



THE MESSENGER

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Dublin Community Church—United Church of Christ

WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER

"I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!"

Some of you may have memories of singing the song with these lyrics, whether during worship, in Sunday school, or at church camp. The song reminds us of the important truth that the church is not a building, but rather the people. It also teaches us that we cannot be church in isolation. Being church means living in community. The chorus reminds us that this community extends beyond just our own congregation. It includes *"all who follow Jesus, all around the world—yes, we're the church together!"*



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It's a simple song, written to teach children the expansiveness of the church. From this viewpoint, there are many expressions of church. One of those expressions that is still quite close to home is our own denominational structure in the United Church of Christ. Within the UCC, Dublin Community Church is a member of the Central Southeast Ohio Association (CSEO), one of four Associations in the Heartland Conference. But what does the Association do, and why is that work important?

The UCC operates with a "congregational" system. That means each individual congregation has the freedom and autonomy to believe, worship, and govern itself in the ways it sees fit. But our polity also affirms deep covenant that extends beyond each congregation. Our Associations within the UCC provide the most basic resources to help us live that covenant. Those resources include:

- Training and support for Local Church Pastors and Members In Discernment
- Credentialing (ordination or licensure) for Authorized Ministers
- Support for congregations and ministers who are engaged in Search and Call processes
- Resources, education, and networking for local congregations

Each of the bullet points listed above has a direct impact on the work we do at Dublin Community Church. Central Southeast Ohio Association provides me with a Pastoral Practice Group which meets regularly for mutual support and accountability. Our Association Minister, Rev. Patricia Battle, acts as a "pastor for the pastors" throughout CSEO. Within the last year, our Association ensured that I completed refresher courses on Boundary and Anti-Racism Trainings, which are regularly required to keep my credentials in good standing. Central Southeast Ohio Association is also the primary resource for our Associate Minister Search Committee. Our CSEO Administrative Minister, Rev. Melodie Rezac, worked closely with our committee to ensure that our Local Church Profile was clear and comprehensive before we posted our position, and she is working with us as we consider candidate profiles and move our search process forward. It is the Association that will oversee my official installation in my new position as Senior Minister at DCC on Sunday, October 25.

The Association also gathers twice each year for shared worship, timely and relevant workshops, the sharing of information, and a celebration of our shared covenantal relationship. The fall meeting of the Central Southeast Ohio Association will be held on Saturday, October 24. If you are interested in attending or learning more, let me know. Come and get a taste of our church beyond DCC. You will meet some great people and learn more about who we are. After all, we are the church together!

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Becky

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CREATIVITY CIRCLE

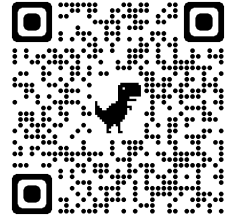
Creativity Circle is a group of women who gather twice a month for the sole purpose of creating knit, crochet, and machine sewn items that are in turn donated to a variety of charities in the Columbus area. Knit and/or crochet blankets are donated to the Van Buren homeless center and/or the YWCA Family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



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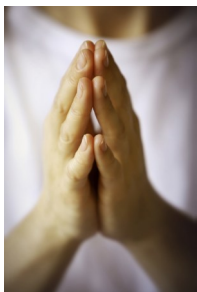
Neighbors in Need –

Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN) support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. To learn more you can visit the neighbors in need website: <https://www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering/>



MEN'S RETREAT: Save the Date!

The retreat will take place from **Saturday October 31 through Sunday morning, November 1**. Attendees will have the option to sign up for one or two days. Sign up by scanning the QR CODE or email the office if you would like to attend.



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).

DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH UCC
INVITES YOU TO

Rev. Becky Sunday's INSTALLATION SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

3:00 PM

81 WEST BRIDGE ST., DUBLIN, OH 43017

CLERGY ARE INVITED TO ROBE AND WEAR COLORFUL STOLES.

Refreshments and fellowship following the service.

Our DCC-UCC Staff is Here for You

Becky Sunday, Senior Minister:
Erin Miller, C.E. Director:
Nancy Luikart, Music Director:
Laura Zuber, Church Office Administrator:
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PICNIC ON THE PATIO

Sunday, September 13th

Fellowship Committee is providing meat, drinks, condiments and tableware. Sign up for a salad, side dish or dessert in the narthex and let us know how many from your family are attending. There will be music by the Strummers, face painting and a bounce house for the children.

You don't want to miss this fun annual event!



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.

Registration is open now. You can do so by contacting me directly at: andersonfamily2214@gmail.com.

Books are \$18.00 each and available now in the office, 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.

The Fall Session of WORD will begin on September 10th by Zoom and September 11th in person.

~ Barb Anderson



DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

FALL 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 • October 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, September 26:** 10:00am to 4:00pm
- **Sunday, September 27:** 11:30am to 5:00pm
- **Monday, September 28- Thursday, October 1:** 9:00am 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.

DONATIONS NEED TO BE CLEAN, IN WORKING CONDITION AND IN GOOD SHAPE OR VOLUNTEERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE.

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!



