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THE MESSENGER

November 2024

Dublin Community Church—United Church of Christ

The Opportunities that Never End

Recently, at the start of Sunday morning worship, I looked down at my notes and realized I quite possibly had the longest list of announcements I've ever had in all the years I have served DCC! As Rev Becky was on vacation that day, I tried to very quickly go through the announcements, while reminding people



that further details, and further opportunities, could be found in the bulletin. And so, to state the obvious, there is a LOT going on at Dublin Community Church!! And that is a very good thing!

The Stewardship Committee, over these past two months, has used feedback from all of you to remind us of all the ways in which DCC is a good place to be. In addition to the many activities – the recent Blessing of the Animals, the upcoming Volunteer Luncheon, Creativity Circle event, Interfaith Thanks and Giving Service, and the Children's Christmas Pageant, to name just a few – this is also the time of year when we seek to fill all the DCC committees for the upcoming year. Our eleven committees were completely full for 2024, and we are striving for 100% participation again in 2025. There really is no way to sufficiently express all the positive aspects of serving on a committee. Serving is one way to feel deeply connected to DCC. It not only contributes to the important work we do as a community of faith, but it is also a fantastic way to truly get to know others. The friendships and camaraderie are spectacular.

Our eleven committees at DCC, in alphabetical order, are: Buildings & Grounds, Christian Education, Fellowship, Finance, Growth & Rolls, Mission, Music, Pastoral Care, Personnel, Stewardship, and Worship. In addition to these eleven, some of the "Sub-committees" include the Kitchen Committee, the Green Team, Rummage, and the Production Team who run our sound and livestream during worship. There are also openings to serve on the DCC Foundation. If you want to know more about any of these opportunities, please reach out to Rev. Becky or me. We would be happy to fill you in!

And so, in the coming weeks, I hope you will prayerfully consider how you might get involved at DCC. Don't be surprised if you receive a phone call inviting you to join a committee. For the many of you who are already serving, and for those who have already committed to joining a committee, I say a heartfelt thank you!!

Dublin Community Church is truly a good place to be!!

Shalom, Rev. Lisa Bowersock



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:





Star House is an agency that operates Central
Ohio's only drop-in center for youth, ages 14-24, who are experiencing homelessness. We collect travel sized items for them year round in the narthex. We often have items at the time of the rummage sales that we take to them as well.

COMMITTEE NOTES

To learn more about Star House, you can visit their website at: https://www.starhouse.us/

Scan the QR code to donate to Second Mile through VANCO.



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 Office Administrator:
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Giving Thanks

The colors change. The leaves fall. We turn back the clocks. Grocery aisles are full of stuffing mix and cranberry sauce. Thanksgiving season is upon us!

As I reflect on recent months of our shared life together at Dublin Community Church, there is so much for which I am grateful. In particular, we are just completing our annual stewardship pledge campaign. Throughout the month of October, we have reflected on how DCC is a good place to be connecting, growing, serving, and giving. I am so thankful for the generous hearts of the people of this congregation. Thank you for the ways you support the church's ongoing ministries through offering your time, talents, and monetary gifts. It is only because of your gifts that Dublin Community Church can carry out its mission. Leading joyful and inspirational worship, growing disciples through educational programs for people of all ages, providing space for community partners who are committed to healing and recovery, all of the ministries that touch the lives of our families, friends, and wider community—all of them are possible because of what you share so generously.

On a more personal note, Adrian and I also want to take this space to let you know again how grateful we are to all of you at DCC who continue to support us with prayers and acts of loving kindness as we navigate the unknown path of Adrian's health journey. When I try to come up with words adequate enough to express the gratitude we have in our hearts for each of you, I come up short every time. So, I am left with just "Thank you." I can never say it enough. For every prayer spoken, for every card sent, for every call or visit, for every offer of help, for every meal or service provided, for every time you have shared your concern for us or inquired about our well-being, for all the ways you walk this road with us, THANK YOU.

