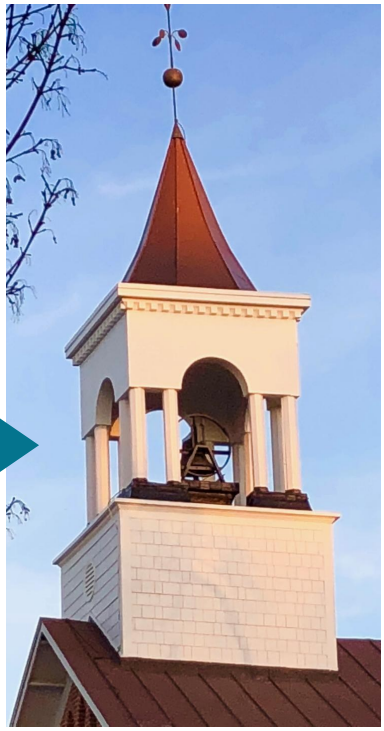

THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2026

Dublin Community Church—United Church of Christ

It was almost exactly a year ago that Robin Campell and Jacob Coburn stepped forward to lead a yet-to-be-formed Search Committee for the next Associate Minister at DCC. In the months since, Robin and Jacob, along with Judy Kuck, Matthew Kuck, Blair Mallott, Quinn Miller, and myself, have moved diligently and prayerfully through the steps outlined by the UCC to identify the best candidate possible. After less than three months' vacancy, we can celebrate that we are just a few steps away from the position being filled! Below, you will see a snapshot bio of Rev. David Zerby, whose candidacy was enthusiastically approved by Church Council in September upon the unanimous recommendation of the Search Committee. I can't wait for you all to meet David and to learn about his gifts and experience in ministry. More than that, I can't wait for him to meet all of you and to discover the joy it is to serve in this place! The prophet announces, *"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19)*

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Becky

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: OCTOBER 18TH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

The Church Council, after consultation with the DCC search committee, is nominating Rev. David Zerby for the position of Associate Minister. He will be preaching his candidacy sermon on 10/18/26 and we will vote during the meeting afterward. He will be approved as our next Associate Minister with 2/3 or greater affirmative vote of the member votes returned.

BIO: David Zerby has more than two decades of ministry experience applied in various settings. Prior to his focus on leading congregations through times of transition he also served in roles as new church minister, settled pastor, and Director of Programming and Promotion for the Heartland (Ohio) Conference of the United Church of Christ.

He has a strong passion for creating a more just and peaceful world and has extensive experience assisting congregations with engaging in mission opportunities locally and beyond.

David spent twenty-five years in the military and retired as an Army Chaplain. During this time he appreciated providing ministry in an ecumenical and interfaith setting.

He resides in Dublin and is currently providing sabbatical coverage for Grace UCC in Lancaster, Ohio.

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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

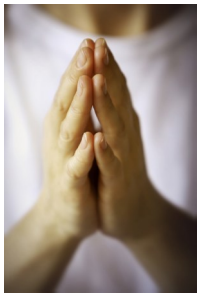
SECOND MILE:
Deep Griha –

Education and food sponsorship of impoverished children in the slums of Pune, India.

Please look at the Deep Griha page under Mission on our website for quarterly updates.

ASSOCIATE MINSTER MEET AND GREET SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 13th from 6:00—8:00 PM. We will be hosting a meet and greet of our Associate Minister Candidate, Rev. David Zerby in the Kennedy Rooms. There will be refreshments and the opportunity to talk with Rev. David before he preaches his candidacy sermon on Sunday, October 18th.



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).

WE DID IT AGAIN!

The old cliché, “It takes a village!” is so true. Thanks to all of you who donated, purchased, volunteered and helped out in other ways. Our DCC FALL RUMMAGE SALE was a success financially AND socially. We had loads of fun while we raised $$ for our UCC and DCC Mission Ministries. The total amount we raised will be available at the end of the month, so stay tuned!

Our DCC-UCC Staff is Here for You

Becky Sunday, Senior Minister:	revbeckysunday@gmail.com
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Laura Zuber, Church Office Administrator:	dublinuccoffice@gmail.com
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Commit to the Core Values Through Giving

As our Stewardship campaign begins, we invite you to prayerfully consider your annual giving pledge and submit it by **November 8, 2026**. Your generosity helps Dublin Community Church live into the core values we named together through recent revision workshops and supports the ministries, staff, facilities, and programs that make our shared mission possible.

