

THE MESSENGER

JUNE 2025

Dublin Community Church—United Church of Christ

School's Out for Summer

I'm going to go out on a limb and say I believe June is pretty much every child's favorite month of the year. School is now out for the summer, and weeks of sunny weather and no school spread out ahead. What's not to love about June?

I clearly remember those final days right before summer break when I was in elementary school. We cleaned out our desks and turned in our books. There were no math or history lessons. It was all just total joy and anticipation. Recently, a friend posted a photo on Facebook that he had unearthed of some of our classmates posing on the last day of school, and I was transported right back to those days. And who remembers getting popsicles on the last day of school?! There was nothing better than that!

I realize, however, that not everyone has the happy memories I have of summer break. There were, and are, children whose home lives are not conducive to carefree summer days. When I was in college, I spent two summers working as a "Playground Leader" for the Parks and Rec Department in Lima. I loved that job. I got to be outside every single day, enjoying the sunshine and playing with the neighborhood kids. I worked at a park in a very economically challenged neighborhood, however, and so I quickly came to realize that there were children whose parents both worked full-time just trying to make ends meet. There was no money or time for family vacations or weeks at camp or going to the pool. The neighborhood park was "it" for many children. And so, my co-leader and I did our best to make the summer as fun and carefree as possible for those kids who joined us at the park every single day. I have very precious memories of those children.

As my own children are all now adults, I am "out of the loop" as far as what summer break looks like for kids these days. I do know that there are lots of camps and workshops and pool memberships and sports to keep kids busy over the summer. But I also know, of course, that there are still many children for whom summer break is more of a challenge. And I hope and pray for those children that they are able to find nurture, calm, hope, safety, and peace.

And popsicles. I wish everyone popsicles this summer.

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me...to such belongs the realm of God'." Luke 18:16

Shalom, Rev Lisa Bowersock



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COMMITTEE NOTES

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 homeless 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



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 right to donate through VANCO.



Spring Rummage Sale Update: Inching Higher!

Attention All: **The spring rummage sale brought in over \$20,000** and the final amount is not yet determined. We may be closer to \$20,700! There is still some money coming in. The exact total will be announced some time in June. Many thanks to many people. Too many to name. We made a ton of money for two good causes: OCWM and our Youth Ministry. **The fall rummage sale will be Saturday, October 4th, 2025. Thanks to one and all!**



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).

Our DCC-UCC Staff is Here for You

Lisa Bowersock, Senior Minister:
Becky Sunday, Associate Minister:
Erin Miller, C.E. Director:
Nancy Luikart, Music Director:
Laura Zuber, Church Office Administrator:
Gregg Dudash, Youth Leader:
Jill DeiCas-Nehls, Interim Mid-High Youth Leader:
TBD, Organist/Accompanist:
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KINDLING JOY

About eight years ago, I had the opportunity to attend a CREDO seminar sponsored by the UCC Pension Boards. This weeklong seminar was designed to help clergy focus their attention on wellness in a variety of areas—spirituality, vocation, physical and psychological health, relationships, and finance.



One takeaway from the CREDO program that I still remember is the concept of “kindling joy.” Where do you find your joy? Do you even know? Somewhere within each of us is a fire. If we are not careful, we can lose sight of it. Sometimes the pressures of the world bear down on it and our joy gets stifled. Other times, life seems to nearly stamp it out. Sometimes we move so far from our joy that we forget it’s even there. Have you ever struggled, trying to “create” joy, as if from nothing? It’s pretty hard work, and often what we come up with somehow still leaves us feeling empty or cold.

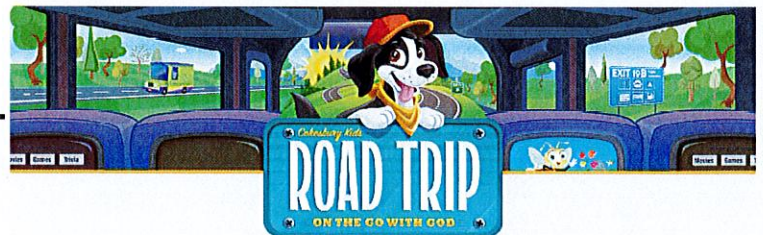
John 15 recounts part of Jesus’ address to his disciples on his last night with them. He prayed for them. He gave them the assurance of God’s love and instructed them (and us) to love one another. Then he explained, “I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete” (John 15:11, CEB). In the days that followed, the disciples would see their hopes dashed as Jesus was arrested, convicted, and executed. Even after meeting the risen Christ, the disciples struggled to live into the reality of resurrection joy. It wasn’t until the day of Pentecost that the wind and flame of the Spirit stirred them to the fullness of life God intended, moving them from behind locked doors out into the world that awaited them.

