

MAY 2021

THE GOOD News



For Everything

As I sit down to write this, I can feel my heart filling up with gratitude. After a string of violent events in our country over the past few weeks, I was not expecting this incoming wave of gratefulness, but as I sat and stilled and opened up in prayer, thoughts of our church community, thoughts of each of you, carried me (where? Above, beyond, below...?) to a place of peace, to a place of non-violence, to a place that feels a lot like home.

And then the words below echoed back from somewhere. The familiar words take on a new meaning in our current time, Friends. Please, I invite you to read them as if for the first time.



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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.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. —Ecclesiastes 3

There is a time and season for all things and I hope and pray that the time and season for us to gather again is close at hand. Please continue to take every precaution. Your life is sacred.

With devotion,
Traceymay

TAKE-OUT COMMUNITY DINNER FOR ALL

On Tuesday, May 25, the Outreach Committee is offering a free Community Take-out Dinner. 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, May 21, 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

May will be a busy month for our Christian Education Board. We will be co-hosting our quarterly Hundred Night's Shelter Meal with our friends at the Harrisville Church on Sunday evening, 5/16. It just can't be said enough times how wonderfully this partnership is working out, both with our sister church as well as with our many friends at the Shelter.



On **May 22**, we will lead our church's participation in the town's **Garden Fest** event. The Library, the Community Center, the Historical Society and the Church will each be offering something special to our community. The fest runs from 10 am to 1 pm. It all starts at the Library, which will be offering gardening books for sale, handing out vegetable and flower seeds, and offering expert advice on native plants and conservation. The Dublin Historical Society will be showcasing a display on Dublin's legendary garden

history and downspouts. The Community Center will serve hot dogs from 11 am to 1 pm, as musicians play in the Garden Sanctuary. And somewhere in all that fun, we will offer activities for children of all ages. Make-your-own pinwheels! Sidewalk chalk art! Creating horizontal blessing flags to be hung someplace special – maybe in front of the church! This will be a socially distanced event and masks will be recommended. Please do your part and pray for good weather!

Children's Sunday is scheduled for **June 13** – please put that important date on your calendars. We don't know yet what in-person worship will look like by the middle of June but, no matter where we meet, we will finally be gathering together with our precious children. Alleluia!

Love,
Yummy

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are moving forward in confidence and faith! – with the painting and repair of the steeple and belfry, as well as the west exterior wall of the church; a contract to repair and paint the two front columns of the church has been in place since late last fall.



Bids are in and we are excited to award the work on the columns and west wall to a local painter, and the steeple repair and painting, with the accompanying gigantic lift, has been awarded to Arch Painting, a most reliable company we have successfully used in the past.

snowstorm and subsequent power interruption.

The Trustees have embarked on a project of creating a central and easily accessible storage of important church "stuff." This dedicated storage file box will contain the following: paperwork/ instructions for all church equipment; written instructions for various important tasks that need to be routinely done to assure smooth operation of the church; written documentation of DCC policies and procedures; and an annual schedule of critical maintenance and overall upkeep of church property to assure smooth

Broadband services were installed by Consolidated on April 5th, along with accompanying power backup for the dedicated fire alarm phone line in case of power outages; that was successfully tested during our April

operation of all moving parts.

As we get deeper into this, we may find other hidden needs that we will add. This treasure trove of information will be kept in the Church Office.

ONE MORE THING FROM TRACEYMAY

Being a follower of Christ is a full-time job that should, in my opinion, influence every part of our lives. It is my hope and prayer for myself and for all of us that the teachings of Christ inform us in establishing and re-establishing the foundation of our belief systems. Our country was founded on such systems and the proper functioning of our democracy depends not only on our vote, but also on our communication with our elected representatives at every level of government.

To aid us in this exercise, I offer you these numbers for our Governor and representatives for House and Senate:

- Gov. Chris Sununu 603-271-2121
- Sen. Jeanne Shaheen 202-224-2841
- Sen. Maggie Hassan 202-224-3324
- Annie Kuster, House of Rep. 202-225-5206

I try to call to both thank them and to express my opinion (politely and clearly) on specific issues or pieces of legislation. Usually I get an answering machine. Office aids are required to listen and to record constituents' opinions. This never fails to bring me a sense of peace; I invite you to try it.

MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDS — Bob Kyte

If you look at our church steeple, you will see that attention is needed. Winters are rough on old buildings, especially in windy Dublin center. The Trustees are getting bids for repairs. Donations are needed for the Preservation Fund to cover the costs.

Church steeples are expensive to build and to restore. Frugal congregations often ask, "Why do we need them?" As lighthouses were for sailors, church steeples in New England were navigational landmarks for travelers. Find the church steeple and you will see your way home. We, too, orient ourselves when we see the church steeple as it lifts our eyes, hearts and faith.

As it was for our predecessors in the pews, our steeple guides us "home" to the church where we are taught to love God and one another. We need this landmark. Future generations will too. Please consider a gift to the Preservation Fund for repairs to our steeple.

MESSAGE FROM DEACONS — May Clark

When I was a kid and I couldn't sleep, my mom always suggested that I "think about the summer!" The Deacons are thinking about the summer. First, we'd like to invite anyone who is interested to take on a Sunday service during Traceymay's vacation, which will extend through four Sundays from August 8 - 29. Many people have volunteered over the years, and we've heard inspiring messages, read-alouds, and lots of singing for many August Sundays. If you would like to give it a try, please be in touch with a deacon or Traceymay.

Next, beginning May 2, we welcome you for in-person worship in the Garden Sanctuary whenever the weather conditions allow. The outdoor service will still be available to those who wish to remain home via live-stream over Facebook or over Zoom, depending on the internet capability. Traceymay and Tom will be consulting with one another about the weather conditions and Saturday's morning email will have the determination as to whether the service will be outside or live-streamed over Zoom.

Throughout the pandemic, we have been looking at the following two factors to make decisions about in-person worship indoors: positivity test rate and whether the number of cases are trending up or down. The CDC guidelines suggest a two-week downward trend and a positivity test rate of 3% or lower. The current numbers show cases are trending upwards in Cheshire and Hillsborough counties and a positivity test rate of 4.2%.

Thankfully, we have the option of gathering outside; it will be glorious! We have reviewed this proposal with the Church Council, and the members have agreed with our plans. So get ready! We will be face-to-face outdoors very soon!

Before and during the Rummage.

MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

	<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Reader</i>
May 2 -	Steffie Kyte	M. Gurney
May 9 -	Janice Moore	Betsey Harris
May 16 -	Margaret Flick	Rick MacMillen
May 23 -	Hilary Dillen	Frances May
May 30 -	Beth Karlicek	Bob Meissner

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
<h1>May 2021</h1>						
						
2 Worship in Garden Sanctuary 10:30, Deacons meet 9:30 am	3 Church Open 2-5 pm		5 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	6 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	7 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	
9 Worship in Garden Sanctuary 10:30, Mother's Day	10 Church Open 2-5 pm	11	12 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; Outreach meets via Zoom 5 pm	13 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	14 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	15 Scripture Discussion 8:30-10 am, Zoom link
16 Worship in Garden Sanctuary 10:30, Trustees meet	17 Church Open 2-5 pm	18	19 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	20 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	21 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	22 Garden Fest in Village 10 am - 1 pm; + fun for all on front church lawn
23 Worship in Garden Sanctuary 10:30,	24 Church Open 2-5 pm	25 Community Supper Take Out 5:30 pm	26 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm	27 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	28 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	29
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