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THE MESSENGER

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Past, Present, and Future

As I write this, Dublin Community Church is once again hosting several teens and two chaperones from Germany as part of the Young Ambassadors Program. I know Rev. Becky will have much more to share with you about the program as she, along with Amy LaDu, Jennifer Redenshek, and Matthew Kuck have spent many, many hours planning for this visit, and accompanying our DCC youth, along with our German visitors, on this wonderful adventure.

I had the privilege of spending time with the Young Ambassador Group on their first Sunday here, as the group gathered after church for a meal and for some games and activities designed to give them a chance to get to know one another better.

One of the games we played involved everyone pretending to be on a bus, and then we were given a choice between two options, and whichever option we chose determined which direction we went and which group we joined when we got off the bus. Then one person from each of the two groups became the spokesperson, explaining to everyone why the choice they made was a good choice.

So, for example, some of the choices were: chocolate vs strawberry, movie vs book, red vs blue. In most cases, the

group was pretty evenly divided between the two choices. However, towards the end of the game, the choices were "past" vs "future." Not surprisingly, most everyone joined the "future" group. I hesitated, but I felt drawn to go to the side representing the "past." At first, I thought I might be in that group alone, but then one of the German youth joined me there. I asked her to be the spokesperson for our group, and what she said was stunningly eloquent. I wish I could remember her exact words, but in essence she talked about how the events and people from our pasts, and the choices we made, all led us to the people we are today and brought us to where we are on our life journeys. It was beautifully said, and I couldn't agree more.

In the end, however, everyone agreed that although we can learn from the past and anticipate the future, what we have right now is this moment. Each day is a gift, and as cliché as it sounds, the best we can do is take it one day at a time. And that is enough for now.

Shalom,

– Rev. Lisa Bowersock



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Creativity Circle

Are you interested in Creativity Circle? We have two Creativity Circles – one meets the second Sunday of the month from 3 to 5 p.m. and one meets the last Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. **You're welcome to join us at either or both!**

Questions about the Sunday group, contact Karen Royce at kroyce6@gmail.com

Questions about Wednesday, contact Cindy Bitter at kcbitter77@gmail.com

Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain offers comfort and support in a thoughtful, confidential, manner. If you know of someone's need for prayers, contact our Prayer Chain through Karen Harget (karenharget@yahoo.com or 614-891-8303).



SECOND MILE:

COMMITTEE NOTES

Second Mile for July as designated by the Mission Committee will be "Ann's Angels."



As many of you know, this fund began when we were able to assist one of our dear church members, Ann Bennett. Since then, we have been able to assist the Gimenez family who are also members of our church family. Monies donated to this fund will continue to assist them and others who are in need, as recognized by the Mission Committee and Rev. Lisa and Rev. Becky. We thank you for your continued generosity and the Gimenez family is so grateful. Please continue to check the sign up genius for updates on specific needs of the family.

WANTED: Men's Bicycles and Helmets –

The Gimenez Family is seeking two bicycles and two helmets to help with their local transportation needs. These can be in new or gently used condition. If you can help, please sign up by scanning the sign up genius QR Code to the right.



Welcome to DCC

Check out the Welcome Board by the Narthex entrance for stories and photos from your friends at DCC. The Growth and Rolls Committee would like to include your story, too! Please email dublinuccoffice@gmail.com and let us know you are interested in sharing your story!

Want to receive DCC information?

Send your request to:

dublinuccoffice@gmail.com

You will receive *The Messenger* and important DCC announcements.

Our DCC-UCC Staff is Here for You

Lisa Bowersock, Senior Minister:
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BECKY'S MESSAGE

Sharing Extravagant Welcome

Summer is now in full swing! For many people, that means taking the opportunity to travel to visit family and friends. Some are instead preparing to welcome others as guests. It is a season for giving and receiving hospitality. As I write this article, we are in the midst of hosting our German Young Ambassadors. Our youth, families, staff, and volunteers have done their utmost to make our German guests feel welcome.

