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• ~~Sunday Worship & Church School at 9:30 am~~ • Suspended •

**Because of Covid-19, our actual church services are suspended until further notice. Visit our website to see and hear videos of Rev. Doretta's Colburn's armchair sermons, together with Bible readings and musical offerings.**



## Newsletter...Special Covid-19 Edition...May 2020



### THOUGHTS FROM OUR MINISTER...

Since our last newsletter so much has happened, more than any of us would have imagined! One thing that has not changed is the constant, sustaining love of God that continues to be made real in the outpouring of compassion and care throughout our faith community and beyond.

While church services have been suspended and will be through the end of May when we reevaluate again what is the safest and most responsible decision for our congregation, we have been staying connected in so many different ways. Phone calls and notes, reflections and armchair sermons, beautiful music from Jane, George, Al and Kay and the uniquely wonderful way we celebrated Easter with Greetings



from one another, even the ringing of the church bell caught on video at noon on Easter Day! How blessed we truly are!

This may not be the way we have wanted things to be, but the silver lining is the awareness of the genuine support and love we share, the chance to examine our priorities and treasure the meaningful quiet that this moment in time has given us. We can grumble or we can take time to appreciate the simpler things of life and it is the latter that feeds my soul in these days. Of course, like all of us, I miss members of my family I cannot be with, I miss being together in worship, I get frustrated when I have to give up some things I have taken for granted because the stores are closed or I'm not comfortable going, I'm tired of scrubbing my hands to the point I can use them for sandpaper, and oh, I how long to go out to dinner instead of preparing EVERY SINGLE MEAL! But I am oh so grateful – for the health of my family and each of you, for the food we grew and put in our freezer from last summer, for the phone conversations and emails, for the moments I catch a glimpse of kindness in the acts of compassion between others, for my faith in a loving God that holds me fast when I falter, for the peaceful moments of reflection that Ted and I share and the working side by side on the farm where we connect so deeply with nature.

Like everyone, I welcome the time when things get more back to normal and that will certainly come, but when it does I hope that none of us lose the better moments that have sustained us in these days.

When I attended the Common Ground Fair last year, I picked up a free poster at one booth that had the following quote: *"Now is the time to grow our souls"...* by Grace Lee Boggs. Indeed, how true those words are.

Blessings and peace,

*Doretta*

## FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY...



Thanks to several generous donors, we have arranged for Melby's Market to prepare free hot meals to distribute each Saturday to members of the Waterford community. The program has been much appreciated. And the folks at Melby's are very enthusiastic about being a crucial part of it. Needless to say, we are very grateful to them! We also thank the Waterford volunteers who deliver the meals to participating individuals and families.

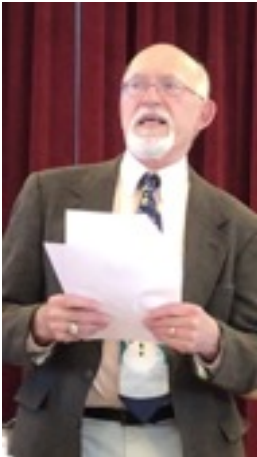
The program has grown in the 7 weeks of its existence. And with the possibility of future food shortages in our country, we may need to keep it going for weeks to come. Donations are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to the Waterford Congregational Church, with "Meal Fund" on the memo line. For more information, contact:



- Rev. Doretta Colburn – 207-583-2515 or
- Nancy Engdahl – 207-583-6677.

