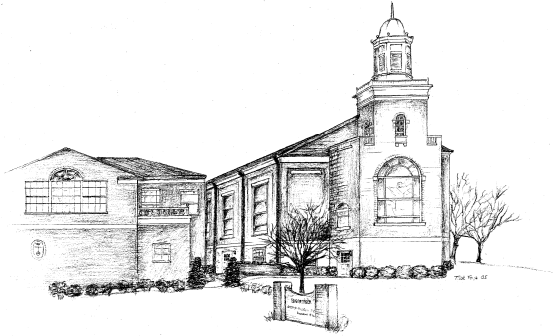


# February 2023



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**Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb**



## Happy Birthday!

February 3	Gary Hutchison, Glenn Wood, Cody Wright, Karen Vineyard
February 4	Chris Gayler, Julie Wellbaum
February 6	Don Ashbrook, Chris Wellbaum
February 7	Sam Wellbaum, Virginia Dowse, Cacie Stolz
February 8	Jill Blum
February 10	Katie Gregg, Vaughn Shannon, John Gramann
February 13	Cate Shannon, Kristen Gayler, Jamie Mhaskar, Dagmar Michel
February 15	Amy Stamper, Jenni Thompson
February 16	Herbert Sizek
February 17	Dave McElwee, Betsy Keyes
February 18	Sean Miller
February 19	Cody Boothe
February 20	Alan, Lucas, and Nico Avila-John
February 21	Thelma Leach
February 22	Steve Mason
February 23	Winter White
February 24	Caleb Cook
February 26	Malia Creel
February 27	Brian Barett
February 28	Judy Hudson, Amy Hamm
February 29	Savannah Mukes, Pat Johnson

## *David's* **United Church of Christ** **UPCOMING EVENTS**

***February 1, 8, 15***

Book of Mark Study with Pastor Brian

***February 5***

Reverend Long-Higgins Speaking  
Faith and Pride Meeting

***February 11***

Lesotho Packing Event

***February 12***

Religion and Science Sunday  
Mark Anthony Ecclesiastical Council

***February 18***

Men's Breakfast  
Anti-Racism Book Study

***February 19***

Mardi-Gras Sunday w/St. Therese Brass

***February 20***

Office Closed- Presidents' Day

***February 22***

Ashes to Go  
Ash Wednesday Service

***February 25***

God Goes to the Movies  
Talent Show

***February 27***

Warm Wishes 2

***February 28***

WHO Dinner

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN...

Early in January the New York Times offered the 7-Day Happiness Challenge to those thinking about their resolutions and hoping to get the New Year off to a good start. Based on a Harvard research study that has been running for over 8 decades, engaging over a thousand participants, and three generations, a clear finding emerged: **“Strong relationships are what make for a happy life.** More than wealth, IQ or social class, it's the robustness of our bonds to others that most determines whether we feel fulfilled in our lives,” the study showed.

While some of the exercises chosen for the 7-days seemed tied to personal development – the power of an 8-minute phone conversation with an old friend or sibling, reach out and thank someone who's made a positive contribution to your life (think of it as a 'living eulogy'), and the importance of work friends – others felt closely connected to what we are about when we gather each Sunday. One thing I've found in my close to 4 decades of congregational ministry, and before that growing up in a pastor's home, is that regular participation in congregational life often creates many warm, life-long friendships.

And another of the challenges grew from the idea that “small talk has big benefits.” While I've seen lots of church friends whose relationships go back to being in each other's weddings or being Confirmed together four decades earlier, more often in our more transient society I've watched family friendships form just from “passing the peace” for a few dozen Sundays in a row. Writing in the book “The Good Life,” Harvard professor of psychology Rob Waldinger, points out that “brief but warm exchanges have a direct effect on a person's happiness. These kinds of minute interactions can affect your mood and energy throughout the day, and ongoing research has shown that they contribute to a greater sense of well-being.”

