

Dateline



**Spaghetti
Dinner was a
Success!**

Total income was
over \$3000!



**Summer Food
Program is
coming soon!
See details
inside...**

**May 18 is
Mental
Health
Sunday**

If you or someone you love is struggling, please know there are resources out there to help! Check out the information inside for details.



From the Desk of Pastor Dave

Climate Hope Affiliates: A Call to Action

Pastor Dave Evans, M.Div.

“At first, I thought I was fighting to save rubber trees. Then, I thought I was fighting to save the Amazon rainforest. Now, I realize I am fighting for humanity.” 1

In Silent Spring (1962) Rachel Carson argues that “Man’s attitude toward nature is today critically important simply because we have now acquired a fateful power to alter and destroy nature. But man is a part of nature, and his war against nature is inevitably a war against himself.” 2 Carson’s expose on the toxic effects from the use of DDT led to the establishment of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

With that agency now being threatened with extinction itself, we can wonder “what good can we at David’s Church do in the battle to preserve the future of our planet, to show our faithfulness in caring for the creation God gave us?

It turns out—quite a bit actually!

David’s Church, in alignment with our own Creation Justice Commitment and with the UCC’s core value of Environmental Justice, has a golden opportunity to join a new national coalition Climate Hope Affiliates, which has been newly established in 2025 by the United Church of Christ to positively influence national lawmakers regarding future climate legislation. 3

David’s Church would be the first congregation in Ohio to join this coalition. Becca Karason, Green Team Leader and I have been working with Mike Collins, Heartland Conference Minister for Environmental Justice, to plan a 2nd Hour on June 29 to hear about how David’s Church can join the Climate Hope Affiliate network and build positive advocacy relationships with lawmakers, local media and our local community leaders.

Look for more announcements and information about Climate Hope Affiliates in our worship hour, 2nd Hour and online at David’s Church website.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”4

[Environmental Quotes That Inspire Action - Environment Co](#)

2 Environment.co website

3 [Climate Hope Affiliates - United Church of Christ](#)

4 Margaret Mead, Anthropologist



MISSIONS

Gateway meals

Many thanks to all of our cooks and food buyers who will drop off all of the food for another Gateway delivery Saturday morning, May 3.

We are receiving lots of questions about upcoming changes to our Gateway food program. Let's clarify what we know now!

- * We will continue collecting food for this program. The biggest change for right now is dropping the cheesy potatoes and substituting with more sloppy joes. All other food items being contributed will remain the same until further notice.
- * There are rumors that Gateway itself may have a new "owner." We do not yet know who that is or when any change may take place.
- * In the near future, you can expect much bigger changes! We are testing new healthier recipes and we will ultimately be cooking our casseroles at the St Vincent's kitchen. These will serve the women and children housed at St. Vincent's shelter. And we will most likely change the name of our program to reflect these changes.
- * Please stay tuned as we will keep you informed the minute we know when the upcoming changes will occur.

As always, thank you for all that you do to make this program a vital outreach into the community.

Kettering summer food program

Once again David's MIssion Board has been approached to participate in the summer food program that provides lunches to children of the Trails of Oak Creek and Van Buren Park, as well as engagement and fun.

This year David's will be providing lunches and fun during the week of June 16th to June 20th.

Our lunches will be Hot dogs, Walking Tacos, and Pizza on our last day, Friday June 20th. We are looking for volunteers to help with food preparation in the church kitchen and volunteers to go out to The Trails of Oak Creek and Van Buren Park to help serve and engage with the children. Sign up sheets for volunteers are posted in the Narthex. We encourage all to sign up and volunteer for this event. Although we also understand your time may be limited, you can participate in providing non-perishable food items. You can purchase cookies, juice boxes, small bottles of water, and variety boxes of chips. If you are going to purchase these items please indicate on the sign up sheets posted in the Narthex. The last day to drop off these items is Saturday June 8th. The estimated cost of providing lunches to these children is \$850.00. The Mission Board will accept monetary donations, please write in the memo line of your check Summer Food Program.