In a recent sermon, Rev. Lisa spoke about how our ancestors in faith viewed hospitality. It was more than something nice you did to welcome your friends. In the cultures represented in our scriptures, hospitality was a responsibility to care for others and to do whatever was possible to protect and provide for them.

I recently saw a quote online saying whatever we have to give to someone in need, it already belongs to them. It is easy to think that the things we have belong to us, but our faith reminds us that we belong to each other. I was blessed to accompany our mid-high youth in recent weeks as they had their UnTrip mission experience. These young people were tasked with selecting a scriptural theme for their work together. They chose Proverbs 3:27—"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is in your power to do it." I believe this is a lesson our youth have learned by observing the extravagant welcome that Dublin Community Church has shown through its commitment to minister to the community around it—to truly be a "community" church, working to be present to the needs of others. We truly do belong to each other, and it is such a blessing to see the many ways the church embodies the extravagant welcome of God in Jesus Christ.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Becky

DUBLIN FOOD PANTRY URGENT NEEDS

Essentials*: Individual Toothbrushes, Feminine Pads, Diapers (Larger Sizes)/Baby Wipes, Deodorant, Shampoo, and Plastic Grocery Bags (*Essential items are not covered by SNAP or Supplemental Nutrition Program (formerly referred to as a Food Stamp Program)*)

- **Food:** Jelly, Condensed Soup, Mac & Cheese, Oatmeal Packets, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter (regular size), Pancake Syrup
- **Blessing Box Items:** Crackers and fish/meat packets, ready to eat foods.

Thank you for your continued support!



Save the Date



*Bounty at
Bridge Park*

— ESTABLISHED 2023

an inaugural event
benefitting the



Dublin
Food
Pantry

Sunday, September 17th, 2023

NORTH MARKET

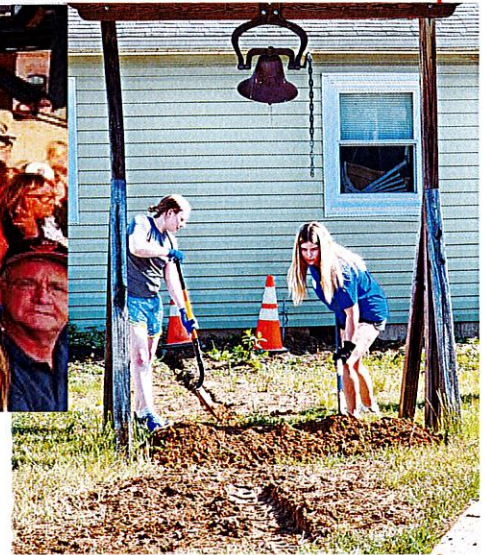
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6750 Longshore St., Dublin

6pm Cocktail Hour | 7pm Dinner & Program

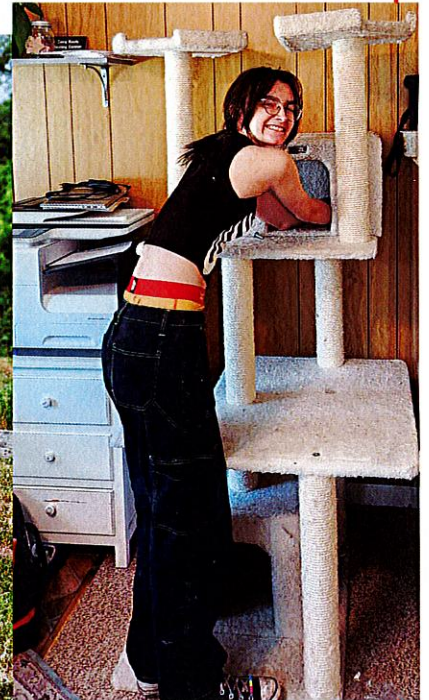
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Stay tuned for information
about ticket sales on our
website and social media!

SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP



As you read this we will be back home from our Senior High Mission Trip to Earleville, Maryland where we worked at Deep Roots. This is a homeless shelter for families experiencing being out of a home. This is a worthwhile trip in which we as youth from our church get to give back to an organization that is helping families get out of their current situation.



