

Greetings!

Perseverance furthers



"Perseverance furthers" comes from the Chinese *I Ching* (Book of Changes) meaning that steadfastness, integrity, and alignment with right vision lead to success. No matter what the results of the midterm elections are, we will need to persevere in our efforts to regain not only our democracy, but our way of life that is peaceful, fair, generous, compassionate, equitable and inclusive. We'll need to keep on to

DEFEND OUR DEMOCRACY!

DEFEND OUR VALUES!

DEFEND OUR MORALITY!

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*Justice is what love looks  
like in public.*

Cornell West

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*We will and must resist  
and protest as long as it  
takes to get our  
democracy back*

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This Month's Features



Looking Deeper into AI, and Ourselves

Rev. Cameron Trimble writes two worthwhile essays: one concerning the increasing influence of artificial intelligence on our lives, and the other inquiring about our interior lives in modern day culture.

In ["What Should We Never Let AI Do For Us?"](#) her comments are inspired by an article by Bill Gates about the pros and cons of AI. Gates says we need to start thinking about where we should not let technology go. He has an idea he calls Human Reserved, inspired by nature reserves. Just as we sometimes choose not to build on forests, drain wetlands, or mine mountains, we can decide that just because we can use something doesn't mean we should. We set boundaries and say: *This is valuable because we leave it untouched.*

In ["When Did You Stop Feeling Fully Alive?"](#) she reflects on the where we are as a culture, and what makes our lives worthwhile.

“Much of modern life is built to capture our attention and turn it into profit. Our devices are made to keep us hooked. Workplaces expect us to always be available. Our economy relies on us always consuming. Even rest is sold as something to help us work better.”

“What helps you lose yourself in the best way? What stirs tenderness in you? What brings back your sense of wonder? What reconnects you with your body, with others, with the Earth, or with whatever you see as Sacred? Those questions are worth taking seriously.”

All Kinds of Good News



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton's amazing Imagination Library just doubled its outreach in London. The Imagination Library offers a free book every month to children younger than 5. Started in 1995 the program has donated 330 million books to more than 3 million children! [Read here.](#)



England's Tree Planting

England plans to plant a half million trees in the next three years. This summer's drought showed the urgent need for more trees. In areas where nature has been allowed to flourish, the ground held more water and drought was less severe. On streets where trees were planted shade meant temperatures were lower. Trees helped prevent floods when rain came. It's a win-win for all.



Farm and Food

Berlin's REWE supermarket is a grocery store with a working rooftop farm. "Fresh from the roof!" The store was built with the farm in mind. Skylights throughout the grocery floor let you look up into what's growing above. The greenhouse runs year-round. It's heated by waste heat from the store's own cooling equipment, watered mostly by rain, and partly powered by solar. When the lettuce is ready, it comes straight downstairs. The waste heat from the refrigerators goes up to the greenhouse. The rain that falls on the roof waters the plants. Nothing leaves the building that the building doesn't immediately use. The supply chain is a staircase.

[Read more here.](#)

[Here's the article.](#)



Another Successful Wildlife Crossing

I'm a big fan of wildlife crossings! It means that we humans are taking wildlife into consideration as well as human safety. This overpass on I-25 in Colorado reduced collisions 91%. The crossing, a 209-by-200-foot structure near the Greenland exit between Larkspur and Monument, opened last December. It came in ahead of schedule and under budget. Five underpasses and miles of fencing channel animals toward the safe crossings.

[Read more here.](#)

Wisdom for Our Time



"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." — Dolly Parton

"Happy Days Are Here Again!"



On October 4, 1963, Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand sang their intermingled versions of their signature songs "Get Happy" and



Time to shout!
Time to be loud!
Time to act!

Time to soak up a long list of good news and stories put together by

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“Happy Days Are Here Again.” It aired on Garland’s variety show two days later. [Enjoy this happy duet.](#)

And here's [Extra! Extra!](#) for more good news.

May November bring us much to be happy about!
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