



# THE MESSENGER

June 2024

Dublin Community Church—United Church of Christ

## That They May All Be One



Recently I preached a sermon in which I referenced John 17:21 which says, "That they may all be one." This verse is from Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples as Jesus prepares the disciples for a time when he is no longer with them. His arrest and crucifixion are imminent, and so, Jesus is sharing his parting words with the disciples. Jesus' wish for his disciples is that they "love one another." And then Jesus offers a prayer of protection in which he professes his desire for unity - that they may all be one.

weeks ago we experienced a total eclipse in many areas of the country. We were fortunate in our corner of the world to be in the direct path of the eclipse. Seldom in recent years have I experienced anything that garnered more anticipation and enthusiasm and joy. My favorite part of the eclipse was witnessing the way that this miracle of God's creation brought us all together as one. Differences were put aside, at least for this short period of time, as we celebrated this once-in-a-lifetime event together.

The United Church of Christ has long used this verse from the Gospel of John, "That they may all be one," as a motto. Being "one," however, does not mean we wish to all be exactly alike. On the contrary, the goal and ideal is to be united in love for God, Christ, and one another, despite our theological and cultural and political and personal differences. In the UCC, we honor and celebrate our diversity as we strive to live out Jesus' desire for unity.

Then a few weeks later, something totally unexpected happened. Due to some rare geomagnetic storm, we in Ohio were able to catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights. My Facebook page lit up with beautiful photos my friends posted of the green and pink light display. Once again, we were able to come together – unified in our shared admiration for the magnificence of God's creation.

Stating the obvious, we live in an extremely divided world right now. More than ever, then, we are called to pursue and celebrate the ways in which we are able to find unity. And one of the ways we have been able to unite with one another in recent weeks has been the sharing of two amazing phenomena of God's glorious creation.

That they may all be one. Indeed.

Shalom,  
- Rev. Lisa Bowersock

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### Creativity Circle

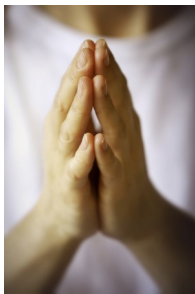
Are you interested in Creativity Circle? We have two Creativity Circles – one meets the second Sunday of the month from 3 to 5 p.m. and one meets the last Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. **You're welcome to join us at either or both!**



Questions about the Sunday group, contact Karen Royce at [kroyce6@gmail.com](mailto:kroyce6@gmail.com)

Questions about Wednesday, contact Cindy Bitter at [kcbitter77@gmail.com](mailto:kcbitter77@gmail.com)

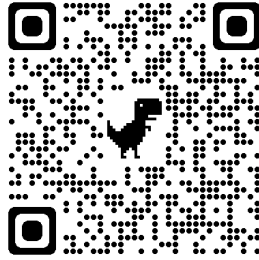
### Prayer Chain



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](mailto:karenharget@yahoo.com) or 614-891-8303).

### SECOND MILE:

**DCC Disaster Relief Fund** – The June Second Mile Funds will help victims of disasters. You can drop a check in the red envelope and put it in the collection plate or use the QR code to the left to donate through VANCO.



**Ann's Angels:** There is still an ongoing need for cash donations for the Gimenez family. 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](mailto: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 Office Administrator:  
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## The Sacred and the Ordinary



June finds us halfway through the liturgical calendar. It began with Advent, followed by Christmas and Epiphany. Just a few weeks later, Ash Wednesday ushered in the season of Lent, culminating in our Holy Week celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, the pinnacle of the church year. After seven weeks of the Easter season came the celebration of Pentecost, followed by Trinity Sunday on May 26.

Now we begin a new liturgical season. And what season is that? Ordinary Time, of course. That doesn't sound exciting to you? I realize that "Ordinary Time" is a less-than-stirring moniker for this season. It received this name mostly due to the use of ordinal numbers used to count the weeks—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after, and so on. This year, we will count 26 weeks after Pentecost before we celebrate Reign of Christ (also known as Christ the King) and then begin with Advent all over again. This makes Ordinary Time, by far, our longest season in the liturgical calendar.

As we enter into Ordinary Time, all of our highest church celebrations of the year are behind us. We might be tempted to think that this season is less sacred than the ones we have already come through. It might seem at first glance as if nothing special is happening. I disagree. It is no coincidence that the season of Ordinary Time, lasting roughly from June through November, coincides with the growing season. Any gardener or farmer can tell you that a lot is going on between planting and harvesting. And didn't Jesus use much of this same imagery in his teachings? Throughout the gospels, we read about the sower, the wheat field, the fig tree, the vineyard, the mustard seed, and more. It is in the season of Ordinary Time where most of these stories appear in our lectionary readings. Our most sacred symbols of the Christian faith are ordinary elements—water, bread, and cup. And yet, it is through these everyday elements that we often experience the presence of God most poignantly.