Like all of God’s gifts, joy must be attended to. It requires stewardship and courage. Each of us has to do the work of tending the life-giving fire that resides somewhere within us. Sometimes we have to bend low and blow gently upon the embers. At other times, we have to go searching outside of our normal, comfortable territory to find enough fuel to keep our joy-fire alive. It takes effort to kindle our joy, but it is work we must do. If we don’t, inevitably our spirits, our work, and our relationships suffer.

Perhaps the world feels dark and scary to you right now. If so, there is more reason than ever not to neglect the light. How are you cultivating your joy, and how are you bringing light and life to the world around you? If we all kindled a little more joy in our lives, the world would be a happier, more spirit-filled place. Thank you, each of you, for helping to kindle joy in my life.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Becky



You’ve seen the registration in the bulletins and in the previous newsletter. It’s time to sign up for **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."

Pick up a form in the office, at Sunday School, or Visit <https://dccucc.com/vacation-bible-school-registration/> to download and complete your registration. Please return to the office or to Mrs. Miller in Sunday School.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance Committee Report

Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through April 2025

Financial Update: Operating revenue and expense are favorable to plan both for the month of April and Year to Date. Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of the Dublin Community Church!

For the Month

- Contributions of \$51,083 were *favorable* to plan by \$10,727 or 27%. This was primarily driven by favorability in pledged contributions.
- Total Operating Revenue of \$60,576 was *favorable* to plan by \$9,684 or 19%.
- Total Operating Expense of \$43,691 was *favorable* to plan by \$7,182 or 14% (e.g. expenses were 86% of plan).
- Net cash flow for the month was *favorable* to plan by \$16,866.

Year-to-date

- Contributions of \$174,047 were *favorable* to plan by \$12,623 or 8%.
- Total Operating Revenue of \$211,990 was *favorable* to plan by \$8,422 or 4%.
- Total Operating Expense of \$191,240 was *favorable* to plan by \$12,252 or 6% (e.g. expenses were 94% of plan).

Through April 2025	Month				Year-to-Date				FY Budget	
Revenue	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Annual Budget	% of Budget
Contributions - Pledged	\$ 40,952	\$ 31,747	\$ 9,205	129%	\$ 138,905	\$ 126,988	\$ 11,917	109%	\$ 380,960	36%
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
Contributions - Not Pledged	\$ 6,182	\$ 7,469	\$ (1,287)	83%	\$ 18,075	\$ 29,876	\$ (11,801)	61%	\$ 89,632	20%
Contributions - Prepaid & All Other	\$ 3,949	\$ 1,140	\$ 2,809	346%	\$ 17,067	\$ 4,560	\$ 12,507	374%	\$ 13,681	125%
Sub-total Revenue - Contributions	\$ 51,083	\$ 40,356	\$ 10,727	127%	\$ 174,047	\$ 161,424	\$ 12,623	108%	\$ 484,273	36%
Other Revenue	\$ 9,493	\$ 10,536	\$ (1,043)	90%	\$ 37,943	\$ 42,144	\$ (4,201)	90%	\$ 126,423	30%
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 60,576	\$ 50,892	\$ 9,684	119%	\$ 211,990	\$ 203,568	\$ 8,422	104%	\$ 610,696	35%

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	\$ 60,576	\$ 50,892	\$ 9,684	119%	\$ 211,990	\$ 203,568	\$ 8,422	104%	\$ 610,696	35%
Total Operating Expense	\$ 43,691	\$ 50,873	\$ 7,182	86%	\$ 191,240	\$ 203,492	\$ 12,252	94%	\$ 610,496	31%
Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)	\$ 16,885	\$ 19	\$ 16,866		\$ 20,750	\$ 19	\$ 20,731		\$ 200	

Respectfully submitted by the DCC Finance Committee: Randy Luikart (Chair) and Mark Miller



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 2025

We joyfully confirmed six confirmands on Sunday, May 18th! Congratulations to Cameron Bowzer, John De Dobbelaere, Anderson Elsass, Adyson Kuck, Arianna Price, and Gabby Weeks on being welcomed into the congregation as official members.

