



## DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Parent's Night Out was super fun! Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers.

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Tony Minear on his installation at David's! If you missed the service, you can check it out on our youtube channel.



# From the Desk of Rev. Tony...

## Making Room for One Another

The time before worship begins is important. For many of us, it is a chance to reconnect, visit with friends, and welcome those who may be new. Those conversations are not simply background noise; they are an essential part of building the community we value.

Others need those same minutes for silence, reflection, and centering. They may arrive carrying the stress of the week, a personal concern, or simply the need to become still before worship begins.

Beginning September 6, we will make room for both by using the two pieces of prelude music a little differently. During the first piece, the acolyte will light the candle while conversation and welcoming continue. At the conclusion of that piece, the acolyte will strike the centering bowl twice, inviting us to bring our conversations to a close and enter a time of silence. The second musical selection will then offer a contemplative transition into worship.

Any genuine compromise asks something of everyone. Those who value conversation are asked to honor the sound of the bowl as a call to silence. Those who prefer quiet are asked to recognize that the conversation beforehand is also part of how our community gathers and cares for one another.

We are a diverse congregation with different needs and preferences. We will continue exploring ways to make room for one another as we worship, build community, and experience the divine together.

—Pastor Tony



September 2- Jim Amon, Jim Williams,  
Alex Wysong  
September 3- Nico Schrenk  
September 9- Gabriel Wysong  
September 10- Mary Foster, Logan Van Bibber  
Connie Wade  
September 11- Lynn Brouse, Sophie Dhanraj,  
Jake Schairbaum  
September 13- Valerie Doudican

September 15- Michael Hunter, Lincoln James  
September 16- Craig Chabut, Ron Lafayette  
September 17- Suzanne Van Bibber  
September 21- Jessie Blumberg  
September 25- Mick Morgan  
September 26- Bill Fisher  
September 27- Gary Burnett, AJ Wright, Andy  
Blumberg

Does your 'year' start at the end of summer. Is the school schedule the marker of a fresh start for you? If so, it's time to get in gear! Our Gateway program to feed the women and children housed at St Vincents is looking for you!

We have moved all supplies needed for Gateway into the kitchen. Look on the metal shelves by the elevator door to find sloppy joe aluminum pans and lids and recipes. Look in the kitchen freezer for your meat. Take 3 rolls of beef per pan of sloppy joes. This is the same location where you will drop off your cookies, rolls and fruit if doing so before September 5th.

Let's remember the commitment we have made to St Vincents. They welcome our generosity each and every month. If you've never participated before, we'd love to have you on board. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Call or text Anne Brown with questions at 937-219-9639. Thank you!

## Fabric and Craft sale

**September 9-11**

**2026**

**fABRIC AND CRAFT Sale**

**Donations Welcomed!**

**Wednesday, Sept. 9 6-9pm**  
**Thursday, Sept. 10 9am- 3pm**  
**Friday, Sept. 11 9am-3pm**

Please contact [kdam4300@gmail.com](mailto:kdam4300@gmail.com)  
All proceeds benefit our Quilting Ministry, which provides quilts to veterans in Hospice

We are also accepting donations of wedding gowns on behalf of Angel Wings, Cincinnati, where formerly treasured garments are turned into bereavement gowns for miscarried or stillborn infants.

**David's Church; Kettering, Ohio**

# Peanut butter

200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PEANUT BUTTER CHALLENGE...200 JARS FOR 200 YEARS!

As you know, David's UCC is known as the "peanut butter church." We are the Kettering Backpack Program's primary resource for providing jars of peanut butter, so that at-risk students in Kettering have nutrition over the weekend, when the schools are closed and breakfasts / lunches are not available. Mission Board is gearing up for another school year, and the need is great!

Last fall, when we kicked off the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the congregation responded generously by providing well over 250 jars of peanut butter! As we are wrapping up this year of celebration...LET'S DO IT AGAIN!

Our peanut butter collection drive will run from Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be several 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration events during this time, and we will gladly accept your peanut butter donations! Please consider adding some jars of peanut butter to your grocery cart and bringing those jars to church during the collection week. With your help, we can reach and surpass our goal of 200 jars!

