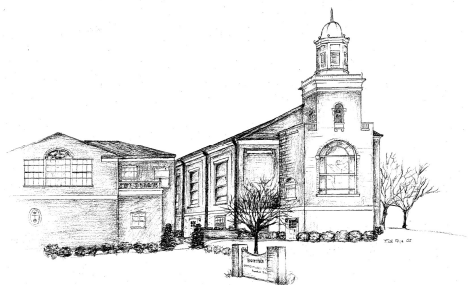


# May 2023 Dateline



**Sunday Worship: 9:50 a.m.**

## **Church Office**

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

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May 7	Averill Tinker
May 8	Mike Susner
May 9	Annie Mhaskar
May 10	Steve Stanley, Logan Walker, Julia Hughes
May 12	Nicole Motto, Troy Stitt, Dave Ireton, Sarah Hartman
May 13	Beckett King
May 14	Denise Richardson, Nolan Cantrell, Amelia Bishop, Kevin Criag
May 16	Ella Phillips-Shimovetz, Adalyn White
May 17	Michelle Beery, Natalie Hughes
May 18	Lynn Rogers
May 21	Becca Barrett, Ruth Ann Morgan
May 22	Kaaren Dunlap, Elvis Nail
May 24	Tim Williams, Kurt Olt
May 25	Cindy Mason, Sylvia Gallagher-Yerman
May 26	Jack Gallagher-Yerman, Bonnie Walther
May 27	Carol Bradley
May 28	Kyle Dunn, Mary Ellis
May 29	Eva Meehan, Venus Rose Fischer, Anna Deitz
May 31	Brandon Wood, Pam Storar, Harriet Meehan

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

**MAY 6**

Gateway Drop-off  
Mulch Day

**MAY 8**

Warm Wishes 2

**MAY 13**

Anti-Racism Book Study  
Pride Rocks  
David's Dinners

**MAY 19**

Game Night at the Grove

**MAY 19-21**

Pike Lake Weekend

**MAY 21**

Paint at David's Place

**MAY 23**

WHO Dinner

**MAY 24**

Confirmation Dinner

**MAY 28**

Confirmation  
Quilt Dedication

**MAY 29**

Memorial Day, office closed

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN...

There's a commonly told story about our nation and its commitment to a republican form of democracy that speaks to some of the challenges we face in our time, both as a nation and as a religious congregation. It took place in Philadelphia shortly after the Constitutional Convention of 1787, when the Founders gathered to debate what kind of government would the American states form, now independent from England since successfully winning the Revolutionary War with the help of the French. Someone asked Benjamin Franklin this, "well, Doctor, what do we have, a republic or a monarchy?" To which he is said to have responded, "a republic, if you can keep it."

For Franklin and many of the Founders, like Madison and Hamilton, there was the hope for a radically new form of democratic governance, that held the 13 separate states together, yet upheld the fundamental idea from Jefferson's Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal," with "certain inalienable rights," including "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Of course, we recognize now that their vision of who qualified as "men" in that equation excluded women, but also African slaves, and uneducated whites who were not landowners, so primarily well-to-do Renaissance males with accumulated wealth and power. Over the centuries since, we have struggled to extend the rights of personhood and citizenship to all people, males and females, people of every race and national background, and most recently protections from discrimination for persons living with disabilities and the right for LGBTQ+ persons to marry whom they love.

The long delays that kept women and African Americans from achieving civil rights, including the right to vote, suggests why Franklin's words are taken as both radical in a world that had only known autocratic monarchical rule, and a warning about how difficult it is to achieve and maintain a regimen that allows for equal rights for all individuals. In recent years, the failure of the Congress to renew the Voting Rights Act, together with the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capital, election denialism, and the Supreme Court's recent action to diminish women's rights to reproductive health care and abortion, and the cultural rise of racial animus and racially motivated crimes against Blacks and Asian Americans, antisemitism, and transgender persons proves Franklin's point, that we can hope to have a democratic republic where the rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness are made available to all, but there are forces working against such equity, so we're going to have to work hard to achieve, keep, and maintain it. True democracy will always be a work in progress, and we will always have to pay attention and fight against any anti-democratic tendencies we see, if we are ever going to realize the "more perfect union" our Constitution dares to imagine.

In the ever-changing society of the modern world that we all experience every day, many of the things we say we love, value and care about are at risk, even the spiritual communities and congregations we often assume will always be there for us when we need them. Turns out that the Church, much like the other institutions, practices and norms we all have tended to take for granted, like the many rights we assume are protected by the Constitution, actually requires our attention and faithful action to establish, preserve, and maintain the religious community and congregations where we find spiritual affirmation and nurture.

