

Dublin Community Church United Church of Christ

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THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2025

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Easter Eggs

Many years ago, when my kids were young, one of the ways we decorated for Easter was to hang colorful plastic Easter eggs in a tree in front of our house. Each year we would dig out a tub of Easter decorations, pull out the plastic eggs which were rigged with thin pieces of string, and hang them out front. It was a yearly tradition.



One spring, however, shortly after we had decorated the tree with the eggs, someone rang my front doorbell. When I went to the door, my next-door neighbor was standing there. And in her hands were broken plastic eggs – the eggs that previously had been hanging in the tree. And immediately my neighbor began to apologize in earnest. She was the mother of twin sons, close to the age of my own children, and for some reason her sons decided that it would be a fun game to knock the eggs out of the tree. And in doing so, they had broken all of the eggs.

In my mind, the incident was nothing more than kids being kids, and I assured my neighbor that it really was no big deal. But what made her apology so compelling was the fact that my neighbors were Muslim. And knowing that eggs were part of our Christian celebration of Easter, what my neighbor feared was that her children had destroyed something I saw as sacred. I continued to reassure her that it really was OK, but I will never forget her sincere remorse at not wanting to be disrespectful.

We are in a time of year that is indeed very sacred for Christians. We have been journeying together during this season of Lent as Jesus makes his way towards the cross. We will remember Jesus' final meal with his disciples when we gather on Holy Thursday. And we will walk alongside Jesus as we carry a cross through the streets of Dublin on Good Friday. And then we will celebrate with joy Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

But in all these sacred moments I am mindful that this time of year is also sacred for our Muslim and our Jewish friends in their faith traditions. And I am reminded of my Muslim neighbor all those years ago, whose kindness was affirmation that our similarities far outweigh our differences. And I am grateful.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter.

- Shalom, Rev. Lisa Bowersock



Creativity Circle

Creativity Circle is a group of women who gather twice a month for the sole purpose of creating knit, crochet, and machine sewn items that are in turn donated to a variety of charities in the Columbus area. Knit and/or crochet blankets are donated to the Van Buren home-



less center and/or the YWCA Family Center. Fleece blankets are hemmed and given to Star House, and a variety of baby items (blankets, hats, bibs, burp cloths) are taken to Gifts for Angels (a charity that provides baby items to mothers with little or no means) Both groups meet in the parlor on the second Sunday of the month from 3-5 p.m. and the last Wednesday of the month from 1-3 p.m. For more information, please contact Cindy Bitter at cbitter77@yahoo.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).

COMMITTEE NOTES

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.*





Thank You for Shopping at Kroger

Dublin Community Church is fortunate to be part of the Kroger Community Rewards Program. This money is used for childcare for WORD, for purchase of materials, and also for lunches for the volunteers during Rummage weeks, as well as Rummage Sale days. These funds have also been used for other needs of the church. We rely on you to participate in this program. Even if you don't shop at Kroger regularly, it still makes a difference for you to sign up. We receive a check every three months. Our most recent check was \$509.53 with 121 households participating.

Simply sign up online with your Kroger Plus Card number at **krogercommunityrewards.com**.

Any questions, contact Barb Anderson at andersonfamily2214@gmail.com.

Our DCC-UCC Staff is Here for You

Lisa Bowersock, Senior Minister:
Becky Sunday, Associate Minister:
Erin Miller, C.E. Director:
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WORKING IN THE QUIET

Liturgically speaking, Holy Week is the busiest time of the church year. In addition to our regular Palm Sunday service, Holy Week still includes our Wednesday Lenten study, plus our traditional Maundy Thursday service and the CrossWalk on Good Friday, which concludes with a community worship service in our Gladden Chapel. Of course, the Holy Week journey culminates in our rejoicing together on Easter Sunday,



first with the Sunrise Service, and then our 10:00AM Easter Service. That's six separate opportunities to gather and worship together during that week alone!