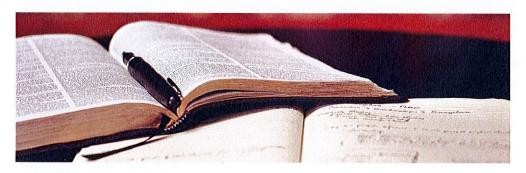
Thank you for being people who truly live out your love in so many diverse and beautiful ways. Know that you are appreciated and that you make all the difference.

Peace and blessings always,

Rev. Becky

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship - November Update

We will meet in November on 11/2 and 11/16 to continue our discussions about Brian McLaren's book <u>Do I Stay Christian?</u>. Hope you can join us!



October Moderator Moment

There are several updates from the council. I'll start with some really exciting news!

- A special thank you to the McAdow Family Foundation for a generous gift, to DCC, in Honor of Carol McAdow who held a special place in her heart for this community. The gift is provided to support the upcoming refresh projects and to replace the piano in the chapel as well as a generous gift to the DCC Foundation to support future Spiritual Formation grants. These gifts will support the missions of DCC-UCC for years to come.
- The music and pastoral care committees will be hosting a Christmas caroling event for our shut-ins in Dec. look for details to come.
- Please sign up for the 2nd Annual Helping Hands Luncheon in the Narthex. The event will include a meal and is to show appreciation for all of the volunteers of DCC
- The 2025 committee member planning is upon us. If you have interests in joining a committee next year, please reach out to any minister or existing committee member, including me. You can also fill out the time and talents survey which has a summary of all the committees.
- Finally, it is pledge season. Please fill out a pledge form to help provide the council with the critical information for the 2025 general operating budget. The budget must be balanced and a large portion of the budget comes directly from you and your pledges. The general operating budget includes donations to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), the building utilities and maintenance, staff salaries, cleaning and trash removal, committee budgets, etc. The church renovation projects have been funded through generous 1 time donations and are not a part of the general operating budget.
- Many have asked about the mortgage payoff and how it will impact the annual budget. The last few years have required withdrawals from the council contingency fund, or rainy day fund, to achieve a balanced budget. The amount withdrawn is very similar to the yearly mortgage payment which we no longer have! With that said, we have a strong prospect of funding the general operating budget through pledges and rental fees (pre-school, weddings, etc.) without pulling from the council contingency fund. If anyone has questions regarding pledging or the budget, please look for myself or a member of the finance committee and we would gladly answer your questions.

Thank you for your time!

-Jacob Coburn

THANK YOU TIMES TWO!

In Sunday worship last month I told the story that when I was 10 years old I chose to financially support the church. My Grandma B was the one behind that story. Her deep love for me and patient nurturing of my faith encouraged and shaped my decision to give to the church. She would often season our one-on-one conversations with short quotes from the Bible. For example – if I was tired and complaining that I didn't want to finish something I promised to do, she might say "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." While the cookie she gave me sweetened my work ethic that day, it was the idea of Christ working in and through me that motivated my commitment to be both faithful and generous in all aspects of my life.

Another of Grandma B's favorite Bible quotes was "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances..." This one reminds me of what she taught her grandchildren: to "say thank you times two." Say thank you for the gift given and give thanks to God for the giver. In the same way, my mother, Lois, taught us to "say 'thank you' twice as often as you say 'please.'"

On behalf of the stewardship committee, our church council, and our church staff, I say thank you, and thank you again, for who you are as faithful members and friends of our congregation, for the many ways you lead, serve and participate in our life together, and for your contributions – of time, talent and money – to support and fulfill the missions, ministries, programs, facilities and staff of Dublin Community Church. I'm grateful to you for your generous gifts – and I give thanks to God for you!

We will all be asked in each new year to continue serving and supporting our congregation. I believe that is how we are able to "do all things together through Christ who strengthens" us. And that is why we can confidently "give thanks in all circumstances" of our life together.

Again, thank you for your pledge of financial support for 2025! And I give thanks to God for who you are and for the many ways you generously and faithfully share yourself!

Eric Williams, Chair

2024 Stewardship Committee

Ps: Perhaps you still have not made your 2025 pledge or volunteered to serve in the new year. Below are the QR codes for the Giving Pledge and Time and Talent campaigns. Both links will be active through November.

