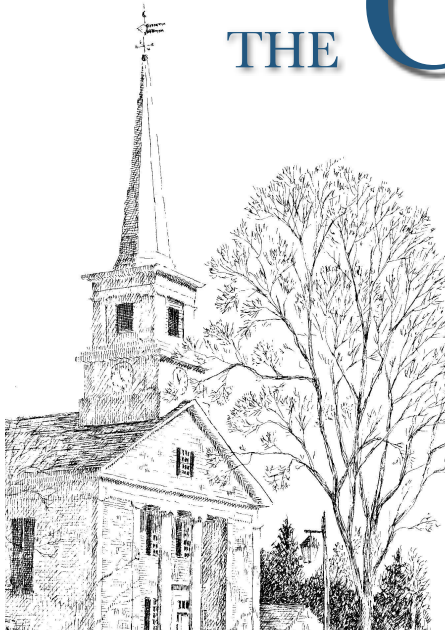


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THE GOOD News



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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.

Building

Navigating the seasonal demands of New England is no small feat. Already, more mornings than not, I am building a fire in the woodstove. It seems early to already be building fires and turning on the heat, doesn't it?

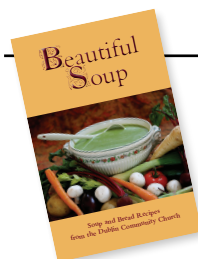
I'm so careful in how I build the fire in the mornings. I tear up the birchbark and build around it with the right sizes of kindling to ensure a successful start to my fire; I do not always succeed. Sometimes I have to begin again.

We have no choice but to respond to our environment, especially in these northern latitudes. I like to think that, in a deeper sense, it keeps us connected to the earth. It is a practice, of sorts. We gather the woolens, the down coats, and the sensible footwear that will see us safely and more comfortably through the winter temperatures. We nurture friendships, too, that will see us through the ups and downs of our lives.

Whether with fires or with Friendships, one must take great care in beginning and in building. On a weekly basis I see instances of care and compassion being expressed among us. Together we are building something. Together we are learning how to be better neighbors, better Friends, and better family. Together we are learning how to nurture one another.

In this Autumn season we are invited to nurture the church, too, and all it represents, with our gifts of time and attention, and with our tithes and offerings. This year's pledge campaign theme is "Won't you be my Neighbor?" That is such a beautiful question and I think it will light a fire in our imaginations about what we are building together in this experiment we call the church. I thank you for being part of it all.

Carefully building,
Traceymay



The Dublin Community Church's "Beautiful Soup" cookbook of 69 soups and 13 breads, with recipes collected from members and friends of the church, is for sale in the Dublin General Store and at the church office for \$15 each.

They make wonderful gifts.



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

I am thrilled that our Board of Stewards is channeling the amazing Fred Rogers for our 2022 Pledge Campaign! Mr. Rogers has been my super-hero for 40 years - my constant partner in both parenting my two children, as well as in the faith formation of our Sunday School children.

Mr. Rogers obtained degrees in music, ministry, and child development. He was called to minister to children through the media of television, fighting all the way to Congress for effective programming laws to protect the youngest among us.

He set the benchmark for children's television with his Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, which aired on public broadcasting from 1968 to 2001, providing a constant, safe space for millions of children - and their parents - to acknowledge their fears, their dreams, their ideas, their very souls. He assured them all that they were loved just the way they were.

Mr. Rogers is watching me right now from my refrigerator, holding the puppet, King Friday. I want to share four phrases of wisdom from Fred Rogers that I read frequently...also on my refrigerator!

— "It's our insides that make us who we are, that allow

us to dream and wonder and feel for others. That's what's essential. That's what will always make the biggest difference in our world."

— "In appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something truly sacred."

— "At the center of the Universe is a loving heart that continues to beat and that wants the best for every person. Anything that we can do to help foster the intellect and spirit and emotional growth of our fellow human beings, that is our job. Those of us who have this particular vision must continue against all odds. Life is for service."

— "There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind."

Does Mr. Rogers remind you of another radical, gentle spiritual leader? And are you thinking it is, indeed, a beautiful day in our neighborhood?

Love, *Yummy*



 MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH — Ellen Bingham

The church's immediate focus for donations is for the Ascentria Care Alliance (a nonprofit human-service organization based in Worcester, MA), which is currently bringing a refugee family to New Hampshire but is also about to resettle about 500 Afghans throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Successful arrival and rebuilding of lives is a long, slow, and challenging journey to navigate. Money is needed for all life necessities, especially housing (which is expensive and scarce) and legal fees.

