen blunders or big mistakes in the last year, there's a really good chance you're not doing the kind of work that will make a difference, or help achieve a better outcome. This is the essence of living by faith, Rohr insists, trusting God and going to the new place God has promised to show us, much like Sarah and Abraham. Isaiah calls God's people to always be on the look out for the "new thing" that God is going to do, and at the beginning of a New Year that's something we might want to think about.

In a fine essay at Huffington Post on "Science, Religion & Religious Minimalism," Philip Clayton writes that we can live in a complex, pluralistic world where new information often creates more questions than answers, and the old paradigms are dissolving before our eyes before new, proven practices have been established. He writes: "And we are all outsiders. All of us, no matter what we believe, stand outside traditions to which the vast majority of other human beings belong.

"The lesson to draw from this inescapable fact of the human condition is the need for a profound humility about one's own beliefs, especially when they are the kinds of beliefs that one cannot fully test in the company of others... those whose religious experiences and values give rise to inescapably Christian convictions (best) become Christian minimalists when they learn to hold their beliefs with humility and a certain lightness of touch."

So, together we start a new year filled with the unknown and uncertainties at every turn. Rohr suggests that we cannot afford to hold off on living life, or wait to act until we have a proven path or a perfect game plan that guarantees the desired results. In fact, he writes that "demand for the perfect is the greatest enemy of the good." In other words, we have to get busy living, get busy growing and loving.

We fail ourselves most, when we don't engage, when we don't try, when we hold on to the past so grimly that we miss the bright moment of possibility right before us in the present. When Jesus warned his friends about putting new

wine in an old wine skin, he was advising us not to miss the “new thing” that God is doing and the promise of the future by mourning that it won’t look like we want it to, or that it doesn’t fit the form that worked back ten or twenty years ago, or even yesterday.

So, David’s enters its 186th year of ministry, a progressive Christian community where faith comes to life. And, me, I’m entering my 56th year, sure of all that I have learned thus far on the journey, but still with curiosity and questions. As suggested, I will strive to hold onto my beliefs, even my core values, with humility and a certain lightness of touch. But, since time is short and this moment is important, I’ll also take a few risks, try some new practices, learn more about life if I can, and make mistakes of course. Perhaps, you’re willing to join me on the journey.

At the end of life, I don’t want to be overwhelmed with regret that I limited God and myself and God’s church by thinking too small, afraid or worried about what others might think. So, I’ll enter again the adventure, for as Rohr writes: “great love is always a discovery, a revelation, a wonderful surprise, a falling into ‘something’ much bigger and deeper that is literally beyond us and larger than us.” I don’t want to miss out on that, by choosing to sit on the sidelines. Do you?

Your pastor & friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

Notes from Rev. Daria

A new year, a fresh start! I always love this time of year, when things slow down after the holidays and there is time for contemplation and new projects. For me contemplation can take the form of serious formal prayer or it can come as I allow myself to become deeply absorbed in snipping paper snowflakes to adorn my windows or tinkering with a spicy hot cocoa recipe and a batch of marshmallows made from scratch. I hope you create some room in your life for playful contemplation in 2012!

A good way for women to do that is to join in the fun of the new women’s spirituality group that we are forming. If you missed the first meeting, the idea-sharing led to a shape for the group that will include a monthly meeting (the last Monday of each month) which will include discussion of a book and reflection on personal Sabbath practice. Each member is asked to complete the reading for the month and also to commit to a Sabbath practice in which you will engage for at least an hour each week. This can be a traditional spiritual practice such as contemplative prayer or devotional Bible reading, but can also be something which might be as seemingly frivolous as baking bread, coloring in a coloring book, or setting aside time to see a movie, have lunch with a dear friend, or visit a museum. Any life-giving activity which is done with the potential of allowing more room for God in your life fits the bill. I am committing to setting aside an hour each week to play with some kind of art form. In 2012, we’ll journey together through *Simple Abundance: a Daybook of Comfort and Joy* by Sarah Ban Breathnach. This is a daily reading (sometimes with homework, but it’s fun homework!), so if you would like to participate, get a copy and start reading, then choose some kind of Sabbath practice to which you feel you can commit an hour each week. Come to the Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. on January 30th prepared to share your experience! Friends of all spiritual identities are welcome.

