



* Come, little leaves, * said the wind one day,
* Come o'er the meadows with me and play;
Put on your dresses of red and gold,
For summer is gone and the days grow cold. *

Soon as the leaves heard the wind's loud call,
Down they came fluttering, one and all,
Over the brown fields they danced and flew,
Singing the glad little songs they knew.

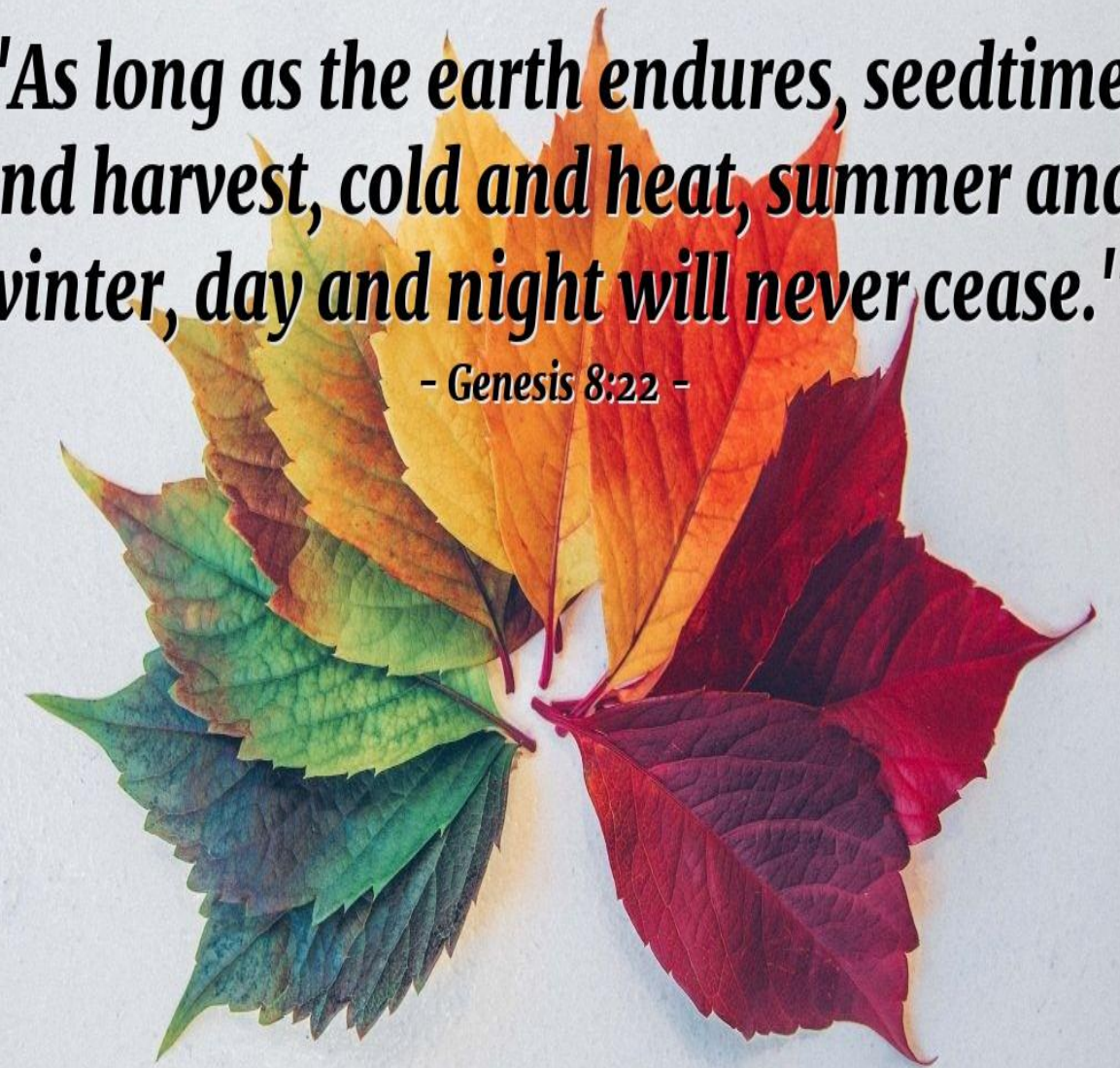
* Cricket, good-by, we've been friends so long,
Little brook, sing us your farewell song;
Say you are sorry to see us go;
Ah, you will miss us, right well we know.

