



THE MESSENGER

Dublin Community Church–United Church of Christ

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"The Most Wonderful Time of the Year"

There is currently a commercial playing on TV in which you hear the familiar strains of the holiday classic, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" - after which a father and two children run outside and start rolling around on the ground – but instead of snow, there are blossoms from the trees blowing every where and covering the ground. The commercial is for allergy medicine, and I can relate as I have done my share of sneezing this season. However, as much as Lenjoy Advent and Christmas, spring really is the most wonderful time of the year for me. The flowers are blooming, the weather is generally mild, and we have summer stretching out in front of US.

In some ways, things at DCC slow down in the summer. Many of our "school year" programs come to an end – Seekers, WORD, Confirmation, choir, to name a few, take a hiatus in the summer. But there is also much happening that only happens during the summer. Our Senior High Youth are gearing up for another meaningful mission trip. The Mid-High Youth will enjoy another mission "untrip." Vacation Bible School will be in full swing for a week in July. And for two weeks this summer we will be welcoming youth and adults from Germany as part of our Young Ambassador program. It will be an exciting time.



I also need to mention, however, that while many things have slowed down, the need for food donations for the Food Pantry has not slowed down. In fact, the need for food is as great as it's ever been, but unfortunately, donations are down. Please keep in mind as you are grocery shopping to throw a couple extra items in your cart for the pantry. For a list of the most immediate needs, you can go to the Food Panty website at www.dublinfoodpantry.org. We also list the most needed items here in the monthly Messenger.

As we celebrate graduations and weddings and vacations and reunions, may this truly be "the most wonderful time of the year" for you and yours. It is a season of endings and beginnings, of sad goodbyes and exciting new adventures, of recognizing and caring for each other's needs, of celebrating the newness of life all around us. And of looking ahead to a future where all things are possible.

Shalom,

– Rev. Lisa Bowersock

Welcome to DCC

Why do you choose DCC? Check out the Welcome Board by the Narthex entrance for stories and photos from your friends at DCC. We will also feature member stories on the new DCC website. 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!

Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain offers comfort and support in a thoughtful, confidential, manner. If you know of someone's need for pray-



ers, contact our Prayer Chain through Karen Harget (karenharget@yahoo.com or 614-891-8303).

SECOND MILE:

COMMITTEE NOTES

DCC Disaster Relief Fund

The funds collected will go to victims of disasters.



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



MINISTERS/CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Rev. Bowersock's normal day off is <u>Thursday</u>.
Rev. Sunday's normal day off is <u>Monday</u>.
Church Office Hours:
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday.
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Friday.

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: Becky Sunday, Associate Minister: Jill DeiCas-Nehls, C.E. Director: Nancy Luikart, Music Director: Laura Zuber, Church Administrator: Gregg Dudash, Youth Leader: Bianca DeMaria, Organist/Accompanist: Barb Anderson, Interfaith Outreach Facilitator: lisaabowersock@gmail.com revbeckysunday@gmail.com jcd.dcc.ucc2014@gmail.com nluikart@icloud.com dublinuccoffice@gmail.com dccnpyg@yahoo.com bvm.demaria@gmail.com andersonfamily2214@gmail.com

BECKY'S MESSAGE

The Future Is Already Here

Famed science fiction author William Gibson is quoted as saying, "The future is already here." When I think about the youth of the church, this phrase comes to mind. So often, we say that our youth and children are the future of the church. While I ap-

preciate the sentiment of that statement, the reality is that our young people are the church already. Their church is not some hypothetical place of the future. This is their church—now—today.

And what does their church look like? I saw it as eleven of our youth bore witness to their faith and made the commitment to live as Jesus' disciples at their Confirmation last month. It is visible in our middle schoolers who will participate in the UnTrip later this month as they give their time and energy to local missions here in the Dublin area. It is evident in our senior high youth as they embark on the Mission Trip, acting as the hands and feet of Christ as they will minister to benefit the homeless community is Earleville, Maryland this month. It will be made tangible as our Young Ambassadors represent the church while hosting our German friends in the coming weeks.

