

Finance Committee Report

Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through May 2026

Summary: Net cash flow is **favorable** for May and Year-To-Date primarily due to pre-paid rent and one-time donations. This report is based on preliminary financial reporting from the Treasury team due to timing.

For the Month

- **Contributions** of \$29,248 were **unfavorable** to plan by \$5,370 (84% of Plan).
- **Total Operating Revenue** of \$67,725 was **favorable** to plan by \$15,998 (131% of Plan). This is due to three months of preschool rent paid in May.
- **Total Operating Expense** of \$40,855 was **favorable** to plan by \$10,783 (79% of Plan).
- **Net cash flow** for the month was **favorable** to plan by \$26,781.

Year-to-date

- **Contributions** of \$204,969 were **favorable** to plan by \$31,879 (118% of Plan) due to the recognition of pre-paid pledges in January. (This would still be favorable if pre-paid revenue was recognized evenly across the year).
- **Total Operating Revenue** of \$368,026 was **favorable** to plan by \$109,391 (142% of Plan).
- **Total Operating Expense** of \$232,637 was **favorable** to plan by \$25,553 (90% of Plan).
- **Net cash flow** year-to-date was **favorable** to plan by \$135,300.

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

Through May 2026 (42%) - revised											
General Fund Budget	Month				Year-to-Date				FY Budget		Footnote
Revenue	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Annual Budget	% of Budget	
Contributions - Pledged	\$ 29,248	\$ 34,618	\$ (5,370)	84%	\$ 204,969	\$ 173,090	\$ 31,879	118%	\$ 415,414	49%	
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		
Contributions - Not Pledged	\$ 3,566	\$ 5,833	\$ (2,267)	61%	\$ 79,947	\$ 29,165	\$ 50,782	274%	\$ 70,000	114%	
Contributions - Visitors and Loose Offr	\$ 608	\$ 833	\$ (225)	73%	\$ 4,485	\$ 4,165	\$ 320	108%	\$ 10,000	45%	
Subtotal - Contributions	\$ 33,422	\$ 41,284	\$ (7,862)	81%	\$ 289,401	\$ 206,420	\$ 82,981	140%	\$ 495,414	58%	
Other Revenue	\$ 34,303	\$ 10,443	\$ 23,860	328%	\$ 78,625	\$ 52,215	\$ 26,410	151%	\$ 125,300	63%	
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 67,725	\$ 51,727	\$ 15,998	131%	\$ 368,026	\$ 258,635	\$ 109,391	142%	\$ 620,714	59%	1
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	\$ 67,725	\$ 51,727	\$ 15,998	131%	\$ 368,026	\$ 258,635	\$ 109,391	142%	\$ 620,714	59%	
Total Operating Expense	\$ 40,855	\$ 51,638	\$ 10,783	79%	\$ 232,637	\$ 258,190	\$ 25,553	90%	\$ 619,606	38%	2
Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)	\$ 26,870	\$ 89	\$ 26,781		\$ 135,389	\$ 89	\$ 135,300		\$ 1,108		

Capital Fund Budget	Month				Year-to-Date				FY Budget		Footnote
Revenue	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Actual	Plan	Var. to Plan	% of Plan	Annual Budget	% of Budget	
Total Capital Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	▲	\$ 102,688	\$ 84,714	\$ (11,974)	121%	\$ 233,423	44%	3

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	\$ 46,673	\$ 12,500	\$ (34,173)	373%	\$ 87,782	\$ 49,800	\$ (37,982)	176%	\$ 181,710	48%	
Capital Project List - Other											
Subtotal - Other projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	▲	\$ 26,664	\$ 5,714	\$ (20,950)	467%	\$ 51,713	52%	
Total Capital Projects	\$ 46,673	\$ 12,500	\$ (34,173)	373%	\$ 114,446	\$ 55,514	\$ (58,932)	206%	\$ 233,423	49%	4
Net Capital Cash Flow	\$ (46,673)	\$ (12,500)	\$ (34,173)		\$ (11,758)	\$ 29,200	\$ (40,958)		\$ -		

Misc. Notes & Calculations

- 1 Operating revenue ahead of YTD plan due to one time donations and pre-paid rent
- 2 Operating expenses are slightly under YTD plan due to Personnel, Finance and Church Growth
- 3 YTD Capital revenue is ahead of plan due to unbudgeted donations
- 4 Capital project expense is slightly unfavorable to plan due to timing of payments for parking lot



THE MESSENGER

JULY 2026

Dublin Community Church—United Church of Christ

Hello Goodbye

My mother's oldest sister, my Aunt Kathryn, never liked saying "goodbye." She would do whatever was necessary to avoid it. She would quietly slip out of family events or other gatherings so that she would not have to face the word "goodbye." I'm not sure why she felt so strongly about this, but I think we can all agree, "goodbyes" can often be difficult.



