

Rev's Reflections

Plans

What's the old expression? "Men plan, God laughs?" Never has this been truer for me than it is right now.

There was so much we wanted to do during July, our shared month off. During the winter we were thinking about Halifax, which looks gorgeous, but then we started hearing about people being detained at the border trying to come back in to the US. They were people like me, who have made public statements the administration doesn't like, with ties to another country, and arrest records. I have dual citizenship with Canada, and I've been arrested now three times for protesting.

Traveling outside of the country just didn't seem smart, so we talked about California for our niece; Montreal for my uncle; Ohio for old friends; a week somewhere other than home — anywhere, really — to just relax with Doug from Dayton who is also caring for his mom. Everything had to be planned around extended family (caregivers) being available for each mom.

Nothing seems to be working out. My mother-in-law's sister is coming to stay with her, but sadly, her first two of five days overlap with our last days of work. Friends are working. Even my uncle, whom we've not seen since 2019, won't be available. Maybe we should just go to Halifax after all, just the two of us.

Whatever happens, I think we'll make the best of this time off to relax and rejuvenate. We'll have space to think.

I'm already looking forward to August. The Wunder Academy of Metamorphosis is going to be incredible, an opportunity to play, eat together, and make things, so that we all build our skills and our shared vision of the world we want to create together.

On Sunday, let's have a great meal together after a short service focused on Joys and Concerns. Feel free to bring bread, baked goods or fruity for breakfast and/or flowers for the communion. After that, I'll see you in August.

As always, if there's any emergency, please contact me by cell. You can also reach Sara in the office; the pastoral care team (Barb Beckwith, Linda Whyte-Burrell, or Sky Kimball); or Helping Hands (Kelsey Briggs). All of our numbers are in the directory.

I hope you all have a great summer, and that your plans go off without a hitch.

In Peace,
Rev Denis