"Ordinary" isn't the opposite of "sacred." Instead, we can see this season as a time of growth and renewal. It is a time to reclaim the holiness of each and every day. And what a blessing it is that we get to spend those days together! We are ordinary people, living out ordinary days, sharing these ordinary lives with each other—supporting one another, crying and laughing together, loving each other. I can't think of anything more extraordinary!

Peace and blessings,  
Rev. Becky

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### **It's time again for Connect to enjoy some free concerts.**

This year we are going to Alum Creek Marina. You can bring picnic food to share and your own lawn chairs. Let's Connect on:

**\*June 15th for John Schwab   \*July 27th for Shucking Bubba   \*August 17th for Whiskey Would**

*Concerts are from 5:30 to 8:30. This is a family event. 4000 Hollenback Rd, Lewis Center, OH 43035*

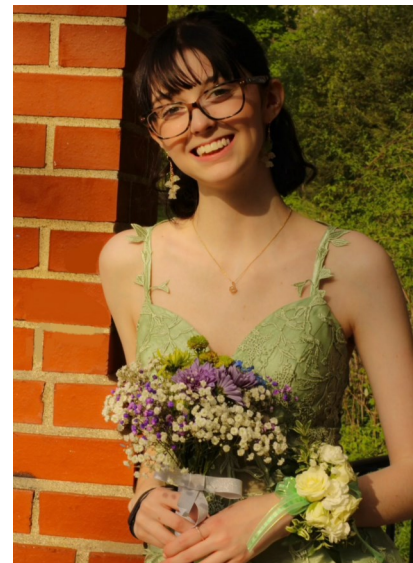




**Madison Bishop Hall** graduated from Jonathan Alder High School. She is the daughter of Tyler and Christy Hall and Michelle Brandel. Grand daughter of Suzie and Ralph Feasel. Madison plans to attend Ohio Northern University to pursue a nursing degree.

**Madison Lawrence**

is graduating with an Honors diploma from Hilliard Bradley High School and will be studying Psychology at the University of Cincinnati, in their combined 5-year bachelors/masters program. She plans to work with young people as a mental health therapist.



**Brandon Bowzer**

is graduating from Hilliard Darby High School. His plan is to attend Ohio University in the fall and study electrical engineering.



**Ben Lam** will be attending Tulane University this fall where he will likely major in Neuroscience on the Pre-med Track. He is a Dublin Jerome Valedictorian graduating with Summa Cum Laude, Diploma with Honors, Presidents Education Award, & AP Scholar with Honors.



**Ella Flottman-Mullen** will be graduating from Thomas Worthington High School & Linworth Experiential Program on Sunday, May 26, 2024. In the fall Ella will be attending Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. She plans on a double major of Peace and Global Studies, and History with a minor in African and African American Studies. She will be playing on the Women's Tennis team.





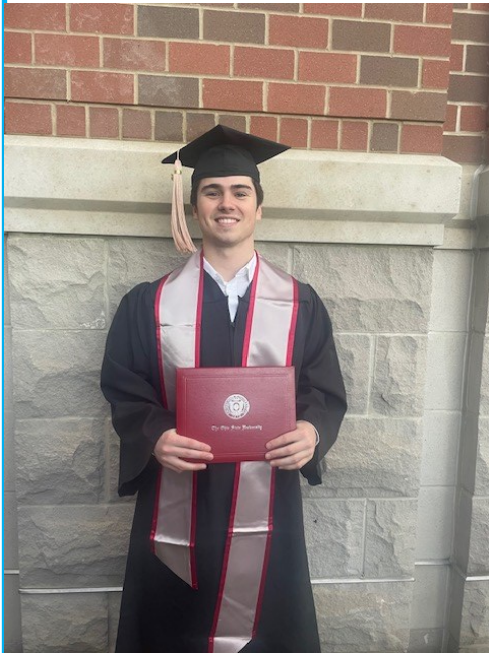
## CLASS OF 2024

**Nancy Chapman and Ross Walker** will have three grandchildren graduate from High School in the Class of 2024:

**Oliver Philip Chang Chapman** will graduate from DePaul University Tech High School in Chicago, Illinois. Oliver is the son of Andrea Lynch and Adam Chapman. Oliver will attend The Ohio State University.

