

WILL IT BE AN "INDIAN SUMMER" FOR ALL SAINTS?

I recently thought how quickly the summer has gone, and within a few days it will officially be fall. However, some years we have what is called an "Indian Summer" that postpones the frost and bitter winds of the upcoming season. Then I wondered about the name and where it came from, so I turned to my trusty Google and found a surprise. The first definition we all know, it means mild temperatures and lack of rain. The second one came as a pleasant surprise: it means "a return of happiness or success in later life." That is what we humans call the Golden Years, and joke about how the gold goes into the pockets of our doctors.

But to be serious. As I, Nancy Cramer, a new member of the church council, get to know the history of All Saints which extends back about four decades, it seems to me that our church is at the edge of achieving an "Indian Summer," depending upon the actions and decisions we make.

We can compromise and give a little here as a trade off, so some can take a little there. We can decide that some decisions are too important for a hasty vote, and more discussion is needed. With our current practice of having only one service, we have found that it provides the opportunity for weekly fellowship among all our members attending the service. And from this fellowship, we have the opportunity to develop the community that each church aspires to be.

Although Google also lists a badger summer, or a quince summer, I prefer the words, "Golden Summer." This can be achieved under the experienced guidance of Pastor Bill and leadership of Pam Meek, council president. We will provide the best in inspirational worship and fellowship, all guided by Spirit, and based on faith, hope and love. All Saints will have achieved its own Indian Summer.

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