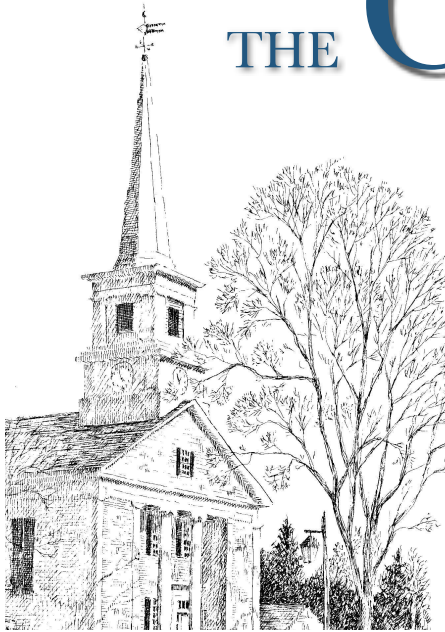


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THE GOOD News



An Anchorhold for Our Times

I keep telling myself, “Soon things will be better. We will get a handle on this pandemic. There will soon come a time when we can exhale and grieve because the worst of it will be behind us.” Sometimes it all seems so overwhelming; I imagine you, too, can relate.

Recently, I read a story about a survivor of a previous pandemic. Her name is Julian of Norwich and she lived in the 1300’s. Julian had survived the Black Death (the first wave of the bubonic plague pandemic) but most of her family had not survived. She fell ill at the age of 30 and during her illness she had 16 visions of Christ. Upon her recovery, she made a radical decision. Julian petitioned the church to enter the adjacent anchorhold and live the remainder of her days as an anchoress.



The anchorhold was an addition built onto the church. It was one room, roughly 12x15, where Julian would spend the remaining 43 years of her life. Julian had to secure funding to cover the expected expenses for food and the employment of someone to be her cook and laundress. Just before entering the anchorhold, Julian took a “vow of stability,” promising to physically remain in one place and to spiritually remain single-minded in her devotion to God.

When Julian entered the anchorhold, the doorway she passed through was walled in; she would interact with the world through the three windows, one on each remaining wall of the anchorage. One wall was shared in common with the church and through the window on that wall, Julian could observe daily church services and receive communion. Another window was reserved for the passing of personal needs. Dishes and chamber pots would go out; food and clean laundry would come in. The third window was open to the street. Through this window Julian interacted with her community, offering prayers, counsel, and an ever-present example of endurance and devotion.

These past few weeks, as the uncertainty and upset in our world threatens to eclipse the light of hope, I have often thought about the structure of Julian’s anchorhold. From within, Julian could direct her attention in three ways: to her basic physical necessities, to her spiritual nourishment and edification, and to service to her community.

I find solace in the elegant balance of such a perspective. I find a reminder that the window through which we receive our spiritual nourishment is a key part of the architecture of any balanced life. So, Friends, may our own windows be open to receive so that we may, in turn, face the challenges of our times with equanimity.

“All shall be well. And all shall be well. And all manner of things shall be exceeding well.”

— Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)

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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. 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.



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

Due to the rise in positivity rates and actual cases, our plans to hold monthly in-person Sunday School were sadly dashed. But on the 9/12 weekend of our traditional opening day of Sunday School, 25 of our children received hand-delivered Love Kits.



All together in a sandwich bag because these things are food for the soul, to be shared with others.

The blank note card included in the Love Kits inspired us to initiate what we hope to be a recurring event. At worship on 9/12, there was a basket of 25 blank note cards, each with the name, address and very brief bio of each of children attached. A

Each kit included the following: Rubber Band: To remind you of hugging, for those times you want to hold the world or someone else; Candy Kiss: You know what this reminds you of!; Tissues: To dry another's tears or to dry your own so you can see the tears of others; Warm Fuzzy: To bring gentle comfort when the world seems cold; Recipe: To make when you want to do something special to show you care; Blank Note Card: To write a letter to a friend or relative or someone you know who is lonely or sick; Band Aid: To remind you of healing, maybe hurt feelings of your own, or someone else's hurt; Poems: To help you know of God's love – for you, or to give away;

special time during worship was set aside for the congregation to rise together and choose a card to write a special love note to a child - an intergenerational connection to our physically absent children. All cards were taken . . . and we will be doing it again! As the instructions on the children's Love Kits stated: "The love in your heart wasn't put there to stay. Love isn't love until you give it away." Amen!