"Our church is a good place to be...connecting, growing, serving and giving."





Giving Pledge

Time and Talent

Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 1 3-5 pm

Let's share some Christmas joy to our shut ins and entertain them with a few familiar carols at their residence.

We will meet at church at 3 pm and divide into groups to carol to 3 or 4 of our own. Addresses (with names of the member you will be visiting) and song books will be provided.

Afterwards, we will share a potluck meal in the Goodwill Room.

No experience required! All ages welcome.

Come, join in the fun. Sign up in Narthex

Questions? Contact Lynn Rose/Neil Butler

FINANCE

Dublin Community Church Financial Summary - through September 30, 2024

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

For the Month

- Contributions totaling \$31,630 were unfavorable to plan by \$5,281 or 86% of plan.
- Total Operating Revenue totaling \$41,279 were unfavorable to plan by \$6,928 or 86% of plan.
- Total Operating Expenses totaling \$46,918 were unfavorable to plan by \$33,726 or 58% of plan.
- **Net cash flow** for the month was unfavorable to plan by total expenses exceeding total operating revenue by \$5,639.

Year-to-date

- Contributions of \$313,052 was unfavorable to plan by \$19,147 or 94% of plan
- Total Operating Revenue of \$638,848 was favorable to plan by \$204,985 or 147% of plan
- Total Operating Revenue includes a transfer of \$252,241 from the capital reserve for renovation of the Goodwill room
- **Total Operating Expense** of \$1,012,607 was **unfavorable** to plan by **\$286,811** or **140%** of plan due to costs for renovations and final payment of mortgage
- Total Operating Expenses included a payment to pay off the mortgage of \$188,464 as a transfer from capital reserves.

Through Sept. 30, 2024 Month								Ye	ear-to-D	ate						
Revenue		Actual		Plan	Vai	r. to Plan	% of Plan		Actual		Plan	Va	r. to Plan	% of Plan	Annual Budget	% of Budget
Contributions - Pledged	\$	21,865	\$	29,583	\$	(7,718)	74%	\$	217,893	\$	266,247	\$	(48,354)	82%	\$ 355,000	61%
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$		\$		\$			\$		\$		\$	•		\$	
Contributions - Unpledged	\$	6,094	\$	6,465	\$	(371)	94%	\$	59,476	\$	58,185	\$	1,291	102%	\$ 77,580	77%
Contributions - Prepaid & Other	\$	3,671	\$	863	\$	2,808	0%	\$	35,683	\$	7,767	\$	27,916	459%	\$ 10,358	344%
Sub-total Revenue - Contributions	\$	31,630	\$	36,911	\$	(5,281)	86%	\$	313,052	\$	332,199	\$	(19,147)	94%	\$ 442,938	71%
Other Revenue	\$	9,649	\$	11,296	\$	(1,647)	85%	\$	325,796	\$	101,664	\$	224,132	320%	\$ 135,542	240%
Total Operating Revenue	\$	41,279	\$	48,207	\$	(6,928)	86%	\$	638,848	\$	433,863	\$	204,985	147%	\$ 578,480	110%

Net Cash Flow from	Current	Cui	rrent Plan	Va	r. to Plan	% of Plan	Y	TD Actual	1	/TD Plan	Va	ır. to Plan	% of Plan	Annual	% Expended
<u>Operations</u>	Actual								7					Budget	
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 41,279	\$	48,207	\$	(6,928)	86%	\$	638,848	\$	433,863	\$	204,985	147%	\$ 578,480	110%
Total Operating Expense	\$ 46,918	\$	80,644	\$	33,726	58%	\$	1,012,607	\$	967,723	\$	(286,811)	140%	\$ 967,723	105%
Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)	\$ (5,639)	\$	(32,437)				\$	(373,759)							

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

Livestreaming Volunteer Opportunity

We're on the lookout for volunteers who are eager to learn how to operate the live streaming software for our church services. If you're familiar with using Microsoft Windows, you can easily pick up this skill in just one or two quick training sessions! The directions on how to livestream have been slimmed down over the past couple of years, making it easier than ever before to learn. This vital role helps us stay connected with congregants who can't physically attend church, due to health issues, travel or being homebound. It has also been a great way to bring others into our church from home and has led to the addition of new members to our congregation. Join us in this exciting opportunity to make a meaningful impact!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A note from Pastoral Care....

