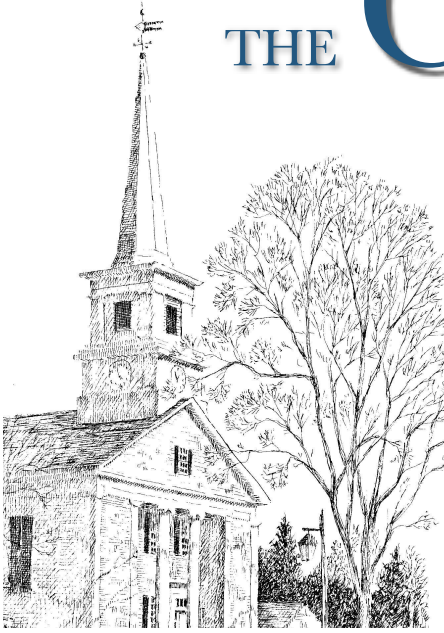


MARCH 2022

# THE GOOD News



## Patterns and Chaos

When the news headlines leave my head spinning and my heart breaking, I find solace in finding patterns that prove there is rhyme and there is reason in this world of ours. Sometimes the rhyming is almost too fantastic to even believe. Snowflakes, Fibonacci numbers, planetary motion, and the periodic table of elements are a few things that come to mind.



The same electromagnetic forces that hold water molecules together and cause snowflakes to grow in the 6-sided shape are the very same forces that hold our planet in orbit around our sun. A single bird feather, examined with a magnifying glass, shows that it is made up of hundreds of even smaller feathers.

In looking at the tree branches outside my window, I see that the branches mirror the shape of the tree itself. Patterns are ubiquitous. Patterns give me hope that there is much more going on than we might think.

On Sunday March 20, at 11:33 a.m. (just as we are finishing our Sunday worship service), the vertical rays of the sun will pass over the equator...again. Nighttime hours will equal daytime hours and little by little, as the northern hemisphere comes round to face the sun, we will have more and more light. Just because we know when it will happen and just because we may understand why it happens, I hope we will still pause and consider that the way it all works is miraculous.

I am grateful for the patterns amid the chaos. I suspect that the patterns are the language of God, in a sense. Their message, I imagine, is this: we are all part of something more wondrous than we can even imagine.

Grateful to be, along with you, one part of the whole,

— Traceymay

### Visit [DublinChurch.org](http://DublinChurch.org)

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://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.

*"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you..."* — Job 12: 7-8

### Wish List for the Hundred Nights Shelter

The items most needed at the Hundred Nights Shelter / Resource Center in Keene include supplies such as paper towels and toilet paper, bottled water, laundry soap (HE), tall kitchen garbage bags, and disinfecting wipes.

In the food department, most needed are microwavable mac 'n cheese cups and cup ramen noodles, canned goods with easy-open pull tabs (soup, tuna, ravioli, etc.), hot drink mixes.

Personal care items are always welcome as well as winter gear including thermal long underwear (men & women - all sizes, especially bottoms); and backpacks, gloves, socks.

Any donations are so appreciated and may be dropped off in the westside entrance of our church, on the left.

### Foodstuffs Needed to End 68 Hours of Hunger

Certain foods are carefully packaged each week for families with schoolchildren in the Monadnock Region whose access to food is a serious challenge over the weekends.

The types of foods we seek are: peanut butter (18 oz. in plastic), saltines / grahams, canned beef stew, canned pasta (Beefaroni, Ravioli), canned soup (12-20 oz. size), Hormel complete meals, mac and cheese, fruit cups (4 pack), granola bars / nutrition bars, instant flavored rice or noodles, instant flavored potatoes, and 10 oz cans of tuna or chicken or pulled pork, instant oatmeal packets, pudding cups (4 pack).

Thank you for your help. Any donations may be dropped off in the westside entrance of our church, on the right.

MESSAGE FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Rosamond Cady

There has been movement afoot for some time within the wider Church to change the words “Sunday School” to “Faith Formation.” I am not sure it will ever fly, but it is definitely a wonderful description of what Christian Education is all about. We are all students of our Teacher, Jesus. And we are constantly forming and reforming our faith. That said, have you seen the "Faith Formation" option on our new website? This arose from our Board of Christian Education and we are asking for your input and suggestions.

Here is how Traceymay describes the intent of the Faith Formation listings: "There are so many various ways in which our faith is strengthened, renewed and restored. Books have made a tremendous impact in my life and so have some movies and, more recently, podcasts, too. Wouldn't it be great to have a place where we can share things we have found to be meaningful?"

