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Spiritual Growth in a Success-Driven World



The Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

BEING SUCCESSFUL is an important driving factor in our culture. Wellesley itself is by and large a town of successful people and we have a first-rate school system that will hopefully set up our children for success.

I know that I share in this desire to be successful. I want St. Andrew's to be a "successful" church with beautiful worship, fine music, a warm and welcoming community, and a place where we grow deeper in our relationship with God. I enjoy encouraging us to set ourselves goals of success, like having the biggest team at the Turkey Trot or at the Family Promise Walk to End Homelessness.

Even when I talk about deepening our spiritual lives, I am aware that I talk in terms of setting ourselves up for spiritual success. For example, when I speak about deepening your relationship with God, I offer concrete steps that can help you be successful in this

goal, such as developing spiritual practices like coming to church regularly and making time for prayer in your life. And, if we think of St. Paul, his epistles and his missionary journeys, it is clear that he was driven by a desire to be successful in spreading the Gospel which had had such a life-changing impact on him.

However, when I reflect on the Easter message of new life offered to us by the resurrection, talking about faith in terms of success seems odd. It's true that we talk about the "Victory of the Cross." But there is a deep paradox in this expression because the cross itself is a sign of humiliating failure and torture. To emphasize this point, Archbishop Rowan Williams reminds us that the site of the crucifixion at Golgotha was the rubbish dump of the city of Jerusalem.

But there is something about this paradox of the new life of the resurrection being found not in the success, but in failure or apparent death, that rings true to me.

When people have spoken to me about moments of growing deeply in their faith and experiencing God in a new and intense way, usually the circumstances of this new depth have been when they have faced intense challenges in their life, like the death of a loved one or the loss of a job. I've never heard anyone say something like, "I've just got a promotion or a new house and feel my spiritual life is much deeper now." Indeed,

Meister Eckhart, the great 14th century Christian mystic wrote, "God is not found in the soul by adding anything but by a process of subtraction."

I read a beautiful book during Lent entitled *My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer* by the poet Christian Wiman, who teaches at Yale. In the book Wiman talks of how the spiritual life is replete with paradox. He talks of the paradox that it is often out of doubt and losing our faith at one stage of our life that a new, deeper faith and relationship with God can grow. I am aware that in my own life, my loss of faith as a young adult, painful though it was, enabled me to grow into a much deeper faith. Part of that growth has been to understand that it is learning to give away and to die to certainty and the need to possess that we open ourselves up more to a deeper relationship with God.

This giving away is not just about our personal spiritual relationship with God, but is also the model of how we bring Christ's love into the world and find meaning for our lives. In his new book on the meaning of the cross and resurrection, *The Sign and the Sacrifice*, Archbishop Williams talks about Jesus' forgiveness of those who crucified him. In this act of forgiveness, Jesus gave away his need for vengeance, thus breaking the tit-for-tat cycles that bring so much destruction to our personal relationships and the wider world.

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As people of faith we are called to die to our selfish needs in order to bring love into the world. Paradoxically, we often discover it is through selfless service of others that we derive the greatest satisfaction in our lives, far more than pleasure-seeking activities, which can often result in a sense of ennui.

In the end, this giving away and experiencing an ever-deeper relationship with God is preparing us for the ultimate journey we will all make one day when we give up our lives and leave this world.

In one sense, death is the ultimate failure, yet at the same time it paradoxically ushers us into the promise of new life with God of which our imaginations can only begin to scratch the surface.

Yours in Christ,

Warden's Message

Give us grateful hearts. . .



Nancy Hancock, Warden

THAT'S THE FIRST LINE of the grace that I have been saying since I was a child, and it's still our family's "go to" prayer before meals. (Page 835 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.) Like so many things that we say almost by rote, I took this prayer for granted for a long time.

But a few years ago, I saw a study that showed pretty convincingly that thankful people are the happiest people. And who isn't looking for a little extra happiness? So, I resolved to take steps to make a conscious, specific practice of gratitude to God, every day, no matter how small. To keep myself on track, I decided to bolt it onto

another routine—my morning run. What better way to start the day than with some fresh air and a focus on one's blessings?

