



NewsNotes

September 2022

Greetings!

The season of Creation starts today and will bring five weeks of special events focused on care of earth and of its people and other species with which we share this common home. We are encouraged to attend what events we can.

Now that we live a hundred miles west of Englewood Cliffs, I am seeing more stars than I have seen in years. It is also hard to drive very far in any direction before we are passing corn fields. Maybe my perception has changed but the cloud formations have lately been stunning to view. I am often awestruck by the beauty around me.

While it has been a very dry summer here in Eastern PA, we have been largely untouched by the climate induced tragedies that are occurring with increasing frequency. The West still has major fires. In the East, Kentucky and West Virginia have been flooding. The people of Jackson Mississippi do not have clean drinking water. Europe has experienced unusual heat this summer. England has had much rain that has caused human waste to be washed down rivers and into the sea. And you may have seen the massive flooding in Pakistan, a country that has produced very little greenhouse gases in its lifetime.

It is a good time to turn in prayer to ask for healing for our planet, a prayer we can make only as we begin to change our own lifestyles and treatment of earth and her other inhabitants, including our fellow humans.

There are many items in this edition that you can take advantage of as a way to deepen your awareness of the voice of Earth crying out for relief. I pray we can take time this month to listen to that voice and improve the habitability of our common home.

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Today is the World day of Prayer for Creation



The Burning Bush

— *Ex 3, 1-12* —

Listen to the Voice of creation **SEASON OF CREATION 2022**

Today, September 1 is the day of prayer for Creation and marks the start of The Season of Creation which will end on October 4th, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. The Season of Creation is the annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home.

This year's theme is: "Listen to the voice of creation."

[You can learn more about the season of creation here](#)

There is an [ecumenical, global opening event](#) at the following times: UK 2 PM; East 9 AM; Pacific 6 AM to which we are all invited.

During these weeks our weekly congregational Peace Prayer will focus on the the season of creation as they did last year..

We are asked to pray for the healing of Earth.