



THE MESSENGER

MARCH 2026

Dublin Community Church—United Church of Christ

Generous Hearts

Recently, out of the blue, I received a very kind email from a woman named Rachel who works for the National Ministries of the UCC and identified herself as the “Generosity Officer” for Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM) and Special Mission Offerings. I never knew there was such a thing as a “Generosity Officer” in the UCC, so her email was a surprise and a delight. I will share more of her email in a moment.



You will often hear Rev Becky and me say during worship that our Second Mile Giving for a particular month is going to one of our “Five for Five” offerings. If this is confusing for anyone, allow me to briefly explain. Churches in the United Church of Christ who give to all five of the mission offerings that make up Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM) are called “Five for Five” churches. I am delighted and grateful to say that Dublin Community Church is a “Five for Five” church.

What are these five opportunities for giving? I’m glad you asked! One is simply called “UCC Basic Support,” which offers “basic support” for the ministries of our Association, Conference, and National UCC settings. DCC gives a set amount annually for this basic support, and we also give half of the rummage proceeds twice a year.

In addition to “Basic Support,” DCC also gives to the four Special Mission Offerings collected throughout the year. Those are:

- One Great Hour of Sharing** – supports domestic and international programs in health, education, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and disaster response, among others.
- Strengthen the Church** – funds the Stillspeaking Ministry, youth and young adult ministries, and leadership formation, especially among women and people of color.
- Neighbors in Need** – supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.
- The Christmas Fund** – provides pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retired church workers and emergency assistance to clergy families in need.

So, back to the email I received from Rachel, the “Generosity Officer.” I am beyond delighted to share with you that part of the reasons for Rachel’s email to me was to thank DCC, as we were one of the top congregations for total giving in 2024! Rachel also offered to visit us sometime so she can thank us in person and be a supportive presence. Hopefully, we can welcome her visit in the coming months.

In the meantime, how wonderful it is to receive this affirmation! I have always known that DCC is an extremely generous congregation, but please know that your continued generosity truly is making a difference. Thank you for being who you are! It is an honor and privilege to serve among you.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21
- Shalom, Rev. Lisa Bowersock

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ALL IN GOD'S TIME



It seems impossible that nearly a quarter of 2026 is already behind us. In just a little over four short months, we will be wishing Rev. Lisa a happy retirement and I will be moving into my new role as Senior Minister. With the time drawing close, many of you may be wondering how we are proceeding in our search for DCC's next Associate Minister. It is important to understand the unique process of searching for an Authorized Minister in the United Church of Christ. The pastoral search process is multifaceted and is guided at each step by the Administrative Minister of our UCC Central Southeast Ohio Association.

The first step was forming a search committee. This was done shortly after the congregation voted on my candidacy as the next Senior Minister last September. The lay members of the DCC Associate Minister Search Committee are co-chairs Robin Campbell and Jacob Coburn, Judy Kuck, Matthew Kuck, Blair Mallott, and Quinn Miller. I also serve as an active member of the Search Committee and will remain engaged through every step of the search process.

Once the committee was formed, we began the task of updating Dublin Community Church's official profile for the UCC database. The congregation is required to have an active, updated profile before we can officially list our position on the UCC's Ministry Opportunities page, the primary tool used by candidates in the search and call process. This consists of much more than a simple job posting or position description. The profile is a complex and detailed document. Creating an updated profile requires that our committee consider and craft responses to a specific set of questions to then be uploaded into a standardized format. We are required to include detailed narrative reflections on a vast array of topics—worship life, missions, educational ministries, history, finances, community, and more. We must share accurate demographic statistics about our congregation and the surrounding community. We can expect our completed church profile to be between thirty and thirty-five pages in length. Considering that this document will be one of the first ways potential candidates will gain insight into who we are at DCC, I cannot stress enough the importance of creating a comprehensive and cohesive document. Our committee is currently working diligently on this important step, making every effort to capture who we are and to communicate our story to potential candidates. In the five years since DCC last went through the process of updating our church profile, much has changed. Our prior profile was written in the shadow of the pandemic, and Dublin Food Pantry was using a large portion of our building. These details shaped the writing of the document at that time. Life at DCC is significantly different now, and our profile needs to reflect those changes. It is also important to incorporate our newly discerned core values, as we hope these will shape our ministry in the coming years.