And so, as I move through these final days serving DCC, I know I am facing many "goodbyes," and I know it is going to be extremely emotional for me. DCC has been my church home for the past 22 years. My children grew up in this church and were all confirmed here. This is where we worshipped every Sunday as a family, where I was eventually called to serve as a pastor, and where my husband, Mike's, funeral was held in 2016. DCC has literally and figuratively been the center of my world for 22 years.

As most of you know, however, the United Church of Christ requires that a retired pastor step away from the church where they have served, for at least a year, following retirement. I hope you will all understand, then, that I will no longer be in worship, I cannot attend WORD or other DCC groups, I am not permitted to go on pastoral calls or officiate weddings or funerals at DCC. It may seem like a harsh rule, but honestly, I understand this requirement. It gives Rev Becky, and whoever will be coming on as the new Associate Minister, a chance to get established in their new roles. And it will also assist me in the process of "letting go."

I treasure these final days I get to spend with you. I am writing this article prior to my retirement luncheon on June 28 which I know will be a very wonderful gathering, and I am so grateful for the special coffee hour planned for me on my final Sunday, July 12. There are no sufficient words to thank the marvelous staff that I have had the extreme pleasure of working with – Rev Becky Sunday, Laura Zuber, Nancy Luikart, Erin Miller, Gregg Dudash, Barb Anderson, Michael Koss, and many other amazing colleagues through the years – I love you all.

And to the members and friends of DCC, and all the extraordinary lay leaders – it is not possible to name you all – thank you for your love, your support, your vision, and your commitment to the ministry and mission of Dublin Community Church. Indeed, this is a good place to be! Much love to you all, always.

So, let's not say "goodbye." Let's just say, "Till we meet again."

- Shalom,

Rev. Lisa Bowersock

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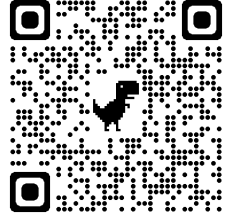
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CREATIVITY CIRCLE

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: July: One Dublin– One Dublin serves its neighbors in Dublin and the Dublin City School District who are temporarily in need. Their focus is on family services, educational support, and community connections. We serve almost 100,000 people, including over 40,000 households.



REV. LISA BOWERSOCK'S FINAL SUNDAY RECEPTION

Sunday, July 12, 2026

11:30 a.m.

(immediately following her last service as

Senior Minister)

Narthex

(no RSVP required)

Please join us!



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

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LOOKING BOTH WAYS

In the last month and a half, there have been many celebrations, from our confirmands and graduates to the work of Gregg Dudash, our retiring Youth Director. As I write this article, our celebrations of Pride and July 4th are just around the corner. And, by the time this edition of *The Messenger* reaches you, we will have already shared in the celebration luncheon for Rev. Lisa's retirement. *It is a joy to celebrate Rev. Lisa's faithful and excellent ministry at DCC, and it is also bittersweet to mark a season coming to a close.*

There will be other celebration-style events in the coming months—an official installation for me as Senior Minister sometime this fall, and, eventually, welcoming and installing whomever is yet to be discerned as our next Associate Minister.



Even as we consider all of these major events, we realize that most of life happens during the “in-between” times. As we prepare for Rev. Lisa's final weeks as our Senior Minister, I'm keenly aware that another of those “in-between” times is about to begin. Liturgically, we find ourselves also “in-between.” The seasons of Ordinary Time are observed each year between Christmas and Lent and then again between Pentecost and Advent. It is often understood that green is chosen as the liturgical color for these times between the larger celebrations because it is the color of growth and change.

While we know that change is coming, we also recognize that we cannot grow into the future without remembering and honoring the past. Scripture reminds us over and over again to look forward with hope while also looking back to remember what God has done in the past. Psalm 33 is a good example, simultaneously inviting the reader to remember the past (“By the word of the LORD the heavens were made...” [v.6]), while forging ahead into the future (“Sing to God a new song...” [v. 3]).

In the coming weeks and months, I'm going to be sharing more about the core values we discerned last year:

- Striving Together to Reflect the Heart of Jesus
- Offering Hospitality and a Safe Space for ALL
- Celebrating the Diversity of God's Creation
- Loving and Serving Neighbors Near and Far

As Rev. Lisa and I worked with gathered church members to prayerfully consider how God was calling us into the future, we began by looking at the past, recalling the ways we have experienced God's presence most keenly throughout our shared life at DCC. As I look at these values now, I know that they are in some ways aspirational but are also a reflection of who we already are as a congregation. This is how we at Dublin Community Church UCC experience God together, and it is how we choose to live. This is who we are largely because of the leadership and example Rev. Lisa has given in the years she has poured into the life of this congregation. Hers is a legacy of love and service, openness and integrity, wisdom and faithful discipleship. Because of what God has done through Rev. Lisa's work and presence among us, I'm able to look both ways in joy—back with great gratitude, and forward in great hope.