So, talking with a person in your pew before or after service, or better at coffee hour for a few minutes with someone you don't know that well, or may have weak ties with, can lift one's perception. “Our studies suggest that after people have conversations,” one observer wrote, “they realize they are liked more than they know.” Another study suggests that “people underestimate the potential for learning from these interactions. We often see strangers giving each other recommendations such as a new restaurant to check out, a new band to listen to an even a potential place of employment.” So, think about chatting with folk you've just met at church, or start up a conversation as you wait to get something to drink or eat at coffee hour. Think of sitting with new people at the Men's Breakfast or Women Hanging Out meals, or go to new person's home for David's Dinners even if you don't know anyone that well. Such contacts can enhance your life.

Once I was thinking along these lines, the last two challenges played right in to that way of approaching life. Day 6 was “Don't Cancel Those Plans,” which had me thinking about a generational shift an older colleague noticed about their congregation. Folk from the older age groups, started going to Sunday services as children and it became a life-long habit, but in more recent years there are so many alternatives offered, whether it's Sunday sports for the kids, or coffee with the New York Times, folk don't go to bed on Saturday night sure that they'll go to church in the morning, they often don't decide until morning, when it's just easier to stay home and view some of the service online or not at all. Dr. Waldinger suggests the “People are terrible at knowing what's good for them.” Turns out that making the extra-effort and “interacting with other people improves our mood and makes us happier than we expect it will. Making the choice to go and be with other people involves risk, usually a small one – but offers the possibility for encounters that are enlivening, interesting, or just plain fun.”

And the final challenge was to find ways to keep happiness going all year long, which means making commitments to hang in there with people, keep showing up, and allowing these new behaviors to build into good, life-affirming habits, meanwhile building meaningful long-term relationships along the way. To my mind, a person or family that makes a practice of attending worship services regularly are putting in place patterns that enrich one's life and relationships.

In fact, this reminder of how regular relationships can contribute to a person's happiness brought to mindght about the 40 Assets that educators say enhance the prospects of our children, thinking that a great number of them are made possible when families come to church services regularly. Educators found **these assets “are**

**essential qualities of life that help young people thrive, do well in school, and avoid risky behavior.”** Of course, 1 of the 40 actually says, it’s an asset when “young people spends one or more hours a week in activities in a religious institution.”

But it’s easy to see that when young people come to church with their families, get affirmed in Sunday School, do Confirmation, participate in SIGNS with other teenagers, meet and get to know other folk in the congregation that we help meet the goals of other assets as well. Like building a trusting relationship and support “from three or more nonparent adults” and having “adult role models,” participating in “a community that values youth,” finding opportunities to “provide service to others,” and nurturing “positive peer relationships with friends who model positive behavior.” Plus, where better than in church to cultivate the assets of “promoting equality and justice,” “caring,” “integrity,” “honesty,” “restraint,” “resistance,” plus skills in “interpersonal competency,” and “peaceful conflict resolution.” Where better to develop “self-esteem,” gain a “sense of purpose,” and aspire to live with hope as one “optimistic about his or her personal future.”

I realize that churches are made up of people, and none of us are perfect, and sometimes even good church people make mistakes, or let you down. And I tend to be someone who likes church because it is church – every year I go to the Festival of Homiletics where I listen to sermons and attend worship morning, noon, and night – but there’s no harm in recognizing that are other benefits beyond a relationship with God and intellectually pleasing thoughts communicated in hymns and sermons.

In my humble opinion, the community, mission-outreach, and sense of meaning and purpose that grows in and around progressive religious folk seeking to make the world a better place, which is what the church at its best is all about, can’t be beat. Where can you get more bang for you buck, meet nicer, more creative and interesting people? Where else can you develop those patterns and practices that lead to a rich, full, and happy life? These and many other assets are developed in faith communities, like the church here at David’s UCC, where I am pleased everyday to serve as your pastor, and be your friend.

