

# THE GOOD News

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You can also join Bible Study in a Zoom meeting. Check the calendar for dates and times.

All are always welcome.

## The Work of Angels

What an apt title we have for our newsletter, "The Good News." When Jesus began his ministry in Galilee, following his baptism in the Jordan River and then 40 days of fasting in the wilderness, he announced, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, find your purpose and believe the good news" (our scripture reading from January 24).

The Greek word for "good news" is *euangelio*, also translated as gospel. In the Greek *euangelio*, *eu* means "well" and *angeli* means "to announce." We see our modern word, evangel, in there; evangel is defined as one who shares the good news. I love that the word "angel" makes up most of the word. I believe we are surrounded by angels, and when I think about our beloved church, I'm convinced of it.

I grew up in a large southern Baptist church (hundreds of people on Sunday mornings and services Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings, too). Even after all that, I really had no idea how many people and how many works are required to pull off this endeavor we call the church.

Our recent live-streamed Annual Meeting highlighted how our church has been central in the community during this year of pandemic and social change. Your support of the church has made it so.

I am humbled, I am thankful, and I know I am in the presence of **evangels**. We share the good news of God's love in a myriad of ways, so consider this a valentine to you and to our entire church family.

May we continue to generate lovingkindness for our world in all we think, say, and do. Amen.

— Traceymay



***Ash Wednesday is February 17.***

***Open Sanctuary for candlelit silence from 6 to 8 pm, with a blessing of ashes if you wish.***

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

The addition of the dedicated Sunday School space to the back of the Community Center is nearly completed. And it is absolutely beautiful. Construction began in early September, and by the end of the month the installation of the outer walls of rigid, rust-colored insulating material had been completed. It was at that point Greg Pease, the kind, capable man in charge of the construction, spoke to Traceymay about the possibility of having the Sunday School kids write messages on the wall – a bit of a twist on the more familiar “hand prints in the cement” that we are all familiar with in marking new construction. That was the initial invitation that Traceymay sent out to the congregation, providing a basket of Sharpies for use. The timing could not have been more perfect – we began meeting in person for the first time since mid-March on September 27th in the Garden Sanctuary. Over the next several Sundays everyone was invited to

write a message on the wall, fully aware that it would eventually be covered with siding - but with the added excitement of writing words that would be uncovered years and years from now! An archeological treasure trove! Many folks scripted their blessings onto the wall.

When I pulled into the Church parking lot last Thursday (1/14), I was unprepared for my reaction. From where I was parked, the addition looked completed – I was overwhelmed. With Joy. Gratitude. Awe. Peace. Love. I did not see the many, many loving, heart-felt words of blessings as having been “covered over.” What I saw was a beautiful, sacred space “covered” with blessings.

We pray that our children’s voices will fill that space soon. Thanks be to God.



Love,  
*Yummy*

MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS — Tim Clark

This will be my last report for a while, as I take my mandatory one-year break from the Board of Deacons after three consecutive terms. So I’m going to wander into the snowy fields for a change.

As we all know, February 2nd is Groundhog Day, when our furry friends (also known as marmots or “whistle pigs”) emerge from their winter dens to appear on TV shows. That’s because folklore says that if they see their shadows, they will be frightened and run back inside for six more weeks of winter.

And although it seems a logical inference, no folklore I know of says that if they don’t see their shadows, spring has arrived. I think that’s key to

understanding why this myth has continued to be told for so many years. The underlying truth here is that sunny weather in early February should never be mistaken for spring. The wise farmer knows that planting too early is far riskier than planting too late. Planting too late may mean a smaller crop; planting too early may mean no crop at all.

I think there’s a similar lesson in our current pandemic. It’s great news that we have some effective vaccines against COVID-19, but we have to keep our guard up: wear the masks, keep your social distance, wash your hands. A sunny morning in February is cause for hope, but it’s not spring.

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees has been busy crafting the 2021 Budget and working out the logistics and minute details of a virtual Annual Meeting. By the time this reaches you, our Annual Meeting will be history – remarkable history. The very fact that the meeting happened at all is a testament to dedication, hard work, adaptability and dogged determination by so many within our church community to try to keep things as normal as possible during these isolating times. And although attending an Annual Meeting in our individual homes, looking at a computer screen, can hardly be called “normal,” the content of the meeting did, in fact, follow normal proceedings. As did the spirit. The one thing missing was the genuine fellowship that bonds us together when we sit together and share our traditional delicious pot luck luncheon. Next year!

MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

	<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Lift</i>	<i>Flowers / Coffee Hour</i>
2/7 –	Janice Moore	Julie Rizzo	June Brening	Bill Goodwin	
2/14 –	May Clark	Bob Kyte	Nancy Cayford	Laurie Jameson	
2/21 –	TBA	TBA	May Clark	June Brening	
2/28 –	TBA	Steffie Kyte	Margot Close	Brian Barden	



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 MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDS — May Clark
 

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The final results of the annual campaign are wonderful! Thank you, everyone, for your participation. If you haven't sent in your pledge yet, don't despair! We will still accept it happily. We raised \$89,970 in pledges, and \$3,400 in donations. Thank you so much!

The DCC Annual Meeting, on January 24, marks quite a bit of turnover on the Stewards Board. Nancy Jackson and I (May Clark) will be leaving the Board, as we have finished six years. The new stewards joining Jeanne Sterling, Barbara Summers, and Bob Kyte are June Brening, Rosemary Wolpe, and Karen Conrow.

Please welcome them as they take on this important work for the church. A big thank you goes to Nancy Jackson for all her help, and, once again, thanks to all of you for the support you have given me and the rest of the Stewards over the past six years.

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 MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH — Penny Smith
 

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The Dublin Community Church Cookbook, *Beautiful Soup*, is still available for sale at the Dublin General Store and Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough. You can also contact an Outreach member. The cost is \$15. All proceeds help our neighbors in need.

We plan to resume our Community Supper in March (fourth Tuesday) and we continue to collect donations on the third Sunday of each month for the Food Pantry. Checks should be written to Dublin Community Church with Food Pantry in the memo section.

Outreach continues to make deliveries to the Hundred Nights Shelter. There is a needs list (foods and clothing) posted above the donation note in the side entry of the church. You can also visit their website at [hundrednightsinc.org/help-us/wish-list](http://hundrednightsinc.org/help-us/wish-list) to see what else they may need.

Thank you for all your contributions from the Board of Outreach: June Brening, Penny Smith, Jim & Ellen Bingham, Kirsten Colantino, Tim Conrow, Laurie Jameson, Maureen Hulslander and Sally Hoover.

*Community Suppers To Go will begin in March, and continue each month thereafter, on fourth Tuesdays.*

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 MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC — Tom Martin
 

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For upcoming preludes I will be exploring the music from Leopold Mozart's *Notebook for Wolfgang*, a collection of studies for the young pianist assembled by his father and teacher, Leopold. Leopold also 'managed' the early career of Wolfgang, trotting him about Europe to show off the young prodigy's pianistic brilliance.

From the very young age of 6, Wolfgang was a professional performer, attaining rock-star status before his untimely death at age 35.

He was one of seven children, although only he and his older sister, Maria Anna ('Nannerl'), survived childhood. Wolfgang began composing for clavichord, a keyboard instrument related to piano, at age 5. He composed his first symphony at age 8.

In 1770, while in Rome at the Vatican, Wolfgang heard a choral composition of Gregorio Allegri, *Miserere*, the only written copies of which were the sole property of the Vatican. Upon hearing it once, he returned to his lodging and wrote the entire composition from memory. He was 14 at the time.

In his career, Wolfgang composed 48 symphonies (multi-movement composition for orchestra); 36 violin sonatas; 27 piano concertos (multi-movement composition for solo piano - movements of which I have played as postludes); several violin concertos for violin, horn, various solo woodwinds, string quartets and quintets; a plethora of various dance forms; 18 masses; oratorios and cantatas; a wide variety of various other sacred music forms; and 21 operas.

 OUR  
 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.*

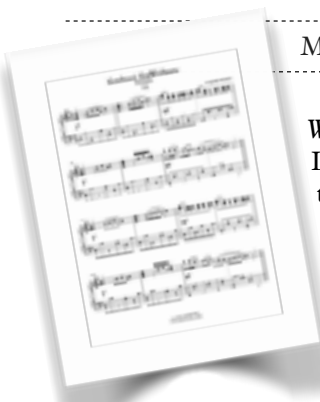
*We embrace each person's uniqueness.*

*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 —*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February 2021</b>						
	1 Church Open 2-5 pm	2	3 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	4 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	5 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	6
7 Service will be recorded indoors for online viewing	8 Church Open 2-5 pm 		10 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	11 Church Op 10 am to 3 pm 		
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21 Service will be recorded indoors for online viewing	22 Church Open 2-5 pm	23 Community Suppers ToGo (begin March on fourth Tuesdays)	24 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm 	25 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	26 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	27
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