Our youth are living their faith, bringing Christ's mission to life again and again through their actions, and renewing the church every day. This is their church. It is a beautiful church, and I feel blessed to be part of it!

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Becky





CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES



Lindsey Blagg, daughter of Bobbie Termeer and granddaughter of Dick and Marilyn Termeer, is a 2023 Graduate of Dublin Scioto High School. She will be attending SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design).



Madelyn Zuber, daughter of Dan and Laura Zuber, is a 2023 Cum Laude Honor Graduate of Dublin Jerome High School. She will be pursuing a degree in Music Therapy at Ohio University.



Carter Davis is graduating from Hilliard Davidson HS. He is the son of Dana & Chad Davis and grandson of Duane & Nancy Warns. Carter is a cross country & track athlete, a National Merit Scholar and is Senior Class President. He will be studying Engineering at The Ohio State University in the fall.

Bryson Malinowski (below) will graduate from Worthington Kilbourne High School.

He plans to attend Ohio University and study Environmental Science and Sustainability.









Olivia Dudash is graduating from Worthington Kilbourne High School. She will be attending Columbus State University in the fall. Olivia will major in Psychology with plans to transfer to Ohio State University after getting her associate degree from Columbus State. She wants to work in the prison system or with victims as a psychologist.

CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES



Hunter Cowger (left), Business Finance, University of Connecticut January 2023 graduate of the UConn School of Business. He is employeed by Finance Business Leadership Program at Synchrony Bank, Stamford CT

Holden Cowger (right), Business and Information Systems, University of Connecticut. May 2023 graduate of the UConn School of Business. He is employed by Business Insights and Analytics Leadership Development Program at Travelers Insurance, Hartford CT

Hunter and Holden are the sons of Dean & Stephanie Cowger and the grandsons of Jim & Claudette Headlee.



Ty Young will be graduating from Dublin Coffman with Cum Laude honors. He will be attending the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University this fall majoring in Sports Business.





Steven Hall (left) grandson of Phillip and Shelby Headlee, received his Masters Degree in Data Science from the University of California, Berkeley on May 15. Pictured is Steven with fiancée Mary. They will be married in Chicago in November 11, 2023.

Trace Kaufman (right) graduated from Hilliard Davidson. On July 18 he will begin his service to our country in the U.S. Air Force. He is the grandson of Mary Lynn Carothers.





Mary Kate Patterson earned her Ph.D in Teaching and Learning from The Ohio State University.

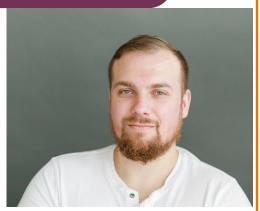


CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES



Craig and Cheryl Yeack have two children graduating this month! Hannah Yeack, received her JD (Law) from Case Western Reserve University on May 20, 2023. Their son, **Seth Yeack**, received his MBA from Mount Vernon Nazarene University on May 6, 2023.

Mikayla Richardson (below) graduated from Hilliard Bradley High School and plans to attend Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology



Class 2023





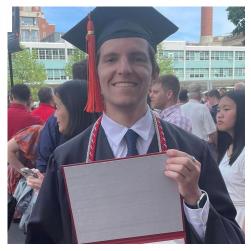
Bianca De Maria, graduated on May 20th from the Wellstreams Program of Spiritual Deepening and the Art of Spiritual Direction.





