



THE MESSENGER

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Dublin Community Church—United Church of Christ

Starting Over

It seems like it was just yesterday that we were moving through the weeks of Advent together, celebrating Christmas and welcoming the light that came into the world once again with the birth of the baby Jesus. Each year at Christmas there is a sense of “starting over,” and the infinite hope and possibilities that comes with the season.

And now, by the time you read this, we will have completed our Lenten journey together and celebrated the resurrection on Easter morning. And once again, we “start over” with renewed hope in the possibilities for new life that await us.

My father was a banker. After serving in the Navy during WWII, he returned home, married my mother, and completed business school, leading him to a decades-long career as a controller at a Savings and Loan. When he was in his 50s, however, just short of retirement age, there were some shake-ups at the bank where he worked – new management came in and my dad was “squeezed out” and replaced with a younger man. (That move ultimately worked out very badly for the bank – ask me sometime and I’ll tell you the whole story). But my point is that just at a time in his life

when my dad should have been enjoying the rewards of a stellar career, and looking forward to retirement, he was faced with having to “start over.”

All of this happened during Holy Week back in the early 1980s. I vividly remember riding in the car with my parents on our way to an Easter Sunrise service that year. The mood and conversation in the car were remarkably light. My dad had some solid ideas for how to move forward, and he had what I can only describe as the resurrection hope of Easter in his heart. And as it turned out, he ended up getting a job that was much less stressful for him than the bank had been, and he was able to enjoy his final working years.

Life does not always go the way we planned, and “starting over” can often be extremely painful and difficult. But as we “start over,” we are given the gift of resurrection hope in this season of Easter. Christ is risen. Indeed, He is risen.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

Shalom,

– Rev. Lisa Bowersock



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Creativity Circle

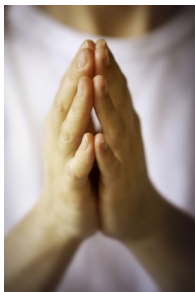
Are you interested in Creativity Circle? We have two Creativity Circles – one meets the second Sunday of the month from 3 to 5 p.m. and one meets the last Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. **You're welcome to join us at either or both!**

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

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

Prayer Chain

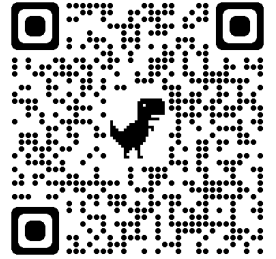
Our Prayer Chain offers comfort and support in a thoughtful, confidential, manner. If you know of someone's need for prayers, contact our Prayer Chain through Karen Harget (karenharget@yahoo.com or 614-891-8303).



SECOND MILE:

MINISTER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The minister's discretionary fund provides assistance to local residents in need. ***Please consider making a second mile donation this month to continue our local mission work to help those in need.***



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 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#/>

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

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The Fool's Resurrection—A Prayer

They have claimed it is foolishness, O God,
to believe you walk among us
when we have seen you so often crucified
In the stranger and the poor,
in the sick and the abused,
in the struggling and the oppressed,
in the silenced...

But we are witnesses of your resurrection.
We see your face in the smiles of children,
in color and resilience and light,
in those whose tears became a baptism
and whose pain has been reborn
as power.

Give us the courage to be fools,
to send forth our songs even in the midst of the shadows,
such that Friday evening tombs
are transformed into Easter morning cathedrals

again and again
...and again.

God, kindle the hope we need
to forever be fools enough to believe that,
if we learn to love with your great Love,
we might raise one another
to new life.
Amen.

Easter blessings to you all,
Rev. Becky



RUMMAGE IS A RIOT!

It really is! Please plan to volunteer, donate, sell, and clean up during the prep week from April 27-May 3rd and on **the sale day which is Saturday, May 4th**. You will have loads of fun; it's a great way to meet church members; it's an awesome way to get rid of your unwanted treasures. Please, please, please donate clean items that are in working condition. All proceeds benefit our church and youths' mission ministries. Questions: contact Betsy Smith at blehsmith@yahoo.com

COFFEE HOUR

Fellowship Committee is looking for people to sign up for sponsoring the coffee hour. There are quite a few open spots on the sign up sheet.

The committee will welcome any amount of donations with gratitude, for sponsoring coffee hour on any of the Sundays in 2024.



