

Dublin Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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This is Bigger Than Us

Excerpts from Ralph LeVan's Sermon, 8/28/2011

God loves you, be patient, it's going to work out just fine. God promised us in Exodus: "I'll be with you". We are heading into a time of change and we're not going to be leaving it quickly. In church circles, this time between ministers is called the "interim" time.

There are many ministers here in the Presbytery and across the denomination who are trained in leading congregations through the interim process. We are seeking such leadership now. In addition, the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry has great experience in helping congregations through this process.

First, losing someone important in your life results in grieving. That means you need to recognize that there will be members of the congregation going through all the normal stages of grieving .

Second, we need to decide where we are going. A congregation should begin its search for its next pastor by completing a congregational self-study. This means that the congregation should take time to look at itself *without* the departed pastor, set up its goals and priorities, and determine what God is calling it to do. Then it should determine the characteristics of the type of pastor it needs to accomplish its goals and priorities. Only after doing this congregational self-study should the congregation normally proceed to the next step, which includes establishing a Pastor Nominating Committee and beginning the process of assessing pastoral candidates.

We need to take advantage of this time to reassess who we are and where we want to go. Every church goes through this process. The healthy ones heed the advice of the denomination and the Presbytery and take it, not slowly, but deliberately. Remember, God loves us and has a plan for us. As the Gospel said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how."

What does that mean for us? You're going to be hearing the word "discernment" a lot in the time ahead of us. Discernment may be described as a means to:

- recognize and acknowledge what God is doing and what God desires;
- see a situation from God's perspective;
- uncover, rather than make, a decision;
- listen to the Holy Spirit, who prays within and among us."

Discernment is the opposite of a debating process. We go into discernment with no restrictions on what the final outcome might be. We need to put aside our own desires and let the Spirit speak to us. Prayer is definitely a part of the discernment process. The PNC is going to have to match the zillions of resumes that come in with the requirements stated by the Session and go through their own discernment process. Candidates need to be interviewed, sermons need to be listened to, all of which ultimately results in a congregational vote. This isn't going to happen fast. We need to honor the process. We've gone through this process before. We're a more mature congregation (in all ways!) and we'll do an even better job than we did before. How do I know that? God loves us! Be patient! It's going to work out just fine!



In our
thoughts
& prayers

Multiplying Joys * Dividing Sorrows

- Nancy Pratt requests prayers for her mother, who has fallen twice this week and is in very fragile condition. She also requests prayers for Addie's babysitter, who lost one of her daycare children to SIDS.
- Prayers for Laura Monteith as she continues to heal. It was so good to have her in church today!
- Prayers for Judy Wisner as her foot continues to heal. May God give her strength.
- Marissa requests prayers for her grandmother, Jean Ellis, who is under hospice care.
- Continued prayers for Marilyn, Ralph LeVan's sister, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer and will begin chemotherapy.
- Prayer for Dublin Presbyterian Church as we say goodbye to Janice and enter the wilderness with an interim. May God bless us with good leadership and may we all step up to the plate and make Janice (and God) proud!

Fall Birthdays

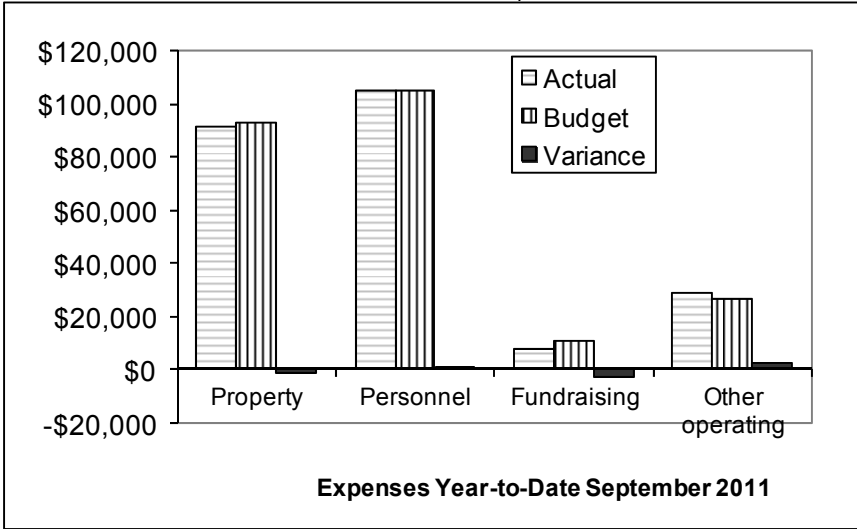
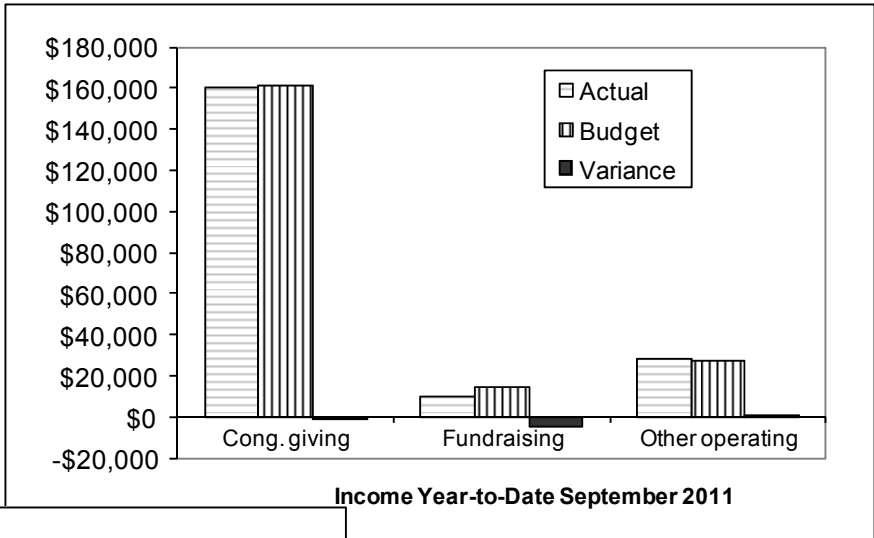