It is only after we have an updated profile, approved for circulation by Central Southeast Ohio Association staff, that we can post our position and begin receiving ministerial profiles of potential candidates. I recently heard a statistic stating that, nationally, the current number of authorized ministers in the United Church of Christ is roughly equal to the number of congregations. This means that there is unlikely to be a large pool of candidates at any particular time. As a result, it may very well take some time for us to find a candidate who is a good fit. Some searches result in a candidate relatively quickly. After Rev. Lisa assumed the role of Senior Minister, it was approximately eight months before my arrival at DCC. Some searches take much longer. For instance, the position I vacated in Wapakoneta was finally filled just this January, almost four years after my departure.

BECKY'S MESSAGE

While I do not expect that we will have a long-term vacancy, it is likely that there will be a gap of some months before we are fully staffed. This is healthy, as it will give us the time we need to properly say goodbye and grieve the departure of our beloved Rev. Lisa Bowersock, then take a breath and find our feet before welcoming someone new into our midst. Dublin Community Church is a thriving congregation in the midst of a growing, vibrant community. I believe that this, along with our core values of reflecting the heart of Jesus, offering hospitality, celebrating diversity, and loving and serving neighbors has us poised to attract quality candidates. With prayer and discernment, one will emerge as the right fit to accompany us in our life together at DCC. This is exciting work, but it requires patience as we lean into the work of the Holy Spirit, trusting that the process will lead us to the right candidate, all in God's time.

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Becky

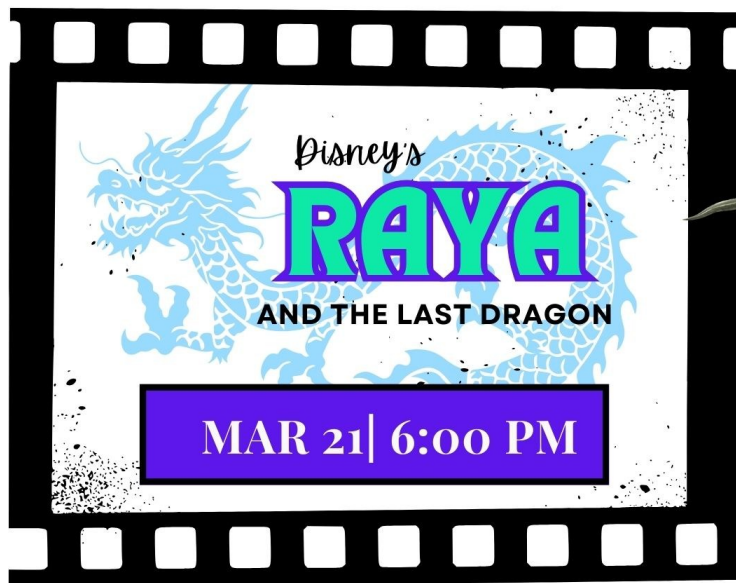
Dublin Community Church INTERGENERATIONAL MOVIE NIGHT



FREE

MOVIE & PIZZA

Optional Discussion to Follow
with Crafts and Games for Kids



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V
P

Please bring:
Blankets, pillows,
bag chairs, etc.
Your own fillable
water bottle
PJ's are welcome!



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CREATIVITY CIRCLE

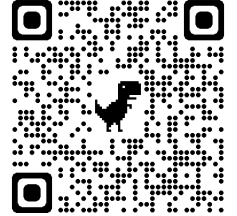
Creativity Circle is a group of women who gather twice a month for the sole purpose of creating knit, crochet, and machine sewn items that are in turn donated to a variety of charities in the Columbus area. Knit and/or crochet blankets are donated to the Van Buren homeless center and/or the YWCA Family 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 11:30 a.m. —1:30 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:

Second Mile Giving for March is designated for **One Great Hour of Sharing** that funds UCC wider international relief missions. You can learn more about this Mission by watching this video link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_GIXO-kyOw

