

Dublin Presbyterian Church Newsletter

DECEMBER 2011

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I greet you as your Interim Minister. My name is Phil Hazelton, and for over 13 years I was senior pastor of the Worthington Presbyterian Church, a church of then over 2000 members. Lately, I have been helping out and being part of the New Albany Presbyterian Church, which is in the community where we now live. [Before all this I was a senior pastor in suburban Detroit, and before that a small-town Indiana pastor, and before that a youth pastor in suburban Baltimore] We have five children who live in San Francisco, Kansas City, Chicago, and Boston (2). My wife Judy and I look forward to being with you, among you, for you, and part of you for this time period while efforts are made to prepare and start seeking a new pastor. My friend Janice has moved on and is now very active in our presbytery, and seems to be happy in her work. She was honored for her retirement at the November presbytery meeting. (I play golf with her husband Don, who has a very unorthodox style which is almost painful to watch, but he beats me every time.)

So we're very eager to be here.

When I was a kid, and ongoing through my life, I always liked the science fiction movies that featured aliens from outer space. "The Thing" lands in a space ship in the Arctic; "The Day the Earth Stood Still" has a landing in D.C. near Washington Monument; "War of the Worlds" has Martians attacking us everywhere. And more recently, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" about contact from outer space; same with "Contact"; same with "E.T.". Get the picture here: alien strangers coming to earth through advanced science. Are they out to get us, or save us? Should we call out the Army, the nukes, or listen patiently and watch closely? A few of them focused on the desire to save us from ourselves.

Just so, beginning here in Advent, we too look forward to and celebrate the coming of an alien into our midst, the Lord Jesus. For four weeks leading up to Christmas (his actual coming as a baby), we wait patiently for the arrival, wait with eager longing for the day, just as a child waits on tip-toe for the gifts and toys of Christmas. We sing the beautiful hymns in his honor, decorate in loud colors, throw parties, become more generous, because it is advent, a waiting time. We know he will come.

Join us this Advent Season. Await with us the coming of the tall stranger who speaks of grace in a time that seems crippled.

Phil Hazelton



In our
thoughts
& prayers

Multiplying Joys * Dividing Sorrows

- Prayers for Berlie and Rhoda. Berlie fell and broke a hip while visiting relatives and is in rehab. Rhoda is having some memory issues.
- Ralph LeVan requests continued prayers for his sister, Marilyn, who is in decline. Also prayers for the family as they make difficult decisions about her care.
- Brent is happy to report that his brother Greg is home with hospice care and doing relatively well.
- Please continue to pray for Judy Wisner. She is currently at Riverside Hospital
- Prayers for Don Warehime as he undergoes back surgery on November 23rd.



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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 1	Gary Koch
December 3	Lauren Metzger
December 4	Molly Krummrey & Morgan Lathey
December 10	Laura Monteith & Amy Holloway
December 14	Kayli Hamilton
December 18	Brian Reynolds
December 22	Jean Mroz & David Jolly
December 28	Leeanna Stamm
December 31	Mike Grodhaus & Barb Blanke



We have welcomed Phil Hazelton into the church as our interim pastor. If you need to contact him in any way, please feel free to call him at the church office at 793-8694, or his cell phone 736-9429 or send him an e-mail to pmh@dublinpresbyterian.org.

Where Life, the Bible, and Worship Connect this Advent and Christmas

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This year, we move through Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany using the *Revised Common Lectionary* (a list of Sunday scripture readings). The article, questions, and readings below are aids for the journey with our faithful God. May they stir our spirits throughout the week and as we gather to worship waiting for Jesus, Emmanuel—God with us.

Peace,
Randy Warner

High Hopes

Ah, the annual round begins again. In anticipation of Advent, we resolve to create an atmosphere of **hope, peace, joy, and love** in our hearts, our homes, and our relationships. We resolve to disengage from the commercial hype and reconnect to the “true meaning of Christmas.” And somewhere around December 15 we can find ourselves doing exactly the sort of thing we resolved not to do: buying a frivolous gift for someone who already has everything; agreeing to attend another party when we’d rather stay home listening to quiet music; rushing out for more decorations or delicacies with no thought for the impact on the planet.

We hold a vision of what life – our own and others – might be like if God’s love was the grounding for all our words and actions. And yet, in spite of our highest hopes, we find ourselves in circumstances that challenge and contradict this vision.