Brian Q. Newcomb

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION**



### **FEBRUARY WHO (WOMEN HANGING OUT)**

Greetings to all the ladies of the church. We have our plans set for the February WHO dinner which will be held Tuesday, February 28, 5:30 p.m. at Rancheros Cocina Mexicano in the Cross Point Shopping Center. It is always a great night when all the ladies get together to chat and visit and catch up with one another....and the weather in February is just fine for sipping on a glass of wine or margarita while we await our dinners. So mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of the month and plan to be with us on February 28 @

5:30 p.m. You may place your name on the list by making a reservation with Judy Hudson at [cruisewriter937@aol.com](mailto:cruisewriter937@aol.com), or 937-329-2588 or Judith Fehr at [jjaldridge7777@gmail.com](mailto:jjaldridge7777@gmail.com) or 937-672-6830. You may also speak to one of us in person at church and get signed up. There are several ways to make sure you are included in this February activity for WHO ladies. We look forward to seeing you all there as we go Mexican on February 28.

### **DAVID’S MEN’S BREAKFAST- February 18 at 8:30am**

Join the men of David’s for breakfast on the third Saturday of each month at Bob Evans- 7115 Far Hills Ave. There is no agenda, just fellowship! All ages welcome, we can get a bigger table if needed. Questions? Please reach out to Dick DeLon or Neil Jones.

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

### Why we chose David's, by John and Betsy Keyes



BETSY-

I didn't so much choose David's as find a treasure across the street when we, as an Air Force family with four children aged 2-11, moved into our house on Mad River Rd. in July 1972. That first Sunday we walked to the church. On Monday morning Ruth Widman had me driving a van load of children to day camp. That was over fifty years ago and David's has been vital in my life ever since. We started a Mission Awareness Committee to track the best use of our mission dollars. We wanted eventually to tithe with our mission money; and now we do! Sunday School and Adult Education at David's are continuing sources of learning, questioning, and growing in a congregation that is ever changing, but ever trying to be faithful to Jesus's teaching. I am ever thankful for David's Church!

JOHN-

Sharing my protestant faith by worshipping Jesus Christ with my future wife is why I chose to be a member of David's United Church of Christ forty years ago. Friends, members of David's, invited me to visit the congregation in my quest to find a different church for worship. On the third Sunday I stayed for the Thanksgiving Feast after an enthusiastic, meaningful, reverent worship service. She had beautiful blue eyes, and poured for me a cup of coffee. Who is that chick? I pondered. A phone call to Linda McAnarney, wife of my longtime friend Joe, answered my questions about Betsy Miller, who lived nearby. We dated and enjoyed Sunday worship and many church events together. We ushered, we greeted, and avoided Covid with online worship at home. Truly, sharing one's faith with one's spouse is an ideal Christian life. The enthusiasm of the members prompted me to participate in many activities including Pike Lake weekend. David's is the neighborhood church of my adopted community. Thus we choose to worship Jesus Christ in our progressive protestant way.



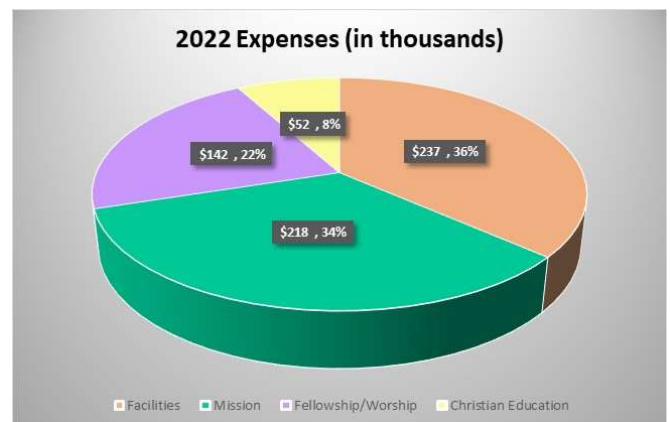
### Treasurer's Trove

Greetings David's Church! You may have noticed the annual report looks a little different this year in the financial budget section. I wanted to introduce a different way of looking at what our money goes to so you can "see" what our vision is. In place of tables of numbers, the narrative budget is a tool to tell the story behind the numbers, to integrate financials with the ministries to demonstrate stewardship of the money entrusted to David's. This is a tool many churches have started using. They say that a picture is worth a thousand words (well unless inflation hit and now maybe