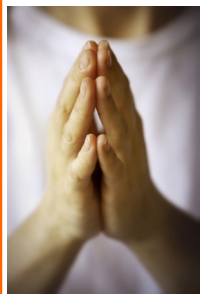


Holy Week

DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH - UCC

March 29 (Palm Sunday)	10:00 AM
April 2 (Maundy Thursday)	7:00 PM
April 3 (*Good Friday Crosswalk/Service)	NOON
April 5 (Sunrise Service)	7:30 AM
April 5 (Easter Sunday)	10:00 AM

*Crosswalk! We will meet at noon at the Riverside Crossing Park Pavilion by Bridge Park and walk across the Dublin Link to Dublin Community Church.
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PRAYER CHAIN

Our Prayer Chain offers comfort and support in a thoughtful, confidential, manner. If you know of someone's need for prayers or you would like to be added to the group that prays for those who need support, 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:
 Michael Koss, Organist/Accompanist:
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Mission Trip 2026

MAY 31 THROUGH JUNE 6

WHO: Youth currently in 8th through 12th grades and their friends

WHAT: Work opportunities are still being developed and will be shared in the future once all are set up. We will have a fun day built into the week as well!

**RSVP: Youth Group Leader, Gregg Dudash:
dccnpyg@yahoo.com**

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE: Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

You are invited to join our huge rummage team of volunteers (over 100!) to help set up and work our spring rummage sale on May 2nd. It takes dozens and dozens of helpers to receive, sort, tag, price and display donations. We need folks to donate their no longer needed or wanted treasures...and...we need lots and lots of eager shoppers. Where might you fit in? Come find out!

Please mark your calendars to volunteer during our rummage prep week which begins on Saturday, April 25th through Friday, the day before the sale which is on Saturday, May 2nd. Naturally, we need folks all day during the sale which is from 9am to 2pm on May 2nd. Those who want to pay \$10 PER person can enter early (8:00am) to get a head start on shopping for awesome stuff at reasonable prices. Actually, we need volunteers to help set up at 6:30AM on the day of the sale... AND...to help clean up from 2pm to about 4:30pm after the sale is over.

Please save grocery bags, paper bags, plastic bags and shopping mall, handled bags for us. Questions? Contact Betsy Smith (blehsmith@yahoo.com)

SUMMER 2026
SAVE THE DATE!

UNTRIP - JUNE 9TH - 12TH
- GRADES 6TH - 9TH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 28TH - 31ST
- AGES 3YRS - 5TH GRADE

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Our most recent quarterly Kroger check was \$322.21. Thank you to those who have signed up through Kroger Community Rewards for Dublin Community Church to receive these funds. These funds get deposited in the WORD account and are used to support the church in numerous ways. If you are unsure how to sign up for Kroger Community Rewards, visit this link to sign up today!
<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>



DCC MARCH 14TH EVENTS

OPEN OUR DOORS

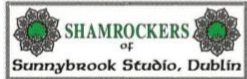


**ST. PATRICK'S
DAY PARADE
ACTIVITIES**

MARCH 14TH
DCC PATIO/ CHAPEL
ACTIVITIES, COCOA, AND FUN

*GOODWILL ROOM IF THE WEATHER
PLAYS SHENNANIGANS ON THE PARADE

Dublin Community Church Family Events
presents a
St. Patrick's Day Tea Party
March 14, 2026
81 West Bridge Street
2:00 and 4:00
\$5.00/Person Cash, Check, or Venmo
Proceeds go directly to Dublin Community Church's Family Events
RSVP via Email: _DCCFamilyEvents@gmail.com



will be performing Irish dances and sharing all things Irish.



Tea, coffee, and leprechaun punch will be served along with shamrock cookies.



Celtic Market Place
Vendors will be selling Irish themed products!



Ramadan Dinner
March 14, 2026
6:45 - 8:30 PM



DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH-GOODWILL ROOM
81 W. BRIDGE ST., DUBLIN, OH 43017

Gather with friends as we learn from each other about traditions and commonalities of the Christian and Islamic faiths. Discussion and conversation will begin the evening followed by dinner which will occur at sunset, a tradition during the season of Ramadan.

Delicious food will be prepared by our friends at TASO
(Turkish American Society of Ohio)

RSVP to: Barb Anderson, andersonfamily2214@gmail.com or 614-783-7998

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Committee Report

Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through January 2026

Financial Update: Revenue is significantly favorable at 14% of annual budget while Expenses are slightly favorable at 7% of annual budget. Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of *the* Dublin Community Church!