Did you know that you can participate in church activities and programs like WORD, Creativity Circle, or other meetings even if you don't drive anymore or currently cannot drive due to a surgery, illness etc.? You might want to check out the Dublin Connector. This is a wonderful transportation service offered by the City of Dublin. It is for Dublin residents, age 55 and older, for people who work in Dublin and for those residents with



disabilities. The service is free of charge and operates Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. Check it out! https://dublinohiousa.gov/city-news/dublin-connector-connects-the-community/

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants!

We did it again! The success of our fall rummage sale on October 5th can be measured in a variety of ways:

- The money we made (final amount forthcoming) benefitted Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) and our youth ministries and missions.
- Our organized and low-priced merchandise appealed to many, many satisfied customers, including those with limited budgets.
- Fellowship among our volunteers abounded!
- Leftover donations rippled out into the community benefitting local charities and individuals.

Thanks to all who contributed treasures, time, and loving efforts!

Mark your calendars.

The spring sale will be held Saturday, May 3rd, 2025.

Preparation Week will begin Saturday, April 26th, 2025.



Announcing the 2024 Children's Christmas Pageant

One Sleepless Night

Written by Nancy Luikart

The annual Children's Christmas pageant will held on Sunday, December 15. We will need cast members and volunteers. Sign up forms are available at https://dccucc.com/2024-christmas-pageant-sign-ups/, in the narthex and weekly emails. Pageant rehearsals will be held Sundays after church beginning on November 17 thru December 8. The final practice will be held Saturday, December 14. Save these dates now!



You are invited to join the Cast and Crew Of:

"One Sleepless Night"

A Children's Christmas Pageant

To be held: Sunday, December 15, 2024 during the church service

Rehearsal Schedule:

Child's Name:

Pageant Practice: 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, held immediately after Sunday school in the Chapel.

Costume Fittings: December 8 during Sunday School

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Save this date now!

Fill out the form below (families please fill out a separate form for each child) and place it in the box in the Narthex, or email to nluikart@icloud.com by November 17.

Child's Name:		Age:						
Parent's Name:		Phone #:						
E mail:	671							
E-mail: Choose three parts and number them in order of preference:								
Mary	Angel	Sheep						
Joseph	Shepherd	Star						
Innkeeper	Magi	9						
Select one of the following								
I would like a speaking role*:		I would like a nonspeaking role:						
*Sneaking roles are 1.2 sentences 1	ong							

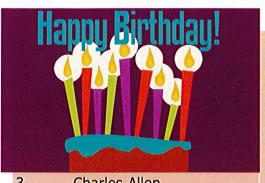
Volunteers (adults and teens): Please volunteer on Sign up Genius at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A8A723A0F49-52389041-pageant

Adult and teen Volunteers are needed for costume fittings, stage set up and tear down, cast wranglers. Cast wranglers help guide the cast members during the dress rehearsal and pageant performance.

Speaking roles are 1-2 sentences long.