Women interested in a more cerebral approach to faith exploration are invited to be part of the ongoing DVD study on the biblical heroine, Judith, in which Women Exploring Faith is engaged this year. We’ll meet in the Conference Room at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 11th. All women are invited to join the discussion!

Another new group will continue in January. When the Spiritual Parenting Group met for the first time in November, I had planned to give everyone the month of December off since folks tend to be busy. However, the group responded as one, “Yes, we’re busy, but we *need* this group!” So, our January meeting will be our third meeting, but there is still plenty of room for more members! If you need this group, too, join us in the Conference Room at 4 p.m. on January 8th. We will be discussing Principle 2 (Trust & Teach that All Life Is Connected and Has a Purpose) in Mimi Doe’s *10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting*. Child care will be provided. Right after the Spiritual Parenting Group, at 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 8th, Family@5 will meet in Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner and activities celebrating the joy of snow! You won’t need to dress warmly for this snow party, but we may find a day to go sledding together, so keep an eye on the bulletin and the Family@5 Facebook group for more info about that!

David’s Youth (grades 6-12) will also be engaging in some snowy fun, if the weather cooperates! We’ll get lunch at Chipotle, then go sledding after the annual meeting on January 29th, so bring your favorite sled and some lunch money! Friends are welcome, but *must* have completed permission forms to go with us. If there is no snow, we’ll have lunch & go to the movies. Friends are also welcome to join us for the January 16th Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial March and Rally, a celebration of the life and work of King and a recognition that we are called to continue his work. Traditionally, people marching from the south begin at the Fairgrounds at 11 a.m., but I haven’t seen the schedule for 2012, so look for more details coming soon! If you’re interested in chaperoning either of these activities, let me know!

If you think people who go out into the snow on purpose are nuts and you just want to visit with me in a cozy, welcoming environment, I'd love to see you at Coffee Shop Hours. I will be camped out by the fire every Wednesday in January from 3-5 p.m. at the downtown Centerville Panera.

Warmest blessings for a bright & sparkling 2012!

Rev. Daria

How We Came to the Covenant of Welcome

David's Church has spent over nine months exploring whether to become an Open and Affirming church and if so, how to frame that commitment. This effort has involved events and programming overseen by the Elders and hosted by Adult Education, as well as opportunities for the congregation to contribute to the language of an evolving *Covenant of Welcome*.

This work by the congregation resulted in a proposed *Covenant of Welcome* that came before Council on December 20, 2011. It was unanimously approved and is reproduced below. The process is not complete, however. A January 22 meeting of the congregation in Fellowship Hall following worship will provide opportunity to give final comments, pro or con, on the Council- approved document and the process leading to its approval. Comments can either be personal or a summary of discussions at individual tables. Notes from the meeting will be documented and submitted to Elders and Council.

The process will culminate at the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2012 when there will be a vote by the membership on a motion to accept the *Covenant of Welcome* as approved by Council. Voting will be by written ballot with Yes or No options. A majority is necessary for the motion to carry.

Covenant of Welcome to David's United Church of Christ, Kettering Ohio

As exemplified by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, the congregation of David's Church welcomes and affirms the worth of all people. At David's Church we strive to be an inclusive and liberating congregation where **all** people can be their true selves and feel safe and free. We celebrate God's unconditional acceptance of every individual and Jesus' commandment to love one another.

Therefore, we invite, embrace and support:

- those of all ages and household compositions
- those who are conventional Christians, questioning skeptics, or somewhere between
- those of all cultures and ethnicities
- those of all mental and physical abilities
- those of all political and theological backgrounds and beliefs
- those of all sexual orientations and gender identities
- those alienated, rejected, oppressed or imprisoned by society
- those of all socioeconomic conditions
- those who have lost hope and those who hope for a better world

to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, sorrows and joys of our church family.

