

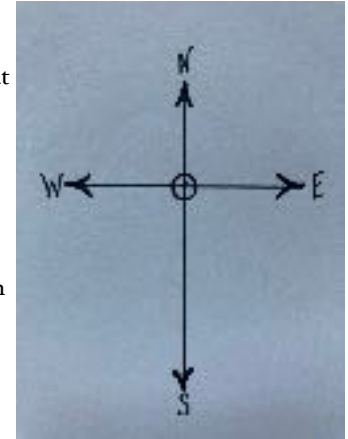
JUNE 2021

# THE GOOD News



## The Invisible Work of Our Church

Some of the work of our church is visible and tangible, like the Sunday service, Sunday School, gifts for children at Christmas, and the Church Suppers. But there is other work of the church that is positively affecting the greater community of the Monadnock Region that is not so obvious. It is through your support of the church that this work is accomplished, so I'd like to share with you about two local initiatives, one to the east of Dublin and one to the west.



On the western horizon, the Monadnock Interfaith Project is a growing community of faith leaders who are interested in forming a collective voice for positive change in our region. We are studying initiatives in other communities where congregations and synagogues joined together to facilitate major changes in social systems like schools and housing. There are eleven faith communities represented and we are just beginning to identify the most major needs, so stay tuned and I will keep you updated.

On the eastern front is a new initiative focused on housing. The Eastern Monadnock Housing Security Coalition includes social workers, town administrators, and clergy who are committed to addressing the housing crisis in our region. With the skyrocketing housing market, many rentals are being sold and the lack of adequate housing is mounting into a crisis.

The need for emergency housing (anywhere from one night to three months) while transitional housing becomes available was identified as the most urgent need. An adequate space in the Quaker Meeting House was identified and our church joined together with St. James Episcopal Church in Peterborough to buy materials to renovate the space into emergency housing. Voluntary labor will transform the space into a safe haven for individuals and families in immediate crisis.

Friends, I thank you for empowering me to represent our church in these initiatives.

In service, with devotion —

*Traceymay*

***“But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.” — 1 John 3: 17-18***

### Visit [DublinChurch.org](http://DublinChurch.org)

All Dublin Community Church sermons, music, and fabulous Sunday school offerings for the children (ages 1-100+) can be found in text and voice at [facebook.com/Dublin-Community-Church-47439349395](https://www.facebook.com/Dublin-Community-Church-47439349395). There you can find our live-stream link for the 10:30 Sunday Service and so much more. Music opens at 10:15 am, as the candles are lit in church.

All are welcome to join Scripture Discussion in a Zoom meeting, every third Saturday at 8:30 am.

Please call for the Zoom link.

### TAKE-OUT COMMUNITY SUPPER FOR ALL

On Tuesday, June 22, the Outreach Committee is offering a free Community Take-out Supper. Pickup is at 5:30 pm. It will include roast pork loin, mac n' cheese, applesauce, green beans, and dessert. Reservations are required.

Please call Laurie Jameson at 876-5003 by Friday, June 18, to reserve a meal and give her your phone number. You will be given directions when you call for a reservation.

### The Dublin Community Church: An Open & Affirming Church

*“We, the people of the Dublin Community Church, gather together in love and tolerance to seek through prayer, worship, study, and fellowship to respond faithfully to God's Word, so that, edified and empowered by the spirit of a loving God, we will grow in faith in order to serve God and witness to our community through acts of love, compassion, and healing.”*

MESSAGE FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Rosamond Cady

I have a very active habit of copying and pasting. When I find inspiring words in, let's say, a daily devotional, I copy and paste them into various folders. I moved the following words into my Christian Education *Good News* folder a few weeks ago; unfortunately, I neglected to give credit where credit is due, so I don't know where these words originated from. But they pose most important questions for us to ponder:



“What lessons have we learned during this COVID-19 journey about what it means to be church? The desire to be back together in person is just the beginning. What has been revealed to us about what we were missing? What plans do we have in exercising our reclaimed power as a collective? How are we going to show up as hope and light, anew? What is God calling us to next?”

I believe that asking questions is one of the most fundamentally important part of Christian education –

for children of all ages.

Children's Sunday is on June 13. There certainly is a possibility of a need for a rain/black-fly date, but that will be determined as the time gets closer. Things are changing so rapidly that the date, Cross and Crown award pins, and begonias are the only details I am sure of! The fact that the pandemic has not canceled this most important of days – not last year, not this year – says a very great deal about who we are as a church.

As we look forward to having our Sunday School housed in the sacred new space in the Community Center, we must remember that the tradition of celebrating our children is exactly where our church's steadfast focus has always been. Can we do it better? Let's explore that together as we exercise our reclaimed power as a collective!

Love,  
*Yummy*

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

When this issue of the *Good News* lands in your mail boxes, our beautiful steeple will have been repaired and shining brightly – a beacon for all. Thanks to the many who have so generously contributed to this effort. And special thanks to Brian Barden. This painting project was not without significant unexpected challenges; but thanks to the willing service and expansive expertise of Brian, those challenges were resolved.



The newest thing on the Trustees agenda has been moving forward in an attempt to revitalize the DCC website. We would like to acknowledge and thank Phil Gammons for his dedicated service; he volunteered a couple years ago to help manage our site by posting Traceymay's sermons and adding important

upcoming notices. As of 1/1/2021, Phil was suddenly unable to post the sermons; he has worked tirelessly with our web host to resolve the issue, to no avail. He recently suggested to the Trustees the possible need of a major overhaul, noting that the technology is much more advanced in both website hosting and design since our site launched a number of years ago.

We are blessed to have members of our board who are tech-savvy; Phil's gentle nudge is yielding enthusiastic results. A timeline for when the proper changes need to occur is being worked out; keeping our congregation informed of the changes is paramount. Included in

all this will be training for Phil and Wendy.

