

## Check In

The blog is getting ignored amid all the happenings in my life. But there have been fun things. I asked for chocolate at my farewell party at the church and this is what I got!



My chocolate cup runneth over indeed. The farewell celebration was so sweet and lovely that it filled my heart. I wish the church the best as they have a talented pastor coming who will lead them well.

And now I'm onto another place, [Church of the Roses](#). As one friend said, "That is the best name for a church ever." It does ring, and the folks are lovely. I've only been in the office two days, but met a bunch of folks, already have fun with the volunteers and the office staff. I know that this is the honeymoon, but I'll enjoy it while I can!

There has been knitting in the middle of the transition - thank goodness. I finished a couple of Christmas presents, including a worm hat and cowl set - it took just less than 100 grams of sport-weight yarn to make these, so it's an economical gift. This was leftover yarn, so even better~

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And I knit one of the viral knits happening now, the [Bandana Cowl](#) - so easy, so fun! I used Madelinetosh DK superwash merino doubled, and it is so squishy and wonderful!

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After having eyed the [Ribband](#) necklace/bracelet pattern for months, I finally forked over my \$5.00 and bought a bunch of beads at the bead store this week, and last night threaded enough for my first one - it's going to be an easy--peasy knit, and great for gifts.

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On the garment front, my cardigan of my own design is done, except for the closures, which I will have to ponder for a bit. It can be worn in the meantime, which is fortunate for me. The decision about whether it will be a real pattern has not been made, so I'm not showing the whole sweater, but here's a tantalizing glimpse of one of the features:

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Next up - more Ribbands, I think, and I'm very interested in starting to knit the [Lauriel](#) cardigan from Ysolda's Little Red in the City book - it has some new-to-me construction techniques that will be great to learn, and it's a fabulous sweater to boot!