At this time of year, I am especially grateful for so, so many reasons. We've just emerged from the somber days of Lent into the dazzling season of Easter. God gave humanity a son, and that son gave up his life for our sake. The magnitude of those sacrifices is as chilling to contemplate as the resurrection and the prospect of our joining in it are truly glorious to celebrate.

Where St. Andrew's is concerned, I'm mindful of a list of blessings too numerous to count short of sounding like an Academy Award acceptance speech. Still, I can't help mentioning my gratitude for. . .

- Our clergy, whose astonishing spiritual depth and leadership are a source of continual inspiration
- The talented staff and faithful volunteers who keep St. Andrew's humming
- Michael Vanin, my former fellow warden, whose knowledge, guidance, and good nature helped me get my feet under me during my first year in this

role. I could not have asked for a better partner

- The nominating committee for its wisdom in inviting David Hamlin to succeed Michael, and David for his generosity and dedication in saying “yes”!
- Our vestry, both “seasoned” and “newbies,” who so willingly and capably give, and give, and give to keep our many ministries thriving, and
- Everyone who has pledged financial support to St. Andrew’s, so that we can continue to do

our part to celebrate and share the transforming love of Christ Praise God, indeed, from whom all blessings flow.

While I can’t report a magical burst of joy each time I hit the road and inwardly articulate my thankfulness—for an encouraging conversation with my mom, an especially good night’s sleep, a functioning sump pump when it’s raining cats and dogs—I have found that the deliberate focus on God’s gifts brings with it a moment (or more) of peace before the day

kicks into high gear. That is yet another gift.

Today, I’m mindful of my gratitude to *you* for reading this article. Given the abundance of such things vying for everyone’s time and attention, those of us who contribute to The Call are especially thankful that you’ve made the choice to put this little publication on your reading list.

May God continue to *give us grateful hearts*.

Two Poems for Easter



The Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

IN EASTERTIDE, WE CELEBRATE the resurrection of Jesus Christ and make room to find smaller resurrections—new life—in our lives as well. Reverend Ted Loder, a retired Methodist minister who led congregations for 37 years, is known for his creative preaching and poetic prayers. His prayer poem, “Empower Me,” encourages us to live out our confidence in resurrection every day:

Empower me
to be a bold participant,
rather than a timid saint in waiting,
in the difficult ordinariness of now;
to exercise the authority of honesty,
rather than to defer to power,
or deceive to get it;

to influence someone for justice,
rather than impress anyone for gain,
and, by grace, to find treasures
of joy, of friendship, of peace
hidden in the fields of the daily
you give me to plow.

— *The Rev. Ted Loder*

Mary Oliver, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and longtime Cape Cod resident, writes stunning and deceptively simple poetry about the natural world. In her work, the natural world, the spiritual life, incarnation, and the mystery of it all are all wrapped up together. Her poem “Spring” invites us to consider love’s many faces:

Somewhere
a black bear
has just risen from sleep
and is staring
down the mountain.

All night
in the brisk and shallow restlessness
of early spring

I think of her,
her four black fists
flicking the gravel,
her tongue

like a red fire,
touching the grass,
the cold water.
There is only one question:

how to love this world.
I think of her
rising
like a black and leafy ledge

to sharpen her claws
against the silence
of the trees.
Whatever else

my life is
with its poems
and its music
and its glass cities,

it is also this dazzling darkness
coming
down the mountain,
breathing and tasting;

all day I think of her—
her white teeth,
her wordlessness,
her perfect love.

— *Mary Oliver*

Nurturing Children's Faith at Every Stage



The Rev. Catherine "Cat" Healy

THE GOD REVEALED TO US in Jesus Christ is eternally unchanging; the same yesterday, today, and forever. But, of course, human beings *do* change throughout each stage of life. I experience God's movement in my life differently now than I did 20 years ago, and I hope my relationship with God will continue to deepen in the decades to come.

Christian formation for children and youth at St. Andrew's reflects our church's philosophy that everyone, at every age, has an intrinsic connection to God. Here are some ways to embody that philosophy outside the church walls for the young people in your life, whether they live in your house or visit with you just a few times a year.

Toddlers & Preschoolers

Characteristics Children this age live in the "here and now." They are concrete thinkers who thrive on routine and struggle to distinguish fantasy from reality, and they see morality in simple, black-and-white terms. They are curious about everything and often have many questions about heaven and the nature of God. Their thoughts and feelings are much more sophisticated than their language, and they become frustrated when they cannot articulate what they want to express.