Volunteer Opportunity – One Dublin



One Dublin contacted our church to see if we might be interested in volunteering at their free store. Two of our Mission Committee members went to visit the free store, which is located behind the 5 Guys Burgers and Fries over off of Avery Rd. What an impressive operation they have! It looks like a TJ Maxx! They have clothing and shoes for adults and children and it is open to needy families who reside in the Dublin School District. They need volunteers to help on the shopping days and also need help sorting donations. This could be a group effort if enough people are interested in going one time or regularly. If an individual is interested, that can be arranged as well. Judy Hoover will facilitate this opportunity if anyone feels called to participate. Contact Judy at juhoov5@gmail.com or 330-309-6447. You can check out One Dublin's website at www.one-dublin.org.



Clients can shop in the warehouse (right) that is set up like a regular clothing store.

Volunteers can schedule time to come and sort donated items for the store (left).



Dublin Community Church Foundation Grant Application is Available

The DCC Foundation announced on March 17th during the worship service that the 2024 Grant applications are now available online at <https://dccucc.com/about/dublin-community-church-foundation/> and paper copies are available in the church office. There are \$7,650 available in grants for this year. If you have any questions about the grants, please feel free to ask a trustee for more information. Current Trustees are Gary Morin, President; Betsy Smith, Vice President; Andy Jakes, Treasurer; Cheryl Yeack, Corresponding Secretary; Stephanie Mizer, Secretary; Dr. Tom Anderson, Trustee; Brian Redenshek, Trustee



Continued from the March Messenger

Healthy Ageing

The Senior Citizen program continues to work with Seniors in the Ramtekdi, Koregaon park and Tadiwala road communities. We have 4200 registered individuals but the focus is on people with health concerns, living alone, or need special attention.



What hasn't changed since the last report is - home visits, regular general clinics, access to specialists in healthcare, access to physiotherapy, operations when needed, medicine among other facilities. We celebrated festivals and organised fun activities for the Ajjis and Ajobas in the programme. Over and above the activities in collaboration with other NGOs, at Ramtekdi and Tadiwala road, we provide daily meals to 100 people. We have daily yoga classes running at the Ramtekdi Centre, and weekly classes at the Tadiwala road centre. We have Dance therapy/Movement classes for all once a week at both the centres. In collaboration, we also distributed grocery parcels.

Jagruti Foundation uses the Dental Clinic in Ramtekdi, once a month for a clinic for matters of Mental Health, allowing us to facilitate access to mental healthcare for seniors. In the last quarter we have been focused on ensuring access to Government Schemes available to our participants, we support individuals with what they need to get the documentation completed. 5 participants have started receiving pensions from the Government and 50 participants have had free operations due to the Ayushymaan Bharat Card.



Cross-Programme Activities

This quarter, to celebrate **Senior Citizens Day 12 Ajjis and Ajobas** (grandmothers and grandfathers) along with 5 members of the team went to **City of Child**, where they were welcomed by 47 boys, accompanied by the 4th Graders from **Deep Griha Academy**. These 3 groups of participants came together for a day of fun. The children welcomed the visitors from Pune with the traditional Dhol Taasha. Through the rest of the time they played games and spoke to each other.

Games and fun activities filled up the day, creating enough space for conversations, questions, and curiosity about each other. Interaction between the Ajjis and Ajobas and the children was beautiful to watch. It was a day that was cherished and celebrated by all the age groups equally. The Grade 4 students had brought hand-made presents for the Seniors, which were very appreciated. We hope to have more cross-programme interactions especially involving Ajji and Ajobas and the children. An interaction that is enriching for everyone involved.

Income Generation Programme (IGP) - Asimit (Without boundary)

This quarter saw a total number of 3580 meals prepared by the team, around 1200 meals per month. The team continues to work on improving processes, data collection and recording as well as marketing and service.

We completed the first cycle of computer classes for women, 20 women will be given a certificate of completion. One of the ladies, Rani, who cooks for Asimit, completed her computer training at DGS and has been updating all the daily records and managing documentation for Asimit



at the Tadiwala road centre. Rani distributed sweets for all the staff at Deep Griha to celebrate her making her own money, this is the first time she has earned an income in her life. All the women working under the Asimit banner are working for the first time in their life, and it has been incredible to watch them grow.

In this quarter, we also had a group of women come together at the Ramtekdi centre for sewing. The group will work on products that they can sell and work on creating a plan that leads to scaling their operations over time. We had one of our Asimit women conduct training on making cloth bags for 80 nursing students. Activities like this play a huge role in boosting confidence among the women.