Through last year's Re-Vision workshops, the congregation helped define who we are and how we want to continue our ministries. This work gives us a clear foundation as we transition with Rev. Becky Sunday as Senior Minister, welcome new staff, and establish future programming while continuing to meet the spiritual needs of our community.

Our four core values are:

- 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

Dublin Community Church UCC

Annual giving supports the daily life and ministry of our church, including our dedicated staff, buildings and grounds, and the many programs offered by and through Dublin Community Church. Rev. Becky recently completed a four-part sermon series further exploring our core values, and we encourage you to view those messages on our website https://dccucc.com/sermons.

This year's Stewardship campaign theme is "Commit to the Core Values Through Giving." Throughout October, a poster and sticky notes will be available in the Narthex for you to share how you have personally experienced these core values. We hope this reflection will help others see the numerous ways our church serves our community and neighbors near and far.

Four convenient options are available for submitting pledges. **Pledges are due November 8, 2026,** and may be submitted by:

- **Completing the electronic pledge form using the QR included with this letter.**
- **Emailing your pledge to dcc.stewardship@gmail.com**
- **Returning your pledge by U.S. mail using the self-addressed and stamped envelope.**
- **Placing your pledge in the offering plate using the purple envelope provided in the pews.**

We thank you for your generosity and continued support of Dublin Community Church.

Stewardship Committee

Brenda Rizzo, chair Bob Redfield Sue Brunner Sheila Ebersole

SCAN THE QR CODE

TO COMMIT YOUR 2027 PLEDGE

October Second Mile Mission

The most recent 2026 Global Report for Deep Griha Society highlights progress across education, health, livelihoods, and research programs, with several strong outcomes and a few areas requiring continued attention.

- **Education and youth development:** Aadhar Kendra, City of Child, Deep Griha Academy, and the Yuva Project supported adolescents and students through life skills, STEM exposure, leadership training, tutoring, English, and computer education. Key results included 188 students enrolled at Deep Griha Academy and 91 students engaged through Yuva, while sponsor renewals and staffing remain priorities.
- **Health and community support:** Healthy Ageing reached 4,642 older adults through home visits and health services, while the CHW Research Study achieved 99.9% completion in its first follow-up phase and identified participants needing Type 2 diabetes support.
- **Livelihoods and future growth:** ASIMIT engaged 49 women in income-generation activities and supported working mothers through daycare for 17 children. The organization is also developing a spoken English program for rural government school students.

Dublin United Church of Christ Missions continues to support the Aadhar Kendra Program with 'Second Mile" Donations in October going to Deep Griha Society in Pune India, and donations through out the year designated to Deep Griha.

Men's Retreat 2026

You are invited to join us for the Men's Retreat 2026, a weekend set aside for meaningful conversation, personal reflection, and encouragement in our individual faith journeys.

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Retreat Details

- **When:** Saturday–Sunday, Oct. 31–Nov. 1
- **Where:** Camp Christian, a few miles north of Marysville
- **Saturday only:** $75
- **Saturday–Sunday morning:** $100

Purpose of the Weekend

The retreat is designed to meet each person where they are. Because every faith journey is personal, the weekend includes time together as a group as well as space for individual reflection and small-group discussion. Depending on who attends, we may also share a song or two together.

This Year's Theme

This year's conversations will be guided by Bryan McLaren's *Faith After Doubt*. Copies are available in the church office for a suggested donation of $15.

How to Register

We would love to have you join us. Register using the QR code provided for either Saturday only or the full Saturday–Sunday morning retreat.

Come enjoy a meaningful weekend of fellowship, conversation, and encouragement.

CHURCH PICNIC

Thank you to everyone who made our annual church picnic a success! We were so grateful the rain held off to allow us time for fellowship, food and fun. We had approximately 80 people in attendance and enjoyed beautiful music provided by the Gladden Strummers.

We look forward to gathering again next year for the annual tradition.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 22nd as we gather again in fellowship to prepare for Advent! Our fellowship committee with provide food as we Hang the Greens!

Want to receive DCC information?