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Becky

Youth Summer Service Highlights

June is always a special and meaningful time for our youth at Dublin Community Church. As the school year comes to a close, our students step into a different kind of learning experience—one shaped by compassion, service, and faith. Whether traveling beyond our community or serving close to home, they embrace opportunities to put God’s love into action with their hands, heads, and hearts.

This year’s Sr. High Mission Trip brought our high school youth to St. Louis, Missouri, where they partnered with local organizations including Beyond Housing, Propel Kitchen, and St. Peter and Paul Parish. Throughout the week, they offered their time and energy in ways both practical and deeply compassionate—organizing spaces to make them safer for those serving each day, preparing lunches for children facing hunger, and sharing meals and personal care supplies with neighbors in need.

Even these moments only begin to tell the story of what the group experienced and shared during the week. You can read more on the Dublin Community Church Facebook page and see additional photos of them in action. These acts of service are a blessing to the organizations and individuals our youth are able to support, but they also leave a lasting mark on the hearts of the students themselves, shaping how they see others, their faith, and the world around them.

That same spirit of service was also alive closer to home through our Mid-High Untrip, where students discovered that meaningful ministry can happen right here in our own community.

The Mid-High Untrip youth spent a meaningful week serving God with joyful hearts and willing hands right here in Dublin. This small but mighty group, together with their devoted chaperones, partnered with several local organizations to care for and strengthen our community in thoughtful and tangible ways. Their week began at the Dublin Food Pantry, where they learned about the pantry’s ministry and assembled birthday bags to bring a little extra joy to local families. They also served at One Dublin, helping sort clothing for families in need, and spread fresh mulch at Highbanks Metro Park, caring for one of the beautiful spaces our community shares.

Throughout the week, the group also prepared hygiene kits for Huckleberry House, delivered donations to the Ohio Wildlife Center and Cozy Cat Cottage, and made sandwiches for a homeless shelter. To close the week, they joined our Green Team and other volunteers to plant a pollinator garden along the Franklin Street wall housing the preschool playground—a beautiful gift that will bless the community for seasons to come. We are deeply grateful for the support our youth receive through the rummage sale proceeds, which makes these life-giving opportunities for service possible. Through experiences like these, our students are not only able to help meet real needs, but also to grow in faith as they live out our DCC core value of “Loving and Serving Neighbors Near and Far.”

Enjoy the photos over the next three pages of some of their highlights!

MISSION TRIP 2026



UNTRIP 2026





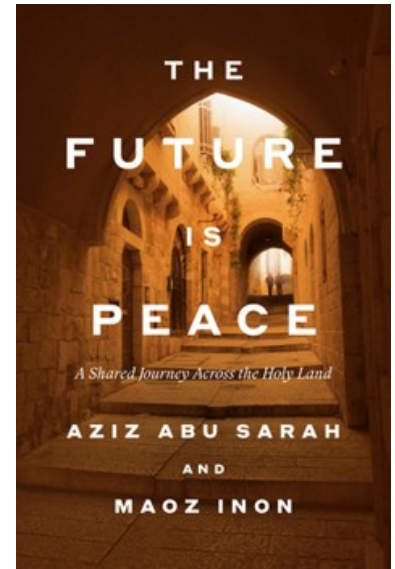
"Loving and Serving Neighbors
Near and Far"



THE FUTURE IS PEACE EVENT AND AUTHOR DISCUSSION

WORD (Women of Religious Diversity) at DCC is pleased to offer a book discussion event on Saturday, Oct. 10th, 9:45-11:15 a.m. This event is made possible through a grant from the DCC Foundation, Natalie Pederson Chard Fund.

The book is titled *The Future is Peace* by Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon. Aziz and Maoz will visit us via zoom to discuss their unique friendship and commitment to peace which has brought them together in spite of tragic events in their lives. Their story is impactful and they have been featured on many national and international programs, including an interview on the Daily Show with Jon Stewart, NPR, BBC news, and numerous TedTalks. Tom and Barb Anderson met Aziz at his family home in Palestine when they did a dual narrative tour of Israel/Palestine in 2018.



Here is a quote from the authors:

"There is a mirror between Israel and Palestine, each of us reflecting our own rage back at ourselves. We must break the mirror and look one another in the eye to humanize the other side, but even more important, to recognize our own humanity."