Nurturing Faith Build upon a young child's love of routine

by saying regular mealtime and bedtime prayers, and read stories aloud from a children's Bible—find a simple one that is appropriate for pre-readers. Encourage their questions about God, and provide language for asking them. Introduce the meaning of religious holidays like Christmas and Easter.

Lower Elementary (grades K to two)

Characteristics Children this age continue to think concretely, but are starting to understand the difference between "real" and "pretend." They are becoming more and more independent in daily activities and want to be recognized for their accomplishments. They identify readily with characters in stories.

Nurturing Faith Take advantage of a lower elementary child's desire for mastery. Say the Lord's Prayer together each night to help her memorize it naturally, and find a children's Bible that she can read by herself. Discuss Bible stories after reading them together, asking questions like, "Why do you think the people in the story made those choices?" and "Which person from the story would you want to be?"

Upper Elementary (grades three to five)

Characteristics Children this age are making the leap from "learning to read" toward "reading to learn." They are often very interested in current events. They want to be seen as pre-teens rather than little kids and are eager for leadership roles, although they still need adult help to execute them.

Nurturing Faith Find age-appropriate ways for an upper elementary child to exercise leadership. Invite him to lead family prayers at mealtimes, and have him read Bible stories to you or to younger children before discussing them together. Talk about current events, pray for people in crisis

around the world, and brainstorm ways to help.

Middle School (grades six to eight)

Characteristics Young teenagers are beginning to think more abstractly and ask serious questions about their faith. They are hyper-focused on peer approval and hyper-critical of perceived hypocrisy from adults. They search constantly for ways to differentiate themselves from their parents and family, but still crave reassurance that they are loved.

Nurturing Faith Talk with a middle-schooler about what your faith means to you, and be honest about your doubts. Give her a "grown-up" Bible or prayer book when she is ready to move on from the children's version. Learn together about heroes of the faith, and look for Christian role models that she can identify with. If she rejects faith or resists going to church, remember that her resistance is developmental, not personal.

High School (grades nine to twelve)

Characteristics Older teenagers are developing sophisticated critical-thinking skills and re-evaluating all the ideas and values they were raised with. As they begin to prepare for their eventual separation from their parents, they are often very suspicious of authority and anything that feels too "establishment."

Nurturing Faith Ask a high-schooler his opinion on matters of faith, and listen seriously to his answers. Talk with him about how Christians are portrayed in the media and how these portrayals compare to the reality he has experienced. Offer him choices about how to engage in church—a teenager may love serving as an acolyte but dread youth group, or vice versa.

As you reflect on how best to share the love of Christ with the next generation, remember that all of us—even long into adulthood—

need to nurture our faith if we want it to grow. Take a moment to think about your hopes and dreams in your own stage of life, and what

you might do for yourself to continue deepening your connection to God.

Who Stole the Communion Silver?



Sandra Rigney

ONE DAY LAST SPRING, I was sitting in Katharine Clark's office, when Adrian walked in, sat down, and said to me, "I have a question that I wanted to ask you." He then talked about the 125th anniversary of St. Andrew's coming up in 2019, and the church is thinking of producing another commemorative book, but this time it would be pictorial as opposed to the 100th anniversary text published in 1994. He mentioned there was a room upstairs in our church that held all sorts of information related to the history of the church and would I be interested in having a look.

We trudged upstairs and he led me to this little room that holds the archives. Inside, is a treasure trove of information. On the left wall are seven file cabinets and a dinosaur IBM typewriter sitting on top of a four-drawer file. Cartons are piled high on the floor alongside a carton holding stacks of display boards from past renovations. The windows are partially blocked by a large wooden wardrobe backed by two more file cabinets. The paint



In its earliest days St. Andrew's was situated in an open field facing Washington Street with few immediate neighbors.

is peeling from the ceiling. On the far right wall is an eight-foot wide bulletin board filled with historical paraphernalia dating back to the 1890s. A closet holds old engraving plates and architectural floor plans. There is a dusty wooden book-

stand, and to complete the scene there is a table and wing back chair!

I was thrilled at the possibilities this challenge afforded me, so I agreed to pull it together. First on the agenda was for Peter Lull to take pictures of the board to



Parishioners gather outside of St. Andrew's near the original entry door to the church.