There is one more celebration that some Christian churches highlight that many congregations in our own tradition gloss over—the observance of Holy Saturday, also known as Easter Vigil. It's easy to dismiss Saturday of Holy Week. After all, nothing much seems to have happened that day. After a whirlwind week beginning with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, following with the Last Supper and arrest on Maundy Thursday and, finally, the crucifixion on Friday, there doesn't seem to be anything special to commemorate on Holy Saturday. Nothing happened. Jesus spent the whole day locked up in the tomb.

For those first disciples, it was likely a quiet day. They, too, were locked inside. Paralyzed by grief and fear, I imagine they sat in the stillness, staring at one another through their tears and finding very little to say. It was also a Sabbath day. Things had finished in a hurry on Friday, as Jesus' followers rushed to put his lifeless body into the tomb before the holy day began at sunset. The women had not yet finished preparing the body, and now they would have to wait until Sunday morning. I wonder if any of them recalled his words, promising that the Son of Man would rise up. Did any of them dare to hope?

Two thousand years later, we know the rest of the story. We know that in the stillness of that Sabbath day long ago, God was still at work preparing the greatest revelation of power and love the world has ever known. For us, Holy Saturday is meant to be a time of watchful anticipation. As we sit in the quiet, we await the morning, knowing the gift that comes with resurrection. In the stillness, we prepare our hearts for the great new day that is coming.

One of the great Easter hymns, "Christ Arose!," was penned by Robert Lowry. The hymn begins, "Low in the grave he lay—Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day—Jesus my Lord!" It is only after the stillness of the tomb that we come to see the risen Christ. But God is not idle; God is working in the quiet.

In a time when there is so much trouble and distress in the world, it hardly seems appropriate to call for God's people to be contemplatively quiet. Surely, what the world needs right now is action! While that may be true, it is still important to find Sabbath moments, times of quiet when we can lean into the Great Mystery. Find those spaces. Trust that God is not idle in those moments, but rather is beginning the work of resurrection.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Becky

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through February 28, 2025

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

For the Month

- Contributions totaling \$44,925 were favorable to plan by \$4,569 or 111% of plan.
- Total Operating Revenue totaling \$58,163 were favorable to plan by \$7,271 or 114% of plan.
- Total Operating Expenses totaling \$51,045 were in line with plan.

Net cash flow for the month was *favorable* to plan by total expenses exceeding total operating revenue by \$7,118.

Year-to-date

- Contributions of \$82,084 was favorable to plan by \$1,372 or 102% of plan.
- Total Operating Revenue of \$95,690 was *unfavorable* to plan by \$6,094 or 94% of plan. Total Operating Expense of \$96,239 was *favorable* to plan by \$5,507 or 95% of plan.

Through Feb. 28, 2025	M	Month						Year-to-Date							
Revenue		Actual		Plan	Vai	r. to Plan	% of Plan		Actual		Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Annual Budget	% of Budget
Contributions - Pledged	\$	38,960	\$	31,747	\$	7,213	123%	\$	68,357	\$	63,494	\$ 4,863	108%	\$ 380,960	18%
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-	\$ -		\$ -	
Contributions - Unpledged	\$	2,328	\$	7,469	\$	(5,141)	31%	\$	6,267	\$	14,938	\$ (8,671)	42%	\$ 89,632	7%
Contributions - Prepaid & Other	\$	3,637	\$	1,140	\$	1,140	319%	\$	7,460	\$	2,280	\$ 2,280	327%	\$ 13,681	55%
Sub-total Revenue - Contributions	\$	44,925	\$	40,356	\$	4,569	111%	\$	82,084	\$	80,712	\$ 1,372	102%	\$ 484,273	17%
Other Revenue	\$	13,238	\$	10,536	\$	2,702	126%	\$	13,606	\$	21,072	\$ (7,466)	65%	\$ 123,223	11%
Total Operating Revenue	\$	58,163	\$	50,892	\$	7,271	114%	\$	95,690	\$	101,784	\$ (6,094)	94%	\$ 607,496	16%
Net Cash Flow from Operations		Current Actual	α	irrent Plan	Va	r. to Plan	% of Plan	Y	TD Actual	·	YTD Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Annual Budget	% Expended
Total Operating Revenue	\$	58,163	\$	50,892	\$	7,271	114%	\$	95,690	\$	101,784	\$ (6,094)	94%	\$ 607,496	16%
Total Operating Expense	\$	51,045	\$	50,873	\$	(172)	100%	\$	96,239	\$	101,746	\$ 5,507	95%	\$ 607,496	16%
Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)	s	7,118	\$	19				5	(549)	\$	19				