Deep Griha Society

"Empowerment of the marginalised through capacity building and sustainable rural and urban development programs"

The Global Report for Q1 2026-27 (April to June 2026) covers the progress, challenges, and future plans for several key programs at Deep Griha Society:

- **Aadhar Kendra Sponsorship Program:** This program provided Life Skills sessions focused on self-awareness and problem-solving to 104 adolescents. It also established a partnership with Yojak STEM Learning Centre to provide specialized academic support for students in grades 7-12.
- **City of Child (CoC):** Activities included leadership training for 12 children and participation by 25 children in a community wrestling event to build confidence and fitness. The program also hosted an alumni get-together with 19 former students.
- **Deep Griha Academy:** The school enrolled 188 students and focused on teacher training in research-based learning. A community outreach eye camp screened 211 people, identifying 14 cataract cases.
- **Yuva Project:** This initiative engaged 91 students through computer training, English classes, and 3D design. It also utilized local volunteers to provide online tutoring for 16 students.
- **Healthy Ageing:** Reaching 4,642 older adults, this program conducted 11,500 home visits and provided health support, including eye care and yoga sessions. It successfully registered 30 seniors for government healthcare schemes (SGY cards).
- **Income Generation Program (ASIMIT):** This program supported 49 women through sewing and tiffin services, producing over 21,000 tiffins. It also operated a daycare center for 17 children to enable mothers to work.
- **CHW Research Study:** The study reached a 99.9% follow-up rate for its first phase and organized a national conference on "Diabetes in Pregnancy and Beyond".
- **Dream Proposals & Finance:** The report outlines a new spoken English program for rural schools and notes that general donations were used for essential compliance and tax expenses.

To read more detail about the Deep Griha update, please visit our Deep Griha page on our website at: <https://dccucc.com/ministries/deep-griha/>

ENROLL IN THE KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM AND HELP SUPPORT PROGRAMS AT DCC!

Our most recent check from the Kroger Community rewards program was \$308.29.

If you are not enrolled in the program, **go to krogercommunityrewards.com** and create an account. Then, choose Dublin Community Church as your organization. Your purchases and participation will count towards our check we receive every three months that helps with WORD and other church programs. Questions: andersonfamily2214@gmail.com

Want to receive DCC information?

Send your request to:
dublinuccoffice@gmail.com



VBS 2026

*Some snapshots from our recent
Vacation Bible School*



DCC FINANCES

Finance Committee Report

Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through July 2026

Summary: Net cash flow is **favorable** for June and Year-To-Date. Year-To-Date net cash flow is favorable primarily due to one-time contributions received earlier in the year and pre-payment of Preschool rent.

For the Month

- **Contributions** of \$51,515 were **favorable** to plan by \$16,897 (149% of Plan).
- **Total Operating Revenue** of \$62,552 was **favorable** to plan by \$10,825 (121% of Plan).
- **Total Operating Expense** of \$50,589 was **favorable** to plan by \$1,049 (98% of Plan).
- **Net cash flow** for the month was **favorable** to plan by \$11,963.

Year-to-date

- **Contributions** of \$281,078 were **favorable** to plan by \$38,752 (116% of Plan) due to pre-paid pledges booked earlier in the year.
- **Total Operating Revenue** of \$474,363 was **favorable** to plan by \$112,274 (131% of Plan) because the Preschool pre-paid summer rent.
- **Total Operating Expense** of \$349,392 was **favorable** to plan by \$12,074 (97% of Plan).
- **Net cash flow** year-to-date was **favorable** to plan by \$124,971.

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

Through July 2026 (58%)											
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	\$ 51,515	\$ 34,618	\$ 16,897	149%	\$ 281,078	\$ 242,326	\$ 38,752	116%	\$ 415,414	68%	
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		
Contributions - Not Pledged	\$ 8,131	\$ 5,833	\$ 2,298	139%	\$ 101,814	\$ 40,831	\$ 60,983	249%	\$ 70,000	145%	
Contributions - Visitors and Loose Offr	\$ 1,187	\$ 833	\$ 354	142%	\$ 7,403	\$ 5,831	\$ 1,572	127%	\$ 10,000	74%	
Subtotal - Contributions	\$ 60,833	\$ 41,284	\$ 19,549	147%	\$ 390,295	\$ 288,988	\$ 101,307	135%	\$ 495,414	79%	
Other Revenue	\$ 1,719	\$ 10,443	\$ (8,724)	16%	\$ 84,068	\$ 73,101	\$ 10,967	115%	\$ 125,300	67%	
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 62,552	\$ 51,727	\$ 10,825	121%	\$ 474,363	\$ 362,089	\$ 112,274	131%	\$ 620,714	76%	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	\$ 62,552	\$ 51,727	\$ 10,825	121%	\$ 474,363	\$ 362,089	\$ 112,274	131%	\$ 620,714	76%	
Total Operating Expense	\$ 50,589	\$ 51,638	\$ 1,049	98%	\$ 349,392	\$ 361,466	\$ 12,074	97%	\$ 619,606	56%	
Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)	\$ 11,963	\$ 89	\$ 11,874		\$ 124,971	\$ 89	\$ 124,882		\$ 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	\$ (17,974)	121%	\$ 233,423	44%	