Love, Yummy



MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES — Rosamond Cady

In 2011 the Congregation voted to sell the Parsonage and, by mutual agreement, move our Sunday School into the Community Center when the sale occurred. It was on the market until June, 2017, when the Asbury family bought the property. Circumstances found it beneficial to both the Asbury's and the church for DCC to hold the mortgage for the first three, possibly four years. In July of this year, the church received payoff of the outstanding balance, which has been added to our invested funds.

In our new way of being the church, it has become increasingly evident that our services will be permanently live-streamed. In our rush to make this a reality many months ago, Tom Martin generously loaned nearly all of the equipment necessary to make that happen, and the Kalvaitis family iPad has been

loaned each Sunday to Zoom the service. The Trustees did some research this summer, and just voted to accept a proposal to install a complete video/streaming system that will serve us for many years. The worship experience for all those choosing to go to church in this new manner will be wonderfully enhanced.

The west wall of the church and the two front columns have been scraped, repaired, and painted by Rob Codman of Hancock. As time allows, he will be removing, repairing and painting each of the huge windows of the west side.

The two words that graced our DCC sign for so many months – Spread Love – has become the very heart of our faith community. Thank you, Church, for your generous and steady financial support that has made this all possible.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS — Beth Karlicek



Exploring our possible gathering places and style has been top of mind these last few months, and in September and October we're trying all forms. Outdoors to enjoy the beauty and space of our Sanctuary Garden, indoors if weather demands it, and virtual for those who find online the best fit. In all venues we continue as a church community. As winter approaches, we'll be evaluating where we will gather next.

MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDS — Rosemary Wolpe

Even after all these years, the cooler nights of autumn and the vibrant tree colors feel to me like the school bell that announces recess is over. It's a good thing because it's time to shop for new supplies, bring in the porch furniture, harvest the garden, and sit down at our desks again to take care of business matters.

Soon the days will be shorter and colder so we must take full advantage of this time to get a lot done before that long winter nap.

This is the busiest time of year for the stewards of the church because our job is to raise the funds necessary for the church to do all its good works for the next year.

I have always enjoyed the ways our church stewards have turned the campaign into a time of laughter and meaningful conversations. We hope we will not disappoint our congregants this fall. The fun (I mean annual campaign) kicks off on October 24.



Clear your calendar, make time for some meditation and important desk work. We are all in this together to make it better and we can't do it without you.

★ **The Rummage & Yard Sale is rescheduled for October 1 & 2!** ★

At left, our Director of Music Tom Martin breaks down his equipment after another successful outdoor worship service. He has been instrumental in keeping us singing and listening to selections that bear the gift of his experience with music for many years.

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 this Congregation in 2005 —

MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Lift</i>
October 3 – Beth Karlicek	Rick MacMillan	Katharine Fox	Libby Haddock
October 10 – Janice Moore	TBA	M. Gurney	Bill Goodwin
October 17 – Margaret Flick	Bob Meissner	Grisel Levene	June Brening
October 24 – Steffie Kyte	Rosemary Weidner	Libby Haddock	Laurie Jameson
October 31 – May Clark	Katharine Fox	Sally Hoover	Bob Meissner



**Dublin Community Church
Take-Out Supper for All**

Tuesday, October 26

Pickup begins at 5:30 pm

The menu will be ham, mac and cheese, string beans, salad, and dessert.

Reservations are required.

Please call Laurie Jameson at 876-5003 by Friday, October 22, to reserve a meal and give her your phone number. You will get directions when you call.



Offered by members of the Outreach Committee and volunteers from the community.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2021						
		Rummage & Yard Sale is rescheduled for October 1 & 2...		Please help us all set up for the Fall Rummage & Yard Sale	1 Rummage Sale 1-6 pm	2 Rummage & Yard Sale 8 am -12 pm
3 Worship: 10:30; Dub Hub Song Circle 3 pm in Garden Sanctuary	4 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm		6 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	7 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	8 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	9
10 Worship: 10:30	11 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm		13 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	14 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	15 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	16 Scripture Discussion 8:30-10 am, call for Zoom link
17 Worship: 10:30; Trustees meet after service	18 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm	19 Hub: Community Lunch 12-1pm in Garden Sanctuary	20 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	21 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	22 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	23
24 Worship: 10:30; Deacons meet after service; Annual Campaign begins	25 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm	26 Take-Out Community Supper 5:30 pm, call Laurie	27 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	28 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	29 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	30
31 Worship: 10:30						

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