Who Stole the Communion Silver? *continued*



At Easter, St. Andrew's gives hyacinths to children to take home—a long-time tradition at church.



Interior of the sanctuary, about 1946.



Mortar board style hats for girls were part of the vestment. Here the junior choir visits Boston Veterans Hospital in June 1962.

preserve its contents. Removing the pictures was another challenge—they had been hung with thumbtacks (pushpins had not been invented yet). I had to borrow a kitchen knife to release the tacks!

Then, for the rest of the year with Nancy Hancock, I have been poring over the photos, photo albums of events, announcements, newspaper articles, musical programs, Sunday leaflets, issues of *The Call*, CDs, and slides, looking for interesting photos, news items and tidbits for the book.

Resulting from this research I have some teaser questions for you to consider. For the long-time parishioners, these questions might bring back memories, and for the newcomers, I hope these questions will pique your imagination and curiosity.

Why did you see goats and sheep on the church lawn in the middle of December?

What do the initials EMV, GFS, SAGS, SAKS, SAPAS, and SAPPS mean?

What piece of church furniture was appraised at \$22,000 several years ago?

Who was eligible for an "Andy" Award?

How many confirmands did we have in 1961?

Did anyone buy a mink at the Mink Boutique?

Where does the door in the middle of the North Aisle lead?

Did Ernie Boch go to the Bach Bash?

What stories do the needlepoint kneelers tell?

What was Flat St. Andrew's?

Why were we selling pews?

What is "Noye's Fludde"?

Who stole the communion silver?

Sandra Rigney is a retired book designer who has a love for good typography and how letterforms work together.

Calendar

April

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

8am Junior Choir Practice
8am Senior Choir Practice
9am Easter Family Holy Eucharist
10am Easter Egg Hunt
11am Easter Festival Holy Eucharist

Monday, April 2

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, April 4

7:30pm Men's Book Club
7:30pm Worship Committee

Thursday, April 5

9:45am Church School Committee

Friday, April 6

Pre-Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, April 7

8:45am Family Promise Walk to End Homelessness

Sunday, April 8

9:45am Kids' Place, Church School, Rite-13
11am *common cathedral*
6:45pm High School Youth Group

Monday, April 9

7pm Book Circle

Tuesday, April 10

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting
10:30am Bible Circle
7:30pm Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, April 11

7pm Bible Circle

Saturday, April 14

8am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, April 15

9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place Only

Monday, April 16

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, April 19

11am Holy Eucharist at North Hill

Sunday, April 22

9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School, Rite-13
11:30am Faith and Practice Series
4pm Junior Choir Practice

5pm Confirmation Prep
5pm Informal Service & Potluck
6:45pm High School Youth Group

Tuesday, April 24

5pm Dinner Volunteers at Pearl Street Cupboard & Café
7:30pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, April 25

3pm Adult Formation Committee

Friday, April 27

6:30pm Junior Choir Practice

Sunday, April 29

9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place Only
10am All-Parish Holy Eucharist
11:30am Bargain Haul Drop-off
4pm Grace Knight Babson Concert

Monday, April 30

9am to 1pm & 6 to 8pm Bargain Haul Drop-off/Sorting

May

Tuesday, May 1

9am to 1pm Bargain Haul Drop-off/Sorting

Wednesday, May 2

7pm Pilgrimage Planning
7:30pm Men's Book Club

Friday, May 4

6pm Parish Night

Saturday, May 5

8:30am Bargain Haul Public Sale

Sunday, May 6

9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School, Rite-13
11:45am Pilgrimage Planning
5pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, May 8

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting
10:30am Bible Circle
7:30pm Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, May 9

7pm Bible Circle

Thursday, May 10

9:15am Altar Guild Holy Eucharist
9:45am Church School Committee
10am Altar Guild Meeting
7pm Altar Guild Meeting

Saturday, May 12

8am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

9am Christian Learning Series
9am Senior Choir Practice
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School, Rite-13
10am Holy Eucharist and First Communion Celebration
6:45pm High School Youth Group

Monday, May 14

Pilgrimage begins
7pm Book Circle

Thursday, May 17

11am Holy Eucharist at North Hill

Friday, May 18

6:30pm Junior Choir Practice & Pizza!