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	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0%	\$ 87,782	\$ 59,800	\$ (27,982)	147%	\$ 181,710	48%	
Capital Project List - Other											
Subtotal - Other projects	\$ 7,071	\$ 6,000	\$ -	118%	\$ 38,935	\$ 11,714	\$ (27,221)	332%	\$ 51,713	75%	
Total Capital Projects	\$ 7,071	\$ 16,000	\$ 10,000	44%	\$ 126,717	\$ 71,514	\$ (55,203)	177%	\$ 233,423	54%	
Net Capital Cash Flow	\$ (7,071)	\$ (16,000)	\$ 8,929		\$ (24,029)	\$ 13,200	\$ (37,229)		\$ -		

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 Finance and Church Growth

SEPTEMBER

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

Choir Practice is at 7pm on Sundays in the Sanctuary.
Handbell Practices are on preschedule scheduled
Sundays at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

**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)
Sat, 11:00 AM (KN)

Study Groups:

MEN'S GROUPS

MORE—Wednesdays, 6:15 AM, Parlor
SMMF— 9/12 and 9/26 8-9:30 AM

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUPS

WORD will resume on September 9th
and 10th, Thursday 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 Upcoming Dates:

September 10/11—WORD begins

September 13—Annual Church Picnic & Choir
Starts

September 20—Cherub Bells begin

September 26-October 2—Rummage
Preparations

October 3—Rummage Sale

October 10—WORD sponsored Faith Event

October 18—Youth Sunday

October 25—Rev. Becky's Installation 3pm
Chime Choir begins after worship.

November 22—Hanging of the Greens

Weekly Worship:

Sundays, 10AM

DCC Foundation:

2nd Tuesday, 7PM, Zoom

Church Council:

3rd Tuesday, 7PM, Kennedy Room



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Daniel Briggs
Kate Kennedy
Pat Shinnick
2 Stephanie Briggs
Phoebe Springborn
3 Carl Karrer
Jeff Taylor
4 Christy Hall
Drew Mallott
Teri Morin
Jim Ramey
Danny Sells
5 Chad Dudash
Lydia Notestone
Barbara Spears
6 Beth Bowzer
Rick Hurley
7 Larry Graves
MK O'Haver
8 Sallie Danneberger
Carolyn Klein
Mary Shaffer
10 Kris McCullough
11 Kelly O'Brien
Kristen Lam
12 Abigail McGuire
Erin Rose
14 Morgan Fitzgerald
Cathy Linch
Nicholas Luikart

15 Alex Hiller
C.J. Saunders
Holly Zugaro
16 Judy Martin
17 David Wolfe
18 Jennifer Dudash
Devyn Kerr
19 Penny Martin
Jack Weber
20 Shelby Headlee
Janet Johnston
21 Don Thompson
22 Josh Bowzer
Violet DeDobbelaere
Judy Ottney
Cynthia Smith
Jane Smith
23 Libby Dicus
Tish Martin
24 Susan Maslyk
25 Cindy Probst
A.J. Zugaro
26 Karen Royce
28 Andrew Doherty
Linda Mishler
Schuyler Schmidt
Josh Wintermantel
30 Bianca DeMaria
Blair Mallott

Where do you find
the perfect gift?
Look no further
than your very own
**Dublin Communi-
ty Church Foun-
dation (DCCF)!**



See someone's
birthday listed? Celebrate them with a
gift to the DCCF in their honor. Need a
gift for the couple whose been mar-
ried for 50 years? How about a \$50 do-
nation to DCCF? 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. 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 write her a note with requests on Sun-
days and leave in her mailbox. She'll get back
with you during office hours.



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS YOUR HEARTLAND CONFERENCE RESOURCES, UPDATES,
AND REGISTRATION LINKS!**



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"We are proudly and officially an Open and Affirming Congregation."

RUMMAGE IS COMING!!! Yep! The fall rummage sale is not that far off. ***It is less than 2 months away on Sat. Oct. 3.*** You've heard our requests in the past for you to donate your loved, but-no-longer wanted treasures. We ask again. These treasures can be clothing/shoes, household items, furniture, books, children's/infants' equipment/toys, etc. We will post a list of acceptable items soon.

We also want you to volunteer the week before to help us ***set up beginning Sat. Sept. 26 through Friday, October 2, and, for the Sat. Oct. 3 sale day.*** Please let Kathy Blair or Betsy Smith know of your intent. We can always use pick-up truck drivers and helpers.

Being involved in the semi-annual rummages sales is a terrific way to get to feel part of the DCC family and helps benefit the DCC and UCC mission ministries.

Needed: ***3 people or teams of people who would like to purchase food, prepare it and serve it to our hungry volunteers at lunchtimes during the rummage preparation week.*** We ask that you be willing/able to serve 45 or so lunches for each of the meals. The open dates are Sat. Sept. 26, Weds. Sept. 30, and Thurs. Oct. 1. Please let me know if you want to contribute to the rummage efforts in this way.