The Advent readings from Isaiah are spoken to a community who were also longing for their lives to reflect God’s ways of peace and justice. The psalmist recalls God’s powerful presence with the people in the past, and by doing so invokes hope for the future. With the angel’s announcement to Mary in the gospel of Luke, we catch a vision of how completely lives can be changed by “the power of the Most High.” Each focus passage reflects the tension between where the people are now, and what the future might hold.

The first hearers of these stories might have understood our Advent anxieties pretty well. May the gift of our texts help us to take the long view of God’s ways unfolding in the world. The very fact that we recognize a gap between our intentions and our actions is affirmation that the Spirit is with us. Presents or gifts of presence, crowds or solitude, feasting or simplicity, God is here. Hallelujah.

What are your anxieties during this Advent season? What are your hopes?

Where might you experience God’s loving ways during Advent – in what places, relationships, events?

What message of hope and encouragement can you bring to another this Advent?

Because God’s ways are different, we who seek to follow God are called to new ways, too. As you mark the days between celebrating the birth of Jesus on December 25 and the Epiphany on January 6, imagine what God will bring to life in the year to come. How might you feel called to respond? May the wonder of the possibilities God is unfolding make this a time of deep joy for you.

What signs do you see of God’s presence in your neighborhood or in your relationships?

Who or what has been bringing you to fresh realizations?

Are you considering a change in direction in the year to come?



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, November 27

Conflict and unfairness are all around us. Unfortunately, they are often deep within us, too. This week, think about how you could bring more **hope** into your life and/or into your community through acts of peace and justice.

Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Carol: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Details: We light the Advent wreath candle of hope.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT, December 4

"Longing" is a powerful word. It combines hunger, desire, hope, and craving. Longing can be painful. This week, think about what the people around you might be longing for. How might they be granted **peace**?

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Carol: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Details: We receive communion and light the Advent wreath candle of peace.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, December 11

Have you ever been so happy that you had to double-check to make sure you weren't dreaming? This week, do your best to remember a happy experience in as vivid detail as you can. Thank God for the experience of **joy**.

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:47-55 (alternate psalm); 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Carol: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Details: The pageant, *Aaron and Agatha, the Allergic Shepherds*, is offered by our children and youth—and a few brave adult assistants. We light the Advent wreath candle of joy.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, December 18

Sometimes life can be completely changed in a moment. When everything is up in the air, it's good to have people around who can help us stay grounded. This week, phone someone who has been by your side in a time of change. What do you want to tell her or him about their act of **love**?

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55 or Ps. 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Carol: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Details: The poinsettia tree provides a beautiful backdrop for a lessons and carols service of scripture readings, carols, and anthems. We light the Advent wreath candle of love.



CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24

It is Christmas Eve and soon the time of waiting will end. How do you see the love of God incarnated within and around you?

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Carol: "Silent Night"

Details: On a long, dark, winter evening, we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. The golden, flickering lights of luminaries mark the way to the church. The music of our children and youth calls us inside before the service (7:00 p.m.) Worship begins (7:30p.m.) as we go to the Advent wreath once more; this time to light the Christ Candle. With familiar carols, both gentle and exuberant, the familiar account of Christ's birth, a Christmas meditation, communion, and the warm glow of the candle light service, we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. "All is calm, all is bright."



CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25

Joy has depth that sees one through the deepest darkest days as well as those we might consider happy. When have you been joyful, not just happy? How have you experienced joy in times of sadness?

Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14

Carol: "Joy to the World"

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, January 1

In the Bible, signs of God are sometimes very small: a mustard seed, a single coin, a baby. It is easy to overlook a small sign or dismiss it as being unimportant. This week, be on the lookout for small signs that could point to great things emerging.

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Carol: "The First Noel"



CHRISTMAS EVE RECITAL-PRELUDE

One Dublin Presbyterian Church traditions is our children and youth playing the Prelude on Christmas Eve. We're starting to make plans for this year's Recital-Prelude. If you are a child or a youth learning some Christmas music that you would like to share Christmas Eve, just let me know. If you'd like to participate OR if you'd like to know more about the event, please see Randy Warner or email him at rw4music@att.net.