**Andrew James Chapman** will graduate from Dublin Coffman High School in Dublin, Ohio. Andrew is the son of Jaime and Mitchell Chapman and will attend The Ohio State University.

**Addison Jane Mei Walker** will graduate from Wm. Henry Harrison High School in West Lafayette, Indiana. Addison is the daughter of Dawn and David Walker. She will attend Indiana University.



**Alexander Ward** graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in Finance on Dec 18th 2023.

**Matthew Ward** graduated from the University of Florida on April 21st with an MBA .



### RESTORED TO IT'S ORIGINAL GLORY...

Have you driven past the church recently? Buildings and Grounds Committee contracted with The Masonry Standard Company and Steve Kranz to restore our original church signage. Steve Kranz built a new wooden top and restored the UCC emblem. The masonry company replaced lintel and brickwork above the metal sign, repaired and recalked. It's truly a beautiful and welcoming sign. Flowers will be added to enhance it for the summer months. Thank you to everyone involved in this project!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Green Team Initiative:** to make DCC a Green Building. A Green Building is one that has an infrastructure set up to keep as much "trash" out of the landfill as it can by recycling, composting, reusing, and rethinking what we are doing with our "trash". We have made great headway toward this goal and the participation by our church community has been remarkable. It can sometimes be a confusing process when we are learning something new. Thank you all for your patience as we continue to iron out the "kinks".

When it comes to putting things in the right place- **Just do your best and don't worry about the rest!!** We are grateful for any effort toward helping us reach our goals. If you would like to participate as a member of the Green Team, please email Rebecca and Alice at [dccuccgreenteam@gmail.com](mailto:dccuccgreenteam@gmail.com) and we will fill you in on what we are up to. Additionally, you are welcome to email us with any questions or comments. Look for updates and pointers from the Green Team in future Messenger Committee Notes to learn more about what to do with "trash" at DCC and in your own home.

**Here is a good place to start learning more: use your web browser or Google and type in: [recycleright.org](http://recycleright.org)**

**Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship** continues with our book study on The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey. We meet on the first and third Saturdays each month beginning 8:00AM in the Goodwill Room. Always plenty of hot coffee, fresh bagels, and fellowship. Please join us! Questions?- see Neil Butler or Randy Luikart.



### **May 2024 Moderator Moment**

The committees continue to be hard at work, I can't overstate how great it is to work with this dedicated, knowledgeable group of individuals!

- B&G continue to maintain the building, key highlights are synching the fire alarms throughout the building and repairing the sign on the corner of Bridge St and Franklin St. Many helped with this endeavor and it looks great!
- The finance team has continued to mature the investment and spending policies and they were adopted by council
- Growth and Rolls created a Social Media Policy which was presented to council and adopted.
- Worship committee would like to remind the congregation that assistance hearing devices are functioning and available
- If you are looking to meet more people, the Sunday morning usher team is a great opportunity!
- Stewardship committee will have an interactive display in the coming weeks, keep an eye out!
- The Refresh sub-committee is working on prioritizing an update list to refresh spaces throughout the church, more details will come in the future!

Thank you, congregation, for providing the council and committee members the opportunity to continue to support DCC!

*-Jacob Coburn*



## YOUTH GROUP/MISSION TRIP

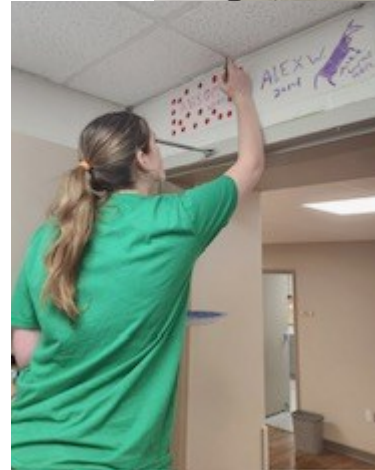
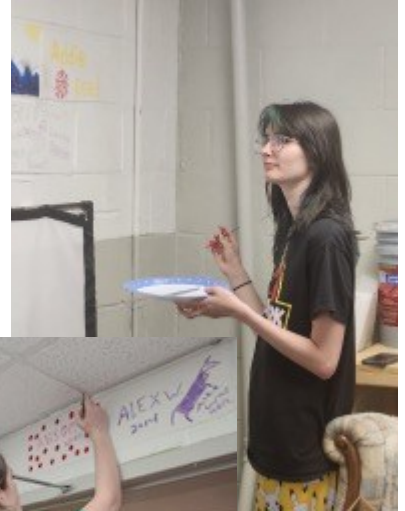
### YOUTH GROUP

We had our last Youth Group meeting for the current calendar year on Sunday, May 19th. We only had a handful of youth but we had a good time eating the delicious hot dogs, fruit, salad and cake/ brownies that Frank and Betty Sugar provided for us.