Respectfully submitted by the DCC Finance Committee: Randoph Luikart (Chair); Stefan Niewiesk; and Mark Miller

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our church family for their unwavering support and generous donations during this time. We are especially thankful to the kitchen committee for preparing such a beautiful and meaningful reception. A special thank you as well to the children of the Sunday School for their thoughtful, handmade cards. We also extend our deep appreciation to Lisa and Becky for their invaluable guidance and counsel. Your kindness and compassion mean so much to us.

Peach, Rick, Becki and Bobbie Termeer



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

RUMMAGE IS THE ULTIMATE REUSING, RECYCLING, AND REPURPOSING

The Dublin Community Church semi-annual rummage sales are some of the truest ways to be **GREEN!** Each year, we save hundreds of pounds of unwanted and unused items from being sent to the landfills. Our shoppers give them new lives and new purposes. Thanks to each of you who donate AND buy!

Our SPRING RUMMAGE Sale will be Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Early shoppers can pay \$10/person to come in early at 8:00am. We will begin accepting donations on Saturday, April 26th through Thursday, May 1st. Watch for further details on the times each day for drop-offs at the church. We may be able to again offer donation pick-ups at your homes, but there will be restrictions. Call the church office at 614-889-1026 to schedule.

Large items must be on the first floor or in a garage. Please, no heavy exercise equipment, most entertainment centers, TVs that don't work (flat screen only) or computers/electronics that are no longer working. No mattresses or springs. No encyclopedias, large dictionaries, textbooks, or trade books. We reserve the right to refuse any donation. We are not trying to be ungrateful, but we have found the mentioned items just don't sell, they take up valuable display space, and we have often had to PAY to have them taken. All that being said, we are delighted to receive your used, and even new, treasures. Thank you.

We would be most appreciative if you would kindly post the rummage sale on your social media sites. The needed information, in addition to the church's name, address (81 W. Bridge St. Dublin 43017), and even phone number (614-889-1026) can be found in the bolded sentences above.

Most of our members look forward to each of our sales in May and in October (always the first Saturdays). Volunteering at the sale and helping to set up during the previous week is lots of fun and tiring. We thank those of you who have volunteered in the past and we encourage those of you who haven't, to volunteer for a first time. You won't regret it! Great way to meet church members and feel part of DCC.

Contact Kathy Blair to volunteer.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE WISH LIST

Can't make it to the spring rummage sale? No problem! We invite you to participate in another way. Please consider buying some of the following items to defray the cost of putting on the sale.

Donations can be put in the box marked "Rummage Supplies" in the narthex. Thank you!

Needed Items:

stick on nametags 1" wide rule 1black retractable (blank or the "hello, blue painters Sharpie markers; my name is...") tape "sticky tack" for heavy duty quart and gallon size hang posters without large black zipper plastic bags & damaging the walls; trash bags plastic grocery and mall handled bags.



DUBIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION AND OUR YOUTH MINISTRIES.