Robert James Chapman, Grandson of Nancy Chapman and Ross Walker, received a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering The Ohio State University Summa Cum Laude with Honors and Distinction and member of The Ohio State University Marching Band

He will be employed by Epic Healthcare Software in Verona, Wisconsin in July, 2023. Robert is the son of Jaime and Mitchell Chapman and a graduate of Dublin Coffman High School



CHRISTIAN ED/CLASS OF 2023 GRADS/ ANN'S ANGELS

UNTRIP 2023

Jill DeiCas-Nehls Jcd.dcc.ucc2014@gmail.com

We have a busy and fun week planned this year for the 2023 UnTrip! If you haven't gotten your registration form in for your mid-high student, please contact Jill. For those that helped with the rummage sale, final amounts of what is still owed for registration will come to you from Jill very soon.



Evan Sugar earned his Associate of Science Systems Engineering from CSCC. He is starting this fall at Otterbein University for a bachelor's in mechanical engineering.



Tyler J. Zinn graduated from Worthington Kilbourne High School. He is enrolled at Bowling Green State University to study Mechanical Engineering in the fall.

Children's Ministry



ANN'S ANGELS – the Mission Committee has decided to continue Ann's Angels to help our church members, the Gimenez family. They traveled to the US to escape the political upheaval in Venezuela which left them without their business (a green grocery) and a way to provide a living for their family. While they await their immigration hearing, they are not permitted to work, despite a strong desire to do so. We know that many in our congregation would happily help if they only knew how. Donations of cash or checks to Ann's Angel's will be used to directly pay their landlord, electric bill or purchase gift cards to Walmart so they can shop for food they need beyond what the food pantry supplies. We encourage you to use this Signup Genius for the household and personal items (to control the amount they receive due to limited storage space) and bring them in to church and place them in the Ann's Angels box. *Meeting their rent, utilities and food* requirements weigh heavily on them and are our first priority. The family has repeatedly expressed their deepest gratitude for all our church family has done, and they feel so proud to be members of our community. Please follow the link below or use the QR code with your phone to follow the link to the sign up aenius to help.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ea9a828abff2-anns#/



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FINANCIAL NEWS

Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through April 30, 2023

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

For the Month

- Contributions totaling \$36,618 were favorable to plan by \$914, or 103% of monthly budget
- Total Operating Revenue was \$46,279 favorable to plan by \$592 or 101% of monthly budget
- **Total Operating Expenses** was **\$132,821** was unfavorable to plan by **\$76,679**, or 250% of budget, of which \$90,000 represents the non-cash reclassification of February's one time contributions from the General Fund to the Council Contingency Special Purpose fund

Net Cash Flow for the month was unfavorable to plan by \$86,542 with Total Expenses exceeding Total Revenue

Year-to-date

• **Contributions of \$236,531** was favorable to plan by **\$93,715** or 166% of plan, of which \$100,000 represents one-time contributions in February

- Total Operating Revenue was favorable to plan by \$88,047 or 148%
- Total Operating Expense was unfavorable to plan by \$68,731 or 132% of plan

Through April 30, 2023	Month Year-to-Date																
Revenue		Actual		Plan	Va	r. to Plan	% of Plan		Actual		Plan	Var. to Pla		% of Plan	Annual Budget		% of Budget
Contributions - Pledged	\$	24,295	\$	30,086	\$	(5,791)	81%	\$	101,672	\$	120,344	\$	(18,672)	84%	\$	361,033	28%
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	150	\$	-	\$	150		\$	-	
Contributions - Unpledged	\$	9,945	\$	5,003	\$	4,942	199%	\$	128,226	\$	20,012	\$	108,214	641%	\$	60,031	214%
Contributions - Prepaid & Other	\$	2,378	\$	615	\$	1,763	387%	\$	6,483	\$	2,460	\$	4,023	264%	\$	7,382	88%
Sub-total Revenue - Contributions	\$	36,618	\$	35,704	\$	914	103%	\$	236,531	\$	142,816	\$	93,715	166%	\$	428,446	55%
Other Revenue	\$	9,661	\$	9,983	\$	(322)	97%	\$	34,264	\$	39,932	\$	(5,668)	86%	\$	119,185	29%
Total Operating Revenue	\$	46,279	\$	45,687	\$	592	101%	\$	270,795	\$	182,748	\$	88,047	148%	\$	547,631	49%
<u>Net Cash Flow_from</u> <u>Operations</u>	(Current Actual	Cur	rent Plan	Var	. to Plan	% of Plan	Y	D Actual	γ	TD Plan	Var	to Plan	% of Plan		Annual Budget	% Expended
Total Operating Revenue	\$	46,279	\$	45,687	\$	592	101%	\$	270,795	\$	182,748	\$	88,047	148%	\$	547,631	49%
Total Operating Expense	\$	132,821	\$	53,142	\$	(79,679)	250%	\$	281,283	\$	212,552	\$	(68,731)	132%	\$	532,524	53%
Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)	\$	(86,542)						\$	(10,488)								