## LETTER FROM THE MODERATOR...

April 29, 2020



What a gorgeous day! It was a pretty typical day for me. Get up, make the coffee, exercise, start the wash, and bring a cup up to Jean. Usually on Wednesday we buy a sandwich from Melby's to keep the Geezers lunch going. But today I had to get the car inspected. So, no sandwich. While the car was inspected, took a nice walk. Then off to the bank to deposit a check. At Wally World I waited in line for about 40 minutes to get inside. Got a good dose of vitamin D standing out there. Spent 10 minutes inside buying printer ink. Stopped at the Post Office (got TWO movies from Netflix) and went home. Built a sandwich, which was nowhere as good as from Melby's. Visited Kay & Dick Lyman to look at Dick's clarinet music—he had played clarinet in his youth. What a lovely place they have on Webber Pond Road. On the way home I listened to the calm, reassuring voice of Dr. Shah during his news conference. Came home, filled the wood box, looked for bags to put the winter window shields in. Didn't find them. By then

it was 4PM. How did that happen?! Sat down with Jean for a glass of wine—Kim arrived and joined us. Went upstairs for a Library Trustees meeting. A glitch with Zoom, and it didn't happen. Now it's 5:30 pm—dinner is waiting. How was your day?

April 30, 2020

How many times did you talk with or write to someone yesterday? How many times did you ask, "How are you?" and know now that is not just an opening to a conversation but also a real check on the health status of a friend or loved one. You feel such relief when you realize you have been holding your breath until they respond positively, and can then let it go. Some of you know that since I retired as principal of Oxford Elementary School I have been consulting for the Maine DOE as a School Improvement Coach... a fulfilling job in which I shared my experiences with Principals and teachers who are still on the job. I helped to promote improved teaching techniques and to recognize where Professional Development would benefit the teacher(s) and translate to improved student performance. I also acted as a sounding board for Principals as they navigated the labyrinth of education today. Well...I was laid off last week. That was a real shock and disappointment. In one breath I/we (there are 16 of us) were told we were highly valued professionals; and in the next breath we were told that we were to stop speaking with the members of our school teams so they could concentrate on the task of delivering distance learning. It showed me how little was understood by the "higher ups" about what we actually did and how tuned in we were to the needs, fears and hopes of these professionals...how, in fact, we helped cut through the static so these folks **could** concentrate on this very, very hard task. But, so it goes... I can only hope my suggestions and support of their efforts has helped. I also hope we will be called back at the conclusion of this event.

This "ramble" I have shared from the past two days shows how things are the same, but different...how we are experiencing something that has the power to overwhelm us, but only if **we** let it. If we remember that 'we' includes all the people with whom we interact... those who have, and can pass along, their inner strength to NOT let it overwhelm us. This positiveness is multiplied by each of us when we remember to share. This is the light and hope that Jesus talks about. "This little light of mine. I'm going to let it shine." I see it every day here in Waterford. I hear it from our church members online, on the phone and when I see a smile crinkle your eyes behind that mask. Let it shine everyone...let it shine.

Peace, Al

## CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE...

Yes, We Can!

Kerry Johnson

*People in the northern Indian state of Punjab shared impressive images of the snow-capped Himalayan mountain range, which is now visible from more than 125 miles away, for the first time in 30 years due to the reduction in air pollution caused by the country's coronavirus lockdown.*

10 April, 2020      *Europost*

Our climate conversations began last fall with a global view of the climate crisis led by Dr. Tom Hammett. It was powerful to hear his stories about people high in the Himalayas struggling to maintain an existence in the face of climate change, and even more powerful to then bring the conversation closer to our situation here in Waterford.



Since that session we have been fortunate to share conversations with more than half a dozen other people who are working to help our environment, to build healthier communities, and to address the challenges of climate change here in Maine. Each session led us to think about what we can do individually and collectively to combat the effects of these challenges. We are sorry we missed the last two sessions, of course, and we hope to begin again with the June session. Unbelievably, another challenge, coronavirus, has turned out to benefit the environment and potentially to positively impact the effects of climate change. We have driven far less than normal, shopped less for food and everything else, generated a lot less waste, and generally “lived lighter on the planet.” We have, in effect, participated in a giant science experiment involving the impact of our behavior on the planet. Who would have thought we’d be doing something like that and who would have foreseen we would have had such a huge short-term impact? Certainly, the air is cleaner, but it’s also likely that we’ve made at least a small dent in carbon emissions for the short term, and we have observed the proof for ourselves.