We continue to follow up with the women who are training for various skills at AIPTECH to ensure that once training is complete, we will support them, if needed to use that skill for income generation.

Tech SMART Centre, Gokhale Nagar

The Tech SMART classes continue with a few challenges around mobilising new students and finding them jobs that are satisfactory to them. We have trained 162 students over the last 9 months and we have 88 under training at the end of the third quarter.

Apart from the regular lessons, Tech SMART also took a page out of the Senior Citizen programme and conducted a camp on documentation needed for access to Government Schemes. As the community we work in for this programme is relatively new, camps such as these help the community to get to know us better.

Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) is a new course that has been introduced. The team ensured that students had exposure visits to/visits from volunteers from the sector to help them learn more about it. Here we see volunteers from Northern Trust Bank speaking to the students about the banking sector.



Special Project Updates Dream Proposals Self Sustainability: DGCC Deep Griha Cultural Centre

The Deep Griha Cultural Centre needs repairs and maintenance that will help attract more people coming over to stay and leading to a little bit of financial self sustainability.

CoC renovation

Many buildings at the City of Child require renovations and waterproofing done. Both DGCC and CoC have old buildings that need maintenance and upgrade.



Areas of Greatest Need/General Donations

The funds received through the 'area of greatest need' have supported staff welfare, City of Child and operational expenses. We have some support for City of Child this year but less than we were expecting to raise, leading to CoC becoming a big part of the area of greatest need in this last quarter. The struggle this quarter was for CoC and operational expenses. We have guaranteed funding for CoC in the coming year though, which is a relief.

FINANCE

Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through February 29, 2024

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

For the Month

Contributions totaling \$30,888 were *unfavorable* to plan by \$6,023 or 84% of plan

Total Operating Revenue totaling \$216,626 were *favorable* to plan by \$168,419 or 449% of plan

Total Operating Revenue includes a transfer of \$174,964 from the capital reserve for renovation of the Goodwill room

Total Operating Expenses totaling \$168,922 were *unfavorable* to plan by \$88,273 or 209% of plan.

Net cash flow for the month was *unfavorable* to plan by total expenses exceeding total operating revenue by \$32,437

Renovation expenses of the Goodwill room contributed to this shortfall

Year-to-date

- Contributions of \$76,862** was *favorable* to plan by **\$3,040** or **104%** of plan

- Total Operating Revenue** was *favorable* to plan by **\$166,346** or **273%** of plan

Total Operating Revenue includes a transfer of \$174,964 from the capital reserve for renovation of the Goodwill room

Total Operating Expense was *unfavorable* to plan by **\$139,305** or **186%** of plan due to costs for renovations

Through February 29, 2024	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	\$ 17,068	\$ 29,583	\$ (12,515)	58%	\$ 33,518	\$ 59,166	\$ (25,648)	57%	\$ 355,000	9%
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Contributions - Unpledged	\$ 8,732	\$ 6,465	\$ 2,267	135%	\$ 34,068	\$ 12,930	\$ 21,138	263%	\$ 77,580	44%
Contributions - Prepaid & Other	\$ 5,088	\$ 863	\$ 4,225	0%	\$ 9,276	\$ 1,726	\$ 7,550	537%	\$ 10,358	90%
Sub-total Revenue - Contributions	\$ 30,888	\$ 36,911	\$ (6,023)	84%	\$ 76,862	\$ 73,822	\$ 3,040	104%	\$ 442,938	17%
Other Revenue	\$ 185,738	\$ 11,296	\$ 174,442	1644%	\$ 185,898	\$ 22,592	\$ 163,306	823%	\$ 135,542	137%
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 216,626	\$ 48,207	\$ 168,419	449%	\$ 262,760	\$ 96,414	\$ 166,346	273%	\$ 578,480	45%
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	\$ 216,625	\$ 48,207	\$ 168,419	449%	\$ 262,760	\$ 456,470	\$ 166,346	273%	\$ 547,631	45%
Total Operating Expense	\$ 168,922	\$ 80,644	\$ (88,278)	209%	\$ 300,593	\$ 531,368	\$ (139,305)	186%	\$ 637,596	47%
Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)	\$ 47,703	\$ (32,437)			\$ (37,833)					

Respectfully submitted by the DCC Finance Committee: Brenda Rizzo (Chair); Stefan Niewiesk; and Randy Evans