Sunday, May 20

9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School, Rite-13
10am Holy Eucharist and Rite-13 & Junior Choir Celebration
5pm Informal Service & Potluck

Tuesday, May 22

5pm Dinner Volunteers at Pearl Street Cupboard & Café
7:30pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday, May 24

Pilgrimage returns

Sunday, May 27

9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place Only

Monday, May 28

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, May 31

7:30pm Senior Choir & Party

June, July, & August

Sunday, June 3

9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers
9:45am *Last Day of Kids' Place*, Church School, Rite-13
10am Holy Eucharist and Celebration of Church School Teachers
5pm Holy Eucharist and High School Graduation Recognition

Wednesday, June 6

7:30pm Men's Book Club

Thursday, June 7

9:45am Church School Committee

Saturday, June 9

8am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, June 10

10am Holy Eucharist
5pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, June 12

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting

7:30pm Outreach Meeting

Sunday, June 17

Father's Day
10am Holy Eucharist
5pm Holy Eucharist (*last for summer*)

Thursday, June 21

11am Holy Eucharist at North Hill

Tuesday, June 26

5pm Dinner Volunteers at Pearl Street Cupboard & Café
7:30pm Vestry Meeting

Sunday, July 1

9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers

Wednesday, July 4

Parish Office Closed

Monday, July 9

7pm Book Circle

Tuesday, July 10

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Thursday, July 19

11am Holy Eucharist at North Hill

Tuesday, July 24

5pm Dinner Volunteers at Pearl Street Cupboard & Café

Sunday, August 5

9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers
10am Holy Eucharist Location TBA

Sunday, August 12

10am Holy Eucharist Location TBA

Tuesday, August 14

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Sunday, August 19

10am Holy Eucharist Location TBA

Sunday, August 26

10am Holy Eucharist Location TBA

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The **Sunday Holy Eucharist** is celebrated at 8am, 10am and 5pm (except where noted). The **Holy Eucharist** is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30am. **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is offered Monday through Friday at 8:45am. All are welcome! **Please note:** the Sunday 5pm service will go on summer vacation after Father's Day and return after Labor Day. **Senior Choir** has rehearsal every Thursday evening at 7:30pm and every Sunday at 9am, unless otherwise noted. **Junior Choir** meets every Sunday at 9am, unless otherwise noted. Junior Choir goes on summer vacation after the May 20th 10am service. **Parish office hours** are Monday through Thursday 9am to 5pm and Fridays 9am to 12 noon. **Parish office hours** for June and July are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm, and Fridays, 9am to 12pm, and for August, Monday through Friday 9am to 12pm.



St. Andrew's parishioners gather outside church, mid-1900s.

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Parish Register *Baptisms* Alafair Cutler and Clementine Jean Kivett *Burials* David M. Link and David Curtis Wiswall

An Exciting Future at El Hogar



Becky Taylor

Jesus said to his disciples, "... go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. ..." (John 15:16, Gospel reading for Easter Six)

ALMOST 40 YEARS AGO, a small group of Episcopalians in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, did something remarkable: they started *El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza*, "The Home of Love and Hope." Into that home they brought five young boys who were trying to fend for themselves on the streets of their nation's capital city. "The Home of Love and Hope" grew into El Hogar Projects, serving more and more children caught in the grips of crushing poverty. Today, up to 250 boys and girls live on our three campuses.

El Hogar Projects also owns a fourth property: a 250-acre farm in Talanga. Last November we closed the agricultural school (but not the farm), moved its students to our Technical Institute, and launched plans to open a brand new co-ed school in February 2020. This new school will have a primary campus (grades one through six) and a secondary campus (grades seven through twelve).

Operating in two locations instead of four will create fiscal and administrative efficiencies, but more importantly, it will enable El Hogar to provide a high school education for all of its students. (Currently our boys only receive



Boys lining up for school.

a tenth grade education.) The secondary program on the Talanga campus will include a high quality academic curriculum, vocational and agricultural training (as we have been doing), and an entrepreneurial business curriculum connected to several revenue-generating enterprises on the campus. Our goals are two-fold:

- 100% of our students will be employed and/or enrolled in a university after they graduate, and
- Grades 10 through 12 will be financially self-sustaining within five years.

