

Hi on Sunday, (but I hope you're reading this before Sunday!)  
This past Sunday there were 25 people at the "Patio Worship" service!  
Someone said it's almost as many as we have inside (something new to consider?...ha)

As I look through my Daytimer (do you still have one of these?), I see all the crossed-out things that were supposed to happen the past few months, but didn't. First of all, "Holy Week." I have never not gone to church during Holy Week. I did watch a Church of England Maundy Thursday service. It was very beautiful and meaningful, but, as we all say, about everything, "It's not the same as being there." Pentecost Sunday, lots of meetings, Coffee & Conversations, a two-day course at VST, did you know we had a catered-lunch planned for Apr 26<sup>th</sup> after church? A Pacific Mountain Region (presbytery) retreat, the sharing of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, a clergy Richmond United Church gathering at Gilmore Park UC, my 'Fifth Sunday Off' Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> (ask me if you don't know what that is.)

But, then, I see the things I added.....Lots of Zoom video/yes-they-can see-me conference calls with colleagues, with the Region Office, and on my course, "Recontextualizing Trauma from a theological centre."pastoral visiting by phone, preparing and mailing Sunday's bulletin (post-mail by Wed noon!), and other little things that I pencil-in as they happen. So, my pages are nearly full again with things I wrote on top of the crossed-out ones. (whew)

"The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom – if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God..." Deut.27:13

(And if you're at the top, reach down and lift up the ones who are lower, and then you'll see you're both on level ground. BM)

Thought for the Day "Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are doing."

1Thess 5:11

*"What you build is infinitely more important than what you tear down."* Britney Cooper

(but I think what is torn down can be equally as powerful)

PS The cookie cupboard here at the church is getting low.

blessings, Brenda