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The “success” of a summer vacation when renting a beach house is often determined by how many SUNNY days there were . I recall one year in Maine when the coast was fogged in for one whole week of our two-week house rental ... our kids were so bummed!! BUT – that was also the week when they were forced to find other ways to invent their own inside “sunshine” – by writing and putting on plays, experimenting with cooking, creating collections of all kinds and having art contests and scavenger hunts!



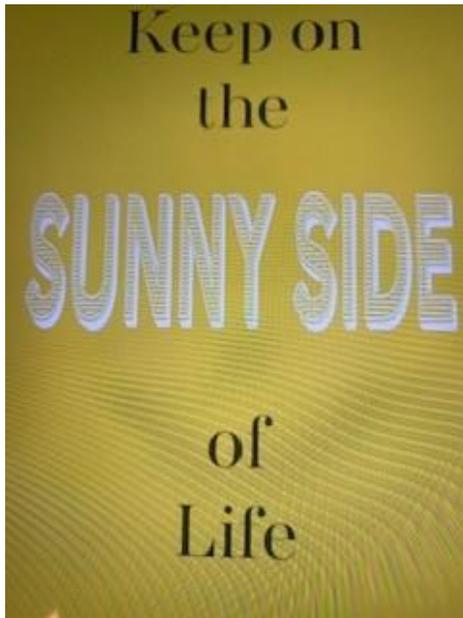
Life in this time of COVID “gloom” is difficult for everyone – it feels as though we are living under a huge storm cloud that just won’t end. Yet, despite that pervasive “cloud” or the many “clouds” we confront in our individual lives, the sun comes up every day and shines – even if we can’t always see it.

God’s love has often been compared to the sunrise! It shows up every morning, no matter what and shines without judgment upon every person in creation – saints and sinners alike. You can hide from that love but there won’t be any punishment for not soaking up its light... and even if you stay in the dark for years, when you finally do step outside, that amazing LOVE – like the sun – will be there, shining still, steady and bright as ever, just waiting for you to come out and be warmed ...

“Keep on The Sunny Side,” a song written way back in 1899, speaks of choosing to greet each day with hope, despite the “darkness and strife” or the “storm in its fury.”

No MUSINGS musical link this week to listen – INSTEAD –

COME TO CHURCH FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY at 10:00 and listen to our own CIRCLE ROUNDERS (Kate Davis, Mike DiGiorgio, Scott Chassé, Miles Dunn, John Page, and Randy Allison) sing a FABULOUS bluegrass version of these words!!



“There’s a dark and troubled side of life; there’s a bright and a sunny side too.  
Tho’ we meet with the darkness and the strife, the sunny side we also may view.  
Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side, keep on the sunny side of life.  
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way, if we keep on the sunny side of life.

Tho’ the storm in its fury break today, crushing hopes that we cherished so dear  
Storm and cloud will in time pass away, the sun again will shine bright and clear.  
Let us greet with a song of hope each day, tho’ the moments be cloudy or fair;  
Let us trust in our Savior always, who keepeth everyone in His care.”

A real treat awaits you!