Donations may be made anytime and directed to Ascentria, and a special collection will be taken at church on Sunday, November 14. Outreach will also be directing the proceeds from its October community take-out supper to this relief fund. Visit www.ascentria.org, which is very informative about the ways you can help.

 MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES — Rosamond Cady

Our Church has some very good news on the horizon, and it began with the Trustees - the board charged with the judicious oversight of our finances. The need for creating a new DCC website was first discussed in early Spring, and brought to the Trustees to see if it were fiscally possible; the Board felt it a good investment, pending the cost of such an endeavor.

A group including the Council and several other interested (and tech-minded) folks were asked to talk with their board members and research church websites to get a sense of what makes a website stand out. Armed with this framework of ideas, the group met for an in-person working meeting in late June. A very long Wish List was drawn up - things collectively envisioned a new site could be and how those dreams could best portray our amazing faith community to the world.

Wanting to include the entire congregation for input, a short survey was distributed the first couple Sundays in July. All those great ideas were compiled and submitted to CharlesWorks, a web development company in Peterborough, for a cost estimate.

CharlesWorks sent us a proposal in mid-August, the Trustees approved the expenditure, and DCC was put into their work schedule. Many church voices have contributed to this project, creating a site that is truly "us." When the group received a peek of the site in early October, Ellen Bingham wrote, "Very, very, very exciting!! Looks like us. Feels like us. Nice job." By the time this *Good News* reaches your homes, our new website should be live - and we will all get to see amazing "us" in this exciting project.

Be sure to check it out!

MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS — Beth Karlicek

As we approach winter, we're very conscious that our days of worshipping outdoors will soon come to an end. This is New England after all! The path on where and how to worship has not been a straight one, but the twists and turns have certainly been interesting.

36 of you so kindly gave us your thoughts about Sunday worship — the where and why and how of worshipping together. And all places and forms have a resounding thumbs up:

75% worship outdoors

69% worship indoors (or would if we had indoor services now)

53% worship with us on Zoom

The comments were supportive and have one thing in common: that we are a church community and it comes through everywhere we “meet.”

Thank you for sharing and caring!

MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDS — Bob Kyte

Ah, November – the season of thanksgiving; time to count our blessings. This year many of us have good reason to reflect and give thanks. A year ago the pandemic made us fearful and lonely. The usual Thanksgiving feast became a table for one or two.

Our COVID time reminds us that people mean more than things; that an attitude of gratitude can carry us through tough times. Through all those dark months, our church kept on going. Traceymay, Tom, Yummy and Wendy kept us connected. We are grateful for all they do for us.

Our pledge theme this year is “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” The Stewards invite you to think about what you can give from your time, talent and resources to help us be a church of “good neighbors.”

Fred Rogers said, “If you could only sense how important you are to the

lives of those you meet. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.”



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On October 17, St. Francis made an appearance to assist our pastor with the Blessing of the Animals. The four-leggeds were grateful for little charms that were blessed and handed out for their collars. St. Francis himself shared interesting insights about his life and connection to nature and its various creatures.

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>
11/7 –		Janice Moore	Tim Conrow	Penny Smith	Brian Barden
11/14 –		Steffie Kyte	Phil Gammons	Bob & Steffie Kyte	Nancy Cayford
11/21 –		Margaret Flick	Julie Rizzo	Brian & Jean Barden	Tim Clark
11/28 –		Beth Karlicek	Bob Kyte	June Brening	May Clark
	Thanksgiving				
	1st Sunday of Advent				

Dublin Community Church Take-Out Supper for All

Tuesday, November 23

Pickup begins at 5:30 pm

*The menu will be pasta,
salad, and dessert.*

Reservations are required.

*Please call Laurie Jameson at 876-5003
by Friday, November 19, 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
 <h1>November 2021</h1>						
		2	3 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	4 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm; Book Group 10-11 am	5 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	6
7 Worship: 10:30	8 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm	9	10 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	11 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm; Book Group 10-11 am; Veteran's Day	12 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	13
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21 Worship: 10:30; Annual Campaign ends	22 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm	23 Take-Out Community Supper 5:30 pm, call Laurie	24 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	27
28 Worship: 10:30 am	29 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm	30				

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