

## **Pastor's Ponderings** Sept. 2, 2020

I read something the other day that described Autumn as the season of the year that makes change and death and hibernation look beautiful. These last few days, the temperatures have dropped, and we are just beginning to see glimpses of the beautiful Fall color to come. That is a gift from God.

Usually, at this time of year, we at Trinity get to tell you about all kinds of new programs, projects, Sunday School classes, Car Care Clinic, outdoor picnics, and hikes. This year, we have all kinds of changes—school with new rules. Church with no nursery or Sunday School. Youth Group? Choir? Who knows yet what form some of those traditional activities will take?

But don't let the uncertainty of change be discouraging. In this Trinity Times, you will read about possibilities for our Church Conference, about another Feeding America truck, about a missionary working in Africa. You will see on the church calendar that the Joy Crafters are still gathering and crafting. The committees and Light at the Inn are still meeting and planning. You will hear from Lay Leaders around the world who are looking ahead and reminding us that God's call to us never dies.

As we move into the next season of the year, of our lives, of this pandemic era, please remember the power of God to make something beautiful happen, even in the midst of change, looming darkness, and uncertainty. May these scriptures sustain you:

*So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.*

Galatians 6:9

*Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.* John 15:16

In the name of the one who created us, the one who saves us, the one who sustains us...

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