We hope to showcase our beloved Church in a new website by Fall.

MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDS — Rosemary Wolpe

I promised that I would talk about the similarities I notice between Traceymay and Mr. Rogers. So before we Stewards take our summer rest, I will list but a few of the most obvious traits.

There is the gentle manner, kind voice, permanent smile lines, and their practice of repeating important messages in simple words. There is also their fashion sense of muted colors, practical shoes and, for the lack of a better word, a-DCC-rummage-sale-casual-elegance.

Now I want to venture into a more profound resemblance. You see, I believe Fred Rogers had a compelling sense of himself as a spiritual being whose purpose in life was both as a searcher and a teacher of truths.

So when Traceymay, a teacher herself, bubbled up from our ranks to step into the role as our minister, it was about the same time all these movies were being made about the virtues of Fred Rogers. It was hard for me not to see her as a bit like our own Mr. Rogers. And, like Mr. Rogers, she draws us in with her storytelling and her history and science lessons as she makes sense of biblical text and the teachings of Christ.



Traceymay just has a way of making us feel good about ourselves and, in turn, others.

**Baha'is Host Dawn Prayers on Zoom**

Dear friends, please join us as we start our days by turning our thoughts to the Source of Divine Energy. Every morning at 7 AM for the past few weeks, the Baha'is of the Monadnock Region have been hosting dawn prayers (well, not exactly dawn...). They last for 20 minutes.

Participants have found it so calming and strengthening that several Dublin residents, including Traceymay, were in favor of continuing and expanding this offering to the Dublin Community Church.

So we'd like to welcome you to log onto our Zoom gathering whenever your schedule allows. You may use the link shown below, or text/email Ruthie for the link to be sent to your email. This is a recurring meeting, which means you can use the same link every time.

We hope you will consider helping blanket our beautiful region with the love and light of peace and unity, through prayer. Prayers and meditations from all major world religions are welcomed, as is silent participation.

Call or text Phil & Ruthie Gammons at 603-831-0510.  
 Zoom Meeting: [https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82986118071?](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82986118071?pwd=V2VhT0ZybWVlJd3UyQVNMZHNmZz09)  
 Meeting ID: 829 8611 8071 Passcode: 738209



**MESSAGE FROM THE CARING COMMITTEE — Margaret Flick**

Charlotte Boutwell (1927-2021) was a proud member of the Dublin Community Church, a resident of Dublin, and a friend to many people. She loved her family, her cat, and her beautiful flower gardens.

A burial service will be held June 26, 2021 at Pine Grove Cemetery on Sunapee Street in Newport, NH, at 1 pm, where Charlotte will be buried next to her husband, Jeffrey Boutwell.

Cards of condolences and memories of time spent Charlotte may be sent to Alan and Linda Holmes, 1381 Lostnation Rd., Groveton, NH 03582.

**MESSAGE FROM DEACONS — May Clark**

It has been so wonderful to be outdoors for the last two Sunday services! Getting to be in the same space with everyone, looking up at the sky and trees, oh, it's just heavenly. We will be driven back to Zoom this week (as I write this on May 15) by the black flies, but maybe they will be gone by the 23rd. So much to look forward to. The Deacons have been planning for Traceymay's vacation in August. We are happy to announce the scheduled speakers:

- August 8: Bob Kyte
- August 15: Speaker from the annual Baha'i celebration
- August 22: Tim Clark & August 29: Yummy Cady

We plan to have these services outside in the garden, weather permitting. Services will also still be live-streamed. We hope to see everyone while Traceymay is enjoying her well-deserved vacation! It's a great opportunity to hear some other perspectives.



**OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT**

*“As people of faith, we believe that God’s love is for everyone.*

*We honor human relationships that are based on love, responsibility, mutual respect, trust and fidelity.*

*We embrace each person’s uniqueness.*

*We welcome and support all people equally regardless of marital, social or economic status, race, ability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, age or religious affiliation.*

*Therefore, as an Open and Affirming congregation, we invite all persons to join in the full life and ministry of the church and to share its joys, privileges and responsibilities.*

*Knowing that this commitment poses a spiritual challenge, we encourage each other to accept God’s call to love our neighbors as ourselves.”*

*— Adopted by the Congregation in 2005 —*

**MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS**

	<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Lift</i>
June 6 -	May Clark	Rosemary Weidner	Libby Haddock	Tim Clark
June 13 -	Steffie Kyte	Katharine Fox	Sally Hoover	May Clark
June 20 -	Janice Moore	Tim Conrow	Laurie Jameson	TBA
June 27 -	Margaret Flick	Phil Gammons	Penny Smith	TBA



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>June 2021</b>						
<p>Photos from the Garden Fest. All the Sunday school children came at the same time to blow bubbles and draw with chalk.</p> 		1	2 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	3 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	4 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	5 Hub: Cosy Sheridan concert 6:30 pm in Garden Sanctuary
6 Worship: Garden Sanctuary 10:30, Hub: Song Circle 3 pm	7		9 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	10 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	11 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	12
13 Worship: Garden Sanctuary 10:30, Children's Sunday; Trustees meet at noon	14 Church Open 2-5 pm	15 Hub: Community Lunch 12-1pm in Garden Sanctuary	16 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	17 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	18 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	19 Scripture Discussion 8:30-10 am, Zoom link
20 Worship: Garden Sanctuary 10:30, weather permitting	21 Church Open 2-5 pm	22 Community Church Supper: Take Out 5:30 pm, call Laurie	23 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	24 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	25 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	26
27 Worship: Garden Sanctuary 10:30, Hub: Open Stage 3 pm in Garden Sanctuary	28 Church Open 2-5 pm	29	30 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm			

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