



**Beginnings ...**  
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*“The eyes of GOD your God are always on you,  
from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.”*

– Deuteronomy 11:12

Wow! How did it get to be September already?!

I love September; for me it is all about beginnings. It's the start of Fall – my favorite season; the start of the school year, even tho I'm long out of school; and it's when the church comes back together again after the slow months of summer and all sorts of ministries begin anew.

Worshiping with several different congregations these last few weeks, I know there are Rally Days, Kick off Sundays, or etc. in the works for this week or the next. Church calendars are once again filling up with lots of activities as Bible studies, youth groups, choirs and such gather once again. Gardens like the one at Kettle Moraine for Food for the Journey are overflowing with abundance to bless food pantries. Can you feel the energy as the church starts this new year?

At the presbytery, it didn't feel as if things slowed over the summer. Our Council and commissions continued their good work as usual. Yest, we do have new things to look forward to this fall with Gatherings this month (Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>) and again in November. The Transition Team also began its work this summer and will be continuing in the coming months. And we welcome Kate Hopta into the role as our Administrative Assistant where she begins combining the work she has been doing as Communications Coordinator with managing the day-to-day operations of the presbytery.

May an abundant harvest of blessings surround us all as we begin this new season. And may we in turn be an abundant harvest of blessings to the communities in which Christ has called us to serve.

Grace and Peace.

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