Of course, some have been forecasting the decline of Churches of the American Mainline Protestant movement for many decades, it was a topic of conversation even in the early 1980s when I was in seminary preparing to fulfill my vocational calling and career as an ordained minister. Studies showed that congregations were aging, and that the long relied upon cycle of young people leaving the church during their college years, but returning later when marriage and children came along was no longer reliable, many of the Baby Boomer generation may have come back for a church wedding or to have a child baptized, but they never wanted to become active participants in a religious institution or organized religion.

Still, even with a steady decline in active church attendance, and with the average age of regular attenders rising as less and less young people chose to participate in congregational life, 70% of Americans reported that they were members of a house of worship right up until 1999. By 2021, that number had dropped to less than 50%, and a Gallup Poll in 2020 reveals that each successive generation proves less likely to choose involvement in a religious congregation. In the previous decade, Baby Boomers' membership had dropped from 63% to 58%, while in that same time period the participation of Generation X dropped from 57% to 50%, while Millennials saw an even deeper decrease, from 51% to 36%.

Meanwhile many congregations were reporting a steady decline in active participation by their members with over-all attendance declining as much as 7% a year, an impact that has led pollsters studying trends who once described “regular attendance” in a house of worship as “once every 2 to 3 weeks,” to now speak of a regular attendee as someone who attends once a month. And by and large, most religious communities have reported that they have not yet returned to the level of active membership participation in weekly worship they were at before the pandemic, some down 15%, and some as much as 30% or more from week to week.

As a pastor who started my ministry serving a small inner-city congregation where most of the membership had moved out of the neighborhood to live in nearby suburbs, that lack of younger members led to the congregation sharing me with a nearby congregation for five years and then closing when I left after 11 years. The other small congregation in those five years of yoked ministry, with me working for the two nearby churches, has since also closed. According to a 2019 study, the last year for which numbers are available, 4,500 Protestant congregations closed that year, while our Catholic friends have seen numerous parish consolidations and priest sharing.

I don't share all this to be a church version of Henny-Penny, running around screaming that “the sky is falling,” but it would be negligent to see the obvious trend-lines and the challenges they represent for the future of organized religious organizations like the community here at David's United Church of Christ and not invite serious conversations about how we might better prepare for the days to come.

And, it's worth pointing out that not every bit of data about the decline of interest in organized religion in America suggests bad news for congregations like David's UCC. In 2021, data from the General Social Survey, a major tool used by sociologists, shows that the percentage of Mainline Protestants in the U.S. (which includes the UCC, and more liberal Lutherans (ELCA), Presbyterians (PCUSA), Episcopalians and LGBTQ-affirming Methodists) increased slightly for the first time in 30 years, from 10.2% to 10.8%, while our Catholic and Evangelical friends still showed moderate decline. While that only means we held steady, but in a world of a reliable 4 to 7% decline, achieving a plateau is nothing to dismiss lightly, although it's only for one year and it's too early to see if this is a reliable trend, but perhaps a bit of good news that will soon fade.

“The United Church of Christ is the best-kept secret,” my friend the Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer used to routinely say back when his family attended the congregation I served before coming to David's. John meant that comment as both a celebration of the gifts and life many have experienced in the UCC, but also as a frustration that many people have yet to learn about a church like ours. The Evangelicals tend to be largest and loudest voices in the Marketplace of ideas, and many people mistake their voice as speaking for all Christians. We do hold in common the teaching of Jesus as our guide, but Evangelicals back in Missouri in the 2000s were anti-LGBT, they denied women the right to ordination and church leadership as well as reproductive healthcare, they opposed social justice and civil rights initiatives and refused to participate in interfaith dialogue with our Jewish and Muslim neighbors, and they did all these things claiming that their literal reading of the Bible was the only right, true way.

Routinely John, who was the St. Louis Assoc. Minister at that time and for the last 8 years has been the General Minister and President of the entire UCC denomination, would report meeting someone and telling about our Open & Affirming congregation, how we in the UCC honored the spiritual gifts and callings of women in ministry, how we believed in science, worked for justice, and championed ministries that fed the hungry, housed the homeless, and worked for peace in the world. People would visit a UCC congregation after being kicked to the curb in the Baptist or non-denominational church they had attended because they were gay or lesbian, or asked too many theological questions about the contradictions they saw in the Bible or wondered about evolution or climate change, and they would report to John how liberating and encouraging it was to be a part of a spiritual community that didn't ask them to park their brains in the parking lot on the way in to the service, or to hide their sexual attractions, or to dress like everybody else that attended; where they could be themselves, and find that they were welcomed and valued as a unique and gifted child of God.