Whoever you are, know that at David's Church you are both worthy and welcome. Wherever you are on life's journey, we invite you to walk with us as we seek to "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God." (Micah 6:8)

This *Covenant of Welcome* was approved unanimously by Council on December 20, 2011.

Thank You!

Pastors Brian & Daria, and the rest of your staff at David's Church –including Tim, Lyn & Jenny who lead our worship music, and Anne & Chris in the office – want to express their sincere thanks for your gifts to us this holiday season. For all the homemade cookies and popcorn treats & nuts, gift cards, the cash gifts through the Love Offering, and all the many wonderful signs of your affection and support, we are profoundly humbled and grateful. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you all.

From The Board of Deacons

On December 5th, the president, treasurer and board chairs met to trim the budget due to a projected shortfall. At that meeting \$11,000 was trimmed from the proposed 2012 budget. A week later a letter from the Board of Deacons was sent to you indicating the need for an additional pledge of \$200 (\$4/ week) per family to meet this projected shortfall. To date of this writing we have received 7 slips of paper back with an additional amount of \$2000. While this is a start it needs to be much more. I know this is the busiest time of the year, but the work of David's Church continues all year long, no time off for good behavior or holidays. Please prayerfully consider returning the slip of paper from the letter with an additional pledge to bridge the budget shortfall and support the ministry, staff, music, Christian education, and mission work of this church.

Sue Walters
Deacon Chair

Call to Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29

The Annual Congregational Meeting of David's United Church of Christ will be held on Sunday, January 29, following the 9:50 a.m. service, hopefully starting by 11:15. This is our regular meeting where staff and boards report, and we elect new members to boards and the Church Council, and vote to accept the 2012 budget. In addition, there are two other big items coming up for a vote this year, proposed revisions to our Congregation's Constitution and By-laws, and the Welcome Covenant statement (printed elsewhere in the Dateline) that has come together as a result of our year long conversation about becoming an officially Open & Affirming congregation of the UCC. Because discussion of any of the three – the Budget, the Constitution revisions or the proposed ONA welcome statement – could make the meeting exceptionally long, we hope that folk interested in a deeper understanding or discussion of the issues and changes suggested attend one of two meetings prior to the Congregational Meeting. On Jan. 8, during second hour (11:15 or so), there will be a meeting to go over the final proposed budget for 2012, and the suggested changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. On Jan. 22, also during second hour, we will gather for a final forum on the decision of David's Church to become an Official Open & Affirming Congregation of the UCC, and the proposed Welcome Covenant Statement. While we don't want to limit discussion on any of these three or other issues before the Congregation, we hope that interested members will be sure to attend these forums to get answers to questions and offer opinions so that our Congregational meeting can be a more concise and effective gathering.

Constitution & Budget Informational Meeting immediately following second service on January 8th, in Fellowship Hall

Holiday In-Gathering of Food

Thank you to all that donated food, money, and time to the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. With your help, we were able to feed 41 families for Thanksgiving and 48 families for Christmas. We received many blessings, tears, hugs, and smiles in return. - *Chris Wood*



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 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. More details to follow.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers (\$20 per vase) are available for the upcoming year. You may order flower arrangements for the altar to honor or remember a special someone in your life or to celebrate a special occasion.

Your message will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Call the church office, 434-2131, to order.