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

Open Committee Positions

Thank you to those who have volunteered to fill committee positions! Being active on a committee is a great way to know what is happening in the church and a wonderful way to get to know other members of our Dublin Community Church Family! We could still use members on the <u>Fellowship Committee</u> and <u>Christian Education Committee</u>. There is always room on any committee for anyone who wants to serve, but these two committees are significantly lower on members than they should be. Please contact Sri Kar (ray_sritama@yahoo.com) fellowship chair or Jill DeiCas-Nehls (jcd.dcc.ucc2014@gmail.com) Christian Ed. Director if you are interested in serving on either of those committees.



May 6th Spring Rummage Sale Surprise!

It really should come as no surprise to anyone since dozens and dozens of you donated your treasures and dozens and dozens of volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare for this past sale and dozens and dozens worked endlessly on the day of the sale and dozens and dozens of you came as shoppers that THIS rummage sale was positively THE best sale EVER! Maybe our success was, in part, due to our beloved Donna Bond watching over all of us at the church. (Half of the money will go to the UCC One Great Hour of Sharing and half will stay with our youth for their mission trips.)

To date, we have made over \$18,010!

We shattered our previous high sales' amount which was just over \$14,000! Thanks to every single one of you who donated, worked, sold, shopped, and cleaned up. We had many first -time volunteers. Hope you went home tired but happy, that you felt you have gotten to know more church members, and that you spread kindness.

Thanks, too, to the folks who prepared lunches daily for the volunteers during the week: Peach Termeer, Pat Hayden, our Youth, WORD, Judy Kuck, Denise Burgers, Vallery and Charles Hoy, and Lisa Neidhardt and Jennifer Smith-Dudash. Hungry volunteers looked forward to the daily nourishment and camaraderie.

You should also know that our rummage sales really are "*Ripple Ministries!*" Besides the fact that we offered very affordable clothing, household items, toys, books, home décor, etc., we donated to many worthwhile organizations. Leftover items were picked up by Volunteers of America and National Kidney Services. Leftover professional clothing was donated to "Dress for Success" (an organization that provides suitable clothing for those looking for jobs). Leftover flower vases went to a local florist. Leftover books benefitted the Kobacker (Hospice) House. Leftover clothing was donated to "Star House" (an organization that serves homeless 14 to 24 year-olds). Leftover jeans were donated to "New Life Columbus" (an agency that serves those who need conversation, coffee, breakfast and clothing). Nothing goes to waste; nothing is thrown out. It's all good!