CLOTHING * SHOES * CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, TOYS AND GAMES
CHIQUE BOUTIQUE * JEWELRY COLLECTIBLES AND MORE IN
ROYAL RUMMAGE * HOUSEWARES * ART AND DECOR * BOOKS *
SEASONAL DECORATIONS * FURNITURE * ELECTRONICS *
LAMPS * LINENS
SPORTING EQUIPMENT * OUTDOOR ITEMS

Regular Hours 9am-2pm • May 3

81 W. Bridge St., Dublin ,OH 43017 *Early entry at 8am for \$10 per person*

DONATIONS

Your donations can be dropped off at these designated times:
•Saturday, April 26: 10:00am to 1:00pm
•Sunday, April 27: 11:30am to 5:00pm
•Monday, April 28- Thursday, May 1: 8:30am to 7:00pm.
•No donations will be accepted after Thursday evening.
•NO DROP-OFFS ON FRIDAY!

Call 614-889-1026 to schedule pick-up for large donations.

WHAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT

We DO NOT accept mattresses/box springs, non-flatscreen TVs (all must work), infant cribs/mattresses, computer monitors, large exercise equipment, entertainment centers, encyclopedias, textbooks, or dictionaries.

We reserve the right to accept or reject donations as sometimes they are very heavy and/or awkward and could jeopardize the safety of our volunteers...or are in unsatisfactory shape.

PLEASE, PLEASE: DONATIONS NEED TO BE CLEAN, IN WORKING CONDITION AND IN GOOD SHAPE!!!

VOLUNTEERS

·Set up during the week – Sign up or just drop in.
·Work the day of the sale (or a portion of the day) 6:30am to 4:00pm
·Clean up after the sale (starting at 1:45 p.m. until about 4:00pm Saturday)
We can never have too many volunteers to set up AND clean up.
We need DONORS, VOLUNTEERS AND SHOPPERS.
They are all vital parts of the sale! You are invited to participate in any WAY!

DCC RE-VISION AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY

DCC RE-VISION LUNCHEON. The first of two lunch discussions will be held after worship on Sunday, April 13^{th.} We will be having a potluck lunch! Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board to bring a main dish, side or dessert to share. Include your name and number of people attending so the kitchen committee can plan ahead for beverages. Please plan to bring your own plates/utensils and cups. There will be some available to use if you forget. We look forward to seeing you there as we talk about this exciting time in our church's future. The second luncheon will be help on June 1st after worship and a new sign up will be provided closer to that date.

St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans at DCC



DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH FOUNDATION 2025 GRANTS

Andy Jakes announced on March 16th the opening of the Foundation's grant application process for this year. This is the anniversary of the formation of the DCCF (March 17, 1978) to benefit the church and its wider mission.

Applications for grants that benefit our church's wider missions are available in the DCC office or online at the DCCF page of the DCCUCC.com site. **Completed applications MUST be received in the office or online no later than April 30.** The Foundation trustees will announce those who will receive a grant by the **end of May**. Grants, including their **follow-up reports, must be submitted by November 1, 2025.**

The DCCF will review all grant applications and make final recommendations to Church Council for their approval. All grants must be for projects that go beyond the scope of the church's annual operating budget to serve to enhance the church and its mission, not to sustain the annual budget.

There are restricted grants and unrestricted grants:

The **Natalie Pederson Chard Memorial** grant is restricted because it must benefit **the women's programming** of our church and the DCC **music program**. This year, these grants total **\$1,150**.

The DCCF will present recommendations to Mary Ko for the **Alexander James Ko Memorial** grant. The amount for this grant is **\$2,600**.

The new **Carol McAdow Memorial** grant's purpose is to broadly support spiritual formation. The amount for this year is **\$1900**.

Other grants are **unrestricted**, meaning they simply must enhance the ministries of the church. The total budget for these **unrestricted grants is \$4300**. There is an expectation that this amount of money may support more than one applicant.

Please consider ways you or your committee may want to tap into this wonderful resource that grows and grows from year to year. Why not donate to the Dublin Community Church Foundation right now? Be sure you specify that it is to the **DCC FOUNDATION**. Ask a trustee how you may donate using a credit card. Inspire others to give. Let us make a unified effort to grow the Foundation so we can offer a greater number of grants and have more funds to offer them. *Feel free to contact any of the DCCF trustees: Tom Anderson, Kathy Blair, Andy Jakes, Matthew Kuck, Steph Mizer, Brian Redenshek, and Cheryl Yeack.*

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES



VBS 2025!