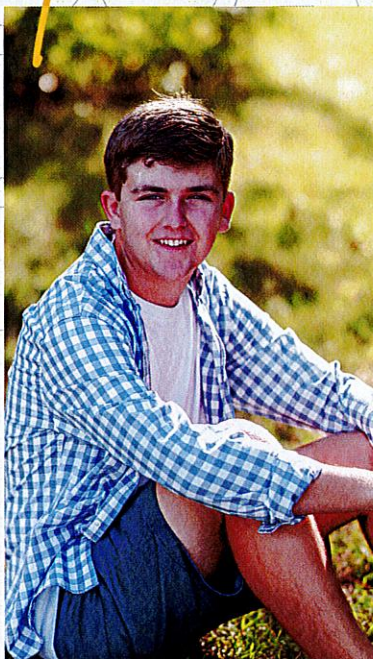
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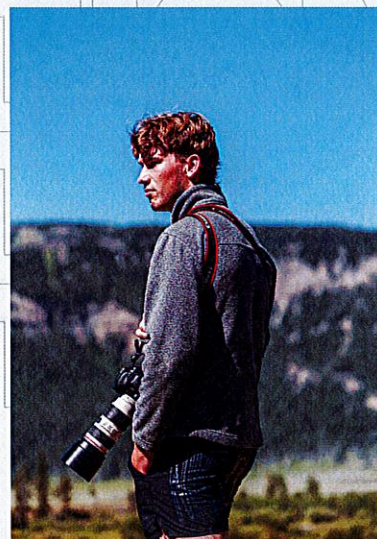
ALISON WARD

IS GRADUATING FROM DUBLIN
SCIOTO HIGH SCHOOL
ON
MAY 25, 2025.
SHE PLANS TO ATTEND
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
AND STUDY ARCHITECTURE



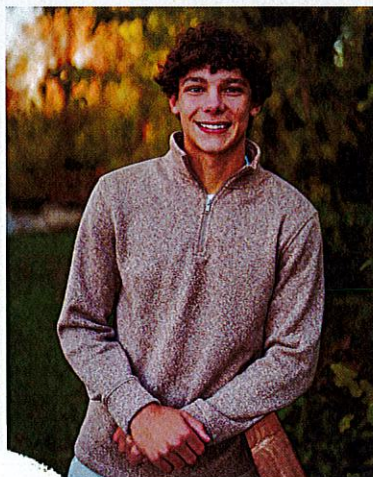
CALEB REDENSHEK

IS GRADUATING FROM
HILLIARD DAVIDSON HIGH
SCHOOL.
HE WILL BE ATTENDING
MIAMI UNIVERSITY.



ANDREW HAID

IS ATTENDING THE
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH ON A
NAVY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP
MAJORING IN MECHANICAL
ENGINEERING. HE IS
GRADUATING FROM DUBLIN
COFFMAN.



MITCHELL DAVIS,

SON OF CHAD & DANA DAVIS,
GRANDSON OF DUANE &
NANCY WARNS IS
GRADUATING FROM HILLIARD
DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL. HE
WILL BE ATTENDING LINCOLN
TRAIL COLLEGE IN ILLINOIS ON
A BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP
AND STUDYING ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION.

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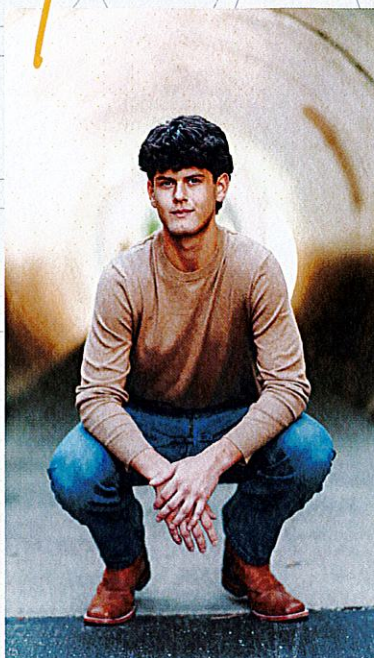
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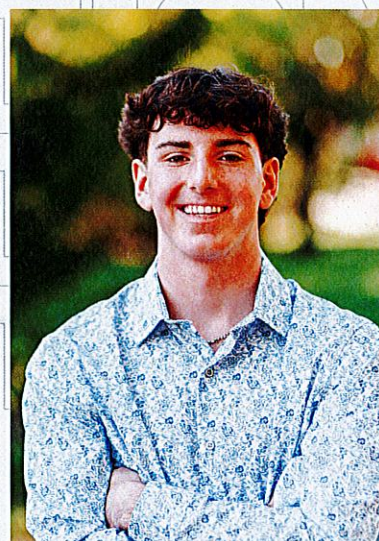
IS GRADUATING FROM DUBLIN COFFMAN HIGH SCHOOL.

