

What's the Craic?

Craic: "Crack"

Irish word for fun, enjoyment, abandonment, or lighthearted mischief. "Good craic" is always social – and the best craic is "ninety"!



Kathi Perry in Ireland

Highlights:

- May** A Junior's Global group from Barclay College came for 19 days – a mix of history and service!
- June** I got to spend an encouraging afternoon with the Canfields, former missionaries to Guatemala.
- July** My dear friend Doreen Dodgen-Magee came to speak at Senior Moyallon Camp.
- August** My sister, Sandi, and her husband, Stan will be here at the end of the month!! And I will attend a Godly Play training.

Family

The night before I left California in 2001, my family gathered around me to pray, and to say 'good-bye.' My precious niece pressed her face against me and sobbed. I still cannot tell that story without blinking back tears, and a catch in my throat.

Many things have changed for my family in these years, and sometimes it is hard to be so far away. When there is much to celebrate, and in times of uncertainty, I would like to be with them. I know that this has been a sacrifice for them, as well. I am comforted to read words like these: "Everything is safe which we commit to [God], and nothing is really safe which is not so committed." (A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*). I trust that.

There is a reason why I have turned philosophical as I write today. At camp a few weeks ago, one of the young people wrote on a card beside my name the single word "Family." I think of him, and I think of the wonderful people I have been fortunate to know and love in this community. There are some who are the gift of "family" to me. The Psalmist said, "God sets the lonely in families..." (68:6) I trust this too.



NEW ADDRESS

Check your records! Check your church's "Missions" website! PLEASE! Do they have my new address? Here it is:

**195 Redford Park
Greystones, County Wicklow
Ireland**



Into the Community

Every human activity can be put at the service of the divine and of love.
We should all exercise our gift to build community.

Jean Vanier, Community and Growth

Juniors Global

In May, I hosted a group from Barclay College. They were helpful, pleasant, generous, thoughtful, and fun. They painted, played with toddlers, cleaned toys, and traveled well. A highlight for me was a visit to England to see those places that are important in Quaker history. **Pray that God would continue to shape their hearts to pursue His will in the world.**

Summer Camp

A dear friend, Doreen Dodgen-Magee was willing and able to come to camp this summer and share her wisdom and energy and love with our Young Friends. Over and over I was grateful to her for loving so well, the people I love so much – and for speaking truth to them. **Please pray that what they heard of the love of God would take root in their hearts, and fill them up.**

Take Your Vitamins

I want to thank you for praying for my health, which I have mentioned only a little. After testing for much more serious things, a blood test revealed a vitamin deficiency that would explain all of my symptoms – and treatable with a series of shots. **I am so thankful for a relatively simple answer to symptoms that were spiraling down. I'm feeling better every day.**

Irish Summer...

Summertime in Ireland is a more relaxed time when formal groups take a break. I get to spend time with mums and babies outside of the groups—at a park or someone's home. The Bible study has begun to meet each fortnight, in the evenings in my home. That has given us

space for deeper conversations. I am so thankful for these generous, thoughtful women, who are “family” to me.

And I am thankful for you. In Irish we say, “go raibh maith agat.” Thank you.

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His/Yours, Kathi Perry