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"He changes the times and seasons; ...He gives wisdom to the wise" --Daniel 2:21

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Dear Friends of Unity Acres,

I'm sitting on the picnic bench behind the North Wing on a very beautiful early October morning, gazing out at our herd of cattle which are laying down lazily chewing their cud. We moved them back home for the winter season from Saint Francis Farm a week and a half ago. It seems that the cattle become wiser and wiser every year with this move as it went incredibly smooth. We walk them about 1 ¼ miles from pasture to pasture through the Saint Francis Farm/Unity Acres woods. They all stay together in a nice bunch happily following Larry Oakes on his lawn mower toting a wagon full of goodies. When they were within an eighth of mile from their winter pasture, they became very eager and decided to run ahead and lead the people the rest of the way home. Everyone -- cattle and humans -- made the trip safely, and for that we are grateful.

Since this year's five calves were all born healthy, and our herd was growing at a quick rate, we decided to decrease the size of the herd by sending four of last year's calves, one 30 month-old steer, and two cows to slaughter. The slaughtered cattle have helped and will help to supply much of our need for beef for use by the kitchen staff in preparing meals for the men here at the Acres.

Currently we have nine cattle in our herd: 3 cows, 1 bull and 5 calves. This is a much more manageable herd size for us -- given the amount of pasture available, and the amount of time and effort needed in getting in the hay for the cattle's feed during the winter months.

I would like to thank Jim Fuller at this time for his devotion to the cattle. He takes care of their every need with the help of Jim Francis, who was recently recruited to cattle chores.

The cow's winter barn has a

new window thanks to Mark Coon: it's a lot brighter and airier in there.

Thanks to Zac from Saint Francis Farm for helping with the hay! During the course of the summer we brought in almost one thousand bales from the hayfields at Saint Francis Farm.

We also obtained hay at a bargain rate from one neighbor, and were given hay by another. All together we have over 1500 bales stored away for the cattle's winter feed, in our hay barn here at the Acres, and at the pole barn at Saint Francis Farm.

Meanwhile, our pigs are growing in leaps and bounds, thanks to Bob L. and Rob F. They will be sent to slaughter in a few more months once they reach the right size -- approximately 200 to 250 pounds each.

And last but not least, our roosters have been gathering their last pecks of grubs before the cold weather hits.

God bless all of you, our friends of Unity Acres.

Laura Paddock

It occurred to me the other day how truly blessed we are to live in this part of the country. With all of the tragedy going on in the South and around the world, we here in Central New York only have to

endure warm, sunny weather. How can this be when God cares for all of us equally? Only the Lord knows the answer to this question. For He is a sovereign God and He is all seeing, all knowing and he loves us who call ourselves His children. This is just one of the questions we ask ourselves concerning our Christian beliefs.

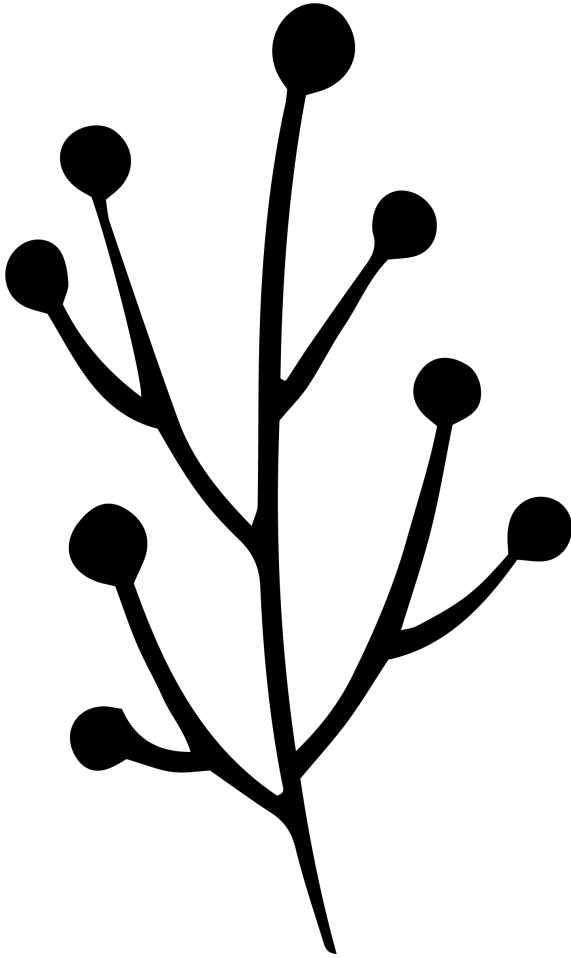
I consider myself extremely fortunate to be so blessed as to be called a child of the Living God whose name is Jehovah, to have a personal relationship with the Father and the Son, the Risen Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life at Calvary so that we might live in the Spirit of God, completely innocent of the sins of the world if only we will repent and ask for forgiveness. What a gift has been offered to humanity, and I urge everyone to take advantage of this gift and join us in eternal life, to spend this eternity with the Father and the Son in the new world to come.

Each and every night as I lie in bed waiting for sleep to come, I go the Lord and I ask these questions. Some are answered to my heart and some I am still waiting for, in HIS time. I know my questions will be answered when at last I go to the Lord, when I am gathered to my people. For now I am charged with bringing the lost to the Lord to be found through grace and grace alone.

Brothers and Sisters, I leave you with all of my love and I wish all the best for you and for yours, for the Lord loves those who love him.

May God bless you and bring you peace, Sincerely in Christ,

Bill Bogart



"Brothers and sisters:

I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.

I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, In accord with His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen."

(Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20)

"Father, all-powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. All things are of your making, all times and seasons obey your laws... but You chose to create us in Your own image. You made us stewards of creation, to praise You day by day for the marvels of Your wisdom and power..."

Preface Prayer V
Sundays in Ordinary Time

Loving God, we thank You for the varied beauty of all the seasons. We thank You especially for the glorious summer and brilliant beginning of Autumn in our part of the world. We ask your blessing on those places where the seasons have been harsh and even devastating. We pray You bless the crops soon to be harvested. May those of us who enjoy an abundance share generously with those who have not.

Come Holy Spirit: inspire us to be diligent and grateful stewards of Your gifts. May all people respect and nurture our earth. May all abuse, wastefulness and destructive violence cease. Amen.

Father Bob Jones