



# "One Day in November"

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*What did you do today, November 15, 2020?*

I spent the morning sewing a dress that was made from crushed velvet material, which is obnoxious to work with. I call it the Chaotic Evil of fabrics. I was sewing to evade grading, because I knew I had a big stack waiting for me. Sunday afternoons are often grading periods, and this one was no different. The weather was wet and windy, so I didn't get my usual walk along the cross country field with my dogs. I was glad for the creative expression time, and did get some essays edited/graded as I promised myself. I rewarded myself with a glass of wine from the Trader Joe's in Louisville, and then made dinner. I had some tomatoes on my windowsill that I got from a plant given by a colleague over the summer, and they actually ripened! I made preserves out of them, and then watched two episodes of The Crown with my spouse.

*What seems to be the most significant aspect of your life in 2020?*

As Chaplain who teaches, I feel like 2020 is when EVERYTHING TAKES SO MUCH MORE ENERGY. Plans can't be made more than a week in advance, and I'm literally winging it all of the time. I am doing all of the things, while simultaneously feeling like nothing is getting done. Hanover's gorgeous campus is a big part of my sanity- getting out and getting fresh air is a life saver.

*Without invading anyone's privacy, tell us about a conversation or text exchange you've had today.*

I sent an email to my class to remind them that attendance is in fact part of their grade. I feel like the morale has really been down these last few weeks.

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