You are invited to submit the names of books, movies, and podcasts that you have found meaningful and, even perhaps faith forming in some way, to any member of the Christian Education Board: Jean Barden, Sarah Clough, Katharine Fox, Maria Finnegan, Ruthie Gammons, and Julie Rizzo; or email your suggestions to [dublinchurch@myfairpoint.net](mailto:dublinchurch@myfairpoint.net) with “Faith Formation Ideas for CE Board” in the subject line and Wendy can forward it.

Your suggestions need not be confined to what might be classified as “religious.” Criteria for suggestions are as follows: enriching content — historical or contemporary; difficult subject matter is ok; issues such as social or environmental (avoid issues tied to specific politicians); and other selections for a broad age range.

Please help us in creating a library of sorts, for the enrichment and faith formation of us all.

Love,  
Yummy

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

*Tuesday, March 22  
pasta, salad, bread, dessert*



*Reservations are necessary.  
Please call Laurie at  
603-876-5003 by  
Friday, March 18 to request  
a meal. She will give you  
directions for the 5:30 pm pickup  
when you call.*

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

MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH — Ellen Bingham

**Ascentria and Afghan Refugees**

Team Monadnock has raised enough funds to support bringing a refugee family to the Monadnock Region, but there is an ongoing need for additional funds and housing. A home in Peterborough has been inspected and approved, an apartment was inspected and approved in Keene, and a room in a bed and breakfast was offered in Acworth.

Volunteers who want to work directly with any of the refugees must complete an application and background check through Ascentria ([www.ascentria.org/our-services/services-for-new-americans/help-welcome-afghans/neighborhood-support-teams/nst-application](http://www.ascentria.org/our-services/services-for-new-americans/help-welcome-afghans/neighborhood-support-teams/nst-application)). For more information about donating or joining Team Monadnock, go to the Ascentria website ([www.ascentria.org](http://www.ascentria.org)) and click on Team Monadnock. Specify donations for “Team Monadnock” so they will go to our local program and support the refugees who are housed locally.

Donations of mattresses, rugs, and tablecloths are especially appreciated at this time.

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES —

**Trustee (n.) — “person who is responsible for the property of another”**

As another year begins, we want to extend our gratitude to Yummy Cady for the outstanding service as Chair of the Trustees. Her steady hand on the tiller steered us through major painting and repair projects, and she leaves a legacy of organization that will serve us well into the future. Thank you, Yummy, for all of your careful attention and tenacious followthrough.

We gladly welcome Susan Stover to the Board. She brings decades of experience that will add to our eclectic mix. By unanimous vote, we approved Frank Rizzo as

Chair of Trustees. Last year was his first as a Board member and his input has already been invaluable.

As the definition states, Trustees are responsible for all things relating to the property belonging to the church. This is a sacred and weighty responsibility. Thank you for your trust. In the coming months, we will be spotlighting different projects in the *Good News*. The future is looking bright and we look forward to sharing it with all of you.

Your 2022-2023 Board: Libby Haddock, Frank Rizzo, Teresa Imhoff, Brian Barden, Bob Meissner, and Susan Stover (Agent is Phil Cayford, Treasurer is Bruce Fox).

MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS — Beth Karlicek

Like so many of our church worker-bees, the Deacons love to take care of things: kind of like getting ready for company. We set the table, making it as pretty as possible with fresh candles and matching tablecloth and napkins. We prepare to make our guests safe and comfortable (is the heat on? is the music playlist ready? and check the “hors d’oeuvres”). And we check that our host has everything she needs to do her thing (which she does so well).

We’ve been fortunate to have Hilary Bourgoine as a Deacon, our youngest voice, and thank her for her time served. And give a special shout-out to Deacon Extraordinaire, Margaret Flick, who is regretfully stepping down as a Deacon. If Deaconing were a verb, Margaret deacons like no one else. She attended to every detail, stepped in when needed, & loved doing it!

Thank you to the retiring Deacons for making us look so good!

MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDS — Rosemary Wolpe

Meet our neighbor, Archie Roth. We all know that the rummage sale is a big show, famous far and wide. This year a rising star entered our volunteer list: allow me to introduce our newest Steward Archie Roth.

She and her husband Paul recently moved to Dublin via Delaware, Vermont, and Connecticut. They were in search of a community where they could get involved, lend a helping hand, and make a difference. They fell in love with Dublin.