Our empty streets have invited wildlife to share our spaces. Margaret Renkl reports in the *New York Times* (see the link below) about mountain goats roaming the streets of a small town in Wales, coyotes meandering through San Francisco, and wild boars in the medians of Barcelona. It seems we really do share the earth with other species when they are given the chance to appear.

Alan Weisman, in his thought experiment of a book called *The World Without Us*, imagines exactly that—what would the world be like if we humans were not here. What would happen if we suddenly departed earth? That is some question! It seems to me, though, that our little science experiment proves that we humans can live quite a long time. So, in answer to the question of whether we can survive or not, I say, “Yes, we can!” — if we put our minds to it, if we learn from the past several months about the impact our collective behavior has had on the planet, and if we find ways to preserve and expand upon those lessons. Yes, we can — if we generate the collective will to act, and demand that our leaders support those actions. Yes, we can — if we begin now, act now, join together now.

Please join us when we continue our climate conversations. We need your thoughts and actions.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/27/opinion/coronavirus-shutdown-environment.html?referringSource=articleShare>

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT.....Kerry Johnson for the Stewardship Committee

May 2020

I'm happy to report that our April appeal letter has generated a good response from members and friends. It was designed just to remind us that our pledges and offerings were not coming in because we were not in church, and made us realize that we still need to financially support our church even if we're not walking through the doors on Sunday mornings. Thank you to every one of you who got the message and sent a check to the church PO Box. It will keep us going as long as we continue on in the same way. As someone who pledges monthly, I'm reminded again that it's time to send my check.

Blessings to each of you, *Kerry*



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP 2020

- Moderator: *Al Struck*
- Clerk: *Stephenie Michaud*
- Trustees: *John Wait, Kerry Johnson, Rich Maurer*
- Treasurers: *John & Dodi Wait*
- Assistant Treasurer: *Ralph MacKinnon*
- Stewardship: *Kerry Johnson*
- Deacons: *Myra Maltby, Ted Nixon, Pam Williams, Dianne Morse Leonard*
- Church School: *Myra Maltby*
- Missions: *Pam Williams (Global), Nancy Engdahl (Local)*
- Church Activities Committee: *Nancy Engdahl*



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS



What are our thoughts about our lives amidst COVID-19? How have we been spending our time? What have we learned about ourselves, about life, about friendship, about nature, about technology? Here's a what members of our congregation have shared...

### **Dot Gilrain's Isolation Afghan**

*With this terrible virus plaguing so many of us, there are many sad stories that could be told. However, there is also something good that has come out of our forced isolation that I would like to share with you.*

*Many years ago, my married daughter asked if I would make her an afghan that she could use in her home. When I asked her to pick a style or colors she would always say "Surprise Me"! Hence, I procrastinated for a long, long time.*

*When this virus struck, I ran out to Michael's and purchased the yarn to make the afghan. I decided on the style and colors, so I hope her family likes it. A project of this size would ordinarily have taken me many months to complete. But, since I have no where else to go, I work on this every day. I'm happy to say its just about finished and looks really great! I could call it my "Covid" afghan but who wants to be reminded of such a horrible event*



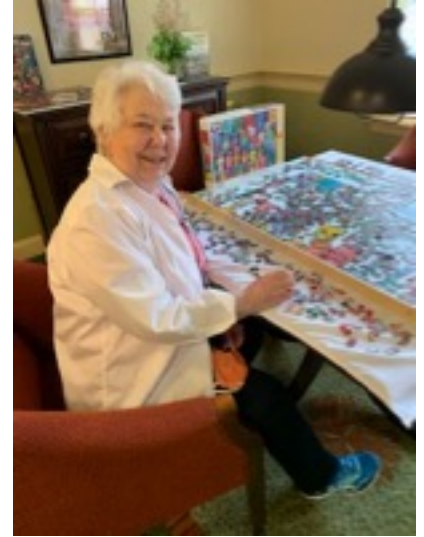
**🎉 The Plates & The Roys 🎉**



*Waterford's First Ever  
"Drive-Through Pandemic Party"  
at the Plate Farm  
with Henry, Joy, Bill & Sharon...*

