

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

So, the **“Ely Harvest Moon Festival”** has come and gone!!!

Indeed, fall is generally considered **“Harvest Time”!!!**

Let's just pause for a few moments to consider, how it is that you get to a fruitful and plentiful **“Harvest Time”???**

Well, a fruitful and plentiful **“Harvest Time”** actually does involve a many step process!!!

A fruitful and plentiful **“Harvest Time”** springs from good soil preparation which is often begun during the previous fall. Now, the obviously critical step to experiencing a fruitful and plentiful **“Harvest Time”** is the planting of seeds, or the care of plants already in existence. However, we could also add steps like the need for weeding, watering, providing nutrients, rain, and sun, all in the appropriate blends provided by gardeners, farmers, and yes **GOD!!!**

So, the **“Ely Harvest Moon Festival”** has come and gone!!! However, even though fall is generally considered **“Harvest Time”** have you ever noticed that **“Harvest Time”** occurs at many different times???

Ah, **“Harvest Time”** for the blueberry, strawberry, raspberry, and the tomato is not at the same time, nor is it for the winter wheat and the summer wheat, nor is it for the beans and the corn, or maybe even the sunflower seeds and the lettuce. Yes, **“Harvest Time”** varies with what is planted, the amount of water, the amount of sunshine, the nutrients, the competition from weeds, and the general quality of the growing season along with the care given!!!

Let's talk **“Human Hearts”** for a few moments, let's talk about **“Human Hearts”** and **“Harvest Time”!!!**

We the Family of God should be planting seeds in the soil of the **“Human Heart”**; the seeds of **GOD'S LOVE!!!**

We the Family of God should be nurturing, watering, weeding, and providing nutrients, for the **“Human Heart”** through Bible Study, Sunday School, Fellowship, and most importantly Worship, seeking to enhance the growth of the seeds of **GOD'S LOVE!!!**

We the Family of God should be a people who continually **PRAY** for **GOD'S PRESENCE** among us enhancing the quality of the growing season for the **“Human Heart”!!!**

We the Family of God should be a people who continually **PRAY** for **GOD'S PRESENCE** proving the **GROWTH** of the seeds of **GOD'S LOVE** within the **“Human Heart”!!!**

We the Family of God should be a people who continually **PRAY** for **“Harvest Time”** within the **“Human Heart”** wrapped in **GOD'S LOVE** and blessed by **GOD!!!**

We as the Family of God should be a people who continually **PRAY** for a fruitful and plentiful **“Harvest Time”** within the **“Human Heart”** as we celebrate our walk with God as the Family of God here in the Ely U.M.C.!!!

**“Human Hearts”** and **“Harvest Time”**, and the **WONDER** of **GOD**, provides us as the Family of God the wonderful opportunity to participate in an ongoing **“Harvest Time”!!!**

Love in Christ,

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