Next rummage sale is Saturday, October 7th, 2023. Thank you, Dublin Community Church members and friends of the church for participating in yet another way we share God's WORD.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu		Fri	Sat	
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				7PM Swing Band—GW		Meredith Wolfe Recitals—Chapel 4:30—6:30 PM	SMMF 7:30 AM	
4	5	6	7		8	9	10	
Graduation Recognition			MORE, 6:15 AM	EGA— 10AM—4PM	KR	Excellence Group PM		
5:30-7:30 Youth Group	Grief Group 7 PM		Scouts—7PM			YAP Leaders 4:15 PM Office		
11 Worship 10 AM	12	13	14 MORE, 6:15 AM		15	16	17 SMMF 7:30 AM	
3-5 Creativity Circle			Scouts—7PM	7 PM Swin Band—GV		YAP Leaders 4:15 PM Office		
Mission Trip 202	23—Earlville, M	aryland						
	UnTrip 2023							
18 Worship 10AM	19	20 Church Council 7PM	21 MORE, 6:15 AM		22	23	24	
		*Deadline for Mes- senger Articles.	Scouts—7PM					
Young Amba								
25 Worship 10AM	26	27	28 MORE, 6:15 AM Creativity Circle 1-3PM Scouts- 7 PM	29		30		
Young Ambas	sadors							
Indian Dancers—Kennedy North Tues. 5:30—9:30 PM *except third Tuesday Thur. 7—9PM			AA Meetings Mon-Sat, 7 AM (K Iues, 10AM; 1 PM Thurs, 1 PM (KS) Fri., 6:30 PM (KS Fri., 7:30 PM (GW st Wed , 7 PM (Pa	.S) (KS)) V)	<u>Red Cross Blood Drives</u> <u>2023</u> Kennedy Room Wed. 12:30 PM—6:30 PM			



- Kaitlyn Bitter 1 Jake Nicely Anna Webber Elisabeth Webber 2 Ted Carlson Anne Geese Reese Kerr Shelby Quinn Moira Bauman 3 Sarah Louters 4 Michael Blarv Zoe Coburn Katie Pond Janie Saunders Mara Ward Mason Walker 5 **Kiley Goodman**
- 6 Brice Larson **Eric Williams** 7 Michael Lawrence Tyler Moore Casey Olen Aurelis Perez Parra
- Laura Zuber 8 9 Ned Neidhardt **Brent Smith**
- 10 **Douglas Bond** Jennifer Sell
- Kelley Bond 11 Chris Ebersole Josh Ployer 12 **Deborah Pond**
- 13 Emily Flottman-Mullen
- 14 **Christopher Luikart**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS/CELEBRATIONS

- 15 James Barnes Carolyn Mohlzahn Susan Nedorost **Charles Nicely** Jeff Shaffer
- 16 Ken Bitter Nicholas Webber Stacy Weislogel **Cheryl Yeack**
- 17 Evan Frissora Ginger Kucan Harper Louters
- Conner Sell 18 Carole Zugaro
- Clara Frissora 20 **Betty Neer**
- Geoff Baldwin 21 Stacy Moore Isabelle Razem Sydney Shaffer
- Megan Sells 22 Reyna deSilva
- 23 Melissa Baird **Alexander Smith**
- 24 Brian Sell Nichole Weber
- 25 Myles Crawford
- 26 Diana Nicelv Jessica Philemond Laine Schrewe
- 27 Anderson Elsass Mert Korte Daniel Shannon Grant Tiefenthaler
- 28 Claire Gibson Mary Jakes **Charles Montgomery**
- 29 Colton Nicely 30
 - Rachel Rose

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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.



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DUBLIN FOOD PANTRY URGENT NEEDS

- **Personal hygiene items:** Individual Toothbrushes, feminine Pads, diapers (Larger Sizes)/baby wipes, laundry detergent, deodorant, shampoo and plastic grocery bags.
- Non-Perishable Items such as: Peanut butter (regular size), canned soup and fruit, oatmeal packets, pancake syrup, mac and cheese.
- Blessing Box Items: Crackers and fish/meat packets, ready to eat foods.

Essential items are not covered by SNAP or Supplemental Nutrition Program (formerly referred to as a Food Stamp Program)

Also, monetary gifts are most appreciated and needed. When making a monetary donation, <u>please make your check out to **The Dublin Food Pant**</u>ry and mail it to The Dublin Food Pantry, 81 West Bridge St., Dublin, OH 43017, visit https:// www.dublinfoodpantry.org/donate/ or scan the QR code below to donate online. *Thank you for your continued support!*