For the Month and Year-to-date

- **Contributions of \$74,104** were *favorable* to plan by \$32,820 (179% of Plan) primarily due to the recognition of pre-paid pledges which were budgeted equally across all months.
- **Total Operating Revenue of \$50,503** was *favorable* to plan by \$31,935 (162% of Plan).
- **Total Operating Expense of \$65,254** was *favorable* to plan by \$7,713 85% of Plan).
- **Net cash flow** for the month was *favorable* to plan by \$39,082.
- No capital project costs have yet been incurred. Work is underway with the Treasury team to align on the reporting of Capital Revenue that is currently in holding accounts.

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

General Fund Budget	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	\$ 56,827	\$ 34,618	\$ 22,209	164%	\$ 56,827	\$ 34,618	\$ 22,209	164%	\$ 415,414	14%
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Contributions - Not Pledged	\$ 16,723	\$ 5,833	\$ 10,890	287%	\$ 16,723	\$ 5,833	\$ 10,890	287%	\$ 70,000	24%
Contributions - Visitors and Loose Offg	\$ 554	\$ 833	\$ (279)	67%	\$ 554	\$ 833	\$ (279)	67%	\$ 10,000	6%
Sub-total Revenue - Contributions	\$ 74,104	\$ 41,284	\$ 32,820	179%	\$ 74,104	\$ 41,284	\$ 32,820	179%	\$ 495,414	15%
Other Revenue	\$ 9,558	\$ 10,443	\$ (885)	92%	\$ 9,558	\$ 10,443	\$ (885)	92%	\$ 125,300	8%
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 83,662	\$ 51,727	\$ 31,935	162%	\$ 83,662	\$ 51,727	\$ 31,935	162%	\$ 620,714	13%
Total Operating Expense	\$ 44,580	\$ 52,293	\$ 7,713	85%	\$ 44,580	\$ 52,293	\$ 7,713	85%	\$ 620,714	7%
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	\$ 83,662	\$ 51,727	\$ 31,935	162%	\$ 83,662	\$ 51,727	\$ 31,935	162%	\$ 620,714	13%
Total Operating Expense	\$ 44,580	\$ 52,293	\$ 7,713	85%	\$ 44,580	\$ 52,293	\$ 7,713	85%	\$ 620,714	7%
Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)	\$ 39,082	\$ (566)	\$ 39,648		\$ 39,082	\$ (566)	\$ 39,648		\$ -	

Capital Fund Budget	Month				Year-to-Date				FY Budget	
Revenue	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Annual Budget	% Expended
Total Capital Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	⚠	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	⚠	\$ 233,423	0%
Expense	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Annual Budget	% Expended
Buildings and Grounds Project List										
Subtotal - B&G Project List	\$ -	\$ 15,143	\$ 15,143	0%	\$ -	\$ 15,143	\$ 15,143	0%	\$ 181,710	0%
Capital Project List - Other										
Subtotal - Other projects	\$ -	\$ 4,309	\$ 4,309	0%	\$ -	\$ 4,309	\$ 4,309	0%	\$ 51,713	0%
Total Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ 19,452	\$ 19,452	0%	\$ -	\$ 19,452	\$ 19,452	0%	\$ 233,423	0%
Net Capital Cash Flow	\$ -	\$ (19,452)	\$ (19,452)		\$ -	\$ (19,452)	\$ (19,452)		\$ -	