it's worth 1200 words 😊). The question came up about overhead, and I included in the annual report that David's spends just over 50% on overhead costs, which are included in the categories shown in the pie chart below by category. A handout with the line-by-line detail of the 2023 General Operating Fund is available at the office or you can email me if you'd like a copy. I hope this new way of presenting numbers helps you see the mission and ministry of our church!

If you have any questions please email me or Gwen who will be taking over some of the bookkeeping duties. I will be leaving the treasurer's position in March; it has been a wonderful opportunity to serve the church in this capacity but I need to spend more time with my family.

[treasurer@davidsucc.org](mailto:treasurer@davidsucc.org) -Summer Bartshe, Treasurer





## OUTREACH AND SERVICE

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***Rummage Sale July 20-22, 2023***

***Donations will be received beginning July 9, 2023***

***Mark Your Calendars & Start your "Rummage Sale Corner" NOW!***

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### **GATEWAY Food Drop Off is SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

One of 2 opportunities to help care for others the month of February takes place on Saturday, February 4 between 10 and 11 a.m.

On that morning David's Church Mission Board will receive your contributions to the Gateway Menu at the ***Narthex Door Entrance***

(just pull up and we'll unload it from your car!)

and then will deliver it all to be used at Gateway and St. Vincent's to feed hungry children, women and men  
Items needed:

**5 - 4 lb. Pans of Sloppy Joe**

**3 - Pans of Cheesy Potatoes**

**5 - 2 Dozen Packages of READY TO SERVE Dinner Rolls**

**3 - 1 Dozen Fruit/Applesauce Cups**

**1 - 3 Dozen Cookies**

If you choose to make Sloppy Joe or Cheesy Potatoes, David's Mission Board furnishes the pan and recipes (per Gateway & St. Vincent's request).

You can sign up in the Narthex where you can also pick up pans and recipes or contact Debbie McCoy at 937-689-4224 or [kdam4300@gmail.com](mailto:kdam4300@gmail.com) to sign up or ask any questions. David's Mission Board truly appreciates your generous support of this long-standing ministry to the hungry!

### **DAVID'S CHURCH MISSION OPPORTUNITY: PACK SEVERAL THOUSAND MEALS FOR LESOTHO NUTRITION INITIATIVE RIGHT HERE AT DAVID'S!**



On Saturday, February 11 from 9 a.m. to Noon, Lesotho Nutrition Initiative (LNI) will be in Fellowship Hall providing an opportunity for David's Church Family and Friends to pack several thousand meals which will be sent to Lesotho to combat childhood malnutrition. LNI provides meals containing nutritional supplements to children in Lesotho who have been diagnosed as suffering from severe/chronic malnutrition and stunting, also known as wasting. The meals LNI provides are proven not only to halt malnutrition, but to also reverse the long-term effect. All David's Church needs to do is show up on Saturday, February 11 with a heart for service. LNI provides everything else and easy instructions for packing these vital meals. Other ways David's Family and Friends can help is make a contribution (check payable to David's Church – Lesotho Nutrition Initiative on Memo Line OR online) For every dollar contributed by the congregation, David's Rummage Sale will match it up to \$5,000. In past years, we have packed approximately 25,000 meals in one morning! Any amount

is greatly appreciated knowing for as little as \$5, 20 meals are provided. So, to package 25,000 meals, it costs about \$6,250! Pretty amazing what can be done if we all work together to feed the children of Lesotho! David's Mission Board hopes you'll be generous in sharing your time on February 11 as well as making a monetary gift!



