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THE GOOD News



Reflections from the Laundromat

"Would that even today you recognized the things that make for peace..."

— Luke 19:42

Over the past few weeks of traveling around Maine and New Hampshire, I have had a lot of time to consider what makes "vacation" enjoyable. Today, as I write from an unfamiliar laundromat in an unfamiliar town, I believe I have discovered what it is, at least for me. What makes my vacation enjoyable is not so much what I do, where I go, or how many peace-filled hours I can bank. What I enjoy the most is simply being in an unfamiliar landscape where more of my attention is required to do the mundane chores of my life, chores like laundry. When ordinary things have to be done in an extraordinary way, there is suddenly room for learning, for growing, for change.



We camped through some very wet and stormy weather on our trip this year. Drying out clothes and gear for 6 people with only the sun and the wind, as we continued to paddle, was not easy. Picture 2 fully loaded canoes with things draped on every available surface and tied down here and there to prevent being blown off and into another soaking in the lake. The challenge required creativity, persistence, constant adjusting and readjusting. Imagine the satisfaction, though, of returning things, crispy dry, back into waterproof bags.

At home it's so easy to just throw things into the washer and dryer without thinking twice about what I am doing or how I am doing it. My real gift of "vacation" has been recognizing that I feel so much more alert and alive when I'm out of my familiar routine. No, I am not making plans to put my washer and dryer out on the curb when I return home. We lived without either one for years; I know what that's like.

I do hope to return to my familiar places and routines with a deeper awareness about what brings me peace and a sense of well-being. I want to stay tuned to the extraordinary in the midst of the ordinary. I hope to remember that it is part of my walk with Christ to recognize "the things that make for peace" and then make the extra effort in my daily life to be open to change.

On that note, I must go now; my laundry is done.

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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

On the beautiful early summer morning of June 13, our church family gathered together in the Garden Sanctuary to celebrate our children during Children's Sunday. Lovely red begonia plants given to each child graced the granite bench in memory of Albert and Mary Rajaniemi – a most fitting tribute to the man who for so many years was Superintendent of our Sunday School.



The "Together We Rise" prayer flag that many children crafted at the Garden Fest event held in May blew gently in the background, providing the perfect sentiment for the day.

Early in the summer I felt great hope in moving all of our Sunday School supplies from my basement into the beautiful North Room of the Community Center. But with the rising health statistics, opening up in-person Sunday School has given much pause. At this writing, one month from the traditional return of our

Sunday School on September 12, we feel it prudent to take a cautious approach.

Our families have been part of the discussion for several weeks, and have offered great input and support. The plan for now is to have our children come in person one Sunday a month. This monthly schedule will provide the congregation a chance to be with our children, and it will give our children the much-needed sense of church family.

Our recorded weekly Sunday School lessons will continue indefinitely, so on the Sundays we meet in person it will be more of a fun, project-oriented time with the kids as their lessons can be accessed from home. We ask that everyone be masked; the new space allows for plenty of physical distancing. It is a step toward whatever normal will look like in the future. Together we will rise!

Love, *Yummy*

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES — Rosamond Cady

The pandemic showed us how effective online meetings can be. Business can be taken care of even when we are on a break! At the start of July, with the world seemingly opening up at warp speed, the Board of Trustees, which oversees employees, faced the question of required vaccination for our staff employees.

It was decided that all staff working inside the church building would be required to be vaccinated; if a staff member declined vaccination, and it was applicable to the job, working exclusively outside of the building was allowed. All but one of our staff workers are fully vaccinated; that employee works entirely outside of the church building.

Woody Stockwell has taken over as our videographer each Sunday morning and is doing a great job. Because live-streaming our worship services will go on indefinitely, this is an important permanent position. In the middle of August, the Trustees voted to give the green light for CharlesWorks of Peterborough to create a new website for the Church. Council representatives,

as well as Phil Gammons and Frank Rizzo, met in late June to create a Wish List of what each board envisioned a revitalized site could look like. A survey was distributed to congregants on 7/4 and 7/11.

