

THE GOOD News

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Looking vs. Seeing

This morning I read in the *Christian Century* magazine the following story:

A Rabbi asked his students, “How do you know when night is over and the day has dawned? It is when you can look into the face of any man or woman and see there the face of your brother or sister; if you cannot do that, no matter how bright it is, you are still in the night.”

Two weeks ago, standing along 101 for the Saturday Vigil focused on human rights and racial equality, a car slowed down and stopped right in front of me, a line of traffic backed up behind it. I should have been alarmed as the driver leaned over and asked me a question, “You know what I hate?” I said, “No.” The driver said, “I hate black people.”

Before I tell you the rest of the story, I must point out that I really should not have said anything back to him because the code of conduct in non-violence is to not engage. So, I broke it, and broke it even further, as you will see. To the confession of hate, and absolutely without thinking, I replied, as the car began to roll, “I love you anyway.”

It really helped that I was standing right there in front of our church. I had the home turf advantage. The critical factor, though, was the tone in the driver’s voice. It was not as bitter as one may imagine; there was a distinct tone of what I can only call desperation and maybe even pain. That is what allowed me to respond in that way. And I meant it (believe me, I have analyzed this over and over). I don’t want to let someone’s opinions cloud my vision. Jesus’s ministry centered on not just looking and judging, but on really seeing and then healing the hurt.

The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the Lord has made them both. — Proverbs 20:12

— Traceymay



Each year, a large number of mums mysteriously show up on the front steps of the Dublin Community Church. Some kind soul has been gifting them to our church for years. Everyone is most appreciative.

DCC Is Online in a Big Way

The Dublin Community Church can be found online at www.DublinChurch.org, and has been for some time. This summer, we upped our game.

On our Church’s facebook page at facebook.com/Dublin-Community-Church-47439349395, each sermon all summer was recorded on youtube and can be viewed online as it was delivered.

Do visit to see what Church is about, or just to refresh your memory of an earlier sermon. You can also join Bible Study in a zoom meeting. Check the calendar.

All are welcome.

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

Our 2020-2021 Sunday School Year began virtually on September 13. I have so far created two videos, which are posted on the DCC Facebook page. It is weird, crazy, fun, and, sometimes, heartbreaking... it has been very difficult to be separated from our church family for so long. But I must admit that I enjoyed learning how to provide what I hope is engaged faith formation for our children. I do feel very connected as I speak directly to each one of them, even if it is virtually.

On August 23, Christian Ed partnered with our friends in Harrisville to provide a Hundred Night's Shelter Meal. We called it the Second Annual Pandemic Indoor Picnic! We had an end of the summer indoor picnic last year with hot dogs, potato salad, beans, Margot Close's amazing green salad, chips, cookies, watermelon slices, and lemonade – and our Shelter friends loved it! So, we did it again – exactly the same! Well, sort of — both this August meal, as well as the one we provided last



A recent concert held at the Garden Sanctuary sponsored by our church and the Community Center drew 70 people. It was well worth it.

Photo courtesy the Hub

May, were drop-off only; we are not allowed to enter the Center to serve the meal and catch up with friends. This is a wonderful, wonderful mission for our two churches to be involved in.

I need to sing the praises of our lovely Garden Sanctuary once more! Many events and gatherings happened there throughout the summer, and now, while the weather holds, it will be our Worship Sanctuary.

Nancy Cayford was a member of our Christian Education Board when, at our Annual Meeting in January 2017, she enlightened us with her vision of how the grown-over expanse of land behind the horse sheds could be transformed. Bless you, Nancy, for your bold dream, and thank you for all the hard work, time, and treasure that both you and Phil have put into it. It

has become our sacred safe place of refuge in these uncertain times.

Love,

Yummy

The Dublin Community Church owns and maintains the Garden Sanctuary for the pleasure of the public. There are fees for certain events. Please call the church office for details at 563-8139.

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

Sometime in early summer, the Dublin Police camera recorded a woman drive into the church driveway, park in front of the Community Center and get a mask from the clothes rack in front of the door. She got back into her car, backed up with her car headed towards Route 101, and then drove right over the rock wall and flower garden...and off towards Keene! The recording wasn't clear enough to get a reading of her license plate, but at least we found out how the wall got damaged. This portion of rock wall and the garden below are DCC property. A lot of people gathered each Saturday at noon this summer to stand in solidarity for social justice; the area very near the top of this rock wall was a favorite place for some to stand – literally and figuratively! Safety became an issue.

The Board of Trustees have held many email meetings since March. In July Phil Cayford suggested to all board members that we should consider asking John Sandri of Broadfork to repair the wall, citing the need of professional expertise; both discussion and vote ensued, and it was unanimously decided to ask John to do this necessary work. John's brother, Ben, came the first week of August and did a wonderful job putting the wall back together. A most grateful church thanks these brothers for doing this work at no charge – if you see one of them, be sure to thank him for their kind generosity.