There is, I believe, a spiritual hunger in our world for the kind of faith and community that we find here at David's Church, and that I have experienced in many other UCC settings of ministry. I know that after we came out of the closet as an Open & Affirming Congregation that many of our members and those who found us online were thrilled to find a religious community of care and support that accepted and loved them as they are. Many women have been thrilled to hear a woman's voice on Sunday morning, preaching the Bible, sharing the faith, and knowing that their gifts too will be honored and valued. Parents are thrilled to bring their kids to a

Sunday School where the lessons of God's love in the life and person of Jesus are the center of our teaching, and we don't speak of Hell or shame a child with the idea that they are filled with the guilt of "original sin."

Yet, our way of faith is still not known or heard or understood as that of the latest viral internet preacher ranting about LGBT-inclusion, condemning Muslims and atheists, telling women they belong in the kitchen, pregnant and dominated by a husband. I actually heard a preacher online just today raving about how Christians shouldn't wear beards—that the Holy Spirit hates facial hair. I guess I wonder how they feel about ponytails? With that kind of nonsense surfacing day after day; that ignorant, controlling, message that demeans and demands obedience, who can blame thinking young people from not wanting anything to do with Christianity and the church? They don't know that congregations like ours even exist.

So, here's my point: We have this gift, this vibrant, vital, nurturing community of faith, that offers so many meaningful, life-changing ministries to the world. We have this Gospel that is the Good News of God's regenerative, transformative love, and we have a supportive community eager to surround us and pray for us when we are struggling for any reason, and that same group is eager to celebrate our victories and achievements with us. There are numerous opportunities to serve in ways that make a positive difference in the world, whether it's Warm Wishes, feeding the homeless or bringing peanut butter to feed hungry children, or the many ways our mission dollars go out to support healing, justice ministries around the globe. We have this church that invites us to walk in the way of Jesus, and to grow in our spirituality and maturity to be our best true selves, we celebrate together each Sunday in worship, we honor the children among us, and nurture each person to be all God made them to be.

We have this church, David's United Church of Christ. If we can keep it.

Your pastor and friend,

Brian Q. Newcomb

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION**

### **Honor your loved ones with Altar Flowers!**

Do you want to thank someone who reached out to you during a difficult time? Honor a loved one for a birthday or anniversary? Recognize a fantastic volunteer? Consider purchasing altar flowers! Your personal message will be included in the Sunday bulletin for all to see, and the whole congregation will benefit from the beauty of the flowers. Arrangements can be purchased for \$23 each, and you can buy both or just one. Please call the office to purchase or email [kathygoodpaster@davidsucc.org](mailto:kathygoodpaster@davidsucc.org).



### **DAVID'S MEN'S BREAKFAST- May 20 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.

### **Thoughts from your council president –**

Have you heard there will be a rummage sale this summer? How much do you know about that sale? Why do we have it? Where does the money go? Who started it? How long ago? Do inquiring minds want to know?

The group that started the Rummage Sale was called WAG or Women's Activity Guild. Over the years they have just become the Rummage Sale group. The group now consists of not just women, but also men and children. Debbie McCoy and Polly Leighty were two of the key women who started this project in 1985. These two women are still involved in the project today. I know there are other "long timers" who help out. How lucky we are to have this leadership.



Early in July people will bring their treasures to the church for the sale. Over a two- week time period volunteers gather to sort, organize, clean, price and display all that is brought. There are also scheduled pick-ups for items too big to be transported by car to the church. Before the collection begins the church rooms on the main level of the building are cleared of the furnishings, taken to the lower level of the building to make way for the sale. As you can tell this is a tremendous amount of work by many volunteers. After the sale on a Saturday afternoon all remaining items are removed, and furniture is put back in place. On Sunday morning you will see very little signs that this huge event ever took place.