The 8 youth and 5 chaperones who went will be sharing their experiences when they return. There is a list on the Narthex bulletin board of all the projects we completed for them during our stay. Please pray for the families and the organization we worked with. Thank you to all of you who have supported us in being able to take this trip. It means a lot to have your love, support and care.

Blessings and Peace,
Gregg

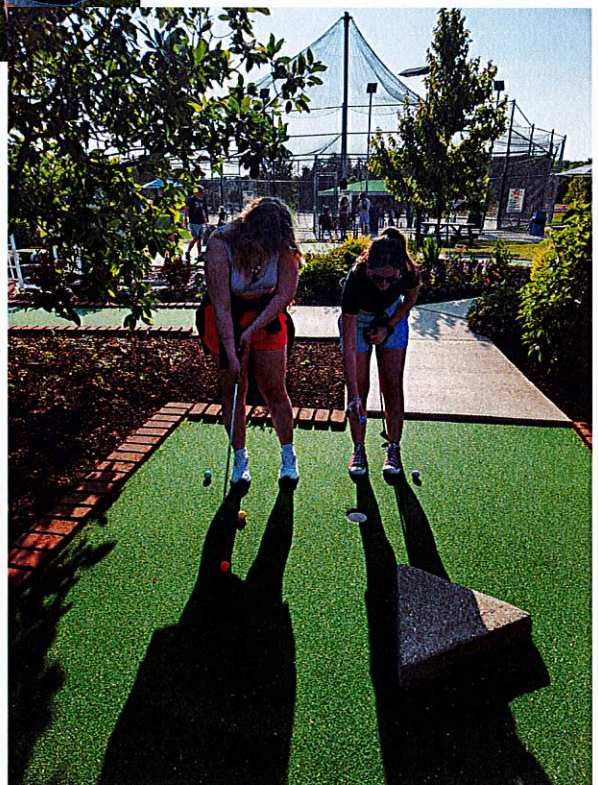
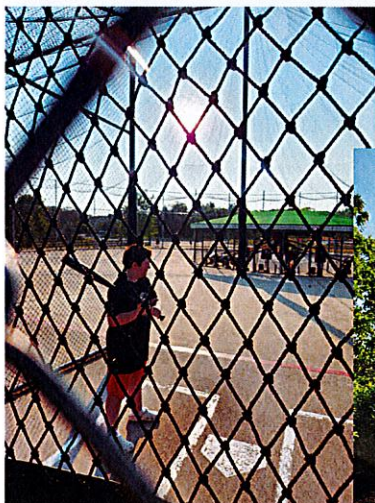
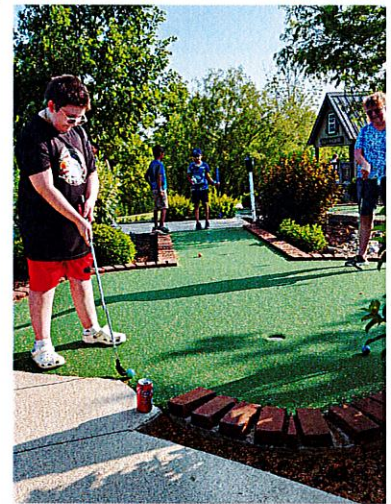
YOUTH GROUP

Gregg Dudash
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We held our last youth group meeting/activity at Olentangy Golf and Batting Cages. We had 9 of us there playing putt putt, eating pizza, fruit and dessert, and hitting baseballs in the cages. It was really fun to have this outing. Sad to see that this is the last meeting and activity for Maddy Zuber and Olivia Dudash. They have been a huge part of youth group for the last 6 years. Best of luck to them in college. Here are some pictures of our fun time.

Thank you to Betty and Frank Sugar who always come with dinner. As Youth Leader, I am so thankful for you and I was sooo glad to have you playing putt putt with us. It was a great time.

Youth Group will pick back up in September. For now, many thanks to all of the youth who have come to our meetings and activities. Thanks also to Jennifer Smith-Dudash for all you did for our youth this past year.



