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THE MESSENGER

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Pass it On

It was July of 1960. I had just turned four, and I was with my parents and two older sisters spending a week at Family Camp at Pilgrim Hills. I remember, in my four-year-old mind, how excited I was when my mom let me walk down a grassy hill back to our cabin all by myself – knowing my mom was actually watching me every step of the way. For years afterwards, I smiled at that memory anytime I walked that same hill. My dad forever said that spending that week at Pilgrim Hills changed his life.

As a tween, I headed off to camp at Templed Hills for the first time. I'd never been away from home by myself before, so I was nervous, but I was with three friends from church so that was a comfort. I remember I had a bright orange and pink sleeping bag (hey, it was the '60s!), and I can still vividly picture the inside of my cabin.

All through high school I attended Pilgrim Hills every summer. Many of the same teens came year after year, so we formed very deep, lasting friendships. We sang our hearts out in the dining hall after every meal, shared sacred moments around campfires, and stayed up way too late every night. That's where I first learned the song, "Pass it On," and where the presence of God became extremely real for me in new and transformative ways.

My mother served on the Board for Outdoor Ministries for decades. Her love and commitment to the camps

ran deep. All four of my children attended church camp every summer. And for many years the DCC Confirmation retreat, and our Women's and Men's retreats, have been held at the camps. For me, there is no place on earth more sacred than Pilgrim and Templed Hills.

So, it was heartbreaking when the decision was made back in 2017 to sell Pilgrim Hills due to financial constraints. Now, unfortunately, the same decision has been made regarding Templed Hills. I understand the decision, but it is an extremely sad "good-bye."

This year, then, will be the final chance to attend a Women's retreat at Templed Hills. I encourage all who are able to sign up. Our Second Mile offering for February goes to Outdoor Ministries. Every penny is needed in order to be able to continue programming through 2024, so please consider a Second Mile gift. And I encourage all to sign up for one of the camps offered this summer. Registration is now open. More info at Heartlanducc.org or see me.

I know that the transforming power of Outdoor Ministries will indeed live on, and I am grateful.

Pass it on.

Shalom,

– Rev. Lisa Bowersock



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Creativity Circle

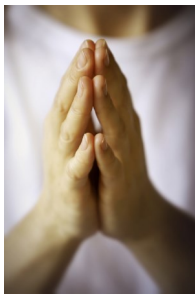
Are you interested in Creativity Circle? We have two Creativity Circles – one meets the second Sunday of the month from 3 to 5 p.m. and one meets the last Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. **You're welcome to join us at either or both!**

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

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

Prayer Chain

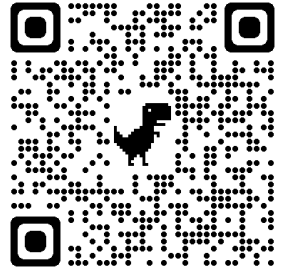
Our Prayer Chain offers comfort and support in a thoughtful, confidential, manner. If you know of someone's need for prayers, contact our Prayer Chain through Karen Harget (karenharget@yahoo.com or 614-891-8303).



February Second Mile: Heartland Conference Outdoor Ministries – provides support for camping experiences in the Heartland Conference.

Summer Camping Experiences can be found posted in the Narthex and at this link <https://heartlanducc.org/templed-hills/>

To make an online donation to the second mile giving each month, just scan the QR code to the right with your smart phone. It will take you to our church VANCO site.



Ann's Angels: There is still an ongoing need for cash donations for the Gimenez family. You can use the link below to go directly to a sign up genius link to provide gift cards (please bring to the church office). [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044EA9A828ABFF2-anns#/. The QR code to the right will](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044EA9A828ABFF2-anns#/)

take you to our church VANCO page where you can donate directly to Ann's Angels.



There is still the opportunity to give the family rides to church. Visit this link to sign up: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044EA9A828ABFF2-sunday#/. The QR code to the right will](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044EA9A828ABFF2-sunday#/)

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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Nancy Luikart, Music Director:
Laura Zuber, Church Administrator:
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Wait! I'm Not Ready Yet!



Having three older brothers, I grew up playing a lot of sports at home. There was basketball in the barn, football alongside the cornfield, and baseball in the backyard. Even though we played a lot, I confess that I was never very good at baseball. I especially remember how bad a batter I was. My brother Brad would pitch the ball and it would soar right by me nearly every time. I can remember the words I so often called back to him: "Wait! I wasn't ready yet!"

That's sort of how I feel as the Lenten season approaches this year. It was just Christmas. And here we are again already, with only days until Ash Wednesday is upon us. The ball is being thrown toward home plate, and I want to shout, "Wait! I'm not ready yet!"

Every year we take this journey toward the cross, and sometimes it is not an easy one. As we journey through sacred story, contemplating Christ's pain and suffering, it can touch something very deep within us. Sometimes, the journey asks us to travel down difficult roads we are not quite ready to face.

