

Hello friends and welcome to the Season of Creation! I personally enjoy the changes of season we experience in the Maritimes, but fall always touches something deep within my soul. It is almost like a "period" is being placed on a natural life cycle as we offer gratitude for Creator's grace and care in the natural world around us. We are reminded of our pledge to "live with respect in creation" as we reflect on the importance of Light, Air, Earth and Water. It has been a difficult summer for many with displacement and loss of property due to the many wildfires across our Region. Neighbours and communities have come together to support those facing these challenges as we are called to do. A special thanks goes to all who have helped and continue to assist in fighting the fires, protecting property and offering food, lodging and personal support to those directly affected.

Our church life and activities are being reactivated, schools have opened, and life resumes a normal rhythm as we carefully oversee what remains to be harvested from our gardens and protect our flowers from frost for as long as possible. For everything there is a season.....even pickles!

As we move towards Thanksgiving, I encourage you to think about your place in Creation, how we interact with the world around us and how we best use the natural gifts God provides to serve our needs and the needs of others.

In peace,

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