Christian Education Corner

- Sunday School:
 - Jan. 1: 3s, 4s & 5s with Nursery, K-6 in worship, Confirmation, Sr. High, & Adult Ed off
 - Jan. 8: 3s & 4s meet the Wise Ones with Polli Leighty, 5s-6th Graders learn about Baby Moses, Confirmation explores world religions; Sr. High studies new beginnings with Byron Greene, NO Adult Ed due to Stewardship Meeting
 - Jan. 15: 3s & 4s learn about Jesus' miracles with Polli Leighty, 5s-6th Graders continue Baby Moses unit, Confirmation discovers the meaning of forgiveness and grace, Senior High are "Called and Recalled" with Becky Leighty, Adult Ed hears about Patrice and Bill Schottelkotte's experiences in Africa
 - Jan. 22: 3s & 4s continue Jesus' miracles, 5s-6th Graders delve deeper into the Moses story, Confirmation, Senior High, & Adult Ed invited to attend ONA forum
 - Jan. 29: 3s & 4s study Jesus' miracles, 5s-6th Graders continue Moses, Confirmation, Senior High, & Adult Ed attend Annual Congregational Meeting
- Family@5 will gather in Fellowship Hall January 8 at 5 p.m. for our Snow Day Night! Each family should bring a favorite comfort food and table service. After dinner, we'll have some fun activities celebrating snow! Be prepared to get a little messy!
- Pastor Brian's Adult Bible Study will meet January 9, 16, 23, & 30 to explore the Gospel of Mark through the Kerygma Program. If you have not signed up, please see Pastor Brian ASAP!
- Spiritual Parenting Group meets January 8th at 4 p.m. to discuss principle 2 in Mimi Doe's *10 Principles of Spiritual Parenting*.
- Women Exploring Faith will continue DVD study of Judith in the Conference Room January 11 from 9:30-11 a.m.
- Women's Spirituality Group will meet January 30 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss our Sabbath practices, spiritual growth, and the January section of Sarah Ban Breathnach's *Simple Abundance*.

New Member Information

If you would like to come into membership with this congregation at this time, we invite you to call or email *Rev. Newcomb* or *Rev. Schaffnit*. We will be taking in new members on January 15.

"Unhanging" of the Greens!

It was such a joyous occasion to make our church home ready for the Advent/Christmas season and wonderful to see so many people arranging greens, decorating trees, hanging lights and climbing ladders to hang wreaths! Please join us on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 9 a.m. in the Narthex as we reverse the process and "Unhang" the Greens! We'll need people to help brigade the empty boxes from the attic to the Narthex, undecorate the trees, pack boxes, climb ladders, and brigade everything back to the attic where it will be safely stored till next December. With many hands of all ages and great fellowship as we work together, our church home should be returned to normal in just a few hours! Hope you'll plan to join us!

Coffee and Fellowship



Please volunteer to make coffee on one or two Sundays after second service during the 2012 year. All the supplies are provided. In January there will be an in-service on how to use the new, easily operated coffee maker. Please contact Margie Phillips at 602-4114 or sign up in the Narthex. Please be part of helping to create an atmosphere for fellowship after the 9:50 services on Sunday mornings.

Sponsored by Fellowship & Hospitality Board



Special Warm Wishes Blitz Instructional Workshop Monday, Jan. 9 - Fellowship Hall 7- 9 P.M.



Come and learn how to cut fleece scarves, mittens, and hats. The fleece is provided through David's Mission Board and through donations. All you need to bring is scissors and/or rotary cutters. (Warm Wishes also has some scissors people can use) There will also be hat and mitten pieces ready for sewing, so bring your machine, and learn to make simple hats and/or mittens with 4 seams.

There are many homeless children, women and men needing warm clothing. Come and be a part of this important ministry.

This evening meeting is a special event so please come and be a part of Warm Wishes. Refreshments will be provided as a thank you for your efforts and services.

Please contact *Roselyn Faulkner* (433-8832 or drfaulkner@aol.com) or *Nedral Gockel* if you will be able to come or if you have any questions.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX IF YOU CAN ATTEND THE WARM WISHES BLITZ.

Church Camping Season

Information will be coming out soon. Camps are scheduled from mid June through the end of July. Children finishing 2nd grade can go to camp for 4 days. 3rd-12th graders can attend camp for a week. They also have grandparent camps and week-end family camps. David's church does have a campership program which will pay for 50% of the camper fees. Camp fees run from \$220-\$420. You can go to the conference website www.ocuuc.org to see pictures of the camps and register. The Conference has two camps Templed Hills and Pilgrim Hills both are located in the middle of Ohio north of Columbus.