**🌱 Susan Leslie's Pandemic Pursuits 🌱**

*This puzzle is a  
great pursuit  
as we spend so  
much time in  
our homes.  
Great for  
the mind!*



**👣 The Strucks' Outdoor Adventures 👣**

*How have we been spending time as we practice social distancing?*



*Jean & Al  
(photographer)  
canoeing in Kedar Brook  
where high water made  
it easy to get into  
interesting nooks  
and crannies.*



*Al & Ted Nixon on  
their morning  
climb to the top  
of Tire'm.*



*Splitting wood  
for next winter!*

## 🎓 Martha Long's 'Silver Linings' 🎓



*As my hair goes gray (at the roots) while I shelter at home, I find myself reflecting on the many other "silver" linings I've discovered during this quarantine...in addition to those on my head. Our twins are seniors in high school, and not happy about this at all; but I secretly relish this time with our children. Bill and I are about to become "empty nesters" and we see this unexpected time with them as an immeasurable gift.*



*Of course, I can't say this anywhere in the proximity of the 18-year-olds whose wings - which are supposed to be spreading - have been so unexpectedly clipped. They do not appreciate that their chemistry labs are virtual and you can't actually blow anything up! Their social events on Zoom do not feel quite the same from their bed...in their pjs...with a laptop literally atop their lap. Postponed/Reformatted celebrations for prom and graduation don't sound exciting, regardless of everyone's best attempts at "making lemonade." Bill goes to work every day at his essential business. Our*

*daughter Kate badly broke her leg two weeks before quarantine began, and she's faithfully doing PT. Our son James does not know when he will again see his boarding school friends and dorm mates of four years, who are like brothers to him. So, these kids are, quite literally, limping their way to the end of their high school experience. It is a big shock, although they are both being great sports about it. But...for me... we have become a complete family unit again. We share space, meals, projects, games and puzzles together as we haven't since they went off to kindergarten.*

*Other silver linings: getting to know neighbors better, experiencing the many kindnesses of strangers in acts both large and small, and taking better care of ourselves without the pressures of commutes and over-scheduled calendars. Book club books are actually being read. Binoculars are now out and placed on the desk of my new home office...apparently, we had birds all this time! When we go out into the busy world again, I'll try to hold onto what I've learned in this unusual experience. (I might just stay gray too!)*



**Above: A game of "PANDEMIC"**

Martha Long, from Minnesota, is the daughter of Peter & Kay Leslie, and was baptized and married in the Waterford Church. When in town the family enjoys attending our church and they often sing with our choir.

## 🐕 Nancy Engdahl's Walking Group 🐕

*A group of us goes for walks on nice, sunny days...practicing social distancing, of course. For those of you who remember Roy Rogers' theme song, "Happy trails to you...", we adapted the lyrics to our theme song, "Happy tails to you..." There is nothing like a walk through the woods to refresh the soul. Thank you, Ginny, for this picture of our visit to the Johnson's summer home.*

**Right:** Nancy, Karen, Ted, Denny  
+ 7 dogs



## 🎈 Dianne Morse-Leonard's Covid-19 Story 🎈

*I wasn't sure how we were going to celebrate Del's birthday on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Would I invite the kids (Sarah and Ben) over for an outdoor picnic or put it off until summer? Then I thought of all the Zoom meetings and classes I have been in recently and decided to have a virtual party instead. The night before, via texting, Sarah was helping me figure out how to host a Zoom meeting and I was in turn helping Del's parents get on to Zoom, all at the same time.*



*On the evening of his birthday, it took us about 10 minutes to get it all together, but then we were all on the screen and could see and hear each other. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Del as I brought him a cake and he blew out the candles. It was a fun time and so great to "be together" as a family. My in-laws were especially delighted to figure out how to do this and be part of this family gathering. Del was very pleased with getting a chance to celebrate his birthday after all.*

 **Staying Active with the Whichards** 



**Above:** A view of Lake McWain, as the ice is going out on April 10. The tree line on the western shore has that beautiful "golden ring" as the sun peeks up over the mountains behind.