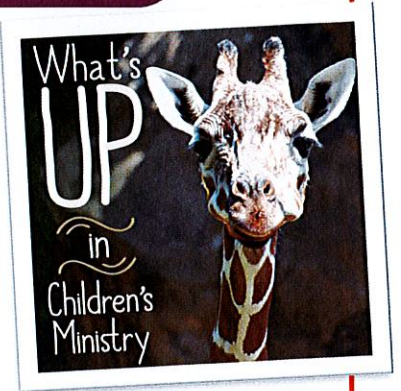
MID-HIGH UNTRIP



The youth who participated in the UnTrip took time to look up a Bible verse for the week that would serve as their theme. They focused on finding a passage that talked about serving others and found Proverbs 3:27-28. ***"Do not withhold good from those who need it, when it is in your power to do it."*** They blessed these organizations with their service during the week: Dublin Food Pantry, Sedona Grace, Meals on Wheels, Ronald McDonald House, Ann's Angels, Kobacker House, and the Columbus Humane Society.



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2023 Vacation Bible School Registration Form Ages 4-11

Dublin Community Church-UCC

July 23-26 6:00-7:30pm

(one per child)

Child's Name: _____ Child's Age _____

Parent Name(s): _____ Cell #: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Home Church:

Child's allergies, medical conditions or special needs:

Parent/Guardian: Are you willing to help out in some way?

Registration Fee: \$20 individual/ \$30 Family

For office use only:

Payment Amount/Date: _____ Check/Cash/Other

Because of YOU, our church changes lives

You'll be hearing that theme quite often over the next few months - not only because it's true, but also because it's our Stewardship theme for this year. We are so blessed at Dublin Community Church to have such an involved and giving congregation. I've heard it said (and seen it in action) that all you need to do is ask and someone steps up and does the job.



It happens over and over and over again. Whether it's at a fellowship gathering where someone says "I'll take care of that" or a committee member that spends their own money to purchase the food for an event ("it's such a small thing") or a church member who arranges rides for a family in need, our abundance of giving truly overflows.

We're excited to tell more of these stories and hope that you are excited to hear them. Thank you for sharing your generosity through your time, talent and treasure. Each time you act, you change someone's life. What could be better than that?

The Dublin Community Church Foundation Proudly Announces:

2023 Foundation Grants have been awarded from:

The Natalie Pedersen Chard Memorial Restricted Fund:

WORD Speaker and Luncheon

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Music and Musicians

From the **Unrestricted Funds:**

*Sunday School Storage & Cart; Music Stand Cart; Piano Bench; Kitchen Committee Table
Linens and Aprons; Fellowship Family Events & Steinway Piano Tuning*

From the **Alexander James Ko Memorial Fund:**

Partial Year Salary for newly-created Middle High Youth Leader

The DCCF trustees appreciate the unprecedented interest in the grant process this year. Please consider supporting your DCC Foundation with donations throughout the year. Remember donating through your IRA RMDs is mutually beneficial! Contact Trustees: Tom Anderson, Nancy Chapman, Andy Jakes, Steph Mizer, Henry Montgomery, Gary Morin, or Betsy Smith if you have questions.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through May 30, 2023

Financial Update: Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of the Dublin Community Church!

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For the Month

- **Contributions** totaling **\$32,009** were *unfavorable* to plan by **\$3,695**, or 90% of monthly budget
- **Total Operating Revenue** was **\$42,165** *unfavorable* to plan by **\$3,522** or 92% of monthly budget
- **Total Operating Expenses** was **\$102,593** was *unfavorable* to plan by **\$49,457**, or 193% of budget
 - o HVAC condenser and coil replacement of **\$53,925** impacted expenses

Net Cash Flow for the month was *unfavorable* to plan by **\$52,979** with Total Expenses exceeding Total Revenue

Year-to-date

- **Contributions of \$268,541** was *favorable* to plan by **\$178,570** or 150% greater than plan
 - **Total Operating Revenue** was *favorable* to plan by **\$84,525** or 137%
 - **Total Operating Expense** was *unfavorable* to plan by **\$118,977** or 145% of plan
- HVAC costs impacted expenses for year to date