Renovation Celebration, March 10, 2024. A grand time was had by all as we officially re-opened our renovated space! Thank you to the Kitchen Committee for the delicious meal and time for fellowship.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Indian Dancers—Kennedy North Tues. 5:30—9:30 PM		Boy Scouts Wednesdays 7 PM— Goodwill Room		Red Cross Blood Drives * 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Goodwill Room		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Easter Monday— Church Office Closed Grief Group 7PM		MORE, 6:15 AM Becky's Class 7PM	Confirmation 5-7:30 PM WORD PM— Zoom	WORD—AM Excellence Group—parlor	SMMF 8:30 AM Goodwill
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Seekers 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM Green Team Lunch Creativity Circle 3-5PM		Red Cross	MORE, 6:15 AM	EGA—AM WORD PM—Zoom	WORD-AM	Dublin Community Bands—AM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Seekers 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM YA—noon Zoom Kiwanis—1-4:30 GW Confirmation 5-7 Sr. High Youth Group 5:30—7:30		Church Council 7pm <u>*Deadline for Messenger Articles.</u>	MORE, 6:15 AM	WORD PM— Zoom	WORD-AM	SMMF 8:30 AM Goodwill
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 10AM Confirmation 3-5PM Women's Retreat		Red Cross	MORE, 6:15 AM Creativity Circle 1-3PM	Confirmation 5-7:30 pm		Rummage Sale Prep
28	29	30	Music Rehearsals: Bells: 5:30 PM Choir: 7:00 PM On Sundays		AA Meetings Mon-Sat, 7 AM (KS) Mon, 6:30 PM (KS) Tues, 10AM; 1 PM (KS) Thurs, 1 PM (KS) Fri., 6:30 PM (KS) Fri., 7:30 PM (GW)	
Rummage Prep Week						

Happy Birthday!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Claudette Headlee
Merrick Shorter
Greg Travalio
2 Mitchell Davis
Irelynn Elsass
Lisa Feasel
Kelly Kranz
Kyle LaDu
Clay Rose
Mary Yerina
3 John Schilling
4 Cameron Bowzer
Chase Goodman
Eula Gay Price
5 Barbara Shoemaker
Jenna Foote Wyatt
6 Mike Gibson
Carley LaDu
7 Robin Elsass
Carmie Grooms
8 Erika Smith
W.D. Young
9 Harvey Ebersole
Amy Medsker
Christian Redenshek
Luke Redenshek
Cameron Tiefenthaler
10 Mandy Ebersole
Cameron Miller
12 Macey Killoran
13 Pat Karn
14 Doug Zinn
15 Jennifer Redenshek

16 Matthew Hurley
17 Roberta Flottman-Mullen
18 Maya deSilva
Ella Flottman-Mullen
Ainsley Homon
Amber Kalix
19 Erica Barnes
Katherine Dumond
Emma Ruck
Brayden Weeks
20 Eric Larson
22 Christine Simpson
23 Grace Bowersock
Dawson Farris
Elli Freytag
Sammi Freytag
Aaron Hiller
Adriana Reed
Madelyn Zuber
25 Natalie Miller
26 Lindsey Blagg
Terrie Boltz
Kristie Campbell
Molly Russell
Tracey Spring
27 Greg Zinn
28 Elizabeth Carroll
29 Evan Barnes
30 Brenda Rizzo

Creamy Swiss Chicken Bake **Makes 4-6 servings**

4 to 6 skinless chicken breasts
6 to 8 slices Swiss cheese
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sour cream
3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese (divided)
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. garlic powder

Heat oven 375 degrees.
Pat chicken dry and place in a greased 9x13 pan.
Add sliced cheese on top of the chicken breasts.
In a bowl, mix mayonnaise, sour cream, 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, salt, pepper, and garlic powder. Spread this over the chicken and sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese.
Bake for one hour.

*Served by the Kitchen Committee at the Renovation Celebration Luncheon.

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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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SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Vacation Bible School Save the Date

July 28—31, 2024



UnTrip 2024

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

Forms to sign up youth for both events are located in the Narthex on the table.

Senior High Mission Trip

The Senior High Mission Trip is scheduled for June 9th—June 15th in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. Youth who have just completed 8th grade and older who are interested in attending, please email me at: DCCNPYG@YAHOO.COM. I am also looking for adult chaperones to join us! This is a great week of helping others and connecting with your DCC youth.

Peace Be With You All!

-Gregg