Please Note: So that every child receives the same items as their peers, please keep donations to 16 ounce jars of peanut butter (without added ingredients, like chocolate or honey).

# Green team

Do you have a passion for the environment and working to make our world more sustainable? Consider joining us! Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm in the chapel. Any questions, contact Dave Evans [dajevans@me.com](mailto:dajevans@me.com)

# Diaper collection

This is a reminder from the Mission Board that we're continuing to collect diapers, pull-ups and wipes for the Dayton Diaper Depot, which has given away one million diapers in the last four years. David's Church members have provided just over 12,000 thousand of those over the last 18 months!!!

Why is this program so important? Because programs like SNAP and WIC don't cover diapers, leaving many low-income mothers and families struggling to afford them. Daycare centers don't provide diapers – so no diapers = no childcare. Families who are unable to provide the required diapers for their child's daycare center will miss work or school.

Thanks to all of you who have been helping to fill the diaper collection barrel at the Fellowship Hall entrance, but for our newer members and guests who are not familiar with this program - look for the blue barrel with the pink and blue balloons, located just inside the Fellowship doors from the parking lot. You can drop off any packaged, boxed or even individual diapers that your baby or grandkids have outgrown. You could also bring your donations to any Gateway food collection the first Saturday of the month and we'll unload them for you. Thank you for your willingness to help the Dayton Diaper Depot to end diaper need in our community.



**DAYTON AREA CROP HUNGER WALK**

The steps we take - and the funds we raise together - will provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.

**SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026**

- 1:00 pm Registration and Entertainment
- 1:30 pm Grand Send-off and Walk begins
- 3:30 pm Walk ends

Shiloh Church  
5300 Philadelphia Drive  
Dayton, OH 45415

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/daytonoh>

**Crop**  
walk

PLEASE HELP FIGHT HUNGER & JOIN DAVID'S FOR THE CROP HUNGER WALK

On October 11 we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. We need walkers and sponsors for the Dayton area CROP Hunger Walk. Last year, David's Church had approximately 20 walkers and raised over \$2,000. Please contact Pastor Emily for more details and to sign up to be a Walker, a sponsor or both. at [ephilips@davidsucc.org](mailto:ephilips@davidsucc.org) or call the church office. Thanks for helping feed the hungry both in our community and throughout the world.

## CHURCH EVENTS

# Bazaar Assistance

## BAZAAR NEEDS YOUR HELP!

With the rummage sale almost here, the November Bazaar is not far behind. David's table at the Bazaar needs fellow crafters and artisans to make it a success! Whatever your skills, we would enjoy having your help. Contact Jean Blum at church on Sunday or call her at 937-620-6781 for details on how you can help.

# Young Families

Please join the Young families on Friday, September 11 at 6:30 at the Activity Center Park (221 North Main St., Centerville. Also heads up there is a splash pad for kiddos to play in, dress accordingly ) We will plan to celebrate the upcoming arrival of Tim and Beth's baby girl! We will be "showering" them with diapers. Please bring a package of diapers any size and a snack to share with the group. If you have any questions please call or text Amanda Worsowicz at 614-579-2643

# Game Night

GAME NIGHT FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Attention all Gamers! Join us 7-9pm, Friday, September 18 in the Fellowship Hall 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. Any questions contact Kevin Craig at [imkevbo@gmail.com](mailto:imkevbo@gmail.com)

# Women Hanging Out (WHO)

As we get ready to enter into yet another fall season, we are reminded of the many things we are grateful for here in the Miami Valley, one of which is a bounty of wonderful eating establishments available to us. One of those is the Red Lobster restaurant located at 8200 Springboro Pike in Miamisburg. For those who like to have a landmark as they search for a location, McDonalds is next door.

We will gather here for our September WHO dinner on Tuesday, September 22 at 5:30 p.m. We will be seated in our own private space where we can enjoy a very relaxing evening as we partake of the wonderful and delicious offerings available for us to choose from for our evening meal. Please check your calendars and make a special note to join us for our September WHO dinner where we can relax and enjoy the company of those around us. You can either place your name on the reservation list at church on Sunday mornings by contacting Judy Hudson in person or by contacting her at [cruisewriter937@aol.com](mailto:cruisewriter937@aol.com) or by text or phone at 937-329-2588.. Whichever way we hope you will join us as we enjoy an evening with our WHO friends. See you at Red Lobster.