Dotti Ankeney is the camp contact person for David's church and can be reached at dankeney@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions. Camp Sunday is scheduled for March 4th.

SALT Workers

Summer Adult Leadership Training will happen again this summer. If you are a young adult who has been out of high school for at least a year, a member of David's church and are looking for a summer work experience SALT may be the answer. It is a 9 week work experience from the first week in June through the beginning of August.

You will engage in a variety of experiences including, leading worship, teaching church school, attending meetings, writing articles for the bulletin and Dateline, visiting members of the church and lots of etc. Applications will be available by mid February. *Dotti Ankeney* will be coordinating the program and she can be reached at dankeney@sbcglobal.net if you have questions.

Important Tax Notice

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2011 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church.

Lenten Specials Coming On Wednesdays in March

We enter Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 22, then on the four Wednesdays of March, David's Church will continue its tradition of special dinners and classes and workshops for those who want to set some time apart in the time of spiritual reflection before Easter to take a class, work on a craft or just fellowship with friends while watching a movie. Mark your calendar now, plan on bringing the whole family. Rev. Newcomb is going to offer a series on Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life, based on the Richard Rohr book he references in this month's pastoral letter. Pastor Daria is exploring several options, one on faith practice the other on the practice of joy in everyday life. And there will be other offerings as well, more details and sign-ups next month.

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 Tempel Hills. Cari had been a camp counselor at Tempel 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 January. The drawing to award the quilt will take place at the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2012. Need not be present to win.

Mark Your Calendars for Pike Lake!

It seems early to be thinking of hiking, fishing, wildflower seeking, wiffleball and volleyball games, but pull out that new 2012 calendar and mark May 18-20, 2012 as the date for Pike Lake. If you are a regular to this spring event, you'll want to make sure you hold that date open or if you already have another event for that weekend, please contact Kevin and Debbie McCoy (299-9218) so we can fill your cabin! If you enjoy tent camping, you can always join in the fun by setting up in the campground!

If you'd like more information on Pike Lake, please give Kevin and Debbie a call. We'd be happy to share a synopsis of the weekend!

Peanut Butter Needed!



Thank you congregation for helping with the Kettering Backpack Program. This ensures that needy students will not go hungry over any given weekend. A backpack is sent home with the kids each week filled with several food items. The 18-ounce peanut butter jar is inserted just once a month. We currently only have a one-month supply of peanut butter in stock! So...bring in as many jars as you can and we will store them for distribution during this next year. Pick up a take-home white bucket in the narthex labeled: "A BUCKET OF BUTTER" or just bring in jars when you are able. You can keep the bucket at home and add to it as the days go by as a reminder of your service to a very worthy project. Thank you!

-The Mission Board

Mission Board Outreach Opportunity

The University of Dayton is in need of people willing to tutor. There are a couple of Congolese leaders involved and a couple of National Honor Society students from Dominion Academy.

The tutoring sessions happen on Monday and Wednesday from 5:15 until 6:30 and on Friday from 5:15 until 7:00 at Christ the King Anglican Church, 925 N. Main Street in Dayton. Students are Congolese high school girls who are preparing specifically for the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT). Anyone interested can contact Charles Roberts at charles.roberts99@gmail.com or call: 318-364-0633 or 937-229-4699.



David's Church
45th Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, February 25, 2012
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.



January Birthdays

- 3 Judy Jones
Brian Newcomb
- 4 Tina Donovan
Brian Schlise
Andrew Hartley
- 6 Susan Newcomb
Rebecca Deitz
- 8 Jill Chabut
Jeni Pence
- 9 Will Roess
Leighton Heiner
- 10 Tim Walker
- 12 Kathy Randall
Jenny Creel
Abigail Vest
- 14 Julie Pickrel
- 15 Florene Forrester
Steven Zimmerman
- 16 Janet Olt
- 17 Patrice Schottelkotte
- 18 Rory McKenna