**Above:** Arlene and her poodle Chance, were practicing "self distancing" on Lake McWain. What a beautiful day it was!



**Above:** Bruce volunteering at Sunday River, with Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation. "It's great to be me!"

**Right:** Jared's first sail of the season! It's never too soon to get some practice in for the Keoka Sailing Regatta!





Every year the Maine State Police have a special series of license plates made to honor a Maine public charity organization. 2019 the State Police choose Honor Flight Maine to be represented on all their police cars. Here is **Jared** proudly displaying his new license plate and **Ralph Sylvester** is holding a photograph of himself with Maine State Trooper Col. John Cote, whose police cruiser flew that #1 plate!



### 🧐 Brenda Hambleton's Masks 🧐

As I read more about our situation I realized that our return to normal is unlikely to be normal until they find a vaccine for this virus. I became convinced that we are all going to need to wear masks if we want to start doing more. The masks help prevent the spread of the disease by the large percentage of the population who have it but do not know. They also help prevent the contraction of the disease by filtering out the virus.



I did some research, raided my vast fabric stash and my husband's wire and shop towels, and came up with a design that we call The BOMB (Brenda's Overwire Mono-Boob) mask. I have gone into production and am sending them out to family, friends, and essential workers. I have made 75 so far with no end in sight. It makes me feel like I am doing something to help which has made things a little more bearable.

If Gail Nixon were with us, all of Waterford would have beautifully sewn masks by now. If anyone else need a mask, please email me and I will add you to my list. I make them in men, women, and children's sizes. There is no charge for the masks. I appreciate \$10 per shipment (not per mask) to cover the shipping costs. If anyone wants instructions on how to make these masks, I can email them to you.

**Brenda Hambleton    blhambleton@gmail.com    (860) 729-2218**

♪ **Tips from Myra Maltby** ♪

*This is a little humorous but also good advice if no one knows about it.*

*When the pandemic first started here in the US, the most important thing to do was wash your hands often and for at least 20 seconds (and still is important) During this time I read that if you sing the "Doxology" while washing your hands, you have washed for the recommended 20 seconds. Of course, I had to check it out and sure enough I sang the Doxology and it was exactly 20 seconds.*

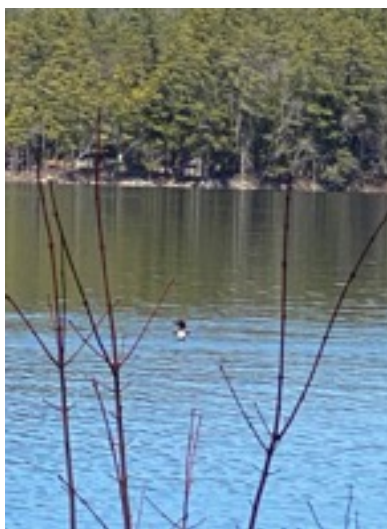
*So far, 6 weeks and at least 10 hand washings per day means I have sung that "Doxology" many, many times!*

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow...."*



 **A Walk with Karen Fillebrown** 

*Peaceful day...Mt. Tire'm...Keoka Lake... If you can't go to the ocean, it's best to try to climb the mountain, go to camp on Keoka Lake, and rejoice in the peace and quiet, catching a glimpse of a much loved loon. Then...stopping at a place with so many childhood memories (grandmother's old house) to ride the "Horse" . It was needed during this time in our life that is hard for a lot. No hugging... the hardest part of this Coronavirus for me! I have done a lot of walking around in the park in which I now live.*