The Mission Board appreciates you, the congregation and the continued support for this much needed outreach. Thank you David's MIssion Board

Faith Formation

Second Hour **PRES**ENTATION

JOIN PASTOR MICHELLE WILKEY AS SHE SHARES ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR!

May 25 after church Pastor Michelle will be sharing the highs, lows, and impactful experiences she had recently on a Civil Rights bus tour. Please come and learn...

Sunday Night **BOOK STUDY**

Join us at 5:30 pm on Sunday, May 4th, for a potluck dinner as we begin Mama & the Hills of Home: My Spiritual Pillars by Essie Katherine Scott Payne in which a young Black woman of SE Ohio tells how her mother's values & faith help overcome the pain of poverty, the terror of racism and the despair of loneliness. Libraries & on line. Pgs. 1-29. All are welcome! For info call John at 438-0211.

Community

Young Family Group

Hey friends! We hope you can join the young families group on May 9 from 6:30-8:30 in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish or snack to share. Any questions call or text Amanda 614-579-2643

Game Night in Fellowship Hall

Attention all Gamers! Join us 7-9pm May 16 for GAME NIGHT! Bring a favorite game; BYOB and a snack to share. Be prepared to have fun playing euchre, pinochle, Mexican train, Scrabble. We will be meeting in David's Fellowship Hall. Bring friends! Any questions contact Kevin Craig at imkevbo@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast

DAVID'S MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY May 17- 8:30am

Attention all men! For many years, the third Saturday of the month has been reserved for the men of David's Church to get together and have breakfast. These days, those who are available meet at Bob Evans (7115 Far Hills Ave) at 8:30am. Any gentleman who would like to get to know others, join in fellowship, and eat good food are welcome to join! No need to RSVP, just show up. If you have any questions please contact Neil Jones or Dick DeLon.

Women Hanging Out (WHO)

May 28 El Meson Latin American restaurant located at 903 E Dixie Drive in West Carrollton. The restaurant is not open on Tuesday, and their schedule is open on Wednesday, May 28 in a private space for us at no charge. Some of the specialties offered include Paella, Chicken Tortilla Soup, Flan, Shrimp Quesadilla and many more mouth-watering dishes. If you want to join us for an excellent evening of unique and tasteful dining, please contact Judy Hudson at crisewriter937@aol.com, or text Judy at 937-329-2588 or voice mail at that same number. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m.

David's Dinners

DAVIDS 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 Andy and Jackie Randall. 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, Jackie Randall JackieRandall21@gmail.com or 937-361-2427. David's upcoming Dinner Date is May 31st.

Mental Health Awareness

In response to a recent sermon, the Pastoral staff of David's Church are providing some additional resources if you or a loved one is struggling with addiction or mental health challenges. Some of the guest preacher's message did not reflect current information which takes into account more options for treatment and recovery. Special thanks to Mary Kay Rehard who provided the Pastors with this information.

Current information about treatment for people with addiction: <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/health-professionals-communities/core-resource-onalcohol/recommend-evidence-based-treatment-knowoptions#:~:text=Two%20types%20of%20evidence%2Dbased,improve%20outcomes%20for%20each%20patient>

A list of expanded options for addiction treatment and recovery: <https://www.naatp.org/addiction-treatment-resources/treatment-methods>

It is important to remember twelve step programs do not work for everyone, and that is ok. If AA is not a good fit for you, there are other options. SMART Recovery is one evidencebased treatment approach that does not require belief in God or a Higher Power. Cognitive behavioral therapy, group therapy, harm reduction efforts are all treatment options which have been successful.

If you or someone you love needs support with addiction, please consider calling SAMHSA's National Helpline. It is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders. 1-800-662-HELP (4357) or <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/helplines/national-helpline> In the Dayton/Montgomery County area: <https://www.phdmc.org/recovery-matters> Residents of Montgomery County are encouraged to call the Crisis Now hotline to access services for mental health issues and substance use disorder. The Crisis Now hotline phone number is 988. Text 4Hope to 741741 to connect with the Crisis Text Line. In Ohio's Miami Valley: Call 937-528-7777 to connect with the Miami Valley Warmline; it provides free and confidential mental and behavioral health peer-support services to community members.