November 1	Paige Wilson
November 6	Karrie Williams
November 8	John Cunningham, Jon Altic &
November 8	Brooke Jenkins
November 9	Lauren Bomer
November 12	Jeff Lockard
November 13	Jason Hara & Sue Youngs
November 14	Ella Altic
November 16	Chris Coombs
November 17	Joey Miehls
November 19	Kristen McKenna
November 21	Eric Buck, Melissa Altic &
November 21	Judy Warehime
November 22	Linda Pease
November 24	Carter Spalding, Kristin Anspach
November 29	Joanne Goza
November 30	Richard Troxell & Jordan Jolly



Record of Our Faithfulness
Year To Date Through August 2011
Excluding Bright Hope for Tomorrow Campaign

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
INCOME			
Cong. giving	\$ 160,368	\$ 161,010	\$ (642)
Fundraising	10,205	14,673	(4,468)
Other operating	28,152	27,173	979
TOTAL INCOME	198,725	202,856	(4,131)
EXPENSES			
Property	91,964	93,478	(1,514)
Personnel	105,574	105,034	540
Fundraising	7,683	10,800	(3,117)
Other operating	29,200	26,992	2,208
TOTAL EXPENSES	234,422	236,304	(1,882)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ (35,696)	\$ (33,448)	\$ (2,248)



Detailed financial statements can be found in the kiosk.

The Coming of Christmas

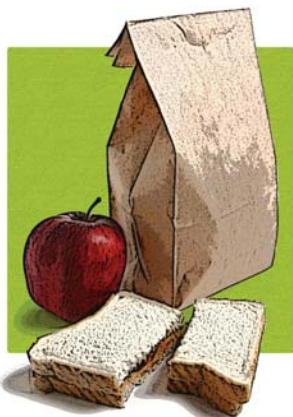
The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming". The Advent season is a special time as Christians wait and prepare for the coming of the Lord, Jesus whose birth we celebrate on Christmas. Though in the past, Advent was more of a time of prayer and confession. Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before December 25 and each of the four Sunday's of Advent has a special meaning or emphasis.

The colors of the Advent season are usually purple or gold. The purple color is often used on the hangings around the church or the vestments of the minister. The primary symbol of the season is the Advent Wreath. The wreath is made up of two basic parts: the wreath itself is made of evergreen (it can be real or artificial) and the candles. The evergreen was chosen because it symbolizes growth and everlasting life, while the circular shape of the wreath represents eternity, for it has no beginning and no end.

There are four Advent candles, which represent the four weeks of preparation. On the fourth Sunday before Christmas (the first Sunday of Advent), the first Advent candle is lit and a short prayer is said. As each week passes another candle is lit and we are reminded of the growing light of Christ's presence. The four advent candles are generally purple, though sometimes one candle is pink or rose. Each candle also has a special meaning. The first purple candle represents hope. The second purple candle: stands for love. Third candle, sometimes pink or rose, represents joy and the fourth purple candle symbolizes peace. On Christmas Eve, a fifth candle is lit representing the light of Christ. This candle is white and is called the Christ Candle.

May the blessings and light of hope; love; joy; and peace be with you this advent season and throughout the upcoming year, just as the light of Christ is with each of us forever.

The DPC Worship Committee



Open Shelter Lunches:

Our next date to provide lunches for the homeless in Columbus will be Wednesday November 30th. The Connections Center has a sign up sheet for donations of Capri Sun drink pouches, chips, granola bars etc. We are asking that you have your donations to church by SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20. (this is the Sunday immediately before Thanksgiving). PLEASE PUT YOUR DONATIONS IN MARKED LOCATIONS BEHIND THE CONNECTIONS CENTER.