The Lenten season is one of preparation. It exists in order to help us get ready. But ready for what? While it is true that the Lenten journey takes us down many shadowed paths, it is ultimately preparing us for the joy of new life at Easter. As we look ahead at what is to come, we recognize that the cross does not only mean grief and despair, but that through and beyond the cross God revealed amazing love, enduring grace, and ultimate victory. Scripture tells us that the people of Jesus' own time were not prepared for the gifts that were given to the world in the death and resurrection of Christ.

Even in the darkest of days of the Lenten journey, we are called to be an Easter people—focused on the promises of God fulfilled in the gift of resurrection that is to come. The great gift is coming. And it comes for all of us—ready or not!

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Becky

DEEP GRIHA DINNER EVENT

The Annual Deep Griha dinner event will be held on Friday, March 8, 6 p.m. at First Community Church, North Campus at 3777 Dublin Rd. Plans are still being finalized but Rev. Bob Tussing will be the emcee of the event. There will be a keynote speaker, and current updates and video from Ashlesha in Pune, India about the status and changes in the programs there. Please mark your calendars and look for the flyers in upcoming emails and bulletins. Please contact Barb Anderson to RSVP and for more info. andersonfamily2214@gmail.com



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SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE
Vacation Bible School Save the Date

July 28—31, 2024

UnTrip 2024

Sunday, June 9, 2024 —Wednesday, June 12, 2024

We are still looking for weekly Sunday School Helpers.

Please follow the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094BAEAA2FA6FA7-47016654-sunday?useFullSite=true#/>.



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

As we move into our new and updated space in the Youth Room and Closet in February, I am excited to be able to get back to some consistency in our Youth Programs, particularly the Senior High Youth Group program.

I wanted to give you some important dates for the remainder of this Senior High Youth Group year. These are contingent upon us being able to actually access our space; however, I am hopeful we will be able to meet these dates.

- Sunday, February 18 - Senior High Youth Group Meeting – 5:30 to 7:30.
- Sunday, March 10 – Senior High Youth Group Meeting – 5:30 to 7:30
- Sunday April 14 - - Senior High Youth Group Meeting – 5:30 to 7:30.
- Sunday April 28 – Rummage Sale Prep – Anytime between 11:15 to 4:00 - This is for both Mid-High and Sr. High Youth Groups.
- Monday April 29, Tuesday April 30, Wednesday May 1, and Thursday May 2 – Rummage Sale Prep Coverage from 5:00 to 7:30. This is for both Mid-High and Sr. High Youth Groups.
- Saturday May 4 – Rummage Sale Help – We need as many youth and parents as possible to help throughout the day, but particularly at clean up time from 1:30 to approximately 4:30. This too includes both the Mid-High and Sr. High Youth Groups.
- Sunday, May 19 - Senior High Youth Group Meeting – 5:30 to 7:30.

We would love to have as many Senior High Youth that can attend the meetings as possible. Please bring your high school friends. We will send out the details of what we are doing at each meeting as they get closer.

If you want more information please email me at DCCNPYG@YAHOO.COM

Peace Be With You All!

-Gregg

MISSION TRIP UPDATE

The planning is still being worked on for our Mission Trip from **June 9 through June 15**. This trip is open to all youth currently in 8th grade through our graduates from last year (they missed a year due to covid). I have been working on exactly where we are going and what types of work we will be doing.

Please reserve these dates in your calendar if you are going on the mission trip. More information will be sent as updates occur. The Mission Trip is always a worthwhile opportunity to get out and do God's work for those who may be less fortunate than we are. You will make friends with those that you are going with.

You are also invited to bring any and all friends with you!
Would LOVE to have all of you senior high youth go with us!
If you want more information please email me at DCCNPYG@YAHOO.COM.

-Gregg

It's Time...To order Easter Flowers!

The Worship Committee is once again ordering a mixture of daffodils, tulips, azaleas and Easter Lilies to adorn the altar Easter Morning. Look for the order form in upcoming bulletins and weekly emails.



WINTER SESSION STARTING February 4

A Bell Choir for Preschoolers and Early Elementary Children

The Cherub Bell Choir will begin its winter session on February 4. This choir is for preschool thru early elementary school students. In the choir, children will ring brightly colored melody bells that are played with piano accompaniment. To be part of the choir, your child should know their colors. The first rehearsal will be held **Sunday, February 4 right after Sunday School in the Gladden Chapel for about 15 minutes**. To sign up please sign up in the Narthex or contact our Music Director, Nancy Luikart at nlulikart@icloud.com.

Cherub Bells



DCC-UCC

Women's Retreat

Join us for a weekend getaway at the annual DCC Women's Retreat! It's \$100/person for 2 nights/4 meals. Contact Barb Anderson at andersonfamily2214@gmail.com to attend.