The United Church of Christ has worked and advocated for decades on behalf of those dealing with addiction and mental health concerns. The UCC denomination is committed to this work at local church, regional, conference, and the national settings through our UCC Mental Health Network. The United Church of Christ Mental Health Network works to reduce stigma and promote the inclusion of people with mental health challenges and neurodiversity and their families in the life, leadership and work of congregations. <https://www.mhn-ucc.org/>

To be clear, David's Church is a faith community where all are welcome. We understand addiction and mental health are complicated topics, which require nuanced language and an overarching message of compassion and support. As a faith community, we covenant with each other to love our neighbor, encompassing all parts of their identity which may include addiction, recovery, or mental health. We hope the messages presented will not damage the valued relationships with people who are exploring their faith here. If anyone has any concerns they would like to discuss with either Pastor, please reach out to us so we can meet with you as soon as possible.

With great love, Rev. Dave & Pastor Emily

In Our Church

Buckeye Making

Big Batch Buckeye Time

Help! Help! We have had so many visitors lately that we are almost out of our welcome Buckeyes! Please help us extend our extravagant welcome and lend a hand to our Buckeye-Making crew. We'll be making the Buckeyes May 7 starting at 9:30 a.m. No experience is needed in this project. Just come and stay as long as you can. Please contact Jean Blum for more information.

Funeral Reception Committee

A small group of David's members has been working to provide an important ministry to the members of our church community. When we suffer the loss of one of our members the Funeral Reception Group traditionally hosts a luncheon reception for the family and friends. The commitment includes setting up the reception, serving a simple meal, and cleaning up afterwards. The time commitment can be about 3 – 4 hours per memorial. If you are willing to help with these occasional memorial receptions, please contact Dave Herick or the church office. We appreciate your consideration and would love to have you join us- we could really use your help!

Ideas from The Green Team

Thinking about getting your eyes checked this year? If your eye doctor visit results in new glasses, there is good news: you can add your old glasses to the list of items to recycle. Right now the Lens Crafters at both the Dayton and Fairfield Commons are accepting used eye glasses and contact lenses. The company also has four locations in Cincinnati and Columbus, so spread the word!

How about books? If your bookcases are getting too full, clean them out by bringing your extras to David's and putting them in the book barrel by the elevator. You might also consider donating them to any of the many Little Free Libraries spread across multiple counties. At last count, there are more than 40 all around town. They look like little houses with doors and shelves and are usually found in front of private homes, by the sidewalks. Donate a book and take a book! Such a deal!

Next Green Team Meeting will be Tuesday May 20 at 6:00 pm in the conference room. Any questions please contact Becca Karason at rkarason@yahoo.com

Rummage Sale Coming Soon!

Have you started spring cleaning yet? Ready to donate good, clean, working items you just don't need any longer to the Rummage Sale?

We know July 6 seems like a long time to wait to donate items you've decided you're ready to part with but every space is being used at David's on a daily/weekly basis so we kindly ask that you start a "Rummage Sale Corner" somewhere in your home until July 6. On the 6th and 13th of July, you can bring items between 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. During the week, items will be received in Fellowship Hall during church office hours – 9 to 5. Evening drop off times will be announced or call Debbie McCoy (937-689-4224). If you're going to be gone during the time donations are being received, please arrange for a friend or relative to bring your items to the church or arrange for them to call Debbie McCoy and arrange pick up. We will continue to receive donations till NOON on Wednesday, July 16 with the Preview Sale Thursday, July 17 and continuing Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19. Proceeds from this sale will be designated for Mission Projects, Building Improvements, and more.

Soooo, if you've started spring cleaning, please start your "Rummage Sale Corner" at home in anticipation of JULY 6th! As always, it takes many hands to have a successful Rummage Sale so please consider volunteering!