*"Be HAPPY ... not because everything is good, but because you can see the good in everything."  
....a "chirp" from [Natural Life](#)*

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 **Notes from the Morse Household** 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦

*Life at our house has been very active, to say the least! With a 4- and 2-year-old in the house, we are often dancing to the Trolls soundtrack or playing in the backyard. Thank goodness for the nice days when outside play is possible. Owyn and Ivy take walks with grandma whenever possible and there have been a couple of fishing trips with daddy and mommy! We cherish the family time during this pandemic and give thanks for the time we spend together.*

*Kelsey is working from home full time and has her office set up in the bedroom; and I also work my part-time job from my bedroom office. Michael is a full time student at CMCC and child supervisor most of the time. Peter started up his landscaping business as soon as he could*

*this spring and is also the designated shopper. Everyone else stays close to home!*



*Music continues to be important to us all and I have been having lots of fun recording music for our virtual church services. Besides purchasing my new guitar, I am also taking online music courses for fun. What wonderful music is being presented on the church website from George, Kay, Al as well. Thank goodness for music!*

*Another difference in our household is cooking meals! I am tiring of cooking for 6 people every night, but then again, I do love to cook. Michael is a grill master and makes a mean pizza thanks to years of working at Sbarro! Peter has even joined in with homemade pizza crust and bread making.*



*Michael and the children have lots of seedlings started and he and Peter are planning new garden spaces for this season. We will likely have a plethora of food from our gardens in the summer and fall!*

**Love to you all from the Morse Household!**

 **Peter & Kay Leslie Stay Busy** 

- Kay
- organizing from the recent move
  - raking
  - cooking creatively (win some, lose some)
  - reading (best book so far "Snow in August")
  - walking
  - virtual exercise with Good Health is a Habit
  - making music
  - Netflix (loved "The Two Popes")
  - Zoom/Facetime with family and friends
  - wondering when we will see our family in person?



- being grateful for our wonderful Waterford friends!



- Peter
- being Mr. Fixit
  - walking with friends, wife, or alone
  - yard work
  - kayaking & enjoying nature
  - following the news
  - reading
  - taxes
  - organizing from the recent move
  - contact with family and friends
  - learning about streaming/Zoom/other electronics
  - being thankful for living in Waterford!

♥♥ GREETINGS TO ALL ♥♥

 **Friends Across the Road** 



*Preston & Sharon Harrison*



*Sally Holm and Kerry Johnson*

**Just Hangin' with the Harrisons**

Those ol' COVID-19 Blues can't get us down  
With our friends across the road,  
With their smiles and upbeat take on life  
The party's always on.

Thanks and Cheers!

👏 **Thank You from Bob Plate** 👏

*Q: What have my sister Karen and I been thinking/doing during this strange time???*  
*A: Worrying about Mom and Dad (Joy and Henry) being all on their own in Waterford. Except that, when it comes to the amazing little town of Waterford, we've been reminded once again that we don't need to worry. (Well, at least not as much.)*

*A big shout-out and thank you to our many friends and neighbors in Waterford who have been watching out for our folks. You have brought soup. Called to check up on them (multiple calls per day, and from many of you). Delivered eggs. Walked their dogs.*

*The virtual Waterford Library coffee hour, via Zoom, was a HUGE boost for them (thank you, Carol Madsen and Nancy Eaton!), and hopefully they'll be able to find their way back into Zoom for the next ones.*

*Some of you have even gathered in their driveway for appropriately socially-distanced cocktails. I call those their C.O.V.I.D. parties . . . **C**ocktails **O**n **V**eranda & **I**n **D**riveway. (There's a picture of one of those events elsewhere in this newsletter). The yard is now set up for socially distanced hosting, so as the weather warms up and you want to drop by, you will not need to BYOC!*