APRIL 19-21

Templed Hills Camp
5734 Durbin Rd., Bellville, OH 44813



DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH FOUNDATION

Coming Soon!

Get ready! **The Dublin Community Church Foundation grant application window will begin next month on the Foundation's 46th anniversary on Sunday, March 17th.** Be thinking of ways you or your committee could use a little extra money to fund projects that benefit DCC. Past grants have been awarded to support a variety of music and Christian Education projects, fellowship and hospitality projects, and women's ministry projects. Perhaps you have another idea of how a grant might be used. Details will follow in March. Put your thinking caps on now!



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, MAY 4th

This is going to be THE best rummage sale yet. With the Dublin Food Pantry's move, we will have additional space in the Goodwill Room to display and sell our donated wares. All of the supplies we use for the sale will soon be stored in a newly-built Rummage Storage Closet on the end of the GW room where the Food Pantry refrigeration units use to be. We are known for being an organized organization, but with our new rummage digs, we will be dynamite! Begin to inform family, neighbors and friends of the spring sale date AND mark your calendars to volunteer during the preparation week and on the day of the sale. Questions? Contact Betsy Smith at blehsmith@yahoo.com.

DUBLIN FOOD PANTRY

Dublin Food Pantry at 6608 Dublin Center Drive will be hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** on **Tuesday, March 12th from 4:30pm - 7pm**. We'd love to see you there, and encourage you to extend the invitation to anyone who may want to learn more about DFP's tremendous impact throughout our community. For questions about the open house, please reach out to DFP's Interim Director, Sean Becker (sean@dublinfoodpantry.org).



FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP

Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through Dec 31, 2023

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

For the Month

- **Contributions** totaling **\$53,771** were **favorable** to plan by **\$18,069** or **151%** of plan
 - **Total Operating Revenue** was **\$103,083** and **favorable** to plan by **\$45,574** or **226%** of plan
 - **Total Operating Expense** was **\$82,197** and **unfavorable** to plan by **\$29,098** or **155%** of plan.
- Net cash flow** for the month was **\$20,886**

Year-end

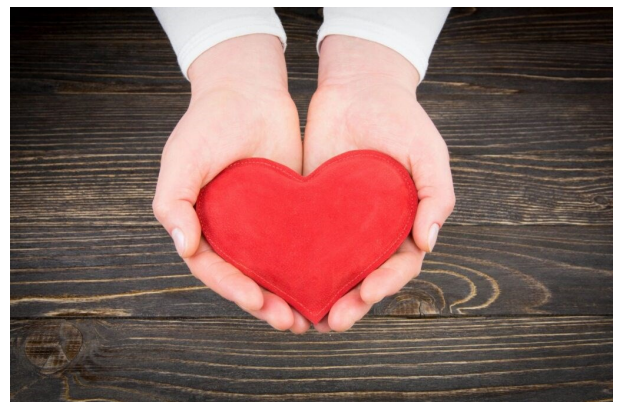
- **Contributions of \$517,471** was **favorable** to plan by **\$89,205** or **121%** of plan
- **Total Operating Revenue** was **favorable** to plan by **\$131,804** or **124%** of plan
- **Total Operating Expense** was **unfavorable** to plan by **\$136,861** or **121%** of plan

Through Dec 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	\$ 19,794	\$ 30,087	\$ (10,293)	66%	\$ 402,053	\$ 361,033	\$ 41,020	111%	\$ 361,033	111%
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150		\$ -	
Contributions - Unpledged	\$ 32,627	\$ 4,998	\$ 27,629	653%	\$ 99,592	\$ 60,031	\$ 39,561	166%	\$ 60,031	166%
Contributions - Prepaid & Other	\$ 1,350	\$ 617	\$ 733	219%	\$ 15,676	\$ 7,202	\$ 8,474	218%	\$ 7,382	212%
Sub-total Revenue - Contributions	\$ 53,771	\$ 35,702	\$ 18,069	151%	\$ 517,471	\$ 428,266	\$ 89,205	121%	\$ 428,446	121%
Other Revenue	\$ 49,312	\$ 9,872	\$ 39,440	500%	\$ 161,784	\$ 119,185	\$ 42,599	136%	\$ 119,185	136%
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 103,083	\$ 45,574	\$ 57,509	226%	\$ 679,255	\$ 547,451	\$ 131,804	124%	\$ 547,631	124%

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	\$ 103,083	\$ 45,574	\$ 57,509	226%	\$ 679,255	\$ 547,631	\$ 131,804	124%	\$ 547,631	124%
Total Operating Expense	\$ 82,197	\$ 53,099	\$ (29,098)	155%	\$ 774,291	\$ 637,596	\$ (136,861)	121%	\$ 637,596	121%
Net Cash Flow fav./ (unfav.)	\$ 20,886				\$ (95,036)					

STEWARDSHIP MADE EASY

If you currently use Vanco to submit your pledge you already know the advantages! Not only does it give you peace of mind knowing that your donation is taken care of automatically, but it also helps the cash flow for the church's budget. Just a reminder that if you changed your pledge amount for 2024, you'll also want to update your Vanco donation. If you don't yet use Vanco, but want to, check out the Stewardship page on the church website for instructions on how to get started.



