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A great big greeting to all of our friends & family!

The Covid pandemic has made 2020 a challenging year. I'm sure, like you and your family, we have all been both careful in our interactions with others, but also trying to live life as normally as possible.

Here are some positive things that have come from this year for us:

Life has become simpler with less commitments. Between lock-downs and social distancing, Oak Haven Photography ground to a complete halt. Fortunately, retiring was in our short-term plans anyway. We obviously have had to give up some things, but that has allowed us to restore more margin to our life.

Relationships have become a higher priority. It's too easy to take things for granted when you're confident what tomorrow will bring.

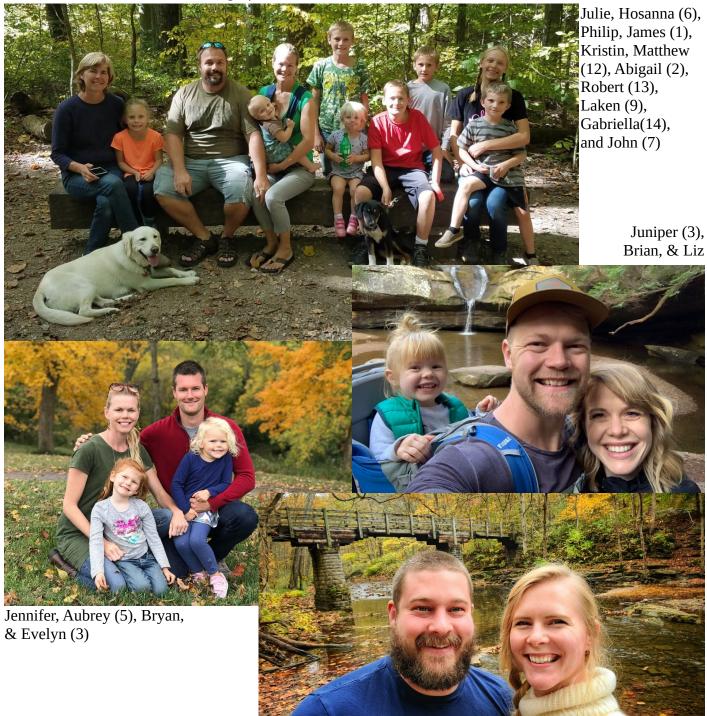
More time at home to get projects done. (Or at least we've gotten closer to getting some of our projects done ⁽²⁾.)

A good time to try something new. We started a YouTube channel called **The Woodland Steward** this Spring. Jim is passionate about preserving the natural environment and also in sharing that passion with others. This format has been a perfect avenue for him to reach many people with his knowledge, enthusiasm and experience. He has videos on removing invasives in the woods and just started a new series identifying plants from the car. Check it out!

Lots of time to spend many enjoyable hours in our woods. Weeding garlic mustard in the Spring, spraying stilt grass in the Summer, and cutting honeysuckle, autumn olive, and burning bush in the Fall. You may wonder why I say enjoyable when it can be a lot of work. I think because we find it so rewarding to restore our woods. Plus being out in the woods is our happy place.

And lastly, the realization that each day is a gift.

Let's remember God's ultimate gift to us by sending His son, Jesus Christ to save us from our sins. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him should not die, but have everlasting life. John 3:16



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