Send your request to:
dublinuccoffice@gmail.com

Finance Committee Report

Dublin Community Church Financial Summary – through August 2026

Summary: Net cash flow was **unfavorable** for August but remains **favorable** Year-To-Date. Year-To-Date net cash flow is favorable primarily due to one-time contributions received in Q1 and two Minister's salaries budgeted for the full year. Capital projects are wrapping up and we have avoided the need to leverage our line of credit due at this point due to additional unplanned donations.

For the Month

- **Contributions** of $26,876 were ***unfavorable*** to plan by $7,742 (78% of Plan).
- **Total Operating Revenue** of $38,033 was ***unfavorable*** to plan by $13,694 (74% of Plan).
- **Total Operating Expense** of $40,732 was ***favorable*** to plan by $10,906 (79% of Plan).
- **Net cash flow** for the month was ***unfavorable*** to plan by $2,788.

Year-to-date

- **Contributions** of $307,954 were ***favorable*** to plan by $31,010 (111% of Plan) due to pre-paid pledges booked earlier in the year.
- **Total Operating Revenue** of $512,396 was ***favorable*** to plan by $98,580 (124% of Plan).
- **Total Operating Expense** of $390,124 was ***favorable*** to plan by $22,980 (94% of Plan).
- **Net cash flow** year-to-date was ***favorable*** to plan by $122,272.

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

Through August 2026 (67%)

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	$ 26,876	$ 34,618	$ (7,742)	78%	$ 307,954	$ 276,944	$ 31,010	111%	$ 415,414	74%	
Contributions - Pledged Prior Yr.	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -		
Contributions - Not Pledged	$ 4,135	$ 5,833	$ (1,698)	71%	$ 105,949	$ 46,664	$ 59,285	227%	$ 70,000	151%	
Contributions - Visitors and Loose Offr	$ 2,305	$ 833	$ 1,472	277%	$ 9,708	$ 6,664	$ 3,044	146%	$ 10,000	97%	
Subtotal - Contributions	**$ 33,316**	**$ 41,284**	**$ (7,968)**	**81%**	**$ 423,611**	**$ 330,272**	**$ 93,339**	**128%**	**$ 495,414**	**86%**	
Other Revenue	$ 4,717	$ 10,443	$ (5,726)	45%	$ 88,785	$ 83,544	$ 5,241	106%	$ 125,300	71%	
Total Operating Revenue	**$ 38,033**	**$ 51,727**	**$ (13,694)**	**74%**	**$ 512,396**	**$ 413,816**	**$ 98,580**	**124%**	**$ 620,714**	**83%**	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	**$ 38,033**	**$ 51,727**	**$ (13,694)**	**74%**	**$ 512,396**	**$ 413,816**	**$ 98,580**	**124%**	**$ 620,714**	**83%**
Total Operating Expense	**$ 40,732**	**$ 51,638**	**$ 10,906**	**79%**	**$ 390,124**	**$ 413,104**	**$ 22,980**	**94%**	**$ 619,606**	**63%**
Net Cash Flow fav. / (unfav.)	**$ (2,699)**	**$ 89**	**$ (2,788)**		**$ 122,272**	**$ 89**	**$ 122,183**		**$ 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	**$ 28,916**	**$ -**	**$ 28,916**	⚠	**$ 131,604**	**$ 84,714**	**$ 46,890**	**155%**	**$ 233,423**	**56%**	

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	$ 21,807	$ 13,000	$ (8,807)	168%	$ 109,589	$ 72,800	$ (36,789)	151%	$ 181,710	60%	
Capital Project List - Other											
Subtotal - Other projects	$ 6,469	$ -	$ -	⚠	$ 45,404	$ 11,714	$ (33,690)	388%	$ 51,713	88%	
Total Capital Projects	$ 28,276	$ 13,000	$ (8,807)	218%	$ 154,993	$ 84,514	$ (70,479)	183%	$ 233,423	66%	
Net Capital Cash Flow	$ 640	$ (13,000)	$ 13,640		$ (23,389)	$ 200	$ (23,589)		$ -		

Misc. Notes & Calculations

1 Operating revenue ahead of YTD plan due to one time donations and pre-paid rent

HARVEST OF HOPE DONATIONS

Please have items to the church by 10/23/2026

*Jiffy Cornbread mix (250 boxes)

*Cranberry Sauce (200 Cans)

THE SPIRITUALITY NETWORK 2026-2027 SEASON

Discovering the Sacred IN the Ordinary

A Busy Persons Virtual Retreat

Hosted by The Spirituality Network

3 Wednesdays - Oct 7, 14, 21

6:30-8:30 PM EST - via ZOOM

Dublin Community Church

INTERGENERATIONAL MOVIE NIGHT

OCT. 16TH| 6:00 PM

FREE

MOVIE & PIZZA

Optional Discussion to Follow with Crafts and Games for Kids

RSVP

Please bring:

Blankets, pillows, bag chairs, etc.