FEBRUARY

Sun

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Sat

Indian Dancers—Kennedy North Tues. 5:30—9:30 PM Thur. 7—9PM			Lisa will be on vacation from 2/8-2/12		1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Seekers 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM BSA Sunday	Grief Group 7PM		MORE, 6:15 AM Becky's Class 7PM Scouts—7PM Chapel	Emerald City Band 6-9 PM WORD PM—Zoom	WORD—AM Excellence Group—parlor		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Seekers 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM 3-5PM Creativity Circle			MORE, 6:15 AM Ash Wednesday Service 7PM Sanctuary	Confirmation 5-7:30 PM WORD PM—Zoom Emerald City Band	WORD-AM		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Seekers 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM		Church Council 7pm <u>*Deadline for Messenger Articles.</u>	MORE, 6:15 AM Becky's Class 7PM Scouts—7PM Chapel	WORD PM—Zoom	WORD-AM	Dublin Community Band Competition - AM	
25	26	27	28	29			
Seekers 8:30 AM Worship 10AM Chapel—Easter flower forms due. Confirmation 3-5PM			MORE, 6:15 AM Creativity Circle 1-3PM Becky's Class 7PM Scouts— 7 PM	WORD PM—Zoom Emerald City Band 6-9 PM		Confirmation Retreat— March 1-3 @ Tempel Hills.	
Boy Scouts Wednesdays 7 PM— Chapel during GRIP project			Red Cross Blood Drives 2023 Kennedy Room Wed. 12:30 PM—6:30 PM		Music Rehearsals: Bells: 5:30 PM Sundays Choir: 7:00 PM Sundays.		
					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 (Chapel during GRIP)		

Happy Birthday!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



LENT

2/14—Ash Wednesday Service 7PM—
Gladden Chapel

3/28 —Maundy Thursday Service
7PM—Gladden Chapel

3/29—Good Friday Service
Crosswalk
Gladden Chapel Service Following the
walk.

3/31—Easter Sunrise Service
7:30 AM—Gladden Chapel

3/31- *The Kitchen Committee is providing an Easter Breakfast in the Goodwill Room immediately following the Sunrise Service until 9:15 a.m. A goodwill donation will be accepted. Please sign up in the Narthex.*

10AM—Worship Sanctuary

1 William Crecelius
Robert Redfield
2 Mark Schrewe
3 Caela Weber
4 Richard Evans
Dennis Julian
5 Sharon Hatton
Julia Haid
Jack Hirschfeld
7 Kimberly North
Janet Whitney
Nathaniel McCauley
8 Elisa Travalio
Barbara Travalio
Caleb Redenshek
9 Claire Allen Culler
Nicole Young
10 Pam Riedel
11 Amy LaDu
Greg Lam
12 Bryson Malinowski
Lennox Louters
Scarlett Louters
Web Hatton
Megan Wintermantel
13 Ryan Hodge
14 Lindsey Geese
Kaufman
Caroline Kalix
Alexander Ward
15 Leona Jones
Sharon Uber
16 Jordan Kerr

17 Bob Tussing
19 Brenda Olen
Nancy Chapman
Colin Kirkley
Evan Ployer
21 Doug Martin
22 Bruce Rizzo
Ashley Hardin
James Notestone
23 Bill Easterday
Nate Green
Emily Rose
24 Kathy Blair
Trace Kaufman
Catherine Zugaro
25 Heidi Baldwin
Andrea Niewiesk
26 Chris Hodge
Makayla Schofield
27 Amy Lane
Trevor Sell
Tim Louters
28 David Nichols
Elizabeth Weber
29 Kayleigh Doherty

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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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PRINTS AND NOTE CARDS AVAILABLE

Deb Papesh, Dublin leader, volunteer and community advocate, has created a beautiful pen and ink drawing of our church, with attention and honor to the Dublin Food Pantry being here since 1976. This framed, matted artwork is hanging in the hallway outside of the church office and an identical one is hanging in the new Pantry.

We are offering signed 8x10 prints of these as well as 4x6 note cards in groups of 5 for a donation to the Dublin Food Pantry. These should be available in early February. Please contact Barb Anderson if you'd like to have one of these beautiful prints or sets of note cards. andersonfamily2214@gmail.com