Through May 30, 2023	Month				Year-to-Date					
Revenue	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Annual Budget	% of Budget
Contributions - Pledged	\$ 24,870	\$ 30,086	\$ (5,216)	83%	\$ 226,542	\$ 150,430	\$ 76,112	151%	\$ 361,033	63%
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150		\$ -	
Contributions - Unpledged	\$ 4,582	\$ 5,003	\$ (421)	92%	\$ 32,808	\$ 25,015	\$ 7,793	131%	\$ 60,031	55%
Contributions - Prepaid & Other	\$ 2,557	\$ 615	\$ 1,942	416%	\$ 9,041	\$ 3,075	\$ 5,966	294%	\$ 7,382	122%
Sub-total Revenue - Contributions	\$ 32,009	\$ 35,704	\$ (3,695)	90%	\$ 268,541	\$ 178,520	\$ 90,021	150%	\$ 428,446	63%
Other Revenue	\$ 10,156	\$ 9,983	\$ 173	102%	\$ 44,419	\$ 49,915	\$ (5,496)	89%	\$ 119,185	37%
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 42,165	\$ 45,687	\$ (3,522)	92%	\$ 312,960	\$ 228,435	\$ 84,525	137%	\$ 547,631	57%

Net Cash Flow from Operations	Current Actual	Current Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Annual Budget	% Expended
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 42,165	\$ 45,687	\$ (3,522)	92%	\$ 312,960	\$ 228,435	\$ 84,525	137%	\$ 547,631	57%
Total Operating Expense	\$ 102,596	\$ 53,139	\$ (49,457)	193%	\$ 384,790	\$ 265,793	\$ (118,997)	145%	\$ 532,524	72%
Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)	\$ (60,431)				\$ (71,830)					

Respectfully submitted by the DCC Finance Committee: Brian Redenshek (Chair), Brenda Rizzo, Stefan Niewiesk

Spring Rummage Sale Update:

If you were impressed with the most recent announcement that we made over \$18,000 at the May 6th rummage sale, hold on to your britches!!! We now are over \$19,100!!! Awesome! Kudos to all who participated in any way. Way to go, volunteers!

Happy Independence Day!

Come watch the Dublin Wind Symphony on our front lawn an hour before the parade steps off!



July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Indian Dancers—Kennedy North Tues. 5:30—9:30 PM *except third Tuesday Thur. 7—9PM		Red Cross Blood Drives 2023 Kennedy Room Wed. 12:30 PM—6:30 PM				1
2 Worship 10 AM	3 Grief Group 7 PM	4 OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 MORE, 6:15 AM Scouts—7PM	6 7PM Swing Band—GW	7	8 GW Room Dudash 12-3 PM
9 Worship 10 AM 3-5 Creativity Circle	10	11	12 MORE, 6:15 AM Scouts—7PM	13 EGA— 10AM—4PM Nar- thex	14 Excellence Group PM Red Cross Blood Drive 10:30 AM—4:30PM	15
16 Worship 10AM New Member Luncheon after church	17	18 *Deadline for Messenger Articles.	19 MORE, 6:15 AM Scouts—7PM	20 7 PM Swing Band—GW	21	22
23 Worship 10AM	24	25	26 MORE, 6:15 AM Creativity Circle 1-3PM No Red Cross Scouts— 7 PM	27	28	29
VBS WEEK						
30 Worship 10AM Wyatt Baptism	31				AA Meetings Mon-Sat, 7 AM (KS) Tues, 10AM; 1 PM (KS) Thurs, 1 PM (KS) Fri., 6:30 PM (KS) Fri., 7:30 PM (GW) 1st Wed , 7 PM (Parlor)	

Happy Birthday!