Mark these date on your calendar: **July 22nd - 25th** in the evenings.

Our VBS theme "Road Trip" is based on Joshua 1:9 – "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Mid High Youth— the UnTrip dates will be: June 9th - 12th. We will spend the day sharing the love of Christ through our many community service projects during the week.

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SEEKERS WORSHIP 10 AM PAST. CARE —11 AM OFFICE NEW MEMBER CLASS 11:30 AM— GOODWILL	7	RED CROSS—GW PM GROWTH AND ROLLS 7PM PARLOR	9 MORE, 6:15 AM LENTEN STUDY CLASS—7PM KENNEDY	EGA—10 AM WORD PM	WORD AM EXCELLENCE GROUP 12-3PM	DCB SOLO COMPETITION 8AM—2PM CHAPEL/ SANCTUARY
SEEKERS WORSHIP 10 AM CE —11 AM PAR- LOR RE-VISION LUNCH 11:30 AM CREATIVITY CIR- CLE	14	CHURCH COUN- CIL 7PM	16 MORE, 6:15 AM LENTEN STUDY CLASS—7PM KENNEDY	EGA—10 AM ECSB—7PM G MAUNDY THUR DAY 7PM CHAPEL	BRIDGE PARK AND CHAPEL	3 19 SMMF 8—9:30 AM
20 EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE—7:30 AM WORSHIP 10 AM	OFFICE CLOSED— EASTER MON- DAY	RED CROSS—GW PM	23 MORE, 6:15 AM CREATIVITY CIRCLE 1-3 PM— PARLOR	WORD PM	WORD AM HEARTLAND EX- EC. MEETING/ LUNCH	BOBBY VAN DEUSEN CONCERT—SANCTUARY 3—4:30 PM
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Sanctuary.		hedule scheduled d and 4th Tuesda			Boy Scouts Wednes 7 PM— Goodwill Roc	



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
	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
	Lisa Studenmund

17	Roberta Flottman-Muller
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
	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

Senior High Youth Group Meetings—lower level Youth Room/ Goodwill Rooms

-Sunday, April 13th: 5:30—7:00 PM -Sunday, May 18th: 5:30—7:00 PM

Mid High Youth Group Meetings—lower level Youth Room

-Sunday, April 13th immediately after worship -Sunday, May 18th immediately after worship

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

DCCF-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 gift that will keep on giving! Simply write a check payable to the DCCF, add "celebration gift" in the memo line, and drop it in the collection



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.

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.



Want to receive DCC information?

Send your request to: dublinuccoffice@gmail.com

You will receive *The Messenger* and important DCC announcements.

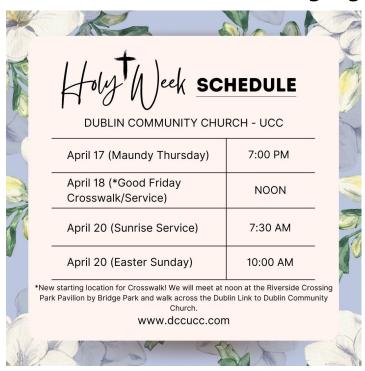
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Dublin Food Pantry Most Needed Items Essentials*: Individual Toothbrushes, Feminine Pads, Diapers (Larger Sizes)/Baby Wipes, Deodorant, Adult Diapers, Plastic Grocery Bags

Food: Jelly, Canned Chicken, Oatmeal, Cereal, Pancake Syrup, Pancake Mix (regular size), Canned Fruit, Rice/ Potato Side Dishes, Spaghetti Sauce (preferably not glass), Regular Spaghetti Noodles

*Essential items are not covered by SNAP or Supplemental Nutrition Program (formerly referred to as the Food Stamp Program). As a result, they represent an out-of-pocket cash expense for pantry customers.