

KTF 2025 May 1

Dear Ones,

The other day I was driving my mom home from an appointment, and decided to go on a daffodil hunt. We checked out the ones outside the UU church (always a beautiful display), drove over several 'back' roads in search of them, and eventually ended up driving up Parsons Road to check out the ones at Bruce and Patty's.

Daffodils are one of my favorite flowers, probably because they feel like the fulfillment of the promise of spring. Another one of those is when Mom announces that the goldfinches have "yellowed up." I wonder if part of the reason the liturgical color for the Easter season is gold (and white) is our way of signaling that the world is 'yellowing up' in the new life promised in Resurrection.

What signs of spring bring you joy? What signs of new life are you noticing?

In the meantime....*keep the faith*,
Nancy+

PS I watched one of the chicks hatch on Holy Saturday, and I will never forget the sharp crack of the egg as the baby inside finally found the force to break out. It was, for me, the sound of the tomb breaking open!

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 9:1-20 * Psalm 30 * Revelation 5:11-14 * John 21:1-19

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Bickford (5/6)

Veronica Perry (5/8)

CREATION CARE TIPS

"Take out the papers and the trash, ♪ Or you don't get no spendin' cash ♪...

...Get all that garbage out of sight, ♪ Or you don't go out Friday night ♪

[Yakety yak \(Don't talk back\)](#) Yakety yak, yakety yak..."

The Coasters, on Atco Records, 1958, words and music by Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller

As I searched for the complete lyrics for a song that ran through my head on Tuesday, I was pleasantly surprised to find that composer/lyricist Jerry Leiber re-wrote lyrics for "Yakety Yak" in the 90's, focusing on recycling. It seems the new lyrics fit today's theme even better than the original ones! Interested in seeing the fast-paced video of Yakety Yak, Take it Back? Here's the link:

https://www.google.com/search?q=yyakety+yak+1991&rlz=1CAKDZI_enUS1153&oq=yyakety+yak+1991&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUyB

What do you do when something you no longer want shouldn't be thrown out, and can't be recycled at your regular transfer station? Pesticides, pool chemicals, smoke detectors, rat poison, antifreeze, lighter fluid, gas cylinders, and most anything labeled CAUTION, Corrosive, Danger, Flammable, Toxic, Warning, or Volatile should be taken to a Hazardous Waste Event. Just last week a nice man at our transfer station gave me a handy-dandy guide to this year's hazardous waste events. How convenient!

Once a month from May through October, the Lewiston Environmental Depot accepts a very long list of hazardous wastes. And once a year, within those six months, there are hazardous waste disposal days in Norway-South Paris, Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Facility, Carrabassett Valley Transfer Station, Rangeley Transfer Station, and Bethel Public Works.

If you live in a town that is included in AVCOG – Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments – you can rid yourself of bad things lurking in your basement, cellar, workshop, garage, shed or barn. And if the thing(s) you need to be rid of aren't on my list, you can contact AVCOG yourself, at 207-783-9186, or check out their very navigable website at avcog.org (It's at the bottom of the page, in the green stripe, in the far right column under Quick Links.).

However, there's a catch. There's always a catch. Do not take any of the following items to any hazardous waste disposal site: asbestos (Call EPA at 1-800-452-1942), biological waste (contact your local hospital), commercial or industrial waste (where would you get that, anyway?), or ammunition, explosives, fireworks, or prescription drugs (contact your local police department or pharmacy) They have enough dangerous things to deal with; they don't need things that go boom.

But some things that you might have thought are hazardous and need special treatment can be taken to your local transfer station any day it's open. Those are: Batteries, Computers, Electronics, Lightbulbs, and televisions.

If you'd like to see the flyer the nice man at the transfer station gave me, it will be posted on the bulletin board in the church hallway. Feel free to snap a picture of each side of it on your cell phone, or ask Nancy if you might have a copy made. Or ask any of the nice people at the Norway/Paris Transfer station or Albert Soule Recycling Center.

– Patty Watts, Christ Church Earth Keeper

Hurt not the earth—neither the sea—nor the trees. Revelation 7:3

CALENDAR

SUN:	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Eucharist/In-person and online
WED:	9:00 AM	Eucharist/Bible Study
THU:	9:00 AM	Christ Church Book Group/Zoom
	7:15 PM	Zoom Compline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Cleanup May 11 (next week!) We need people to rake, pull weeds, clear gravel and sand...if you're splitting plants in your garden we can add them to bare spaces! Nancy is planning to bring some rose shoots from her garden, and forsythia would also be welcome, to fill in some of the spaces where shrubs were removed.

Community Concepts Cooperative Project: Care Packages for Moms, to be delivered on/around Mother's Day. Ideas for things to donate: "shampoo/conditioner, gift cards, snacks/treats, cozy socks, pens, little notepads and such. Anything that feels comforting."

Earth Day Plants still available!

Egg Cartons Can you believe it—we've gone through ALL those egg cartons we saved up over the winter! If you have egg cartons at home, please bring them in. Thanks!