Most recently, the Trustees had an email meeting to address a request to use the Church Hall each Monday evening. It was decided that we would hold off on opening the church to outside use until our congregation can come together for indoor worship. We must have great faith and patience as we wait for that blessed day.

MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for flowers on the altar and Coffee Hour.

	<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Lift</i>	<i>Flowers / Coffee Hour</i>
October 4 –	Margaret Flick	Steffie Kyte	—TBA—	May Clark	
October 11 –	Jill Meissner-Fischman	Tom Blodgett	Art Flick	Bruce Fox	
October 18 –	Hilary Dillen	Nancy Cayford	Bruce Fox	Art Flick	
October 25 –	Beth Karlicek	May Clark	Phil & Ruthie Gammons	Frances May	

MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDS — May Clark

The Stewards want to send our thoughts and prayers to all of you, especially because it has been such a long time since we were able to be together. By the time you read this, we will have met twice to plan the Annual Pledge Campaign, and it is going to be great.

We don't know yet whether it will be virtual or live. Looking at how things stand today, we think virtual is more likely, but we are planning for both ways, just in case. Our Sunday School kids and families will help, and we will begin looking for our mission speakers shortly.

The campaign will kick off on October 25, and run through November 22. We hope to host a live, outdoor coffee hour gathering on October 11, with a rain date of October 18, just to have a chance to lay eyes on each other and wish each other well in a relaxed setting, with coffee and goodies, individually wrapped, of course!

Stay tuned for more news on this important campaign!

MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS — Tim Clark

Finding May in college was a blessing in so many ways. Just one of them is this: I was the world's most inept date. Here's an example.

The first time I took a girl out was in my freshman year, 1968. I took her on a mystery trip on the Boston subway. We went to Revere Beach, which might have been a good choice in the summer, but not on a cold night in November, long after all the attractions had closed. We were the only ones there. Then, shouting to be heard over the roar of jets approaching Logan Airport, I recited Matthew Arnold's "Dover Beach," possibly the most depressing poem ever written. Here is its final stanza:

*"Ah love, let us be true
To one another, for the world, which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So beautiful, so various, so new,
Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain;
And we are here as on a darkling plain,
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,
Where ignorant armies clash by night."*

How's that for romantic? That girl and I are still friends, and she still teases me about that date.

I bring it up because the poem certainly captures some of the anxiety and gloom we are feeling this fall amid pandemic, economic recession, and political conflict. And that, I believe, makes this the time we must turn to the church, and to each other for joy, love, light, certitude, peace, and help for pain. By the time you read this, I hope we will have held our first services in months, and I hope they will continue until, somehow, we find our way back to something like normal life. We won't be able to go indoors for a while yet; the choir can't sing, and we can't give each other hugs. But we will be together in spirit. So let us be true to one another.

MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH — June Brening

The Dublin Community Church Cookbook, *Beautiful Soup* (at right), is going back to print. When you buy one, you help a neighbor in need at the same time. It will be ready in time for Christmas gifts. Cookbooks cost \$15 each. All proceeds from the sale of books will go to help those in need in the community. Soon to be available at the Dublin General Store.

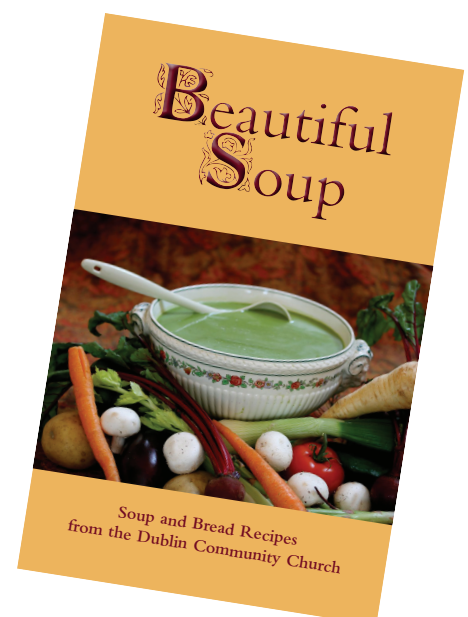
Community Supper To Go! at the Dublin Community Church

On Tuesday, October 27, the Church offers a take-out meal. The menu is baked ham, baked potatoes, green beans, and cookies.





To reserve your dinner(s), please call June at 563-8467 by October 22. This way we will have an idea of the number of dinners to plan on. Anyone interested in contributing to this menu (except for the ham), call June.



All neighboring town residents are invited, as well as townspeople. We welcome all and serve food that children love.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2020						
September 27: outdoor service 10:30 in the Garden Sanctuary				1	2	3 Bible Study 
6 Garden Sanctuary Service, best time TBA	5 	6			9 	10
11 Garden Sanctuary Service (time TBA) Coffee Hour outdoors following						
18 Garden Sanctuary Service (time TBA) raindate for outdoor Coffee Hour			21	22		
25 Garden Sanctuary Service (time TBA); Pledge Campaign thru Nov. 22	26	27 Community Supper Take Out 5:30-6:30	28	29	30	31

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