We had the chance to talk about school and what was going on in the lives of the young people there. It was great to have Ali Ward and Addie Reed to claim their block in our youth room.

The pictures will show you what they did. Addie also brought a friend, Samuel, who was very nice and had a good time. We love it when they bring their friends.

Youth Group will start back up in the fall in September.



### MISSION TRIP

The Sr. High Mission Trip is scheduled the week of June 9 through June 15. We are going to Grand Rapids, Michigan. We will be doing something a bit different. We will actually be helping UCC churches with some much needed work at their church home. These two churches are a huge part of their communities and the less fortunate people that walk through their doors.

Some of the work will be similar, but it is always good to help sister churches out.

If your youth is a rising freshman on up to our graduated seniors, they are eligible to accompany us on this trip. Please contact Gregg Dudash at [dccnpyg@yahoo.com](mailto:dccnpyg@yahoo.com) for more information. Also, their friends are allowed to join us too.

We would also like to get one more female chaperone. We have three males and one female but would love to have another female chaperone to join us. If interested please see or contact Gregg.



# CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS

Zoe Coburn, Ryan Lam, Emi Mason and Noah Zuber were joyfully welcomed into the congregation on May 19th and started a new tradition of serving communion to the congregation.

They also finished their year of confirmation with a book drive service project that will benefit

three well deserving organizations.

These four outstanding youth have bright futures ahead of them.



Above photo from left to right:  
Zoe Coburn, Emi Mason, Ryan Lam and Noah Zuber



# FINANCE

## Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through April 30, 2024

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

### For the Month

**Contributions** totaling \$35,638 were *unfavorable* to plan by \$1,273 or 97% of plan

**Total Operating Revenue** totaling \$46,118 were *unfavorable* to plan by \$2,089 or 96% of plan

**Total Operating Expenses** totaling \$51,450 were *favorable* to plan by \$29,194 or 64% of plan.

**Net cash flow** for the month was *unfavorable* to plan by total expenses exceeding total operating revenue by \$5,332.

### Year-to-date

- **Contributions of \$147036** was **according** to plan

- **Total Operating Revenue** was **favorable** to plan by **\$427,309** or **222%** of plan

Total Operating Revenue includes a transfer of \$252,241 from the capital reserve for renovation of the Goodwill room

**Total Operating Expense** was **unfavorable** to plan by **\$549,265** or **170%** of plan due to costs for renovations

Through April 30, 2024	Month				Year-to-Date				Annual Budget	% of Budget
	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan		
<b>Revenue</b>										
Contributions - Pledged	\$ 22,263	\$ 29,583	\$ (7,320)	75%	\$ 96,602	\$ 118,332	\$ (21,730)	82%	\$ 355,000	27%
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Contributions - Unpledged	\$ 8,899	\$ 6,465	\$ 2,434	138%	\$ 32,898	\$ 25,860	\$ 7,038	127%	\$ 77,580	42%
Contributions - Prepaid & Other	\$ 4,476	\$ 863	\$ 3,613	0%	\$ 17,536	\$ 3,452	\$ 14,084	508%	\$ 10,358	169%
<b>Sub-total Revenue - Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 35,638</b>	<b>\$ 36,911</b>	<b>\$ (1,273)</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>\$ 147,036</b>	<b>\$ 147,644</b>	<b>\$ (608)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 442,938</b>	<b>33%</b>
Other Revenue	\$ 10,480	\$ 11,296	\$ (816)	93%	\$ 280,273	\$ 45,184	\$ 235,089	620%	\$ 135,542	207%
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 46,118</b>	<b>\$ 48,207</b>	<b>\$ (2,089)</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>\$ 427,309</b>	<b>\$ 192,828</b>	<b>\$ 234,481</b>	<b>222%</b>	<b>\$ 578,480</b>	<b>74%</b>

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	\$ 46,118	\$ 48,207	\$ (2,089)	96%	\$ 427,309	\$ 456,470	\$ 234,481	222%	\$ 547,631	74%
Total Operating Expense	\$ 51,450	\$ 80,644	\$ 29,194	64%	\$ 549,265	\$ 531,368	\$ (226,689)	170%	\$ 637,596	86%
Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)	\$ (5,332)	\$ (32,437)			\$ (121,956)					

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

## Deep Griha Quarterly Update



We have a long-standing relationship with the Deep Griha Society and the programming that happens in Pune, India. Our October 2nd Mile donations and donations from the Indian Dancers go to help support the work in India. The bulletin board in the office hallway is updated quarterly to show all wonderful programs that work to make their lives better. Please take a moment to read the updates on the bulletin board or you can scan this QR code or follow this link to our website to read the January—March 2024 quarterly update: <https://dccucc.com/ministries/deep-griha/>. We post the update on our website each quarter.



# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>Lisa's Sabbatical Begins 5/25 -6/30</b>	<b>Laura's vacation 6/22—7/7</b>	Preschool Summer Session is M/W/TH				1 SMMF 8:00 AM Goodwill	
2 Worship 10 AM 2:30 p.m. Costello Piano Recital	3 Grief Group 7PM	4	5 MORE, 6:15 AM	6 EGA—AM	7 6:00 PM Young Ambassador Potluck	8	
9 Worship 10 AM Creativity Circle 3-5PM	10	11 Red Cross	12 MORE, 6:15 AM	13 EGA—All Day Meeting GW ROOM	14 Excellence Group 12-3PM	15 SMMF 8:00 AM Goodwill	
<b>Mission Trip to Grand Rapids Michigan (9th—15th) and UnTrip (9th—12th)</b>							
16 Worship 10 AM Columbus International Children's Choir	17	18 Church Council 7pm <u>*Deadline for Messenger Articles.</u>	19 MORE, 6:15 AM <b>OFFICE CLOSED JUNETEENTH</b>	20	21	22 12-5 PM Goodwill Room Shower	
23 Worship 10AM	24	25 Red Cross	26 MORE, 6:15 AM Creativity Circle 1-3PM	27	28	29 12- 5 PM Goodwill Room Party	
30 Worship 10AM	<b>AA Meetings</b> 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)		<b>Red Cross Blood Drives</b> <b>* 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Goodwill Room</b>			<b>Indian Dancers—Kennedy North</b> Tues. /Thursy. 5:30—9:30 PM	<b>Boy Scouts</b> Wednesdays 7 PM— Goodwill Room



# Happy Birthday!



- 1 Jake Nicely
- 2 Ted Carlson  
Anne Geese  
Reese Kerr
- 3 Sarah Louters
- 4 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
- 8 Laura Zuber
- 9 Ned Neidhardt  
Brent Smith
- 10 Douglas Bond  
Jennifer Sell
- 11 Kelley Bond  
Chris Ebersole  
Josh Ployer
- 12 Deborah Pond
- 13 Emily Flottman-Mullen
- 14 Christopher Luikart

- 15 James Barnes  
Carolyn Molzahn  
Susan Nedorost  
Charles Nicely  
Jeff Shaffer
- 16 Ken Bitter  
Stacy Weislogel  
Cheryl Yeack
- 17 Evan Frissora  
Harper Louters
- 18 Conner Sell  
Carole Zugaro
- 20 Clara Frissora
- 21 Geoff Baldwin  
Stacy Moore  
Isabelle Razem  
Sydney Shaffer
- 22 Megan Sells  
Reyna deSilva
- 23 Melissa Baird  
Alexander Smith
- 24 Brian Sell  
Nichole Weber
- 25 Myles Crawford
- 26 Diana Nicely  
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

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### Celebrate Good Times



Mark a special occasion with a celebration gift to the Dublin Community Church Foundation (DCCF)! Getting ready to turn 40? Give a gift of \$40 to DCCF to recognize your milestone. Thrilled that your grandchild is graduating this year? Just make a check payable to the DCCF, add "celebration gift" in the memo line, and drop it in the collection plate. It's an easy, meaningful gift that will keep growing!

### 2024 Men's Retreat: Save the Date

Please join us for a weekend of fun and relaxation one last time at Temple Hills! October 11-13th! Look for more information over the summer.



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[WWW.DUBLINCOMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.DUBLINCOMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG)

### 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.

Tickets Available NOW!



# Bounty at Bridge Park

ESTABLISHED 2023

second annual event  
benefitting the



Dublin Food Pantry

Lead Sponsor:



Sunday, September 15th, 2024

The Exchange  
EVENTS AT BRIDGE PARK

6520 Riverside Dr., Dublin

6pm Cocktail Hour | 7pm Dinner & Program

events@dublinfoodpantry.org

www.dublinfoodpantry.org/bridgepark

