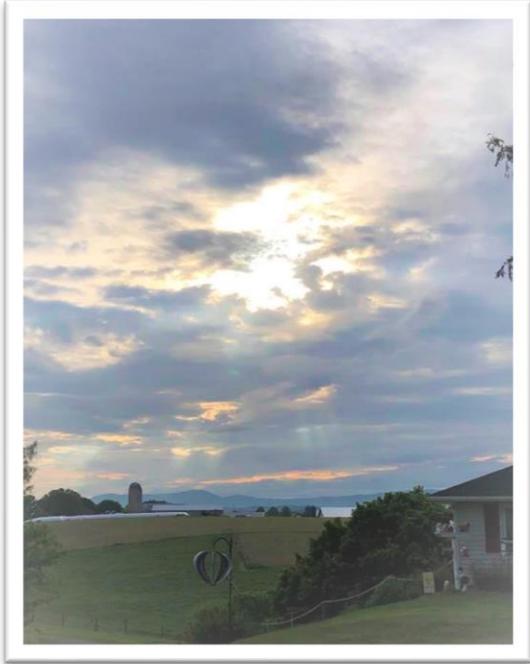

Quarantine Connections

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"From my front porch in Bridgewater, Virginia. I have always admired and loved the rising sun. As a child I would often pause in the morning just to spend a minute or two feeling the warmth and seeing the brightness the sun offers. Now, much older and hopefully much wiser due to the knowledge of life's experiences, I'm again taking a daily pause to reflect. I'm beginning to better understand that my past has helped me build a strong foundation of faith and commitment towards God. In reflecting on my commitment I am also becoming aware that for myself and many, the past can serve as anchor that ties you down and keeps you from moving forward toward the journey that sets in front of you today. Maybe we should take from yesterday, the lessons that God wanted us to learn, and carry them into today- and thus be in the present. By doing so, we are shaping tomorrow, though we really do not know what our tomorrow will bring. We hope, we have faith in, the things we do will be for the good and will be righteous in the eyes of God. The present in my life is for is in my hands, my acts, and my words to control. Taking the wisdom I've learned from my past, good or bad, and building a new day this day to learn from and hopefully carry into tomorrow, this is how I will be judged. An anchored ship can set its sails to catch the wind

for the day's journey- but it cannot move to that place as long as it is anchored. Maybe the time has come for our nation to once again, pull up anchor, and set our sails to journey to a better place today for the sake of finding and building a better place tomorrow for all. To truly be where we all know God wants us to be.

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.

The Talmud

Resolve to lift anchor and set sail to a new destination today in your heart and soul. Be kind in your words and generous in your acts. Seek understanding of those things that bring you discomfort. For you alone can spread the love God has in store for you as you catch the beams of His light to ride through the day. Do not be afraid to go where God is leading you. Peace."- Bill Kyger, June 15, 2020