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MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dublin Robotics Club—GW-West Mondays— 5:30—7:30PM	STAFF WEEKLY WORSHIP PLANNING @11AM – TUESDAYS	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 BSA: Wednesday evenings—GW Room			AA Meetings Mon-Sat, 7 AM (KN) Mon. Step Class, 6 :30 PM (KN) Tues, 10AM; 1 PM (KN) Thurs, 1 PM (KN) Fri., 6:30 PM (KN) Fri., 7:30 PM (GW)	
1 SEEKERS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 10 AM CICC CONTEST 1-5PM	2 GRIEF GROUP 7PM	3	4 MORE 6:15 AM LENTEN STUDY 7PM	5 7PM FLUTE CHOIR DSB- 7 GW WORD PM—ZOOM	6 WORD AM	7
8 SEEKERS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 10 AM LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS CREATIVITY CIRCLE—11:30 AM CICC CONTEST 1-5PM	9	10 DCCF ZOOM—7PM	11 MORE 6:15 AM LENTEN STUDY 7PM	12 EGA—10 AM WORD PM—ZOOM	13 WORD AM RED CROSS 11:30—5:15	14 OPEN OUR DOORS ST. PATRICK'S PARADE ST. PATRICK'S TEA 2:00 AND 4:00 PM RAMADAN DINNER 6:45—8:30 PM
15 SEEKERS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 10 AM DCC FOUNDATION SUNDAY	16 NEW FREEDOM ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST 7:15 RED CROSS 11:30—5:15	17 CHURCH COUNCIL 7PM MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE	18 MORE 6:15 AM LENTEN STUDY 7PM	19 WORD PM—ZOOM DSB- 7 GW	20 WORD AM	21 JAN MURRAY WOLFE SERVICE CE MOVIE SERIES 6-8:30 GOODWILL
22 SEEKERS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 10 AM CONFIRMATION 2:30—4:45 PM	23	24	25 MORE 6:15 AM CREATIVITY CIRCLE 1-3PM LENTEN STUDY 7PM	26 WORD PM—ZOOM	27 WORD AM RED CROSS 11:30—5:15	28 WEINMAN FAMILY PARLOR
29 SEEKERS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 10 AM	30	31				



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Margo Shorter
- 2 Cindy Long
- 3 Hailey Butterfield
- Sam Haynes
- 4 Peggy Rohrer
- Paul Ruddy
- Duane Warns
- 5 Ryan Lam
- Mike Karrer
- Sarah Travalio
- 8 JoAnne Barnes
- 9 Tyler Zinn
- 10 Gary Morin
- Karen OBerrath
- Quinn Patterson
- 11 Gwen Haid
- 12 Steven Goldsmith
- 13 Johann Rizzo Antonsen
- Leah Killoran
- Hedieh Sharifzadeh
- 13 Hazel Bruce
- Martha Wallace
- Nancy Warns
- Jamie Young
- 14 Adyson Kuck
- Elle Philemond

- 16 Tyler Hall
- Sandra Hope
- Megan Weinman
- 17 Bill Rike
- Matthew Ward
- 19 Nancy Luikart
- Joanne Markiewicz
- David Nagel
- 20 Scott Jones
- Aldolfo Loustaunau
- 22 Megan Probst Snyder
- 23 Maggie Hirschfeld
- 24 Marjorie Bashore
- Mia Philemond
- Mimi Crawford
- Henry Saad
- 25 Susan Thompson
- 26 Evan Menges
- 27 Brad deSilva
- Bennett Sell
- 28 Andrew Koogler
- Laurel Van Slyke
- 30 Kate DeDobbelaere
- 31 Corinne Haynes Bishop
- Marshall Cook
- Courtney Julian Lake
- Brian Malinowski
- Jayne Young

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 plate.

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.



YEARLY VANCO UPDATES



Did you update your pledge for 2026? If you made any changes to your pledge for 2026 and use VANCO, please remember to log in and update your account at the QR Code to the right. If you would like to learn more about using VANCO, you can also click the link and create an account. It's a great way to set up your giving and can be customized to be withdrawn to your liking (weekly, monthly, etc.).

Want to receive DCC information?

Send your request to:
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 You will receive *The Messenger* and important DCC announcements.



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WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026

Please join us for this year's Women's Retreat, April 24-26th. All are welcome! We will leave for Camp Christian, less than an hour away, about 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24th. We will car-pool from Dublin Community Church and return about noon on Sunday, April 26th. Cost is \$110 which includes 2 nights stay, 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. If the cost is an issue, please let me or Rev. Lisa or Rev. Becky know and that will be taken care of confidentially. We do not want the cost to be a barrier for anyone. Details will be forthcoming, but feel free to let me know now that you'd like to attend. Payment will be due the end of March.

Hope you can join us for a weekend of growth, fellowship, and fun!

Contact Barb Anderson for more info. and to sign up:
andersonfamily2214@gmail.com
614-783-7998