In Galatians, the Apostle Paul encourages followers of Jesus to generously help and care for others. Though there is great need in the world and we can grow weary because we do not know how to help, God's Spirit energizes and re-energizes us in every season.

We can make a difference. We do make a difference. Your generosity makes all the difference. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster, or crisis around the world.

The need has never been greater. The opportunity is now. **It's time to share.**

## YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES **ALL THE DIFFERENCE.**

**Esmerelda Robles lives in rural Honduras.** She and her neighbors participate in a "pass chain" program. A family receives a pregnant pig, sheep, or cow; families are taught how to feed and care for the animals. When the next piglet, lamb, or calf is born, it is passed on to another family, which in turn will do the same. "A dream we have as a family is to have a micro-business for the production and sale of meat," Esmerelda says. Families now envision a future not possible before. This is just one part of a program to improve food security. This program and its components are made possible because of your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing.



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Top photo by Craig Thompson

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING WILL BE **COLLECTED MARCH 19, 2023**



### **WARM WISHES 2- February 27 at 6:30pm**

We will be cutting out fleece and sewing fleece. So that we can properly prepare for these sessions please RSVP to Nedra Dalton at 937-416-4164 or [daltonnedra@gmail.com](mailto:daltonnedra@gmail.com) by January 29. Free sewing lessons will be given with all supplies needed.

## **EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

### **Religion and Science Sunday – February 13, a Time to Thank God for Good Science**

For a few years now, Pastor Brian has used the second Sunday of February, the closest to the birthday of Charles Darwin (Feb. 12), to speak on the relationship between faith and science. With some Christians arguing that the Bible insists that the earth is only 6000 years old, and that “intelligent design” and the Genesis accounts be taught in schools as an alternative scientific theory, Dr. Newcomb wants to go on record with the common sense view that many modern mainline Christian thinkers have expressed, that we can believe in God and still accept the teachings of evolutionary science. He signed this Clergy Letter ages ago, and looks forward to preaching on Faith, the Bible and Science again this month.

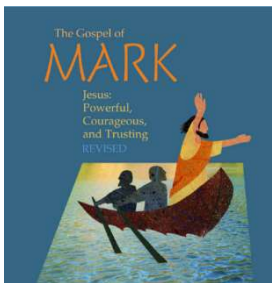


**Sunday, Feb. 5, David’s Church welcomes Rev. David Long-Higgins**, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ, to preach and share about the mission of the larger United Church of Christ across our state, No. Kentucky and parts of West Virginia. David will be joining us for our regular 9:50 service, and Pastor Brian will be on hand to handle announcements, lead prayers, and install our newly elected Board and Council members of 2023. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear about the larger, covenantal ministry of our conference and denomination.

### **David’s Church to host Ecclesiastical Council for Mark Anthony on Feb. 12, 3 pm.**

We at David’s United Church of Christ have the rare honor to host this event for our Member In Discernment, Mark Anthony, who joined our congregation in 2016. During these years, Mark has felt a call to pursue professional ministry, and after meeting with Pastor Brian and several small groups of our church members, became a MID with the help of the Southern Ohio, Northern Kentucky Association of the United Church of Christ’s Committee on Ministry. Although Mark’s previous theological education prepared him, Mark spent a number of years working with the SONKA board, discerning with their aid his plans for future ministry, in that time he has preached here at David’s Church on occasion, and in May of 2022 he began serving as supply preacher at Harmony Creek UCC, who had entered a search for a new Pastor. At this time, the Pre-Ordination CoM has okayed Mark for the next step on his path to Ordination, an Ecclesiastical Council, to be held in our sanctuary on Feb. 12 at 3 pm. At that time, Mark will lead a brief devotional service, share aspects of his theological paper, and respond to questions from those gathered; this should all last about an hour. There will be a reception with light refreshments following the Council, held in the Narthex. We invite our members to come support Mark and participate in this important step on his ordination journey. Download and read his paper (here: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmninnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://heartlanducc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/MarkAnthony-Ordination-Paper.pdf>), and come with your questions for Mark, and celebrate his next steps on his journey.

