



# THE MESSENGER

MAY 2025

Dublin Community Church—United Church of Christ

## We Welcome All, Love All, and Seek Justice for All



As I sat down to write this month's Messenger article, my mind was swirling with all the ways in which the world around us seems to be changing at warp speed. I find it overwhelming and a bit mind-boggling. What is it, then, that keeps us grounded through these tumultuous times?

Most of you know that I grew up in the United Church of Christ. My parents were not pastors but were very involved lay leaders in our local church as well as in the wider UCC. My parents were committed to the mission of the UCC, which, as stated on the national UCC website, is, "*We welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.*" My parents were extremely active participants in issues of social justice and civil rights their entire lives. And so, I am deeply saddened when I look at all the changes currently happening in our country and see that many of the things my parents fought for are now being dismantled. It is beyond heartbreaking, and causes me to ask, "*Where do we go from here?*"

There certainly are no easy answers to that question. I am, however, always filled with hope whenever I recall the words of the prophet Isaiah who spoke to the ancient people during a very tumultuous time in their history. Isaiah promised the people that God was about to do a new thing, creating "a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." God was, is, and always will be faithful and I find great comfort in that.

I also find great comfort in all of you, the members and friends of Dublin Community Church and your commitment to "welcome all, love all and seek justice for all." Those values were beautifully demonstrated at the first of our four-part "Re-Vision" sessions, held on April 13. When Rev Becky and I asked you to list all the ways in which you experience the presence of God through the ministry of DCC within our church, the local community, and beyond, we were able to completely fill a white board with all of your answers. God is indeed at work in all of you! And because of that, I have great hope for our world. To quote the Rev Dr Martin Luther King, Jr, "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Change takes a long time, but it does happen.

- Shalom, Rev. Lisa Bowersock

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## 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](mailto:cbitter77@yahoo.com)



## Prayer Chain

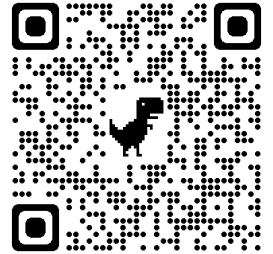


Our Prayer Chain offers comfort and support in a thoughtful, confidential, manner. If you know of someone's need for prayers, contact our Prayer Chain through Karen Harget ([karenharget@yahoo.com](mailto:karenharget@yahoo.com) or 614-891-8303).

## SECOND MILE:

### Strengthen the Church –

Funds are used to grow the UCC. This includes new churches and ministries. The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.



## Recognizing 2025 Graduates

If you or someone you know is graduating from high school or college, please contact the church office: [dublinuccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:dublinuccoffice@gmail.com) or 614-889-1026. We would love to recognize them in the June 1st service and in the newsletter. Please send Laura Zuber the following information: ***name, institution they are graduating from, their next steps on their journey (college, job, etc.)*** We would also appreciate a photo that we could include. ***Please submit to the office by May 16th to be included.***



## 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:  
Barb Anderson, Interfaith Outreach Facilitator:

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### Bearing Witness

In my most recent sermon, I spoke about how it is the responsibility of the Church in every age to live out the truth of the Resurrection. By continuing to follow the path of Christ and carrying out Christ's mission, Jesus' disciples provide the "proof of life" the world and its people so desperately yearn for.



As we travel through the seven weeks of the Easter season, it is fitting for us to continue to reflect on what it means to be a "resurrection people." How do we recognize the signs of life? What do they look like? Allow me to bear witness to the living Christ that I have seen in and through Dublin Community Church.

Where Christ is alive in the world, there is love that seeks understanding across human divisions. I have seen this love shared between women of differing faiths in WORD. It is evident in the love poured out toward the Giménez family through Ann's Angels, and in so many other ways.

Where Christ lives, there is room made for everyone. I see this not only at our open Communion table, but also in the ways we open our doors to the groups that use our spaces. Each life that is changed because of an AA meeting, each person giving blood so that someone else has a chance to survive—these are stories of resurrection.

Where Christ is alive, the church works to transform the community and the world. As we began a formal process of congregational discernment at our first ReVision meeting several weeks ago, I appointed myself recorder for our large group discussion. I struggled to keep up and ran out of space writing down all the ways DCC looks outside itself to share compassion with God's people near and far. Each of these ministries and missions speaks life to the world.

Christ lives where we show love toward one another as a family of faith. Jesus said, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35, NRSV). I have seen this love in the ways the people of DCC care for one another, and I continue to experience it in all the ways this congregation cares for Adrian and me. We have experienced Christ's love through your cards and prayers, your words of concern and acts of compassion. And now we are experiencing that same love through the gift of time you have given me to care for Adrian at home as he undergoes his CAR-T cell treatment. We are so very thankful.