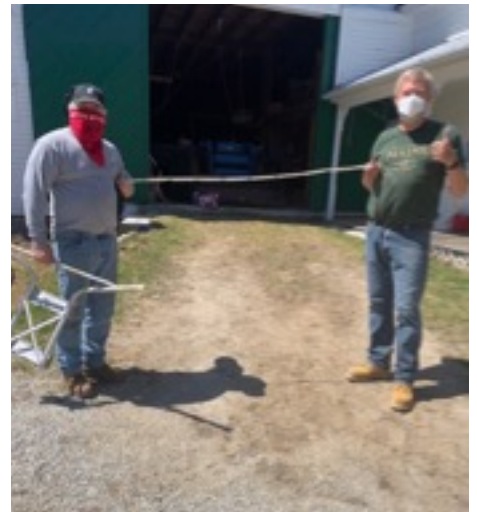
*In their spare time, they've been enjoying video chats with their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren (including 2 born in the last 3 crazy months), along with virtually attending Taylor's wedding via video replay. And some of you have been, quite literally, life-savers, and for that no words can express our gratitude. (I'll let Mom share more on that as she wishes when you next see/talk to her.)*



**Above:** Mom with her two guardian angels (Henry & Debbie Bell)

**Right:** Bob, Henry, and Bill Roy hang a new flag on the barn.

*So to "the little church with a big heart" located in "the amazing little town of Waterford" . . . thank you!!! The world needs more Waterfords!*



## 📷 Happy Spring from Ginny & Denny Raymond 📷



*On the whole, Denny and I are stay-at-home people, but this period of social-distancing, has been a perplexing time for us. Our April and June trips were both canceled. The April trip was a family adventure that we were particularly sad to give up. We miss being with our grandchildren and pray that soon this will come to a safe ending.*

*Our happiest time recently was the two weeks before Easter, when we were scheduling the website-social-distancing visits. When it occurred to me that we might do the photo/video visits with everyone, it felt a bit overwhelming, but I had this strong sense that it was a MUST-DO...that if I did not do it, that I would disappoint myself. I was pretty sure that you all would really like it, so I was pleased when Al agreed.*

**Photo above: Denny & Ginny with Skipper Boy, Angel Baby, Little Miss Underfoot**

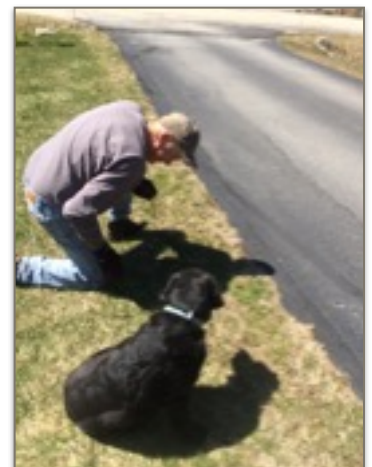
*The experience of visiting so many (and from a distance) during a time when everyone was essentially seeing no one, was totally fun. It took a short time to snap a photo or take a mini-video, and then we chatted for 15 to 20 minutes before moving on to the next stop. We enjoyed catching up with everyone and feeling their warmth and love for us and for the church. This will be a memory not easily forgotten. And...receiving the photos and videos that people put together on their own was also gratifying. Often, it was a conversation not just a quick email. Though not conversing face to face, we were conversing heart to heart.*

*Although we had the those wonderful visits/conversations and I became extremely familiar with each piece as I worked, when the project was done, and I absorbed the slideshows as a whole, I found myself laughing, crying and totally enjoying it all, as if viewing and hearing them for the first time! Denny and I love you guys so much. Thank you for letting us into your hearts. I grew up with this quote which means so much to me...it is how I feel about this memorable Easter experience:*

*“When the heart speaks, however simple the words, its language is always acceptable to those who have hearts.” - Mary Baker Eddy*

