

## A Brief History of David's Church

Founded in 1827, David's Church was built through the cooperation of Lutheran and German Reformed farmers settling in the Mahantango Valley of lower Northumberland County. The two congregations shared the building, worshiping every other Sunday with its own pastor. Each pastor served as many as six congregations in the area.

The German Reformed and the Evangelical Synod merged in 1934 to become the Evangelical and Reformed (E&R) Church of North America. Then in 1957, the E&R merged with the Congregational Christian Church to form the United Church of Christ (UCC).

David's remained part of a multi-church parish until 1969, when it became the Jordan Charge with St. Paul's UCC in Urban, with the Pastor serving both Lutheran and UCC congregations at both churches. In 1970, the Lutheran congregation at David's dissolved, and David's became solely a UCC church. In 2005, St. Paul's membership increased leading to the dissolution of the Jordan Charge.

Until February 2014, David's partnered with St. Paul's UCC in Sacramento, PA. David's now has a Pastor dedicated solely to our membership.

The original log church built in 1827 was destroyed by fire in 1863. The replacement church (the current sanctuary) was built of local mountain stone. In 1980 extensive renovations added a Church School wing, a fellowship hall in the basement, and updating many features with the sanctuary. The church also maintains a nearby cemetery through its Cemetery Association.

*God is still speaking,*



**Sunday Worship  
10:00 AM**

**Sunday School for children:  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
during worship**

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**David's  
United Church of Christ**

**WELCOME TO  
DAVID'S - HEBE**



**“That they all may be one”**

- John 17:21



## WHO WE ARE

**Our Mission:** Grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ, our faith community is committed to loving God and serving humanity.

**What we believe:** At David's UCC, we believe that the message of the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ is for everyone.

**What we do:** The members of David's UCC participate in a life of worship, mission projects, Christian education, and fellowship activities.

We actively support mission projects that help the neighbors across the street, and their neighbors around the world. Some of these include: the local food bank & clothing closet; Neighbors in Need; Haven Ministry; Heifer Project International; Dakota Native American Ministries and many more both locally and globally.

We continue to explore new ways in which we can match our gifts and abilities to the needs of others.

Through discipleship, study, stewardship, and active service, we seek to promote the Kingdom of God in our neighborhood and in the world.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**Worship:** The heart of our faith community is worship on Sunday mornings in our air-conditioned sanctuary. Holy Communion is shared on the first Sunday of each month, plus at special times throughout the year.

Worship for our faith community means:

- Growing spiritually and closer to God through praise, prayer, and song
- Growing as a community by sharing our joys and concerns
- Growing in faith and wisdom by hearing the Word of God through scripture and sermon
- Growing in knowledge and love of God through the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and rite of Confirmation
- Growing in our own sense of call by sharing our gifts and talents
- Growing in faithful stewardship by offering a share of God's blessings for the work of God's kingdom



**Christian Education:** Sunday School for children is offered during the school year the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during worship.

K-5 Youth Group meets the 1st Sunday of the month.

Vacation Bible School for children of all ages is held in the summertime.

Additional opportunities for all ages are offered throughout the year.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Whatever the occasion, the people of David's UCC enjoy each other's company and cooking, and welcome visitors to come and join us. Pull up a seat and have something to eat!

Some of our activities are:

- Christmas pageants, potlucks, and holiday games
- Dinner & movie nights for all ages
- Community cookouts
- Church craft sales and bazaars
- The making and selling of our famous chow-chow and pickled zucchini

## WHO IS THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC)

With roots in the 16th Century Protestant Reformation, the Congregational, Christian, German Reformed and Evangelical denominations, each unique in their formations and theologies, flowed like a river down through history to become the UCC. The UCC is distinct and diverse because of its rich spiritual history. It is a denomination that is open to all to "live your faith, love your community, heal the world."

Christ is the head of our church and we affirm the Holy Scripture as God's Word to God's people and as our guide for being in relationship with God, creation and each other.

We are committed to proclaim in word and action the Gospel of Jesus Christ; work for reconciliation and the unity of the broken body of Christ; and, seek justice and liberation for all.