SHE IS ATTENDING MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY TO MAJOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION SCIENCE AND MINORING IN MUSIC THEATRE.



ALEX AKINS

IS GRADUATING FROM DUBLIN JEROME HIGH SCHOOL. HE WILL ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI TO MAJOR IN BUSINESS. ALEX PLANS TO PLAY CLUB HOCKEY AT CINCINNATI.



BRAYDEN WEEKS

IS GRADUATING FROM DUBLIN JEROME HIGH SCHOOL. HE WILL BE ATTENDING MIAMI UNIVERSITY AND PLANS TO PLAY CLUB HOCKEY AT MIAMI.

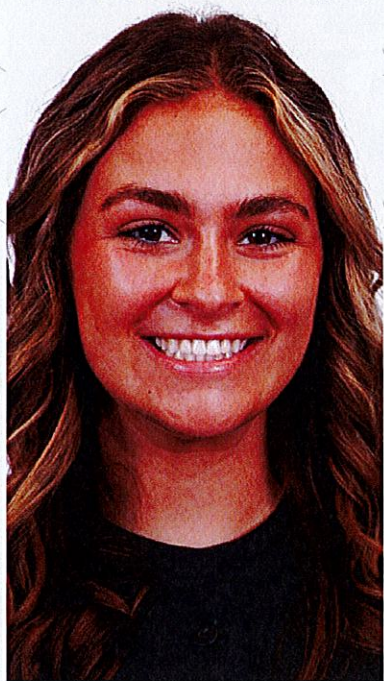
ETHAN FEASEL,

SON OF WADE AND MICHELLE FEASEL AND GRANDSON OF RALPH AND SUZIE FEASEL, IS GRADUATING FROM OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY WITH A B.S. IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE, CUM LAUDE. HE IS EMPLOYED BY MSI EXPRESS.



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DEMI SAUTER,

GRANDDAUGHTER OF CLAUDETTE HEADLEE RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY. DEMI GRADUATED WITH A BACHELORS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (PK-5) WITH A DUAL LICENSE IN PRIMARY INTERVENTION (PK-5). SHE CURRENTLY IS AN INTERVENTION SPECIALIST IN UPPER ARLINGTON.



**OWEN ALEXANDER
HAMMERS,**

GRANDSON OF DOUG AND JUDY MARTIN, IS GRADUATING FROM MAYSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL. HE ENLISTED INTO THE ARMY AND IS HEADING TO FORT LEONARD WOOD.

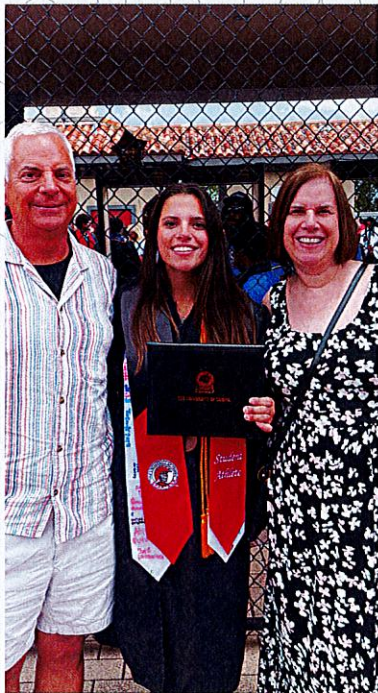


MACY WEEKS

GRADUATED FROM MIAMI UNIVERSITY WITH A SPORTS LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT MASTERS DEGREE. SHE PLANS TO WORK FOR OHIO STATE THIS SUMMER AND THEN MOVE TO GEORGIA IN THE FALL.

