

# The Word

*from The Minister's Desk...*

2023 Fall Newsletter

## Each Blade of Grass

Each blade of grass,  
every wing that soars,  
the waves that sweep across a distant shore,  
make full the circle of God.  
Each laughing child, every gentle eye,  
a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky,  
make full the circle of God.

Each silent paw, every rounded stone,  
the buzz that echoes from a honey comb,  
make full the circle of God.  
Each fire-brimmed star, every outstretched hand,  
the wind that leaps and sails across the land,  
make full the circle of God.

Each icy peak, every patterned shell,  
the joyous chorus that the dawn foretells,  
make full the circle of God.  
Each cosmic hue,  
every creature's way,  
all form the beauty of this vast array,  
making full the circle of God.

by Ken Wehlander

*M.V. #37*



**God's Peace & Love to you, dear Friends:**

This song captures the wonder & mystery of our Creator God. In September, we are particularly drawn to the beauty of our world. In our creed, we are called to “**Live with respect in creation**”. The planet Earth, our home is a sacred trust –a gift from God. We stand in awe!

Since I last wrote to you, we celebrated a special Pentecost this spring with Cherie Elliott Pegg as our guest speaker. Her message of hope, prayer & healing was so very inspiring. Her text was Matthew 7:7-8 “Seek, Ask, Knock”. God bless you, Cherie!

We celebrated the lives of Bill Wilmore, Delbert Baverstock, Lois Weaver, Larry Saylor, Lorna Kneebone & Donna Charron. Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits/phone calls to the families & friends who are grieving. It is so important that we support each other in these times of struggle. “God is with us. We are not alone.”

As I write, we are looking forward to celebrating Wabash United Church's 159th Anniversary this Sunday (September 24, 2023). We are excited to hear our guest speaker Rev. Robert Sinasac and special music by Ron Bolohan on his accordion.

Our thanks to Laura-Ellen Anderson for organizing the UCW to meet Oct. 10 at 2:00. We plan to send out Thanksgiving cards to those who are in residences &/or struggling with health issues. Also, there will be discussion about preparations for **Bothwell's 157<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday October 15.**

Do come to your sister church's Anniversary service and hear an uplifting message from Rev. Wanda Burse. The music is by the talented Lambton Youth Choir (23 young people directed by Diane O'Dell).

Also, keep Vanessa Benoit in your prayers. She is exploring her call to ordered ministry. Our thanks to the discernment team of Rosilla Elliott, Sharon Stevens, Joyce Sinasac & Rev. Annalee. If you feel you can lend your support, there is room for more in this group—speak to Vanessa. There will be 2 more meetings: Oct 1 & Oct 31. Her promise interview is Nov. 16/23. God be with you, Vanessa!

Enjoy these late summer days and the coming autumn colours---remember:

**God is always with us  
and God is always for us.**

**The Peace, Comfort & Joy  
of God be yours,**

Shalom, Annalee



Dear Members & Friends  
of Wabash United Church:

As we look forward to a beautiful fall, we wonder where summer went!

Below is our upcoming events /services in the Church.

**Church schedule of events:**

**Sept 19** — Joint Board Meeting 2pm

**Sept 24** — Wabash UC 159th Anniversary, no service in Bothwell

**Oct 1** — World Wide Communion—using the cup & wafer in our seats

**Oct 8** — Thanksgiving Service 11am

**Oct 10** — Bothwell-Wabash UCW 2pm in Bothwell

**Oct 11** — Friendship Meal 5 – 6 pm, Bothwell church hall.

**Oct 27 & 28** — ARW zoom Fall Gathering

**Nov 1 - 15** — Rev Annalee away

**Nov 5** — Remembrance Sunday

**Nov 5 & 12** — guest speaker Rev Marc Reid

**Nov 16** — Vanessa Benoit—Promise Interview – zoom 2pm

**Nov 26** — Christmas Giving Tree— infant, child, youth mittens, socks or both

**Nov 29** — Wabash UC Board Meeting, 2:00 pm

**Dec 3** — 1st Sunday of Advent--Hope; Communion;  
—Christmas Giving Tree—pajamas, blanket, cuddly toy, book or game.

**Dec 10** — 2nd Sunday of Advent--Peace;  
—Christmas Giving Tree— food for Dresden Food Bank & Bothwell  
Christmas Hamper—non-perishable food items.



## **For the Fruit of All Creation**

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future need in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help, we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.  
In our world-wide task of caring,  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvest, we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good, we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

*V.U. 227*

