

It's officially fall!

Not just because the calendar says it's the first day of fall, but also because, this morning, as I watched the sun rise, the temperature was in the 50s! And even now, I'm sitting outside, on my screened in porch, in jeans and a long-sleeve shirt.

Fall in the South is a little bit different than it was in Chicago or Connecticut or even Virginia. We don't quite get the same feeling of cozy sweaters and scarves. We don't quite have the right temperature for bonfires and hot cider. And we don't quite get the same vibrant colors on the trees.

But some things are the same, especially when we consider the seasonal cycle of the church.

This month, we've got some new things and some old—some things already started and some things starting soon.

For example, we're still doing Porch Sittin' (only now, it's called "Portico Sittin'") and Theology Uncorked. We're still getting to hear gorgeous choir music during the 10 o'clock service (choir practice started at the beginning of September). And we're still getting Adult Formation and various other educational and fellowship opportunities (like coffee hour! Woo!).

We also have more things coming, so save the date!

- Saturday, October 1 is the ECW Fall Festival from 9am to 3pm
- Tuesday, October 4 is the Blessing of the Pets at 5:30pm on the labyrinth
- Stewardship season is in full swing, with a guest preacher on Sunday, October 16.
- Planning Ahead Workshop, on how to plan for a good death (think funeral planning) is Saturday, October 29 from 9am to 12noon
 - Sunday, October 30, the FIRST Celtic Evening Prayer with Communion, at 5pm (to occur weekly—A new worship service!)

Be sure to read all the other things in this newsletter, so you can find exactly what offerings interest you!

And happy fall!

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A prayer for Fruitful Seasons, BCP p. 258