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA Me Mon-Saf, ; Mon, 6:30 Tues, 10AM Thurs, 1 I Fri., 6:30 Fri., 7:30 P	7 AM (KS)) PM (KS) ; 1 PM (KS) PM (KS) PM (KS)	Boy Scouts Wednesdays 7 PM— Goodwill Room			WORD—AM	2 SMMF 8—9:30 AM
Seekers Worship 10 AM Consecration Sunday	4 Grief Group 7PM	ELECTION DAY Voting in GOODWILL ROOM BSA –Eagle Scout 7-9 Parlor	6 MORE, 6:15 AM Gospel Class 7PM—Kennedy	7 WORD -PM ECSB—GW 7PM	WORD—AM Excellence Group 12-3PM	Columbus Children's Choir Rehearsal all day
Seekers Worship 10 AM Volunteer Luncheon 11:30 Confirmation 3-5PM Creativity Circle 3-5PM	11	Red Cross BSA –Eagle Scout 7-9 Parlor DCC Foundation Zoom	13 MORE, 6:15 AM Gospel Class 7PM—Kennedy	10-12 AM Embroiderers WORD PM -	NORD—AM	SMMF 8—9:30 AM Templed Hills Closing Event
Seekers Worship 10 AM Pageant Rehearsal Dublin Hist. Society luncheon Confirmation 3-5 PM	18	Church Council 7PM *Messenger Articles Due	20 MORE, 6:15 AM	Thanks and Giving Service 7pm DCC	22	23
Seekers Worship 10AM Hanging of the Greens Pageant Rehearsal	25	26 Red Cross	27 MORE, 6:15 AM Creativity Circle 1-3PM	Church Of	HAPPY Sgiving Fice Closed.	30
Indian Dance North Tues. /Thurs. 5:	ers—Kennedy 30—9:30 PM		Red Cross Bloc Ith Tuesdays in		Room	
		Choir Pract Handbell Pr pm in the Sa	ice is at 7pm o ractices are or inctuary.	n Sundays in t n preschedule s	the Sanctuary. scheduled Sund	days at 5:30



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	3	Charles Allen
	4	Stephen Bergman
To the last		Evan Dicus
		Craig Grooms
		Lisa Neidhardt
200		Sonja Thornbloom
		Noah Zuber
	5	Clay Uber
		Chad Weinman
	6	Jacob Coburn
		Corrinne Malinowski
	7	Scott Darbyshire
		Vicki Koogler
		Janet Murray-Wolfe
THE REAL PROPERTY.		Erika O'Brien-Mason
		Audrey Richardson
		Cole Richardson
	8	Dana Davis
		Ty Young
	9	Sue Brunner
		Saoirse George
		Kirstin Virgalitte
	10	Sharon Shoemaker
	12	Joe Green

13	David Probst
	Janis Shannon
15	Mark Killoran
16	Richard Loveland
	Nathan Zinn
17	Chris Johnston
19	Samuel Hurley
	Gale Kerr
	Justin Probst
21	John Burgers
	Patricia Kranz
22	Scott Crawford
	Tiffany Kuck
23	Megan Lefferts
	Daniel Ostrowski
	Paul Phillips
	Jordan Smith
	Grant Sugar
25	Laura Montgomery
	Pam Perkins
	Beth Sullivan
26	James Bowersock
	Dean Eberhart
28	Forrest Biegler
	Maddy Lawrence
20	Kevin Shoemaker
29	Cindy Bitter
	Keith Nichols
	Bryce Rizzo
	Nicholas Smith

HANGING OF THE GREENS

30

We will "deck the halls", sanctuary and outside of the church on November 24th following the church service. Fellowship Committee will combine coffee hour/lunch by providing hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, drinks and desserts. Many hands make light work so come join us for socializing and fun as we prepare for this holy season.



Dewey Wade

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Time to Celebrate

Why not recognize that special person or couple with a gift to honor their legacy? A gift to Dublin Community Church Foundation (DCCF) to celebrate a special birthday or congratulate friends or parents on their anniversary is the perfect way to give a aift that will keep on aivina! Simply write a check payable to the DCCF, add "celebration gift" in the memo line, and drop it in the collection plate.



MINISTERS/CHURCH OF-**FICE 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.

Laura's days off are Saturday and Sunday Please leave her a note in the notepad on her desk on Sundays and she'll get back with you during office hours.





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"We are proudly and officially an Open and Affirming Congregation."

Thanks and Giving Service—Thursday, November 21, 2024—7:00 PM Dublin Community Church—United Church of Christ - Sanctuary Sponsored by SAIL (Safe Alliance of Interfaith Leaders)

All are welcome to join us in giving thanks to God in words and music.

Please bring non-perishable food items or monetary donations for the Dublin Food Pantry. A list of most needed items for the Pantry can be found at dublinfoodpantry.org.

Light refreshments will be available immediately after the service. For more information, contact Barb Anderson at andersonfamily2214@gmail.com