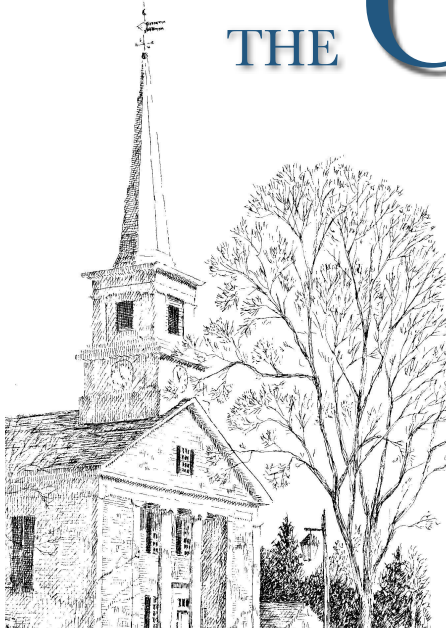


FEBRUARY 2022

THE GOOD News



The Season for Love

It seems apropos that between Christmas and Easter we have a holiday devoted to love, as if to remind us what Christmas and Easter are all about, lest we forget. For God so loved the world that he gave his son to be raised with humanity, to know the ways of humanity and to love humanity. For God so loved the world that he gifted his son with the Holy Spirit, that through his service to humankind people could nurture faith in a greater goodness, a faith in things unseen. For God so loved the world that he promised to put his “law in their minds and write it on their hearts” (Jeremiah 31) so that we may have the guidance of God within us, always and forever.

Could this be the greatest love of our lives?

The Greeks have the following six words for love: *philia* = friendship, *eros* = physical love, *agape* = love of God and love from God, *storge* = tenderness and affection, *pragma* = enduring love of a lengthy relationship, and *philautia* = love for one’s own self.

For the many ways that love is made manifest in us and through us, may we be both thankful and charitable, especially in this season between Christmas and Easter. May we learn all we can of love, in all its myriad forms.

With devotion,
Traceymay



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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 Discussions in a Zoom meeting, every third Saturday at 8:30 am.

Please call for the Zoom link.

Good News from Hilary Bourgoine Dillen...

“As you may have heard, my boyfriend Jay and I packed up and moved out to Montana. Just got here this week. I decided to start a website/ blog for people to stay up to date with what we were doing. I would like to share it with my Church family in case anyone wants updates!” Her website address is: <https://hilarybourgoine.wixsite.com/the-western-adventur>



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

As of our Annual Meeting in January the Board of Christian Education has said good-bye to one member and welcome aboard to another. Shelby Bourgoine served on the board for the past three years and we thank her for her time and service and, most importantly, her views as a young woman who went through our Sunday School program and confirmation.

And we welcome Maria Finnegan as our newest board member. She is the mother of Jude, the 15-month-old baby we got to see on our screens at Zoom church. Many of us got to see Jude for the first time in person on December 19 when Maria and her husband James officially joined the church. There were actually seven children at church that day! How wonderful to see and hear children in our worship. Maria will bring fresh perspective to the board as the mom of a young Sunday Schooler.

I just began my second year as a member of the NH-UCC Conference Faith Formation Board — two years and I haven't met anyone in person yet! We meet monthly over Zoom. Faith formation for our youngsters has been a particularly difficult challenge during the pandemic for churches everywhere. I leave these virtual meetings feeling so grateful for the commiseration and support, but also with a feeling that we are doing better than some in connecting with our families during these difficult times.

We have gone places we never would have thought imaginable in early 2020. These past two years have been an intense time of faith formation for all of us, both young and old as we live our Faith in brand new ways.

Love,
Yummy

MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH — Ellen Bingham

The Outreach Committee will spotlight the Ascentria Care Alliance (a New England human service organization) for a special collection at church on February 13 for Afghan refugee families being relocated to Cheshire County. Alternatively, you may mail a donation to the church at 1125 Main Street. The need for funds will be ongoing. Team Monadnock is a community group preparing for Afghan refugees coming to Keene. Housing is the biggest need. Please spread the word and think outside the box to get more people involved. A grant is available to Team Monadnock that will match monetary donations up to \$5,000 received by the end of February. To donate or volunteer your talents or interests, please go to the Ascentria website at ascentrai.org and click on "Team Monadnock."

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES — Rosamond Cady

Our very early church met in each other's homes — often secretly and in fear — back when "church" was not a building. We talk a lot about what being a church means today; we talk about it within the walls of our beautiful church building, in our Garden Sanctuary, in our living rooms over Zoom, in our mission work, in our communal prayers, in our Love of God. We are urged to "Be the Church. Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Embrace diversity. Reject racism. Forgive often. Love God. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Enjoy this life" (from the UCC). Church isn't necessarily the building we spend an hour in on Sunday morning; Church is a way of being, 24/7.

We definitely get that at the Dublin Community Church!

But there is another side to that reality: we have a physical building that is not just our beloved anchor, but a cornerstone of the village on the hill. Our iconic steeple is seen from afar, literally and figuratively. Our church is a town treasure. It is beautiful, it is big, it is old — it needs a lot of loving care.