# Dolly Parton Day

Stop by the office on September 25 between 9am and 5pm to celebrate Dolly Parton Day! Dress in your rhinestones, drink some punch in a boot cup, have a cookie, and write your favorite quote/memory/movie/song about Dolly. Join us as we honor a legend, mourn our earthly loss, and celebrate her life!



# Youth Event



All youth in middle school and high school are invited to join our amazing volunteers for an ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE October 18 at 12:30pm. More information to come, but mark you calendars, save the date, and prepare for an afternoon of museum heists and island escapes!

## **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration    September, 2026**

### ***Sunday, September 13*** David's Church "Kickoff Sunday" week of celebration

- Enjoy our return of the church choirs and the Sunday School teachers.
- "Kickoff Peanut Butter" drive, with a goal of collecting over 200 16 ounce jars of peanut butter for the Kettering Backpack mission.
- As a bulletin insert, we will enjoy reading a listing of all of the individual projects that were accomplished in the "200 Challenge" during the year.
- Following the church service from Fellowship Hall
  - Celebration cakes and beverages
  - Participate in the dedication for our **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historic Marker**.

### ***Saturday, September 19*** Our big 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration Luncheon and Ice Cream Social

- Celebration begins at 11:30 AM, **Saturday**, September 19 in the Church sanctuary for a short service of gratitude.
- Around 12:15 PM, we will assemble at the **Narthex steps** for a Congregation group photograph taken by a professional photographer.
- As soon as we take the group photograph (so stay organized, folks!), we will proceed to **Fellowship Hall** for a catered luncheon, followed by gourmet ice cream sundaes.
- Special "happy" music is planned.
- Remember the "photo booths" of your teenage years, where you could gather with friends for fun photos that were immediately printed out?
  - We are planning a photo booth, where you can take a 4" by 6" souvenir photo strip of three consecutive photos.
  - This will be for individuals, couples, families and friend groups. Plan multiple visits to the booth!
  - You can take one card home as your memento, and a second copy will be printed on the spot that will go into a David's Church Photo Album.
  - You will be able to write your names with a short message into the David's celebration keepsake album.

### ***Sunday, September 20*** Our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Service

- This will be a service with an Anniversary Celebration theme
- "Kickoff Peanut Butter" drive continues.
- One highlight will be the specially commissioned anthem for David's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, as performed by the chancel choir.

### ***Sunday, September 20*** Annual afternoon concert by the St. Therese Brass ensemble

- Organized by our talented member, Andy Randall, music director for the group
- At The Grove, 204 W. David Road, all people in the community are invited, 2-4 PM, bring your lawn chairs

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH

## DAVID'S 200<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION CONCERT

FEATURING



CINCINNATI'S ONLY 8 MEMBER QUINTET

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
**2:00 PM**

DAVID'S GROVE  
204 W DAVID RD  
DAYTON, OH 45429

BRING A CHAIR  
FREEWILL OFFERING GOING TO SUPPORT THE MANY  
PROGRAMS OF DAVID'S CHURCH

## TEMPLE BETH OR Childcare for Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Services



It is time to sign up to support our friends & siblings at  
Temple Beth Or by providing childcare during their Holy  
Day services this fall!

Friday, Sept 11  
Saturday, Sept 12  
Sunday, Sept 20  
Monday, Sept 21

Sign up in the Narthex, or call the office!

Questions? [ephillips@davidsucc.org](mailto:ephillips@davidsucc.org)

## David's Choirs

The choir seasons are almost here! I'm sure that our congregation is ready to hear everyone sing or ring. The handbell choir has had a member drop out, so we have a vacancy in the high bell region. She played C6 and D6 but we can move things around if we need to accommodate someone.

Regular rehearsals will begin on Thursday, August 27th at 7:00. We rehearse in the church, and I will be happy to get newcomers a folder and a robe. We would like to fill up our loft every week. I know we can do it - just come and have fun singing God's praises!