### ***Join a Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark in preparation for Lent & Easter***



Have you ever read one of the Gospels straight through, start to finish? As we anticipate an early Easter on April 9, Pastor Brian is offering an 8-week study on the Gospel of Mark, using a curriculum from Kerygma, titled “The Gospel of Mark; Jesus: Powerful, Courageous, Trusting.” Here’s a course description from the publisher: “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.” The class will run on Wednesday evenings starting at 7 pm, starting on Feb. 1, then skipping Ash Wednesday on Feb. 22, we’ll finish up on March. 31, prior to Holy Week. The cost for the Resource Book is \$26 (couples are encouraged to share a book). To sign up, email Pastor Brian at [Brian@davidsucc.org](mailto:Brian@davidsucc.org).

## International Peace Museum Visit- Feb. 4 at 10:30am

Do you care about Peace? Do you want to learn about historical and modern peacemakers? We have an amazing local resource to learn about Peace, activism, and collaboration!

**On Saturday Feb 4 at 10:30AM we will meet downtown at the new location of the International Peace Museum to explore and learn! Please contact Emily Phillips if you are planning to attend so we can get estimated headcount ([ephillips.ucc@gmail.com](mailto:ephillips.ucc@gmail.com) or 716.380.0237).**



## The St. Therese Brass to join us for worship on Mardi Gras Sunday, Feb. 19

With the season of Lent right around the corner, we've invited Andy Randall and his friends in the brass group to bring a taste of New Orleans to our 9:50 am worship service on Transfiguration Sunday, February 19. Service may stretch out with a longer pre and postlude – so, don't make early brunch plans – as we form a Second Line of sorts, and "Let the Saints Go

Marchin' In," and plan on King Cake for Coffee Hour.

## Ash Wednesday- February 22, 2023

Join us in the parking lot for



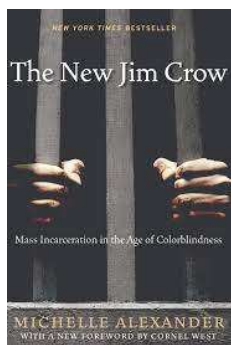
### **ASHES TO GO**

7:30-8:30AM, Noon-1:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM

### **CHURCH SERVICE 7:00 PM**

Proclamation of the Word & Imposition of Ashes

**\*\*following the service we will gather in the Chapel for prayers for the healing of human hurts\*\***



## ANTI-RACISM BOOK STUDY

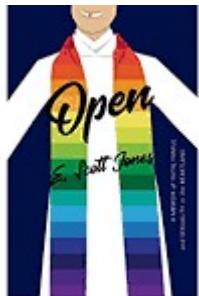
The Anti-Racism Book Club is reading "The New Jim Crow; Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander. When we gather on Saturday, February 18 at 10am in Fellowship Hall, we'll be discussing chapter four through the end of the book. All are welcome to join up, and there's plenty of time to track down the book at the library or purchase it online to read the proposed sections prior to our meeting. Coffee and donuts are served, and all are encouraged to come and bring a friend.



## GOD GOES TO THE MOVIES ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH at 10am



Join us Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am when David's member John Bierman presents ***Selma***, the Oscar & Golden Globe nominated film about Martin Luther King's historic 1965 Civil Rights March from Selma to Montgomery, AL. Discussion follows about what this means for our lives of faith. For info call John at 438-0211.