So where does the money go? That is decided each year after the sale. Debbie McCoy calls a meeting of those who have helped with the event. At that time she reveals how much was earned and the committee decides where the money should go. Over the years money has been given to the church remembrance fund, to the Dayton Foundation for tornado victims in Dayton, the 2002 Sanctuary renovation project, also in 2002 the retirement of church debt for the church addition, David's Youth to attend Habitat for Humanity work camp, the Quilting ministry, Warm Wishes, the church gas range, Kennedy Elementary school camp scholarship, Holiday Baskets, church carpet cleaning, Shirley Johnson school supply drive, Lesotho Nutrition Initiative, the church parking lot completion from 2010, Keeping the Promise Campaign, purchased the Duplos & Duplos table for 3-4 year old classroom, Kettering Backpack peanut butter program, 2016 church sanctuary reconfiguration project, Patriotic Pins for the VA Hospice, Children's choir stoles, church kitchen refrigerator, Kettering Youth Project, Cody Wright Eagle Project and Hannah's Treasure Chest. This amounts to \$143,497.87 being raised since 1985 and benefitting our church as well as our ministry of helping others.

This is just one more opportunity for you to be involved in your church.

Thank you to all who devote their time, energy, and donations for this worthy project.  
May God bless you.  
Nedra Dalton

## **MAY WHO (WOMEN HANGING OUT)- May 23 at 5:30pm**

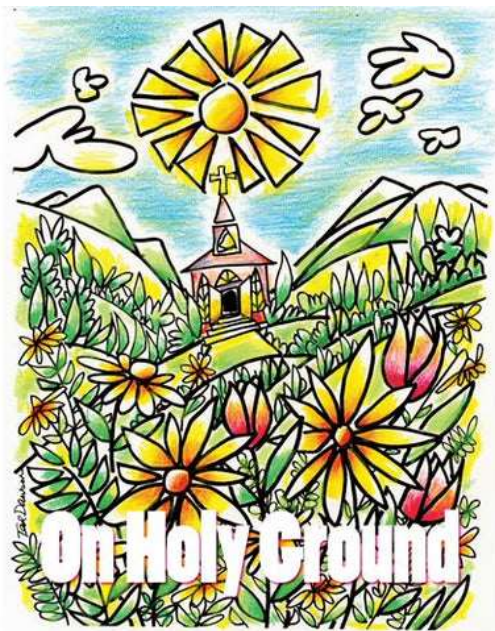
We have had some great dinners at our locations over the last several months and now in May we invite you to join us for another night of fun at Thai 9. You can order your entree with high intensity spices (call the fireman) or a more subtle entree that is more adaptable to your palate. They have a very extensive menu from which to choose as well as alcoholic beverages for those who like to have that along with your meal. Thai 9 is located at 11 Brown Street in the Oregon District at the corner of 5th and Brown, with a parking lot available off 5th Street behind the restaurant. We will meet for dinner at our usual time of 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 23.



Since Thai 9 is a little further away than most other locations we have visited, perhaps WHO ladies would like to consider carpooling as parking may be an issue. **Also, be advised after 4:00 p.m. there is a charge of \$3.00 per car for parking.**

It goes without saying that we have had some fantastic meals and fun times at our monthly dinners, and we look forward to another fun-filled night on May 23. Per usual you can email your reservation to Judy Hudson at [Cruisewriter937@aol.com](mailto:Cruisewriter937@aol.com) (937-329-2588) or Judy Fehr at [Jaldridge7777@gmail.com](mailto:Jaldridge7777@gmail.com) (937-672-6830).





## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

**Strengthen the Church Offering  
May 28, 2023**

## NCCJ's Pride Rocks Saturday, May 13



FAITH AND PRIDE will be participating in NCCJ's Pride Rocks at the Levitt Pavilion, **Saturday, May 13, 11 am to 3 pm (rain day Sunday, May 14)!** David's UCC will have a booth where we will be sharing information about the Church and Faith & Pride. For more information, contact Michael Roediger or check out:

<https://nccjgreaterdayton.org/priderocks/>

## Help Paint at David's Place- May 21

Sunday, May 21, 12:30 pm Faith and Pride will be helping David's Place at DayBreak paint their gender-neutral restroom (taping off, painting a couple of colors and some mild clean up). We are looking for four or five

volunteers to help out and have fun! Contact Michael Roediger to sign up at [MRoediger@daytonart.org](mailto:MRoediger@daytonart.org). You can find out more about David's Place at <https://daybreakdayton.org/davids-place/>

## Pride 2023 ~ David's Represents

Join your David's Family as we show our support for our LGBTQ community during Dayton Pride!

-Friday, June 2nd ~ Affair on the Square

-Saturday, June 3rd ~ Pride Parade and Community Booths

We will be marching in the Pride Parade on Saturday, June 3, stepping off at Noon!

We will also have a booth to show what an amazing Community of Love we have at David's.