- 19 Lee Zimmerman
Judith Tripp
Louis Wright
- 20 Traude Zettervall
Lila Minnich
- 21 Helen Brown
- 22 Howard Sizek
Jenny Walker
- 23 Bonnie McNabb
Robb Castele
- 24 Stormey Sheridan
- 25 Bob Chelle
Kirsten Sherk
Beth Hughes
Shaina Creel
- 26 Del Faulkner
Eli Pence
- 29 Kirby Randall
Amelia Bernard
- 30 Hal Gegel
- 31 Jim Hale

Deaths

Our sympathy to *Gerri, Shaina, Malia, Jayden Creel*, and *Kyle Dunn* in loss of mother and grandmother, *Marie Antos* on November 29, 2011.

Our sympathy to *Signe Yelland* in the loss of her father, *Robert C. Stitt*, on December 2, 2011.

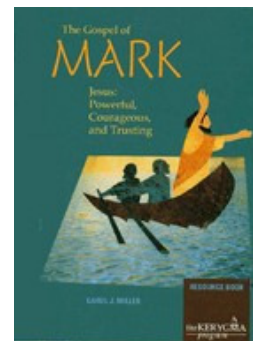


David's Pictorial Directory

We appreciate your patience with the upcoming pictorial directory. Due to church computer compatibility problems, and miscommunications from Olan Mills, it has taken a lot longer to produce than we had expected. The good news is, we are much closer to having them in hand. We expect (keep your fingers crossed) to be able to pass them out at the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2012.

Winter Adult Bible Study in the Gospel of Mark on Monday Nights

For those of you who signed up, Pastor Brian is offering an 8-week study on the Gospel of Mark, using curriculum from the Kerygma Program, titled "Jesus: Powerful, Courageous, and Trusting." Mark was the earliest written of the 4 canonical Gospels. The portrait of Jesus we find in Mark is one of a powerful man, confident of his choices, but thoroughly trusting in God even as he faces persecution and ultimately death. Those who struggle in their discipleship are comforted to read in Mark's gospel how even Jesus' followers so often fail to understand the depth and breadth of Jesus' power and authority. Mark's words are an encouragement to uncertain disciples of all the ages to see clearly the path Jesus invites us to follow. There will be 8 class sessions, from January 9 – February 27. The class will meet in the church conference room at 7:00 p.m.



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
1 10:00 AM Worship Gateway 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study New Year's Day	2 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga	3 9:30 AM Quilting 6:15, 7:00 & 7:30 PM Board Meetings 7:00 PM Yoga	4 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Centerville Panera 6:00 PM Yoga	5 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	6	7 8:00 AM Trustee Meeting 9:00 AM Unhanging of the Greens
8 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship with Communion BAPTISM SUNDAY 11:15 AM Second Hour/ Constitution & Budget Mtg 1:00-5:00 PM Private Reception 4:00 PM Spiritual Parents Group 7:00 PM Book Study	9 9:30 AM Warm Wishes 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Study in Mark 7:00-9:00 PM Warm Wishes Blitz	10 9:30 AM Quilting 4:30 PM Deacons 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Adult Education Meeting	11 9:30 AM Women Exploring Faith 11:30 AM Keenagers 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Centerville Panera 6:00 PM Yoga	12 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir DATELINE DEADLINE	13	14
15 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship NEW MEMBER RECEPTION Food & Clothing Outreach 7:00 PM Book Study	16 OFFICE CLOSED <i>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</i>	17 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	18 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Centerville Panera 6:00 PM Yoga	19 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	20	21 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans
22 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship 11:15 AM Second Hour 7:00 PM Book Study	23 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Study in Mark	24 9:30 AM Quilting 6:30 PM WHO Group 7:00 PM Yoga	25 3:00-5:00 PM Coffee with Rev. Daria @ Centerville Panera 6:00 PM Yoga	26 5:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	27	28
29 8:30 & 9:50 AM Worship ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION 12:30 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Book Study	30 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Women's Spirituality Group 7:00 PM Study in Mark	31 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Yoga				

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