ALL-CHURCH...ADVENT NIGHT

Sunday, DECEMBER 4
5:00-7:30 PM



\$4.00 age 4 and up
Max. \$10 per family

Second Sunday in Advent

Dinner...Activities...Caroling

(pizza & salad, ice cookies and make door hangers, carol singing at retirement villages)

Evening Schedule:

5:00 PM...Gather and Activities *(decorate cookies, make holiday door hangers and cards for residents at the retirement villages.)*



5:30 PM...Pizza Dinner with salad and dessert.

6:00 PM...Caroling in groups at three different retirement villages where DPC members reside. *Share the cookies, cards and decorative door hangings. Sign up for one of the three sights.*

7:00 PM...Return to DPC for sharing and dessert.

7:30 PM...Homeward Bound with a full stomach and a warm heart.



YOUTH ONLY...3:30 – 5:00 PM BAKE COOKIES for the children to ice and give to residents at the villages where we will go caroling.

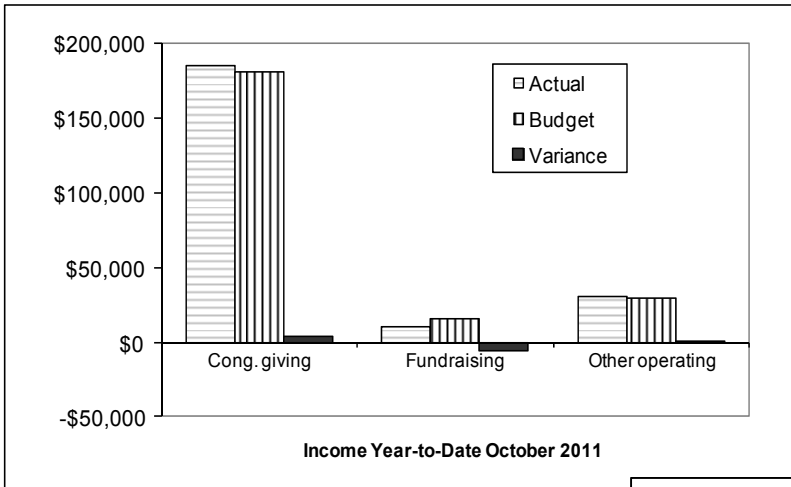
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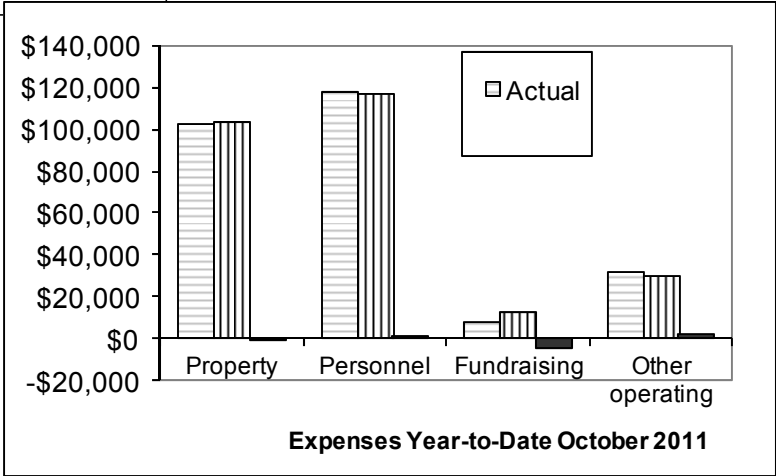
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
INCOME			
Cong. giving	\$ 185,077	\$ 181,538	\$ 3,539
Fundraising	10,399	16,220	(5,821)
Other operating	<u>30,721</u>	<u>29,814</u>	<u>907</u>
TOTAL INCOME	226,197	227,572	(1,375)
EXPENSES			
Property	101,737	102,854	(1,117)
Personnel	117,096	116,918	178
Fundraising	7,863	12,236	(4,373)
Other operating	<u>31,280</u>	<u>29,219</u>	<u>2,061</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	257,976	261,227	(3,251)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ (31,779)	\$ (33,655)	\$ 1,876

Contributions

Contributions for inclusion on your 2011 giving statement must be received by 2:00PM Monday, January 2nd. If you have any questions about where you stand on your yearly pledge, your capital campaign pledge, or the tax benefits of donating appreciated stock, please contact Pat Metzger (733-3749 or pametzger@columbus.rr.com)



Detailed financial statements can be found in the kiosk.