HAPPY GRADUATION

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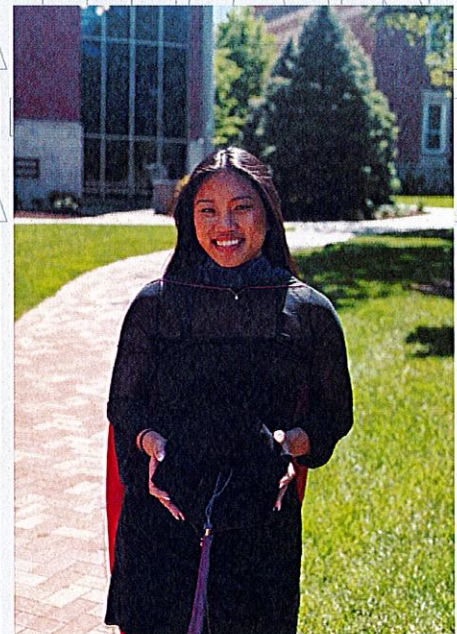
TAYLOR NAGEL

GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION-SOCIAL SCIENCES. SHE IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A JOB TO TEACH HISTORY AT A HIGH SCHOOL



CORRINNE MALINOWSKI

GRADUATED FROM WORTHINGTON KILBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL SHE WILL ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN IN THE FALL TO PURSUE A DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS.



EMILY FLOTTMAN-MULLEN, J.D., UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SCHOOL OF LAW, DAYTON, OHIO. SHE IS CURRENTLY

STUDYING FOR THE BAR EXAM.

SHE HAS ACCEPTED A POSITION WITH HORENSTEIN, NICHOLSON & BLUMENTHAL IN DAYTON WHERE SHE WILL WORK AS AN ATTORNEY IN THEIR VETERANS DISABILITY & BENEFITS DIVISION. SHE IS ALSO AN ALUMNA OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY IN TIFFIN, OHIO.

DCC Re-Vision Update

Members of the DCC community gathered on Sunday April 13 to begin a process of congregational discernment with the goal of clarifying the mission of Dublin Community Church as we consider where God is calling our congregation in the next season of ministry.

In Part I of this process (ReView), Rev. Lisa and Rev. Becky led discussion highlighting the ministries of Dublin Community Church that have been most meaningful to the faith development of the congregation.

Participants considered the following questions:

- How have you seen or experienced the presence of God, the love of Christ, or the vibrancy of the Holy Spirit within the context of ministry to the DCC family?
- ...within the context of DCC's ministry to the local community?
- ...within the context of DCC's ministry beyond the local community?

The response was overwhelming, showing the breadth and variety of ministries that comprise our life together at DCC. The final task of that gathering was for each discussion group to prioritize the ministries listed in each area, highlighting those they believed to be most central to our congregational identity.

When those responses were compiled and aggregated into themed groups, the vast majority of these most foundational ministries and values fit into the following eight categories:

- Openness/Celebrating diversity/Extravagant welcome (This included comments referencing overall culture and attitudes as well as welcoming community groups into our physical space)-10 responses
- Interfaith and ecumenical engagement (Among other things, this included comments relating to WORD [Women of Religious Diversity] and our Confirmation program's efforts to expose youth to other faith traditions)-7 responses
- Global engagement, outreach, and support (Including the Young Ambassadors Program and the UCC's 5 for 5 offerings)-4 responses
- Outpouring of love to church members in times of need-3 responses
- Accessible, visible ministers with relevant messages-3 responses
- Mission trips-3 responses
- Outward focus-3 responses
- Dublin Food Pantry-2 responses

In Part II of our ReVision process (ReClaim) beginning after worship on Sunday June 1, we will examine each of these values and ministries in turn, drawing connections to Holy Scripture to find where DCC's story connects to God's story. In this, we will further examine how God is working through the ministries of DCC and reclaim those biblical stories as our own.

Those who plan to attend are invited to begin considering how the bullet points listed above relate to specific stories or passages in scripture. Consider...what story or passage does each bullet point remind you of? And if you can't think of any, don't worry—Rev. Lisa and Rev. Becky will come prepared with some passages in mind. We hope you will join us for this discussion (and potluck) after worship on June 1 in the Goodwill Room.