### Faith and Pride Gathering- February 5 at 2pm

For February, we will be discussing the book *Open: A Memoir of Faith, Family and Sexuality in the Heartland*. Open is a story of coming out as a gay man while working as a Baptist youth minister in Texas. Open is also the story of a Christian evangelical family living in the American heartland who must grapple with the son who has challenged their beliefs. Set in the front lines of the struggle for LGBT equality in the 21st century, Open explores the universal question of how we as humans live true to ourselves as our network of relations pushes back. Open is the story of how one man succeeded - living openly as a gay man and as a Christian minister in the Bible Belt.

The book is available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble, but you do NOT need to have read or completed the book before Feb. 5 to participate. Join us!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Cabins Available For 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Pike Lake Weekend May 19, 20, 21, 2023!

It seems early to be thinking of hiking, fishing, archery, wildflower seeking, wiffleball and cornhole games, but take a look at your **MAY 2023** calendar and plan to join David's Church Family **May 19, 20 21, 2023** as we celebrate our **55th Year at Pike Lake State Park** surrounded by the tree covered hills of southern Ohio!

A **Standard Cabin** sleeps 4 – has one double bed, 1 set of bunk beds; love seat & chair; kitchen; bathroom w/shower; picnic table & charcoal grill (\$136.50 for the weekend). **You bring sheets, pillows & blankets, towels & food!**

A **Preferred Cabin** sleeps 6. This cabin has 2 Bedrooms with a queen size bed, a bunk with twin on top and full on bottom plus another twin bed, along with the same amenities as the Basic Cabins **EXCEPT LINENS ARE PROVIDED**. Pets are only allowed in State Park designated cabins so if you're interested in bringing your furry friend(s) please ask Debbie if a cabin is available.

**Campground** – Bring your tent or RV. Pike Lake features 80 sites with electricity, restrooms including showers, dump station, picnic tables, fire rings and camp commissary where you register once you select your site. Campers with pets are permitted on designated sites. No reservation needed.



Arrive on Friday at your leisure with no planned activities. Saturday activities include Archery, Fishing (license required for adults), Boat Race, Hiking, Wiffleball, Cornhole Tournament, Kids Craft Time, a Potluck Dinner, then Gather Round the Campfire for S'mores and relaxation! An Outdoor Worship Service wraps up the weekend on Sunday morning.

Please contact Debbie McCoy at 937-689-4224 or [kdam4300@gmail.com](mailto:kdam4300@gmail.com) or see her or Kevin in church to learn more about this fun weekend or to make a reservation.

Sunday

Monday

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February 2023



			1  Gospel of Mark Study- 7pm	2  Bell Choir Practice-6pm, Choir Practice 7pm,	3	4 Gateway Drop-off- 10am  Confirmation- Visit to the Dayton Peace Museum 10:30am
5 -Rev. Long-Higgins Speaking- 9:50am -Children's Choir-11:15am -Confirmation- 11:15am	6 Warm Wishes 9:30am	7 Quilters 10am	8  Gospel of Mark Study- 7pm	9  Bell Choir Practice-6pm, Choir Practice 7pm,	10  	11  LESOTHO PACKING EVENT- 9am-noon
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19 <i>Communion</i> Children's Choir-11:15am  St. Therese Brass- Mardi Gras Sunday 	20 <i>Office Closed</i> Presidents' Day Warm Wishes 9:30am	21 Quilters 10am  Council Mtg. 7pm	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> **Ashes to Go** 7:30-8:30am, noon-1pm, 5-6pm  Ash Wed Service- 7PM	23  Bell Choir Practice-6pm, Choir Practice 7pm,	24  Game Night @ The Grove- 7PM	25  God Goes to the Movies- 10am
26 Children's Choir-11:15am  Youth Sunday planning- 11:15am	27 Warm Wishes 9:30am	28 Quilters 10am  WHO Dinner- 5:30pm 	<div> <b>Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS-</b> <i>April Brown, Amy James, Rebecca Karason, Corliss Schubert, Benjamin and Amanda Worsowicz</i> </div>			