



"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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