Your own fillable water bottle

PJ's/Costumes are welcome!

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OCTOBER

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

Weekly Worship:
Sundays, 10AM

DCC Foundation:
2nd Tuesday, 7PM, Zoom

Church Council:
3rd Tuesday, 7PM, Kennedy Room

STAFF WEEKLY WORSHIP PLANNING @11AM – TUESDSAYS

Choir Practice is at 7pm on Sundays in the Sanctuary.

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

Study Groups:

MEN'S GROUPS

MORE—Wednesdays, 6:15 AM, Parlor
SMMF— Saturday 10/10 and 10/24, 8:00 AM, Goodwill

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUPS

WORD Thursday evenings: Zoom, 7 PM Friday morning in person: 9:15 AM in the Kennedy Rooms.

BIBLE STUDY

SEEKERS on Sundays, 8:30 AM
Wednesday Evenings with Rev. Becky
October 7th—Nov. 18th, 7 PM

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, bvm.demaria@gmail.com

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)

Special Upcoming Dates:

October 4—23—Harvest of Hope Collection

October 4—Blessing of the Animals, 5 PM

October 10—WORD sponsored Faith Event

October 13—Associate Minster Meet and Greet 6-8 PM, Kennedy Rooms

October 16—Coco Movie Night, 6 PM

October 25—Youth Sunday

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

November 1—4th Grade Bibles

November 22—Hanging of the Greens

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Andrew Haid
	Evan Sugar
	Teddy Weakley
	Capp Whitney
2	John DeDobbelaere
3	Corinne Evans
	Kelley Ftizgerald
	Christie Grooms
4	Terry Shinnick
	Andrew Sullivan
	Alexandra Uber
	Sean Uber
5	Jesus Gimenez
	Joan Wintermantel
6	Adelyn Briggs
	Denise Burgers
	Linda O'Brien
	Denise Orr
	Connor Patterson
	Tim Saunders
	Jeffrey Smith
7	Anna Long
	Sam McAdow
8	Lee Ann Jenkins
	Megan Sullivan
	Gabby Weeks
9	Keith LaDu
10	Ryan Briggs
	Andy Jakes
	Derek Olen
	Pat Rike
11	Elaine Coughlin
	Michael Hullihan
12	Jeffrey Bennett
13	Susan Conner
	Chad Davis
	Chris DeDobbelaere
	David Jenkins
	Ian Lee
	Bill Martin
	Betsy Smith
14	Ralph Feasel
	Steven Ostrowski
	Kelly Ostrowski
15	Matt Lefferts
16	Alexa deSilva
	Kelly Smith
17	Adam Clayton
	Hagen Lefferts
18	Branden Bellanca
	Chloe Ployer
19	Owen Dicus
	Ellen George
	Clay Robson
22	Becky Crawford
	Alan Miller
	Don Ottney
23	Joe Riedel
	Melissa Simpson
	Eric Springborn
	Cristina Wolfe
24	Steve Earley
25	Charlotte Dorazio
	Murley Miller
	Shelby Saunders
26	Taylor Nagel
27	Stefan Niewiesk
28	Scott Campbell
	Tim Haynes
	Bob Kreeger
	Grace Ottney
	Rose Ottney
	Craig Yeack
30	Fred Zugaro
31	Ruth Ann Mitchell
	Karen Ostrowski

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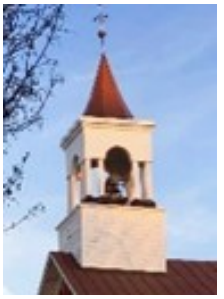
Why not recognize that special person or couple with a gift to honor their legacy? A gift to **Dublin Community Church Foundation (DCCF)** to celebrate a special birthday or congratulate friends or parents on their anniversary is the perfect way to give a gift that will keep on giving! Simply write a check payable to the DCCF, add "celebration gift" in the memo line, and drop it in the collection plate.

MINISTERS/CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:



Rev. 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 Sundays 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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