FYI (FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT)

Sunday, December 5: All-Church Advent Night...5:00-7:30 PM

Sunday, December 11, 1:00-3:00 PM: *Holiday Childcare:* Youth will entertain younger children for two hours at the Dublin Presbyterian Church while parents go Christmas shopping or fulfill other demands on their time. This offering is for parents from both churches. Youth will provide crafts, games, and a snack for the children. Youth need to arrive early by 12:45PM. In order to offer this opportunity to parents, we need commitment from YOUth. Please let Barb Blanke know if you plan to participate, please!

Sunday Morning, December 18, Fundraiser..."Gift Wrapping and Bake Sale"

We will offer this holiday opportunity at the Hilliard Church, so all youth should join forces at Hilliard church by **noon** (end of worship at Hilliard) and finish around 3 PM. Youth should bake at home and bring holiday cookies, breads and candy to sell. Plus bring any holiday wrapping paper you may have extra of at home. Both church congregations will be invited to come and have their gifts wrapped. Funds raised at this event will help youth ministry at both churches. Offering to churches: We will wrap holiday gifts and sell Christmas goodies we baked (donations only). This will be a great way to spread holiday cheer!!!! Please RSVP!!!!



Coming in the New Year....

Saturday, January 7, Skiing and Snowboarding... if there is snow! This is an all-church offer but recruited drivers will take youth out to Mad River Mountain for the day of their families can not go. Details coming on prices and times. As usual, RSVP!

Sunday, January 15, Cook and Serve...

Sunday, January 22, Family Bowl...

Sunday, January 28 & 29, Lock-in.... And SKYZONE

Aaron and Agatha, the Allergic Shepherds

A highlight in the Advent season at DPC is our children's pageant. This year we will be presenting **Aaron and Agatha, the Allergic Shepherds**, on Sunday, December 11, 2011. See what happens when two young shepherds with respiratory issues learn a powerful lesson about God's love. While the Bethlehem setting is traditional, the story has a few contemporary features.



NEWS TO NOTE:

Message from the Mission Committee

DID YOU KNOW???? 45% of the students attending two of Dublin's elementary schools are classified as economically disadvantaged. District-wide, 13% of all Dublin students fall into this classification.

Your Mission Committee is exploring local opportunities to help address this need. We have spoken to:
 The local schools concerning assistance in Primary Literacy Programs
 The Welcome Warehouse in Dublin helps struggling families with their basic needs. Individuals must be referred by the school administration or a pastor.

Of course, we will continue to partner with Habitat for Humanity (housing), Rosemont (at risk youth), COMPASS (prevention of homelessness), CHOICES (domestic violence), Open Shelter (hunger), Dublin Food Pantry, and our own annual Mission Trip.

If you have any thoughts or comments on the Mission Committee activities, please see Bob VanVliet, Sarah Metzger, Carolyn Buchanan, Dee Nagy, Marisa Schoening, Rex or Karen Zent.

An immediate opportunity exists for anyone wishing to volunteer in the Welcome Warehouse on Brand Road. The volunteers will devote about two hours every two weeks assisting the needy sort through donated items. Please call Rex Zent (761-0271) if interested.

We wish for each of you that this wonder, excitement and peace of God will find you, ready or not, this Christmas season. With that hope, and with deep thanks and appreciation for your friendship and support we you



A Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Love,

Phil Hazelton, Interim Pastor
 Barb Blanke, Director of Program Ministries
 Randy Warner, Director of Music Ministries
 Tasha Schrock, Office Manager

NEWS TO NOTE:

During This Season of Giving, We Need Your Help!

This year, the Mission Committee and LOGOS are working together to help our community by donating gifts to the Rosemont Center.

The Rosemont Center, a facility that helps children in the Columbus area, has once again asked for our help during this holiday season. Please help us “un-decorate” the Christmas Tree in the Narthex by choosing a child and donating the gifts that they have requested. For the past few years, this program has been a success thanks to your help!



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Since we began participating in Amazon’s “referral fee” program in 2007, DPC has received **more than \$1,500** from Amazon – no strings attached. That’s because many of us have ordered from Amazon.com using the link on the church’s website. When you want to order from amazon.com, start by going to the DPC website (www.dublinpresbyterian.org). Click on **Fundraising Efforts**, then on the link in the **Amazon** paragraph. You’ll go right to amazon.com. Then the church will receive a percentage (generally 4% to 6%) of your purchase. You can even purchase Amazon gift cards this way – Amazon will donate 6% of the gift card amount to the church.