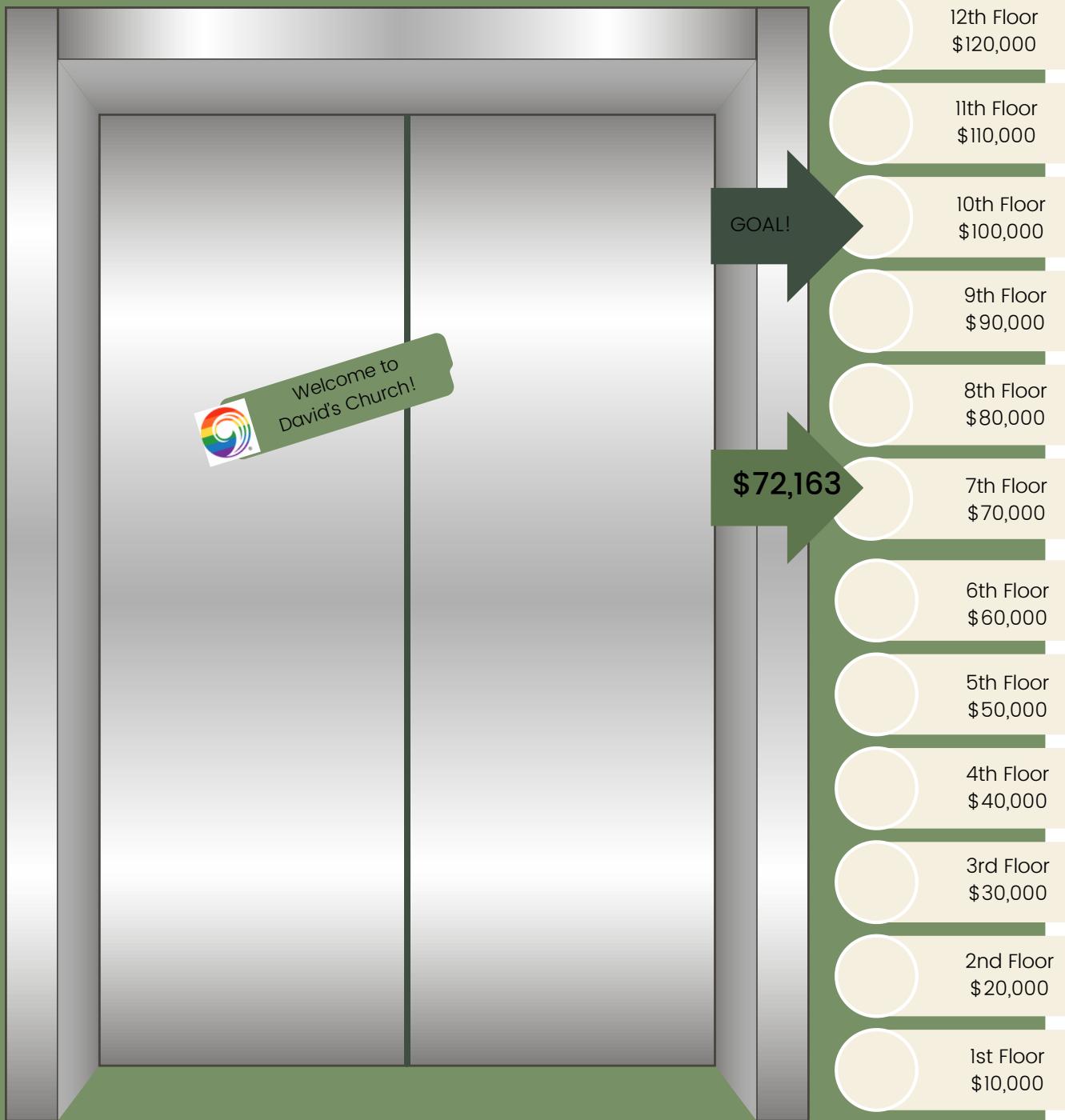
Dayton Diaper Depot

Just a reminder to continue supporting The Dayton Diaper Depot in providing disposable diapers and baby wipes for the young ones in our community. Look for the bin inside the Fellowship Hall doors, or leave them in the Narthex to be collected after services. You may also drop them off during our Gateway food collection the first Saturday of every month. Thanks for your support!



Capital Campaign

RAISING our capital to the TOP!



Help us reach new heights!