For 40 years El Hogar has been engaged with God's mission in Honduras to transform the lives of children crippled by extreme pover-

ty. Now we believe we are deepening our commitment to that sacred task, creating an even better future not just for Honduras' children, but for Honduras itself: we believe El Hogar's students will be the next generation of Honduran leadership. *That is fruit that will last!*

Becky Taylor is board president of El Hogar Ministries, the nonprofit organization in Massachusetts that supports the work of El Hogar Projects in Honduras. She and her husband, Steve, will be leading an adult class about El Hogar at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, May 20. For more information about El Hogar, please talk with them and visit www.elhogar.org.



Secondary school graduates

Photo: Courtesy El Hogar

Photo: Courtesy El Hogar

Getting to Know Margaret Schwarzer and Ben Levi



Dan Dent

IN THIS ARTICLE, The Call continues its series of conversations with St. Andrew's clergy to give us all an opportunity to learn a little more about our church leaders. In this third article, we meet St. Andrew's associate rector for

adult formation and membership, Rev. Margaret K. Schwarzer, and her son, Ben Levi, 14. Margaret lives with Ben, and is stepmom to Rachel, Asa, Jonas, and Rebecca, young adults with homes of their own.

Your family has been involved in the church for a long time. Margaret, tell us how you started in your career.

Margaret My first job was at Trinity Church in Princeton, New Jersey. Trinity is a large suburban parish, similar to St. Andrew's. For three and a half years, I was a college chaplain and assistant rector, and worked with our youth group. In 1997, I led a pilgrimage of Princeton College students and staff to Taizé, France. We worshiped and studied in Taizé for

a week, and spent three days in Paris. Bishop Tom Shaw invited me to Boston to serve as the Episcopal Chaplain at Boston University that year, and I've lived in the Bay State ever since. In all my church jobs, I've always been interested in helping people ask the big questions about their faith.

Ben, share with us something you like about the church.

Ben I like our confirmation class. We meet every two weeks on Sunday evenings. My mom and I worship together at the 5pm service, and then I go off to class with Cat.

What's life like at your house, outside of your church and school duties. Any favorite sports, hobbies, pets?

Margaret When we relax, we play board games and speed chess together. Ben got the chess clocks as a gift from his brother, Asa, and we have fun competing. We also play Blokus, one of my favorite board games.

Ben I like to play soccer—my favorite position is center—and I like to play the trumpet. I've been playing since fourth grade. I also like math.

What's your favorite vacation place, and why?

Margaret We love the Berkshires. We've gone every summer since Ben was nine. Last summer, we climbed Mt. Greylock in a single day. It took us seven and a half hours. When we got to the top, we sat by the fire at Bascom Lodge and played Blokus and gin rummy. Later that week, we got to hear Yo-Yo Ma play at Tanglewood.

What's one thing people would be surprised to learn about you?

Margaret People might be surprised that Ben and I binge watched *Stranger Things*, that cool



Photo: Courtesy Margaret Schwarzer

Ben and Margaret at Tanglewood

Netflix science fiction show. I can get obsessed with *Hell's Kitchen* and *America's Got Talent*, too.

Ben People might be surprised to learn that I once went on a 16-mile mountain hike that included the mountain ridge along the Presidential Range in New Hampshire. We climbed ten peaks all in one day.

If you could meet one person, who would it be, and why?

Margaret Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He's such a vibrant and powerful Christian leader. I would love to share a cup of tea with him in his Johannesburg office and talk about *The Book of Joy*.

Ben Elon Musk is the person I would like to meet. He's so smart, almost crazy. The launch of *Falcon Heavy* was great to watch.

If you could have one wish granted, what would it be?

Margaret There are too many; I couldn't think of just one wish. One pragmatic wish would be helping the "ugly vegetable" movement in the United States. We waste 30 percent of the crops grown in this country because grocery stores only accept visually perfect vegetables and fruit. Eating "ugly" would reduce food waste and decrease hunger in this country—that would be great.

Ben I'd wish for infinite wishes. That's the smartest wish. But a practical wish is for America to do a better job with recycling. Actually, I wish everything could be recycled.

Photos: Courtesy Margaret Schwarzer



Margaret and Ben, May 2007.



At the Wellesley Turkey Trot, November 2017.

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