Handbell practice will begin on September 3rd at 6:00 sharp! We will play in the service on the second Sunday of each month. Please join us so we can use our five octaves of handbells and three octaves of handchimes.

The children's choir will begin practicing after church on September 20th. We will be singing on the third Sunday of each month. Regular attendance makes for a prepared choir. We are hoping to have a large choir, so please consider having your child/children join us.

# Did you know...?



Our Disaster Response partnership between the Heartland Conference UCC and the Ohio Region DOC is facing a critical need following the recent storms across the I-70 beltway. The resulting flooding has depleted our Camp Christian CWS Depot of all 152 cleanup buckets and has also distributed 575 personal hygiene kits and period packs.

If your hearts are touched to help replenish our buckets and kits, the information can be found at [cwskits.org](http://cwskits.org).

As a reminder: The UCC Global HOPE Team offers \$250 matching grants to churches or church-related organizations (UCC and Disciples) to assemble the various kits, including Clean Up Buckets. [Global H.O.P.E. Kit Matching Grant Application](#)

Please prayerfully consider stepping forward and assisting this vital mission of service and love. If you have questions, reach out to Kevin Gehres, Disaster Response Coordinator, [gehreskb@gmail.com](mailto:gehreskb@gmail.com), (419) 203-2776.

Thank you so much for your wonderful support for our neighbors! Your kindness truly makes a difference.

Heartland Conference QR code...

SONKA has a Facebook group you can join to find more information about events in our Association!  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/IEmYFxxkibN/>

You can sign-up for webinars offered through the National Setting:  
<https://www.ucc.org/programming-webinars/>

You can find the latest statements from the United Church of Christ's National Setting on a number of topics on the UCC.org website? For instance: <https://www.ucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Resource-for-COMs-on-Artificial-Intelligence-July-2026.pdf>

Scan here to discover resources that connect us to our wider covenant in the Heartland Conference.

THE HEARTLAND CONFERENCE'S  
PORTAL TO MINISTRY RESOURCES!



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# SEPTEMBER 2026

| SUN                                                                                             | MON                                                            | TUE                                 | WED                                                                                                  | THU                                                             | FRI                                                            | SAT                                 |
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|                                                                                                 |                                                                | 1<br>Quilting- 10am                 | 2                                                                                                    | 3<br>Handbell Practice-6pm<br>Sanctuary Choir<br>Practice- 7pm  | 4                                                              | 5<br>Gateway Food<br>Drop-off- 10am |
| 6<br>Worship- 9:50am                                                                            | 7<br>Warm Wishes<br>9:30am<br><br>Labor Day<br>-office closed- | 8<br><br>Elders' Meeting-<br>6:30pm | 9<br><b>Fabric and Craft Sale! Wed- 6-9pm; Thurs and Fri 9am-3pm</b><br><br>F&H Board Mtg-<br>9:30am | 10<br>Handbell Practice-6pm<br>Sanctuary Choir<br>Practice- 7pm | 11<br><br>Young Family<br>Night-Activity Center<br>Park 6:30pm | 12<br>Trustee Mtg-<br>8:30am        |
| 13<br>Worship- 9:50am<br>Fall Kickoff                                                           | 14<br>Warm Wishes<br>9:30am                                    | 15<br>Quilting- 10am                | 16                                                                                                   | 17                                                              | 18                                                             | 19<br>Men's Breakfast-<br>8:30am    |
| 20<br>Worship- 9:50am<br>Children's Choir-<br>11:30am<br>→ St. Terese Brass<br>Performance- 2pm | 21<br>Warm Wishes<br>9:30am                                    | 22<br>Quilting- 10am                | 23                                                                                                   | 24<br>Handbell Practice-6pm<br>Sanctuary Choir<br>Practice- 7pm | 25<br>Dolly Parton<br>Day in the Office!<br>9-5<br>(obviously) | 26<br>PFLAG Mtg-<br>9:30am          |
| 27<br>Children's Choir-<br>11:30am                                                              | 28<br>Warm Wishes<br>9:30am                                    | 29<br>Quilting- 10am                | 30                                                                                                   |                                                                 |                                                                |                                     |



200 jars of Peanut Butter Collection!

200th

Anniversary  
Luncheon