More information to follow, but contact Kevin Craig, if you have any questions!

[imkevbo@gmail.com](mailto:imkevbo@gmail.com)

513.850.0237

## DAVID'S DINNERS ARE BACK!

David's dinners are a wonderful opportunity for Church families to come together for food, fun, and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to host or to attend. The host will indicate how many people they can accommodate in their home and will provide the main dish. Attendees will be assigned to hosts by Steve Roark and Jeff Baldwin, and the host will then reach out to attendees to coordinate accompanying dishes. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners and to build strong relationships within our Church community. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Roark or Jeff Baldwin @ [s.roark@att.net](mailto:s.roark@att.net) or call 513-855-1180. **Upcoming David's Dinner Date is: May 13.**



## OUTREACH AND SERVICE



**Rummage Sale July 20-22, 2023**  
**Donations will be received beginning**  
**July 9, 2023 Mark Your Calendars**  
**and start your**  
**"Rummage Sale Corner" NOW!**



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### Did You Know . . .

Gateway (the Men's Shelter) and St. Vincent's (the Women's and Children's Shelter) are both part of the St. Vincent's organization. The St. Vincent Kitchen (where we deliver our Monthly Food that you sign up to donate) serves 280 casseroles per week to around 400 Guests per day. If you're looking for a way to help others in 2023, please consider signing up to contribute food for David's Mission Board Gateway Food Drop Off on Saturday, May 6 between 10 and 11 a.m. where we collect the food you signed up for at the Fellowship Hall Door Entrance (just pull up and we'll unload it from your car!).

Items needed:

- 20 - 4 lb. Pans of Sloppy Joe**
- 20 - Pans of Cheesy Potatoes**
- 12 - 2 Dozen Packages of READY TO SERVE Dinner Rolls**
- 20 - 1 Dozen Fruit/Applesauce Cups**
- 12 - 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!

## **MUSIC NOTES**

A big thank you to all those in any of the choirs at David's Church! You have sung and rung so faithfully this past season, meaning Autumn until the end of this choir season which, by the way, will officially end on June 4<sup>th</sup>, Music Sunday. I am grateful to be the music director at a church that values music so much. Many of you have told me about the way music speaks to you. That is one of our purposes in the making of our music. We want to bring honor to God first and foremost, while trying to move the spirits of God's children, meaning all of us. The preludes that Lyn and I play are meant to bring those present into a worshipful attitude. If there is a musical piece that you particularly connect to, please let me know. I will do my best to incorporate it into a service. Several people have done that in the past, and it pleases me to be able to help them connect to God more meaningfully.

Our children's choir always does a beautiful job by singing from their hearts. We would like to have even more participation as we approach Music Sunday. The children will be singing two pieces with the Sanctuary Choir and we want to make this occasion as glorious as we can. Children singing always makes my heart in turn sing. We practice every Sunday immediately following the service in the choir room located in the lower level of the church. It sure would be great to see your son or daughter. The potential is there – we just need the commitment.

We would love to have even more voices singing God's praises every Sunday morning from the choir loft. This is our way of praying twice because we are lifting God through our anthems we raise. We will begin rehearsing the pieces for Music Sunday on the last Thursday in April as we want to become very familiar with the text and the sounds of the pieces. One of the pieces we will be singing is "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" with our handbell choir. That is always an extra special piece because it involves more of God's children. We will also be combining the adult choir with the children's choir for a rendition of "What a Wonderful World" combined with "This is My Father's World." I have asked the flutist, Lance Korte, who played for our cantata to come and play on several of the anthems. It is going to be a Sunday that is splendiferous. I know it is a coined word, but I am sure you can grasp the meaning. Please consider coming and helping us raise the roof!

Shalom,

Tim Williams

## **EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

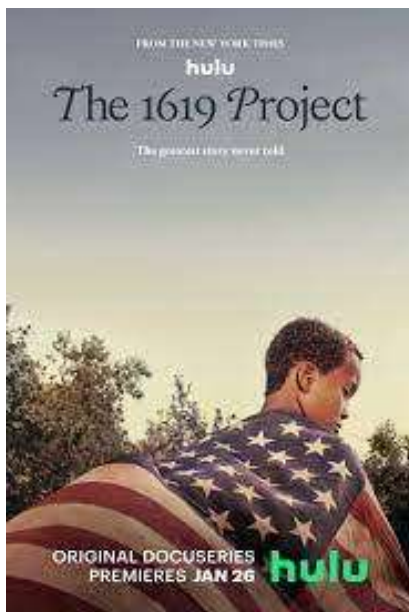
### **Confirmation Dinner- May 24, 2023**