## 🌳 John Wait's Pandemic Project 🌳

*Many people have heard of the "Sanibel Stoop." Well, John spent many hours doing "the stoop" in our front yard, not for unique and beautiful shells, but for imbedded acorns in the grass. He had a helper too, Charlotte, who gave him plenty of kisses, trying to bribe John to stop stooping and get some treats. In a few years we will have the "pandemic oak forest" where he dumped his five gallon bucket of acorns.*



🏰 **A Special Plate Family Marriage** 🏰

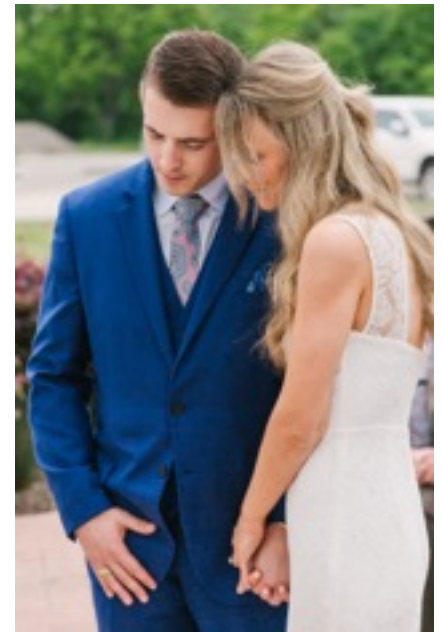


*In February, we thought our biggest obstacle for our daughter's (Taylor Shelnutt's) wedding would be getting her wedding dress out of virus-ridden China. Never did we imagine it would impact her April 11th wedding day, but it did. (Though the dress did get to Texas in late February, it STILL got stuck in the boutique before the fittings were completed.) What Taylor & Cole wrote to their family and friends speaks for itself:*

*"After much prayer and consideration, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our wedding due to the coronavirus.*

*people and a wedding is a party that can be rescheduled – and that's exactly what we plan to do! 😊*

*We are heartbroken but ultimately know protecting the health and safety of our loved ones is more important than any wedding. A marriage is a commitment between two*



*We know that faithfulness right now looks like stepping forward into marriage, without all the glitz and glamour of a wedding. It's about Cole and Taylor, uniting as one before the Lord and forming a beautiful, lifelong covenant that reflects how Christ pursues His bride, the Church. We have all we need...and that's a bride and groom who love each other more than anyone else in this world and are eagerly running into marriage in order to serve each other, reflect the gospel and grow closer to the Lord together."*



*Taylor Shelnutt and Cole Mund were married in an intimate and very meaningful ceremony on April 11th with just immediate family. The wedding celebration has been moved to September 4, 2020.*



### May

2 Pam Williams  
2 Emmi Brannan  
8 Ella Brannan  
8 Lauren Hewson  
10 Sharon Harrison  
13 Saige Winslow  
17 Rebecca Sylvester  
25 Jane Kimball  
29 Kay Leslie  
31 Dot Gillian

### June

3 Barbara Allen  
11 Bill Roy  
12 Dianne Morse-Leonard  
12 Peter Morse  
20 Nancy Engdahl  
23 Gale Bell  
25 John Wait  
26 Kerry Hewson  
29 Louann Bell  
29 Sharon Roy

### July

1 Steph Michaud  
5 Jane Morse  
4 Preston Harrison  
17 Jean Struck  
18 Ralph McKinnon  
27 Emily Thibodeau

### August

1 Ralph Sylvester  
3 James Long  
3 Diana Wright  
9 Lauren Bedard  
10 Meg Wheeler  
19 Lydia Sylvester  
21 Marion Brennan  
23 Ellie Winslow  
24 Denny Raymond  
27 Caren Long  
30 Ginia Brannan

## YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

*When you walk through a storm  
Hold your head up high  
And don't be afraid of the dark.  
At the end of the storm  
Is a golden sky  
And the sweet silver song of a lark.*

*Walk on through the wind,  
Walk on through the rain,  
Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown.  
Walk on, walk on  
With hope in your heart  
And you'll never walk alone,  
You'll never walk alone.*



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