Not long after their move to Monument Road, they attended outside summer services at the church. There Archie was greeted by “some wonderful women”

including Traceymay. They became hooked.

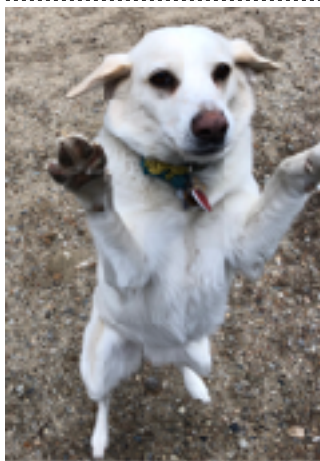
Archie decided to become even more involved when she recently joined the Stewards committee. We welcome her ideas and her enthusiasm to be an active part of our Church.

**One More from the Nominating Committee**

After the Annual Meeting, the Clerk brought it to the attention of the Nominating Committee that one more position was needed to bring Stewards up to six.

We asked Jill Fischman Meissner if she would like to serve as a Steward. We are very pleased to announce that she accepted. Welcome to Jill also!

**Snow White** by Rosemary Weidner



Our Labrador mix Snow White has a busy career visiting children’s programs at local libraries, and at the Cheshire County House of Corrections. At the CCHOC, she is well known to the inmates. She brings with her no judgment or preconceived notions of what the inmates may have done or not done. I continue to be amazed at the gentleness that she elicits from the inmates and staff.

Unconditional love is another gift she gives freely. If you would like to have your dog become a therapy dog, please be in touch with me, and I can explain the process. Most of the Monadnock Therapy Pets program is in Assisted Living and Nursing Homes but limited now because of COVID. The certification process takes some time, so we are hopeful the numbers keep going down.

*Friends,  
I celebrate that there are many efforts afoot to improve the world; I recently became aware of one such effort and I asked Rosemary Weidner to submit this story about the work she and Snow White have recently taken up.*

— TMK

*“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.”*

— MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS —

|          |                         | <i>Deacons</i> | <i>Readers</i>   | <i>Greeters</i>                   | <i>Lift</i>   |
|----------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| March 6  | First Sunday in Lent –  | May Clark      | Rick MacMillan   | M. Gurney                         | Phil Gammons  |
| March 13 | Second Sunday in Lent – | Beth Karlicek  | Bob Meissner     | Grisel Levene (+ <i>flowers</i> ) | Libby Haddock |
| March 20 | Third Sunday in Lent –  | Steffie Kyte   | Rosemary Weidner | Libby Haddock                     | Bill Goodwin  |
| March 27 | Fourth Sunday in Lent – | Janice Moore   | Katharine Fox    | Sally Hoover                      | June Brening  |

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| Sunday   | Monday                                     | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                      | Saturday  |
|--|--|--|--|---|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>March 2022</b>                                      |  |  |  |   |                             |   |
|  |  | 1  | 2 <b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>Church Open 10 am - 3 pm;<br>AA 7-8 pm | 3 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm;<br>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;<br>Mavericks 7-9 pm  | 8 [Vote Dublin Town Hall 8am - 7pm]              | 9 Church Open 10 am - 3 pm;<br>Outreach 6pm Zoom.<br>AA 7-8 pm   | 10 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm;<br>Book Group 10-11 am | 11 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm | 12 [Dublin Town Meeting 9 am DCS]                         |
| 13 Worship 10:30 am;<br>(Daylight Savings Time begins) | 14 Church Open 2-5 pm;<br>Mavericks 7-9 pm | 15   | 16 Church Open 10 am - 3 pm;<br>AA 7-8 pm                        | 17 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm;<br>Book Group 10-11 am | 18 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm | 19 Scripture Discussion 8:30-10 am,<br>call for Zoom link |
| 20 Worship 10:30 am;<br>Trustees Meet after worship    | 21 Church Open 2-5 pm;<br>Mavericks 7-9 pm | 22 Take-Out Community Supper 5:30 pm, call ahead | 23 Church Open 10 am - 3 pm;<br>AA 7-8 pm                        | 24 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm;<br>Book Group 10-11 am | 25 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm | 26  |
| 27 Worship 10:30 am                                    | 28 Church Open 2-5 pm;<br>Mavericks 7-9 pm | 29   | 30 Church Open 10 am - 3 pm;<br>AA 7-8 pm                        | 31 Church Open 9 am to 1 pm;<br>Book Group 10-11 am |                             |   |

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