This year we are pleased to announce that we have seven wonderful teens being celebrated during our Confirmation Sunday service on Sunday May 28. Please mark your calendar for this important service. Prior to Confirmation Sunday, we will have our annual Confirmation Dinner on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm. All are invited to attend this special event. During the dinner, everyone will get to hear the Confirmands present their personal faith statements. Following the reading of their faith statements, everyone gets to hear special words from their parents and mentor. This will be a wonderful evening and if you would like to be part of it, please RSVP to Emily Phillips or Kevin Craig no later than May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Make an Investment in our Youth!**

This summer, the Confirmation class will be traveling to St. Louis, Missouri for their summer pilgrimage Saturday June 17- Thursday, June 22. We are inviting the church to be a part of this trip by contributing financially toward the Pilgrimage. Throughout the month of May, our Confirmands will sell Pilgrimage stock. For \$15 a share, you can not only help finance their trip, but you will receive a postcard from St. Louis and will be invited to the Stockholder's Luncheon on Sunday, July 23 to hear about their adventures. If you have any questions, please reach out to Emily Phillips at [ephillips.ucc@gmail.com](mailto:ephillips.ucc@gmail.com) or Kevin Craig at [imkevbo@gmail.com](mailto:imkevbo@gmail.com).





## ANTI-RACISM STUDY

The Anti-Racism Book Club is going to be watching The 1619 Project, May 13. Join us on 10am in the Chapel when we will watch Episode 2 entitled "Race" and have open discussion. All are welcome to join! Coffee and donuts are served, and all are encouraged to come and bring a friend.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### **GRADUATION RECOGNITION ON SUNDAY JUNE 11**

On Sunday June 11 during our service, Pastor Brian will take time to honor those in our congregation, young and old, in a high school, college, or specialized program who are graduating or who have recently graduated. We would like to also invite our church to send cards of congratulations to our graduates. In order to do so, we just need some vital information about each of our graduates. We invite all the graduates to email Gwen in the office ([gwen@davidsucc.org](mailto:gwen@davidsucc.org)) to give contact information so that they can be included in receiving cards from their church family. Below you will find what information we need and we do hope to have a compiled list in the next couple of weeks so that we can pass along this information to our congregation. Please get this information to Gwen by Monday May 29 so we can include the information in our weekly emails.



For High School Graduates – please include the graduate's name, mailing address, high school, where they plan to attend, and any majors (if decided).

For College Graduates or Specialized Programs – please include the graduate's name, mailing address, college/specialized school, degree.

*Pastor Brian and Susan will be traveling to Minneapolis on the afternoon of May 14 to attend the Festival of Homiletics (Preaching), from May 15 -18, and returning on the 19<sup>th</sup>. This is his Continuing Education commitment for the year. Should a pastoral concern arise while he is away, please contact the Church Office during business hours, and they will reach out to the Elders and other lay leaders to arrange care and support.*

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



May 2023



	1 Warm Wishes 9:30am	2 Quilters 10am 	3 <i>BUY SOME PEANUT BUTTER THIS WEEK FOR THE KETTERING BACKPACK PROGRAM!</i>	4 	5 	6 Gateway Drop-off  Mulching (rain date)- 10am! 
7 Children's Choir-11:15am	8 Warm Wishes 9:30am  Warm Wishes 2- 6:30pm	9 Quilters 10am	10	11  Bell Choir Practice-6pm, Choir Practice 7pm	12	13 - Anti-Racism Book Study- 10am -Pride Rocks 11am-3pm -David's Dinners!
14 <i>Bells</i> 	15 Warm Wishes 9:30am	16 Quilters 10am  Council Mtg. 7pm	17	18  Bell Choir Practice-6pm, Choir Practice 7pm	19  Game Night at the Grove-7-9:30pm	20 -David's Men's Breakfast 8:30am  
21 <i>Communion</i> Children's Choir-11:15am  	22 Warm Wishes 9:30am  	23 Quilters 10am  Who Dinner- 5:30pm	24  Confirmation Dinner- 6-8pm	25  Bell Choir Practice-6pm, Choir Practice 7pm	26	27
28 <i>Confirmation; Quilt Dedication</i> <i>Strengthen the Church</i>  Children's Choir-11:15am	29 <i>Office Closed</i> Warm Wishes 9:30am 	30 Quilters 10am	31	Dayton PRIDE- June 2 		