Data from both the Council Meeting and the survey was sent to CharlesWorks, after which Phil Gammons, June Brening, Ellen Bingham, and Yummy Cady met with them for a lengthy working session. CharlesWorks subsequently sent us a detailed project scope to develop a new website for DCC, the expenditure of which was approved by the Trustees.

Soon we will be able to do and see all kinds of wonderful new things on our site -- a new way for the world to see that the Dublin Community Church is a vibrant, relevant, caring, generous, Spirit-driven faith community -- the place to be!



MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDS — Bob Kyte

This fall, the Stewards will lead us on our annual journey to consider what kind of church we want to be in the coming year. Our theme "Please Won't You Be My Neighbor?" comes from the PBS show "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood".

During our COVID isolation, we rediscovered the simple truth that we need one another to live well. It's time to find a well-loved cardigan sweater and switch

our fancy shoes for sneakers, just like Fred did on every show, and become again good neighbors to one and all.

Fred Rogers was a Presbyterian minister who became the pastor of a television congregation of children and parents. He knew well Jesus' parable of the Samaritan who helped a stranger (Luke 10: 25-37). It tells us everything we need to know about being a good neighbor.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS — Beth Karlicek

I don't normally consider August to be a month of discovery. But when Tracey may went off to new adventures on a well-earned vacation, it was as if a mighty oak had left the scene. Her missing foliage revealed hidden treasures in the newly opened clearing, and we discovered their wonderful light. Bob Kyte, our friends from Baha'i, May Clark, and Yummy Cady are familiar faces and voices, but their words resonating from the pulpit let us discover their wonderful sharing in a new way.

Many thanks to our cherished members for leading our worship services — taking us on new adventures in faith and discovery.



Yard & Rummage Sale: Outdoors

Bring the whole family to the "pop-up" Rummage Sale and Yard Sale in Dublin on Friday afternoon, September 24, from 1 to 6 pm and on Saturday morning, September 25, from 8 am to noon.

We'll have clothing, good for all members of any family, and plenty of yard sale treasures.

All items are without prices — contribute as you wish, as proceeds go to the church's Outreach projects. At this outdoors-only event, masks and social distancing are expected.

If weather is not permitting, the rain date will be the next weekend, same times.

Sponsored by The Dublin Community Church, an Open and Affirming Church at 1125

Main Street in Dublin Village. Inquiries: 563-8139; or visit www.DublinChurch.org online or on Facebook (www.facebook.com/dublincommunitychurch).



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>
9/5 –	Janice Moore	Margaret Flick	Phil & Ruthie Gammons	Tim Clark
9/12 –	Steffie Kyte	Ruthie Gammons	Bob Meissner	May Clark
9/19 –	Margaret Flick	M. Gurney	Susan Stover	TBA
9/26 –	May Clark	Betsey Harris	Rosemary Weidner	Phil Gammons



**Dublin Community Church
Take-Out Supper**

Tuesday, September 28

Pickup begins at 5:30 pm

The menu will be meatloaf, potato salad, Cole slaw, and dessert.

Reservations are required.

Please call Laurie Jameson at 876-5003 by Friday, September 24, to reserve a meal and give her your phone number. You will get directions when you call.



All Dubliners and neighboring town residents are welcome to call.

Offered by volunteers from the community and members of Outreach.

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September 2021


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	2 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	3 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	4 Hub: Cosy Sheridan concert 6:30 pm in Garden Sanctuary
5 Worship: 10:30, Hub: Song Circle in Garden Sanctuary 3 pm	6 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm	7	8 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	9 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	10 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm; Dub Hub 'Concert' in Garden Sanctuary 5 pm	11 Rain date for Dub Hub Concert 3 pm
12 Worship: 10:30 First Day of Sunday School	13 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm	14	15 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	16 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	17 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	18 Scripture Discussion 8:30-10 am, call for Zoom link
19 Worship: 10:30 Deacons meet after worship	20 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm	21 Hub: Community Lunch 12-1pm in Garden Sanctuary	22 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	23 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	24 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	25
26 Worship: 10:30 Dub Hub Open Stage in Garden Sanctuary 3 pm	27 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm	28 Take-Out Community Supper 5:30 pm, call Laurie	29 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	30 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm		

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