JULY BIRTHDAYS/CELEBRATIONS

1 Jill DeiCas-Nehls
Easton Elsass
Irma Flottman
Laura Tussing

2 Vanesa Clayton
Kevin Dicus
Avery Farris

3 Daniel Kramer
Susann Wittig

4 Ted St. Clair
Tina Goodman

5 Nicholas Koogler

6 Norm Dellner
Matthew Sparks

7 Jamie Menges

9 Jennifer Ployer

10 Martha McCauley
Christopher Pond

11 Andrew Foote

12 Kyle Howard
Dan Kinnamon

13 Lisa Bowersock
Brandon Bowzer
Abigail Foote

14 Allison Shoemaker

15 Tom Anderson
Eric Foote
Colette Julian
Shane Julian
Mary Ko

16 Stephen Kranz
Claudia Perry
Lynn Rose
Erin O'Brien

17 Christopher Crawford

18 Leo Clayton
Janice Lawrence
Stephanie Mizer

21 Alesia Miller

23 Charles Margolius
George Virgalitte
Alison Ward

24 Ross Walker

25 Jane Bellanca
Diana Evans
Wayne Headlee

26 Brian Redenshek

27 Lisa Kaiser

28 Mike Smith

29 Tom Moore

30 Tracy Zinn

31 Judy Coggin
Elaine Sparks
Janet Vance
Carrie Young

SMALL STEPS
achieve
BIG GOALS



Celebration Donation!

The Dublin Community Church Foundation (DCCF) is endeavoring to re-energize the Foundation Fund and make it a vital and current part of our Ministry—AND an enduring legacy to support the work of Dublin Community Church in generations to come. Important, as well, is making each member of our Congregation feel a part of this legacy of faith and commitment. This can seem a daunting task! So here is a "Modest Proposal": To mark special occasions like birthdays and anniversaries, consider making a Celebratory Donation of \$1.00 per year to the Foundation, i.e.: \$25.00 on your 25th wedding anniversary, or \$42.00 on your 42nd birthday. You can commemorate your milestone by becoming part of the legacy of DCCF. And over time these small, individual, memorials can result in substantial growth in the Foundation Fund—with everyone having a part in this meaningful foundation for the future. We hope you will give some consideration to joining in what, we hope, will become a New Tradition at Dublin Community Church.

Donations can be made by placing a check payable to the **DCC Foundation** in the collection plate. It is **IMPORTANT** to note **"DCCF Foundation Celebration"** in the memo line.

MINISTERS/CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Rev. Bowersock's normal day off is Thursday.

Rev. Sunday's normal day off is Monday.

Church Office Hours:

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Friday.



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Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship Update

The Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship group has just finished a sensational Spring Season! A group of 25 men have been meeting twice a month (first and third Saturdays) since January. Each morning meeting starts with fresh brewed coffee and hot bagels. We then take some time and get the group singing a few praise songs. The next half hour is dedicated to a presentation, followed by the remaining half hour of dialog and open discussion.

A few of our topics this season have included: Our Christian Friendships & Fellowship; Men's Study – Why Is It So Hard For Men To Make Close Friends?; Parable Studies – The Good Samaritan, The Return of the Prodigal Son; Easter Study – Christ's Final Words; Where the Risen Christ Shows Up; Our Personal Journeys of Faith; Study of Psalm 139 – God is Always With Us.

Stay Tuned! We'll be back in the Fall with more interesting topics and more Christian Men's Fellowship (and of course, coffee and bagels too)! If you're interested or would like to know more, please contact: Neil Butler, Jacob Coburn, or Randy Luikart

Join Connect at Soine Vineyards: August 5th 6:00—8:00 PM. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy music, tortillas and fellowship!



Deep Griha Society

"Empowerment of the marginalised through capacity building and sustainable rural and urban development programmes"

Quarterly Report

January to March 2023 – part 1.

(Entire report can be read at <https://dccucc.com/ministries/deep-griha/>) Look for part 2 in the August Messenger

Key Advancements/Highlights

The Budget for the financial year starting in April 2023 was finalised and submitted. We found a new CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) supporter in DNV (an international company with offices in Pune), they will be supporting aspects of the Senior Citizen programme.

Key Challenges faced General

Programme Updates

Aadhar Kendra Sponsorship Programme

The number of children enrolled with AK stands at 268 in this quarter, 221 students have a sponsor. The mothers were very happy to have participated in the Women's Day Celebrations. Awareness sessions were conducted for teenagers on identifying and dealing with stress and with young girls on reproductive health and the changes to expect. The children continue to have access to their daily meals, counselling and support with everything they need for school.