And a synopsis of the book:

"Maoz Inon's parents were killed during the Hamas attacks of October 7th, 2023. Aziz Abu Sarah's brother died after being detained for nearly a year in an Israeli military prison. Together, they have forged an unlikely friendship across the Israeli/Palestinian divide, becoming leading voices for reconciliation, arguing that peace can only be built through empathy, dialogue, and a recognition of each other's humanity. Their new book, *The Future is Peace*, chronicles their eight day drive across Israel and Palestine. They talk about loss, forgiveness, and why they remain hopeful despite the devastation of war."

We ask that you read at least part of the book prior to the event, and you can register now so that we can order the books at the best cost and receive them in a timely manner. You can do so by contacting me directly at andersonfamily2214@gmail.com. Books will be \$18.00 each and available in early August, check made to Dublin Community Church. We will give more details about the event as time draws closer, but we want to ensure we have enough books for everyone.

We sincerely hope you can join us, we are very grateful to be able to offer this important presentation.

Barb Anderson

JULY

Monthly Events:

Indian Dancers—GW Room Tues. 5:30—9:30 PM

BSA: Wednesday evenings—GW Room

Red Cross: 2nd and 4th Friday 12:15—5:00 PM
GW Room

Dublin Swing Band: 1st and 3rd Thursday
evenings, 7PM, GW Room

**STAFF
WEEKLY
WORSHIP
PLANNING**
@11AM –
TUESDAYS

AA Meetings
Mon-Sat, 7 AM (KN)
Mon. Step Class, 6 :30 PM
(KN)
Tues, 10AM; 1 PM (KN)
Wed., 7:15 AM (GWW)
Women only
Thurs, 1 PM (KN)
Fri., 6:30 PM (KN)
Fri., 7:30 PM (GW)

Study Groups:

MEN'S GROUPS

MORE—Wednesdays, 6:15 AM, Parlor
SMMF— * Usually the 1st and 3rd
Saturdays of the month.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUPS

WORD will resume in autumn, Thurs-
day evenings on zoom and Friday
mornings in person.

BIBLE STUDY

SEEKERS on Sundays and Wednesday
Evenings with Rev. Becky will return in
autumn.

Creativity Circle

2nd Sunday of the month, 11:30 AM, Parlor
Last Wednesday of the month, 1-3PM, Parlor

Grief Group: First Monday of the Month, 7PM,
Parlor, led by Bianca DeMaria

Special July Dates:

7/3—Office closed for Independence Day
7/4—Open our Doors for July 4th Activities before
the parade! Come see the Wind Symphony and bring
the kids for games on the patio.
7/12—Rev. Lisa Bowersock's Final Sunday
7/18—Ukrainian Cooking Class
7/28-7/31—VBS in the evenings

*Starting the week of 7/13 the church offices will be
undergoing approved refresh renovations.

Staff Vacations:

7/2—7/17—Laura will be out on medical leave.

Weekly Worship:

Sundays, 10AM

DCC Foundation:

2nd Tuesday, 7PM, Zoom

Church Council:

3rd Tuesday, 7PM, Kennedy Room

Happy Birthday!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jill DeiCas-Nehls
Easton Elsass
Irma Flottman
Laura Tussing
2 Vanesa Clayton
Kevin Dicus
Julia Hart
Alex Loustaunau
3 Bob Linch
Susann Wittig
4 Ted St. Clair
Tina Goodman
5 Nicholas Koogler
6 Matthew Sparks
7 Jamie Menges
9 Jennifer Ployer
10 Martha McCauley
Christopher Pond
11 Andrew Foote
12 Dan Kinnamon
13 Lisa Bowersock
Brandon Bowzer
Abigail Foote
14 Allison Shoemaker
15 Tom Anderson
Eric Foote
Colette Julian
Shane Julian
Mary Ko

16 Stephen Kranz
Claudia Perry
Lynn Rose
Erin O'Brien
18 Leo Clayton
Janice Lawrence
Stephanie Mizer
21 Nancy Dunn
Alesia Miller
23 George Virgalitte
Alison Ward
24 Ross Walker
25 Jane Bellanca
Diana Evans
Wayne Headlee
Carol Moore
26 Brian Redenshek
27 Lisa Kaiser
28 Sydney Carlson
29 Tom Moore
30 Tracy Zinn
31 Judy Coggin
Sophie Lane
Elaine Sparks
Janet Vance
Carrie 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.



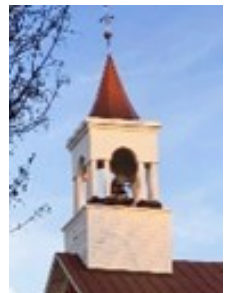
MINISTERS/CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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*.



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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REGISTER BY JULY 5TH! JOIN US FOR VBS JULY 28-31st

VBS 2026 REGISTRATION IS HERE! Scan the QR code or follow the link to register your children/grandchildren or to sign up as a VBS volunteer.

<https://givebutter.com/vbs-dublin-community-church-2026-lmkjju>



VBS Registration