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WORSHIP 10 AM RE-VISION POTLUCK 11 AM	2	3	4	5 Laura Vacation ECSB—7PM GW	6	7 WEIMAN FAMILY— PARLOR 12-1PM SANCTUARY PIANO RECITAL PRACTICE
8 SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP DEPARTS WORSHIP 10 AM COSTELLO PIANO RECITAL 3PM	9 MIDHIGH UNTRIP	10 MIDHIGH UNTRIP RED CROSS—GW PM DCCF ZOOM 7PM G AND R 7PM PARLOR	11 MORE 6:15 AM MIDHIGH UNTRIP	12 MIDHIGH UNTRIP EGA—10 AM	13 EXCELLENCE GROUP 12-3PM	14 SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP RETURNS
15 WORSHIP 10 AM 11 AM PAST. CARE COM. 11 AM WORSHIP COM. CREATIVITY CIRCLE 3-5 PM—PARLOR	16	17 CHURCH COUNCIL 7PM MESSENGER A RTICLES DUE	18 MORE 6:15 AM	19 JUNETEENTH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE ECSB—7PM GW	20 Laura Vacation	21
22 WORSHIP 10 AM	23	24 RED CROSS—GW PM	25 MORE 6:15 AM CREATIVITY CIRCLE 1-3 PM—PARLOR	26	27 10AM WORD KENNEDY ROOM	28
Laura Vacation						
29 WORSHIP 10 AM	30	1	2 MORE 6:15 AM	3 STAFF WEEKLY WORSHIP PLANNING @11AM – TUESDSAYS	4 AA Meetings Mon-Sat, 7 AM (KN) Tues, 10AM; 1 PM (KN) Thurs, 1 PM (KN) Fri., 6:30 PM (KN) Fri., 7:30 PM (GW)	
Choir Practice is at 7pm on Sundays in the Sanctuary. Handbell Practices are on preschedule scheduled Sundays at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary.				Indian Dancers—GW Room Tues. 5:30—9:30 PM		
Red Cross Blood Drives * 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Goodwill Room				Boy Scouts Wednesdays 7 PM— Goodwill Room		

Happy Birthday!



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!



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.



2	Ted Carlson	16	Ken Bitter
	Anne Geese		Cheryl Yeack
	Reese Kerr	17	Noelle Biegler
3	Sarah Louters		Evan Frissora
4	Zoe Coburn		Harper Louters
	Katie Pond	18	Conner Sell
	Janie Saunders		Carole Zugaro
	Mara Ward	20	Clara Frissora
	Mason Walker	21	Geoff Baldwin
5	Kiley Goodman		Stacy Moore
6	Brice Larson		Molly Saad
	Eric Williams		Sydney Shaffer
7	Michael Lawrence	22	Megan Sells
	Tyler Moore		Reyna deSilva
	Casey Olen	23	Alexander Smith
	Aurelis Perez Parra	24	Brian Sell
8	Laura Zuber		Nichole Weber
9	Ned Neidhardt	25	Myles Crawford
	Brent Smith	26	Diana Nicely
10	Douglas Bond		Jessica Philemond
	Jennifer Sell		Laine Schrewe
11	Kelley Bond	27	Anderson Elsass
	Chris Ebersole		Mert Korte
	Josh Ployer		Daniel Shannon
12	Deborah Pond		Grant Tiefenthaler
13	Emily Flottman-Mullen	28	Claire Gibson
14	Christopher Luikart		Mary Jakes
15	James Barnes		Charles Montgomery
	Carolyn Molzahn	29	Colton Nicely
	Susan Nedorost	30	Rachel Rose
	Charles Nicely		
	Jeff Shaffer		

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THE DCC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2025 GRANTS

The Dublin Community Church Foundation announced a 30% increase in Grants for the year 2025 as compared with the year 2024 on May 25, 2025.

The increase in grant making was made possible, in part, from the addition of the Carol McAdow Memorial Fund to the total assets of the DCC Foundation during 2025. There also was an increase in investment income for the year.

The 2025 Grants recommended by the DCC Foundation Trustees and approved by the DCC Church Council are:

Reserve Study (for Buildings & Grounds)	\$5,000	Ann's Angels	\$1,690
Liquid Candles for the Sanctuary	\$1,250	Kitchen Dishware	\$510
Music Library (Organ and Piano)	\$500	WORD Luncheon	\$500
Church Video License (CVLI) (Pastors' Study Programs)	\$332	Handbell Tree Stands	\$168
Total Grants Approved for 2025 \$9,950			

The funds for these grants come from the Natalie Pedersen Chard Memorial Fund, the Carol McAdow Memorial Fund, the Alexander James Ko Memorial Fund, and the Dublin Community Church Foundation.

The Trustees of the Dublin Community Church Foundation encourage members and friends of the Dublin Community Church to make contributions and memorial gifts to the Foundation so that the sum of grants made in future years can grow.