When I look at you, I see Christ, alive and well. I am a witness.  
Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Becky



## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

### Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through March 2025 Financial Update:

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

- Contributions of \$40,881 were in line with plan.
- Total Operating Revenue of \$55,725 was favorable to plan by \$4,833 or 9%.
- Total Operating Expenses of \$51,305 were in line with plan.
- Net cash flow for the month was favorable to plan by \$4,400.

Year-to-date

- Contributions of \$122,964 were favorable to plan by \$1,896 or 2%.
- Total Operating Revenue of \$151,415 was unfavorable to plan by \$1,261 or -1%.
- Total Operating Expense of \$147,545 was favorable to plan by \$5,074 or 3%.

Through March 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	\$ 29,596	\$ 31,747	\$ (2,151)	93%	\$ 97,953	\$ 95,241	\$ 2,712	103%	\$ 380,960	26%
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Contributions - Not Pledged	\$ 5,187	\$ 7,469	\$ (2,282)	69%	\$ 11,454	\$ 22,407	\$ (10,953)	51%	\$ 89,632	13%
Contributions - Prepaid & All Other	\$ 6,098	\$ 1,140	\$ 4,958	535%	\$ 13,558	\$ 3,420	\$ 10,138	396%	\$ 13,681	99%
<b>Sub-total Revenue - Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 40,881</b>	<b>\$ 40,356</b>	<b>\$ 525</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>\$ 122,964</b>	<b>\$ 121,068</b>	<b>\$ 1,896</b>	<b>102%</b>	<b>\$ 484,273</b>	<b>25%</b>
Other Revenue	\$ 14,844	\$ 10,536	\$ 4,308	141%	\$ 28,450	\$ 31,608	\$ (3,158)	90%	\$ 123,223	23%
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 55,725</b>	<b>\$ 50,892</b>	<b>\$ 4,833</b>	<b>109%</b>	<b>\$ 151,415</b>	<b>\$ 152,676</b>	<b>\$ (1,261)</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>\$ 607,496</b>	<b>25%</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	\$ 55,725	\$ 50,892	\$ 4,833	109%	\$ 151,415	\$ 152,676	\$ (1,261)	99%	\$ 607,496	25%
Total Operating Expense	\$ 51,305	\$ 50,873	\$ (432)	101%	\$ 147,545	\$ 152,619	\$ 5,074	97%	\$ 610,496	24%
<b>Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)</b>	<b>\$ 4,419</b>	<b>\$ 19</b>	<b>\$ 4,400</b>		<b>\$ 3,870</b>	<b>\$ 19</b>	<b>\$ 3,851</b>		<b>\$ (3,000)</b>	

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

## RUMMAGE: Our May 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Sale is Over!

What a day! The spring sale happened and was a huge success by any measure. Treasures were sold and dollars made to support our church's (including our youths') mission ministries. Thanks to EVERYONE who helped out by making donations, volunteering, or shopping (and of course, cleaning up). The actual total profit will not be known for several weeks. If you owe the sale \$\$\$, please get it turned into the office immediately.

It is wonderful to see so many folks as they worked and laughed hard all week. I suspect these same folks slept hard all week, too!

It may sound like a cliché, but it indeed "takes a village!"

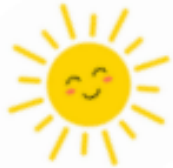
-Betsy Smith



For Office Use Only:

Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Check? \_\_\_\_\_



## 2025 Vacation Bible School Registration Form Ages 4-11

Dublin Community Church-UCC

**Tuesday July 22nd - Friday July 25th**

**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Dinner provided beforehand for donation**

**5:00 pm - 5:45 pm**

Registration Fee: \$20 individual child/ \$30 for 2+ children

VBS 4-Night Volunteers pay \$10 individual child/\$15 for 2+ children

(Please turn in payment with registration(s) to Church Office)



**Please complete *one form per child*. Thank You!**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Age/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ (Provided)

Child's allergies, medical conditions or special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Will this child be coming for dinner? Y N If yes, will you be staying to eat with your child(ren)? Y N

Parent/Guardian: Are you willing to help out with VBS (see below)? Y N

\_\_\_\_ VBS Volunteer (5:45-8:00pm, T-F)

\_\_\_\_ Clean-up Committee (July 25 after VBS)

\_\_\_\_ Clean-up Committee after dinner each night (5:45-6:00pm)





# MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>AA Meetings</b> Mon-Sat, 7 AM (KN) Tues, 10AM; 1 PM (KN) Thurs, 1 PM (KN) Fri., 6:30 PM (KN) Fri., 7:30 PM (GW)		<b>STAFF WEEKLY WORSHIP PLANNING @11AM – TUESDAYS</b>		1 Rummage Preparations  *PRAYER BREAKFAST AT LINWORTH UMC	2	3 RUMMAGE SALE 8 AM EARLY ENTRY 9AM—2PM
4 WORSHIP 10 AM  11:15 GREEN TEAM—KN CE—PARLOR 11AM  CONFIRMATION 3-5PM	5 <b>ELECTION SET UP 5:30</b>	6 <b>ELECTION DAY</b>  DCCF ZOOM 7PM	7 MORE, 6:15 AM	8 EGA—10 AM  ECSB—7PM GW	9 EXCELLENCE GROUP 12-3PM	10 SMMF 8—9:30 AM
11 WORSHIP 10 AM MUSIC APPRECIATION  CREATIVITY CIRCLE 3-5 PM—PARLOR	12	13 DPS GRAD.  DUBLIN CLERGY GROUP—12PM  RED CROSS—GW PM  G AND R 7PM PARLOR	14 DPS GRAD.  MORE, 6:15 AM	15	16	17 SMMF 8—9:30 AM  CICC PRACTICES 11-5 SANCTUARY
18 WORSHIP 10 AM CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 11 PASTORAL CARE 11 MHYG  CICC CONCERT 2-6:30 PM SRYG 5:30—7:00	19	20 RED CROSS—GW PM  CHURCH COUNCIL 7PM	21 MORE, 6:15 AM	22 ECSB—7PM GW	23	24 ZUBER FUNERAL 1PM SANCTUARY/ GW
25 WORSHIP 10 AM	26 <b>MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b>	27 RED CROSS—GW PM	28 MORE, 6:15 AM  CREATIVITY CIRCLE 1-3 PM— PARLOR	29	30	31 GW GRAD PARTY 10AM—12PM  M. WOLFE STUDENT RECITAL—CHAPEL 9-12
<b>Choir Practice</b> is at 7pm on Sundays in the Sanctuary. <b>Handbell Practices</b> are on preschedule scheduled Sundays at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary.				<b>Indian Dancers—GW Room</b> Tues. 5:30—9:30 PM		
<b>Red Cross Blood Drives * 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Goodwill Room</b>				<b>Boy Scouts</b> Wednesdays 7 PM— Goodwill Room		

# Happy Birthday!



- 1 Addie Dicus
- 2 Ella Crawford
- 3 Robin Campbell  
Bill Reed
- 4 Neil Butler  
Connor Grooms  
Alison Russell  
Ben Vance
- 6 Dave Norfleet
- 7 Alex Rose
- 8 Barbara Anderson  
Andrew Daniels
- 9 Deb Butler  
Gail Cook  
Todd Ruck
- 10 Kathryn Hoyt  
Eric Loustaunau
- 11 Cathie Cobe  
Dave Hoover  
Andy Ottney
- 12 Brian Weeks
- 13 Logan Feasel  
Ella Leary
- 14 Carter Davis  
Barbara Headlee  
Mark Minor
- 15 Amy Hurley  
Lauren Killoran  
Peyton Shaffer
- 16 Missy Hirschfeld  
Matthew Kuck

- 18 Ron Rabold
- 19 Julianne Hodge
- 21 Amy Nagel
- 23 Sandy Corica  
Gabriel Green
- 24 Terri Karrer  
Mark Miller  
Emilia Molzahn
- 25 Michael Kranz  
Reid Mallott  
Tyler Probst  
Julie Schofield
- 26 Chris Spring
- 28 Justin Dumond
- 29 Thomas Bowersock  
Bob Nedorost  
Liam Price  
Nancy St. Clair
- 30 Abby Karrer  
Izzy Karrer  
David Kerr  
Zoe Lefferts  
Henry Montgomery
- 31 Colin Eberhart  
Julie Gibson  
Grace Kinnamon

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

Sunday, May 18th:  
5:30—7:00 PM

## Mid High Youth Group Meetings—lower level Youth Room

Sunday, May 18th—immediately  
after worship

## MAY 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.



## 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.

VISIT US ONLINE AT  
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and officially an Open and Affirming  
Congregation."

### DEEP GRIHA DINNER

The annual Deep Griha Dinner event on April 4th was very well attended. Special guests, Ashlesha Onawale and Dr. Amy Acton, participated in a discussion on global public health facilitated by Dr. Cathy Slemper, Deep Griha USA Board member. For more information or to sponsor a child, visit [www.deepgrihausa.org](http://www.deepgrihausa.org).

*Right: Deep Griha USA.org Board Members with Dr. Amy Acton.*