The secular necessity to "control and manage the property, funds, and business affairs of the Society" (DCC bylaws) falls to the Board of Trustees. That 12-word Trustee job description may seem far removed from the lofty call to "Be the Church," but it is, in fact, an integral part of those goals. The word "trustees" has the word "trust" built right in!

We can all trust in the fact that our magnificent church building will be well taken care for years to come.

***Community Take-Out
Supper Is for Everyone***

*Tuesday, February 22
chili, corn bread, salad, dessert
Reserve by Friday, February 18*

*Supper menus tentatively
planned for the next few months.
March: pasta, salad, bread,
dessert.*

*April: meat loaf, potatoes, salad,
dessert.*

*May: chicken surprise, salad,
dessert.*

*Please tell Laurie if you would
like to help with cooking or
meal distribution.*

MESSAGE FROM STEWARDS

— Rosemary Wolpe

"To love our neighbor as ourselves is such a truth for regulating human society, that by that alone one might determine all the cases in social morality."

— John Locke

MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS — Beth Karlicek

Winter is a time of deep dives: under the covers, into your favorite book, lost in your dreamy thoughts in front of the fire. If I can't pry myself out of my jammies to get to church on Sunday mornings, especially during these days of extra care and caution, I'm grateful we can Zoom to worship together from the comfort of our cozy homes. And it sure came in handy for our annual church meeting; almost as good as streaming your favorite series on Netflix.

As Aristotle noted, to appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold. So don't stay in your jammies forever, on with the boots and microspikes! While we often turn inward in icy winter, we're always glad we made the time to get outside and breathe the frosty air. And if our mutual journey allows, and we make it to church, it's always worth the time and bundling to see our church friends and neighbors, even if completely obscured by masks, hats and scarves! Plus, we're pleased to welcome Nancy Cayford to our merry band of Deacons!

As you can tell this past month, we take it one week at a time! Stay warm and safe!

MESSAGE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Margaret Gurney

The Church's Annual Meeting, held via Zoom on January 23, was well moderated by Nancy Jackson, who was selected to replace our beloved Tim Clark. Nancy went over the rules, then followed the order of reports as they appeared in the Annual Report.

The other three officers, each with one-year terms, had all agreed to serve another term. As Agent is Phil Cayford; as Clerk is Rosamond Cady; and as Treasurer is Bruce Fox. Officers must be members of the church. Thanks to them all.

After all the business of the Church had been discussed and voted on, we voted in the new members proposed on the roster (p. 18 in the Report). It is the Nominating Committee's job to prepare the slate of new members on each committee for the vote.

Board Members are voted in for three-year terms, and most agree to serve a second term. A member may serve on a board consecutively for just six years.

Susan Stover is the new Trustee, Nancy Cayford is the new Deacon, Archie Roth and Felicity Pool are new Stewards. Joining Outreach is Jeanne Sterling and Penny Smith; Maria Finnegan joined the Christian Ed committee, and Sally Shonk is now on Nominating. The three delegates to the United Church of Christ: Rosemary Weidner, Sally Hoover, and Laurie Jameson.

Now that the new members are approved, each committee will meet to choose a chairperson or two co-chairs, and a secretary. All Boards will hold regular meetings once a month (except July and August).

The chairperson or a designated substitute, will attend the January, April, and September Council Meetings. The chairperson (or a substitute) will submit a paragraph or two to the *Good News* by the 20th of all months (except June and July). The secretary will record the minutes of each meeting and submit them to committee members, assure posting of all minutes on the Church bulletin board, and will email them to the Office Manager.

You will hear from the three Nominating Committee members at the next Annual Meeting in 2023. As I cycle off, Mary Loftis and Felicity Pool will welcome Sally to the team. It has been a privilege to serve on this committee.

Please refer to the last page in the Annual Report for the "user-friendly" descriptions of the duties of members in DCC Boards and Committees.

Congratulations to all new board members. Thank you all, retiring and incoming people, who keep the work and mission of this church running so smoothly. We are indeed a lucky bunch.

OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT — *Adopted by this Congregation in 2005* —

“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.”

— MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS —

	<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Greeter</i>		<i>Lift</i>
February 6 –	Beth Karlicek	Ruthie Gammons	Bob Meissner		Nancy Cayford
February 13 –	May Clark	M. Gurney	Susan Stover		TBA
February 20 –	Janice Moore	Betsey Harris	Rosemary Weidne.		May Clark
February 27 –	Beth Karlicek	Rick MacMillan	Katharine Fox		Bruce Fox

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2022						
		1	2 Church Open 10 am - 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	3 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm; Book Group 10-11 am	4 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	5
6 Worship 10:30 am	7 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm	8	9 Church Open 10 am to 3 pm; Outreach meet via Zoom 6 pm; AA 7-8 pm	10 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm; Book Group 10-11 am	11 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	12
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20 Worship 10:30 am; Trustees meet after Worship	21 Church Open 2-5 pm; Mavericks 7-9 pm	22 Take-Out Community Supper 5:30 pm, call ahead	23 Church Open 10 am - 3 pm; AA 7-8 pm	24 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm; Book Group 10-11 am	25 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm	26
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