* Dear little lambs in your fleecy fold,
Mother will keep you from harm and cold;
Fondly we watched you in vale and glade,
Say, will you dream of our loving shade? *

Dancing and whirling, the little leaves went,
Winter had called them, and they were content;
Soon, fast asleep in their earthy beds,
The snow laid a coverlid over their heads.

***"As long as the earth endures, seedtime
and harvest, cold and heat, summer and
winter, day and night will never cease."***

- Genesis 8:22 -



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IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Bill Bertram, Marlene Rhueff, Steve Panyi, Toots Ross,,Rev. Walter Coy, Joyce Coy, Marlene Dumbaugh, Teresa Kaufmann, Judy Neiderhiser (John Diekmann's sister-in-law), John Luscher, John Diekman, Traci Ford, Daniel Sestina, Loretta Knauff, Lois Knauff, Donna Ensell

➤If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.

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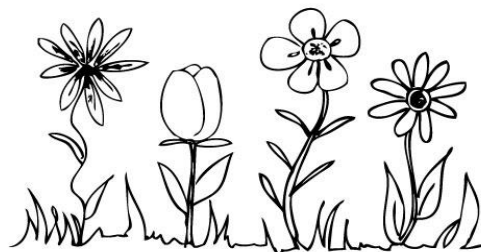
Bible Study

Please join us **Sundays after worship** as Pastor John Harris leads a Bible Study on the Gospel of John after worship.

Poetry in Season

Sunday, September 27 we will offer the third session of Poetry in Season. For Fall, **Richard Hague** has graciously accepted our invitation. Mr. Hague is a Steubenville native and current Cincinnati Poet Laurette. For Poetry in Season, we invite a regional Ohio poet to be with us in worship, read the Psalm for the day, and after worship to offer a poetry workshop for the community during each season of the year. Guest poets will be asked to focus their workshop on celebrating the season they are invited to appear in.

Whether you are a poet, budding poet, or simply enjoy poetry, this will a great opportunity to support the arts and exercise whatever creativity God has blessed you with. Again, invite your friends and family to participate in this opportunity.



PASTORAL LETTER

September 2026

To all God's Beloved in the Zion United Church of Christ, Steubenville, Ohio, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from our Triune God, the Holy One of Israel.

With many members of the church council on vacation or out of town, there was no meeting of the Church Council in August and therefore no August issue of *Joyful Noiz*. We even canceled Worship on August 9th because so many regular worshipers were not going to be able to attend.

On August 16 we hosted our second poet for the Poetry in Season series. Steubenville native and award-winning poet Dr. Debra Fleming read the Psalm in worship and then engaged five participants in a lively poetry workshop focused on the summer season.

Our next poet for *Poetry in Season* will be Steubenville native and current Cincinnati Poet Laurette Richard Hague. He will be with us in worship on September 27 to read the Psalm and afterwards will present a poetry workshop focusing on the fall season. Everyone attending worship may attend the workshop for free, but others will be charged \$10.00.

We will host our fourth poet for *Poetry in Season* on January 3, 2027. Beat Poet John Burgess will join us for worship to read the Psalm and like all the other poets before him will present a Poetry Workshop after worship, his workshop focusing on winter.

All Poetry in Season workshops are open to the public for a \$10 fee but anyone attending worship that day may attend the Poetry in Season workshop at no cost.

In other news, the after-worship Bible Study recently finished reading through the Gospel According to Mark and will soon begin reading through the Gospel According to John. Never starting earlier than 11:00 AM and sometimes later if worship runs over an hour, and always wrapping up by noon, we meet around the tables in the office, sometimes with snacks and coffee. We open with a Prayer for Illumination and then take turns reading out loud passages and discussing them. We share our thoughts, ask tough questions, sometimes laugh, and always walk away with more insights.

Labor Day, the end of summer vacations and the beginning of a new school year, remind us of the opportunity to begin again the practices that sustain our lives and spirits, including attending worship and perhaps also Bible Study after worship. We invite you to consider your commitment to spiritual practices and disciplines such as worship and Bible Study as we enter the season of Fall.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

John Edward Harris