We will pack the non-perishables on Sunday November 27th immediately after church. The sandwiches will be made on Tuesday November 29th at 6:45 p.m. at church. The mission committee thanks you all for your continued support for this project.

FYI (FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT)

November 6, 3-7 PM...Cook Dinner for the folks at Ronald McDonald House.

Meet at the church to cook in our kitchen at 3:00 PM. Then around 5 PM our group will head down to the Ronald McDonald House to serve the dinner. We will return by 7:30 PM at latest, possibly by 7 PM. Adult assistance is needed for cooking and supervising and driving. Call Barb Blanke for details and to RSVP.

November 13, 6:30 – 8 PM...ABC's Game Night.

Bring a friend and come to the church to hang out and play games – Apples to Apples, or Bunko, or Card games. We can just hang out and talk and eat and play and have a fun time. Bring snacks to share – and other games if you wish! Please RSVP.

November 20, 6:30 – 8:30 PM – A CHANGE of TIME and PLANS!

TONIGHT WE WATCH a MOVIE! Have you seen Soul Surfer? Other movies might be an option too. If we have Hilliard Youth in attendance, we will go to Hilliard Presbyterian Church to watch the film and eat snacks and discuss the movie. If we only have Dublin youth, then we will stay at DPC. Friends are welcome; remember to RSVP! Bring snacks to share!!!



LOGOS Is On Board the S.S. Steward Ship

As the passengers sail each Tuesday afternoon from one port of call to another, they are learning about stewardship and serving. At the first port of call the children uncovered a Pirate's treasure chest and discovered the power possessions have on each of us – leaving us wanting more. In the second letter to the Corinthians, we learn that God loves a cheerful giver, and we take a new look at possessions and who is really the owner of all things.

During the next few weeks the children of Logos will concentrate on a money management project where they will learn about earning money for "spending", for "saving" and "giving". As they set aside their tithing and gifts, the plan is for the collected monies to go toward the Habitat for Humanity House connected with the Dublin Partnership. Each week as the gifts are collected and counted, the children will watch a bird house be constructed as a visual representation of the Habitat House materials coming together.

In support of this project with and for our children, the church is invited to also support the Habitat House Dublin Partnership. **If you would like to be a role model for the children watch for ways you can contribute to their project on a Sunday morning or a Tuesday afternoon. Show our children cheerful givers who make the effort to "give" a portion of their hard earned money to the service of God...and watch the birdhouse take shape!**

From one mate to another, don't be a Scallywag; be a Cheerful Giver!

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!



AMAZON SUPPORTS DUBLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH !!

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.

This Year’s Christmas Pageant is Coming Soon...

AARON (AND AGNES-- OR JUST AGNES) THE ALLERGIC SHEPHERD: A satisfying story set in Bethlehem about a shepherd and/or shepherdess with issues that get addressed and solved very nicely; there are narrator hosts, a choir of talking angels and shepherds, and parts (both speaking and non-speaking) for all interested children. There are also bell parts—maybe youth choir...

DATE OF PAGEANT: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011 during the 10:30 am worship service. There will be a costumed practice during Sunday School time instead of the regular Sunday School program

PRACTICE DATES and TIMES (ALL AFTER CHURCH):

- Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011
- Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011
- Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011
- Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011 (Dress Rehearsal)

*NO practice over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend
SCRIPTS AND MUSIC CDS WILL BE PASSED OUT AT THE NOV. 6TH PRACTICE



NEWS TO NOTE:

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!



The next book club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th, 11:00AM at Panera Bread. We will be reviewing Winter Sea by Susanna Kearsley. It should be a fun book to discuss. Hope to see all of you then.

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.



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.



November 2011

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27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 30 - Nov 5	Oct 30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5
			4:30pm 6:30pm LOGOS 7:30pm 9:00pm Choir Practice	9:00am 10:30am Finance Meeting 7:00pm 8:00pm Special Session Meeting	Max & Erma's Fundrais 10:30am 11:45am Yoga (Narthex)	6:30pm 7:30pm McWilliams/Deets Rehearsal	3:00pm 4:30pm McWilliams/Deets Wedding
Nov 6 - 12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	11:30am 12:30pm Pageant practice	12:30pm 2:30pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm 8:30pm Worship Committee Mtg.	9:30am 10:30am Newsletter Meeting 4:30pm 6:30pm LOGOS 7:30pm 9:00pm Choir Practice	11:30am 1:00pm Book Club (Panera)	10:30am 11:45am Yoga (Narthex)		
Nov 13 - 19	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Nov 20 - 26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Nov 27 - Dec 3	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3
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DPCONNECTS

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov. 3: Max & Erma's Night Out
- Nov. 6: TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS!
- Nov. 11: Every Other Month Book Group
- Nov. 20: Christ the King Sunday, we will Celebrate Communion
- Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 4: Family Advent Night
- Dec. 12: Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service and Recital Prelude
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day**