City of Child

We ended the quarter with 39 students, as 3 students completed their Grade 10 exams and moved back home. Computer classes, school and homework through the week and Karate classes and sports over the weekend keep the children very busy. The employees from BNY Mellon came together and funded a lot of sports equipment for the children. The children are thrilled with their new racquets, bats, skipping ropes, and the indoor games as well.



Festival celebrations continue to be a highlight along with all the other activities. Here is a 'before' photo on Holi, the festival of colours.

In this quarter we have had BNY employees celebrate birthdays every month with the children, which makes it a lot more fun for everyone.



Deep Griha Academy

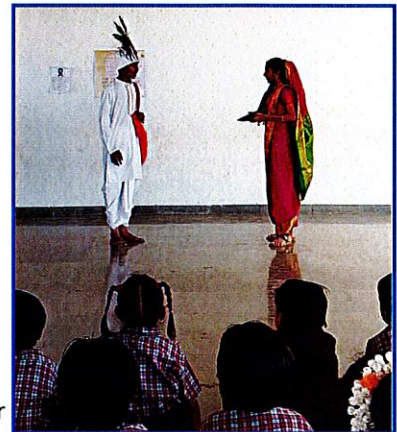
We had 314 students registered with us in this quarter. The teachers have been working hard to cover the learning gaps created by almost two years of online learning.

This academic year also brought along opportunities for exposure visits with partner organisation employees. BNY Mellon teams accompanied Grade 5 and 6 students to the Science Park and Museum.



Grade 8 students went to an Agricultural exhibition in Baramati. During their visit, the students had the opportunity to explore and gain insights into various agricultural practices such as Hydroponics, Polyhouse farming, and Shed net farming. This educational excursion provided the students with valuable knowledge and understanding of innovative farming techniques as part of their Agriculture class at school.

Marathi Diwas (Day) was celebrated on 27 February 2023, the students and teachers of DGA celebrated Marathi Day by performing role plays, songs, reader's theatre. The students and teachers actively participated in sharing information about Marathi literature and notable authors, enhancing the cultural and literary experience of the event.



Science Day was celebrated on 28 February 2023, engaging in creative activities that emphasized resourcefulness and innovation. Students showcase their talent by crafting models and projects using waste materials, promoting the importance of recycling and upcycling. Additionally, they expressed scientific concepts through the medium of rangoli, combining art and science to convey complex ideas in visually appealing ways. The event not only celebrated science but also fostered an eco-friendly mindset and encouraged students to think critically about the reuse of resources.

On 11 March 2023, DGA teachers participated in a training session conducted by Studio Alternatives, an organization dedicated to upcycling materials. The objective of the session was to promote sustainability and empower teachers to integrate upcycling practices into their classrooms. The organization shared valuable insights and techniques on how to repurpose and transform waste materials into useful and creative resources. By equipping teachers with these skills, the training aimed to inspire students to engage in upcycling efforts, fostering a culture of environmental responsibility and creative problem-solving within the school community.

After attending comprehensive training on delivering sessions about the importance of recognizing good and bad touch, DGA teachers took the initiative to organize an awareness program for the parents of their students at the school. During the sessions, parents were informed about how to speak to their children about recognising good touch vs bad touch, conversations that the parents need to have with their children and signs they need to look for, to prevent child abuse. The program aimed to educate parents about child abuse, emphasizing the significance of creating a safe and secure environment for children. By sharing their knowledge and insights, the teachers sought to empower parents with the necessary tools to identify and address instances of inappropriate behavior. The awareness program is one example of DGA's commitment to ensuring the well-being and protection of its students in action.

After years of being on hold, DGA's percolation pit was completed in this quarter. It will help us reduce surface runoff, recharge our borewells and in time positively affect the groundwater levels in the area around us. 100 ft by 40 ft and about 10 ft in depth, it will help us collect a lot of rainwater.