



Dear Family and Friends,

Easter, 2024

The Columbus Parks & Recreation Department buzzed all around the whole of Schiller Park in fine style in February. They were pruning, maintaining and planting trees with multiple trucks and crews. We're grateful how well Columbus takes care of Schiller Park here in German Village. (I took this pic the day they were directly across the street from our house. Our porch flag nicely blocked sunlight from shining straight into my iPhone camera lens.)



We've started downsizing for an eventual move into a retirement home, and we're engaged the services of "Smooth Transitions" to help us sort through our things. This pic (left) is of Carol Young, as she and I were working our way through the 2nd-floor bedroom that was my study, office, art studio, and amateur journalism library when we moved in full-time, 2015. She's very flexible in her hours, lives nearby, and understands it when I get tired enough to call it a day. She can lift heavier boxes than I can anymore! There's lots of stuff still to sort through, requiring some setting-aside of materials that need careful sorting before we can decide what to keep, what to give away, what to put up for sale or auction. But at least it's nothing like the job that is presently going on (right) as the Columbus *Dispatch* and the Columbus Metropolitan Library have entered into an agreement to move the *Dispatch*'s enormous photo archive into the library system.



Just a little of the Dispatch photo archive. (Photo from the Dispatch.)

Our low, soft, plushy family-room furniture was getting a bit of a challenge for Ruth to get out of to a standing position, so we now have an electric-lift recliner for her, which the installation crew is setting up in this photo (right) as Ruth looks on. It is so-o-o comfy, and works well to help her get to a height and angle for standing. (Sorry for the light flare, rear.)



The two photos (left) are our church's chancel all decorated and beflowered for Easter services (top), and below that, a screenshot of our live-cam service on Palm Sunday, from YouTube. One of the cameras happened to get a shot of myself and Ruth (partly hidden) in our pew, singing the entrance hymn and waving our "palms."



Love and blessings to you all,
Bill and Ruth

The Easter borders (top and bottom) are from an 1805 British sampler. (Metropolitan Museum of New York. Public domain.)