Using this link **does not** add anything to the cost of your order, so it’s a painless way to help the church financially.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Jeggle (210-0467 or djeggle@columbus.rr.com).

Max and Erma’s DPC Nights:

The next Max & Erma’s Fundraiser night is Thursday, November 6th! This fundraiser is a joint fundraiser with Plain City Presbyterian Church that will benefit our Mission Committees to fund the mission trip our churches take in the summer. The mission trip committee will receive 20% of our sales. The location is 411 Metro Place North in Dublin. See you there!



NEWS TO NOTE:

The afternoon ladies Bible study will begin the study, "Living with Passion & Purpose" - the book of Luke by Elizabeth George, on Monday January 9, 2012 from 12:30 to 2:30 in the Fireside Room. A sign up sheet will be available at the Connections Center. All ladies are welcome to enjoy this relaxed study group. Any questions contact Sharon Hayes.

Night Owls' Book Club will be meeting at Mara VanVliet's house on January 12th at 7:00 to watch the movie Water for Elephants.



Our January meeting will be a fun one as we will be reading and reviewing Jean Life's book, Life in China, My Story. The meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 11:00 AM at Barb Nelson's house. Everyone will bring their own brown bag lunch. Mark your calendars. The author will be in attendance!

Ink Cartridge Recycling Is A Big Success

Thanks for all the members that contributed ink cartridges to our recycling campaign. A huge success! Keep those empty ink cartridges coming!

This fundraiser saves more than \$350 annually, and funds the production of our bulletins and other office supplies.

There is a donation box in the Narthex on the Connection Center.



We have received many of the requested items for restocking the kitchen. Huge thanks to all who made donations.



At the current time we still need the following items:

3 oz. plastic or paper cups for individual snack servings for Fellowship Hour
Drum size (55 gal.) trash bags for the big trashcans in the kitchen. We have about a half a roll left, but we use this size quickly.

Liquid dish detergent

Dish cloths & towels (do not have to be new)

Cash donations accepted at any time to keep the needed items in the kitchen.

December 2011

December 2011							January 2012						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3
				Max & Erma's Fundrais 10:30am 11:45am Yoga (Narthex)		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11:30am 12:30pm Mission Mtg 11:30am 12:30pm Pageant Rehearsal 11:30am 12:30pm Stewardship Meeting 5:00pm 7:30pm Adven	7:00pm 8:00pm Worship Committee Mtg.	7:30pm 9:00pm Choir Practice	8:00am 9:30am Finance Meeting 6:00pm 9:00pm Westbridge Camera Club Event (Narthex)	10:30am 11:45am Yoga (Narthex)		
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10:30am 11:30am Christmas Pageant	7:00pm 9:00pm Session Meeting 7:00pm 8:30pm Deacon Meeting	9:30am 10:30am Newsletter Meeting 7:30pm 9:00pm Choir Practice		Newsletter Articles are 10:30am 11:45am Yoga (Narthex)		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	7:00pm 8:00pm CE Meeting	7:30pm 9:00pm Choir Practice	7:00pm 9:00pm Euchre Club	10:30am 11:45am Yoga (Narthex)		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		7:30pm 9:00pm Choir Practice				

Dec 25 - 31

Dec 18 - 24

Dec 11 - 17

Dec 4 - 10

Nov 27 - Dec 3

DPCONNECTS

DPConnects is a directory of businesses and services of the members of Dublin Presbyterian Church. It is published for the information of our members. Frequency of publication depends on interest and updates. If you have questions or comments, please contact Tasha Schrock (dpc@dublinpresbyterian.org)



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Babysitting:

I am a junior at Jerome High School and I am 16 years old.

I am looking for opportunities to baby-sit your children. I am Red Cross certified in CPR and First Aid.

You can contact me at 336-0397.

Rebecca Youngs

Babysitting:

I am a 7th grader at Karrer Middle School and I am 12 years old.

I am looking for opportunities to baby-sit or be a Mother's helper. I am Red Cross Babysitting Certified. You can contact me at 614-707-7427.

Thank you!

Leeanna Stamm

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday School, 9:15 —10:15 AM
Worship, 10:30 AM

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 1: Max & Erma's night—Support the Missions

Dec. 4: Family Advent Night, 5:00

Dec. 11: Christmas Pageant, 10:30am Service

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service , 7:30, Prelude at 7:00

Dec. 25: Christmas Day

1/1/2011 Happy New Year