

Good afternoon everyone!

I spent a lovely week of study leave last week and listening to the Festival of Homiletics. I found a lot of inspiration, affirmation and innovation as I watched these excellent preachers, teachers and pastors. I also enjoyed just watching and not responding - I had a 100% Zoom Sabbath (which was renewing in itself). I also began the beautification of my backyard - my new gazebo is up and providing such wonderful shade where there is usually full sun! I have soil arriving next week and my gardening will begin in earnest then (with peppers, tomatoes, eggplant, lettuce and beans to come). My rhubarb, chives and garlic "crops" are doing very well, and I look forward to sharing pictures of them when the garlic sends up its beautiful spiral scapes.

I also had time for perspective. Stepping away from one's work for a week and focussing on some other portion of work is extremely good for the soul! Of course, a week is enough time to feel like you've been 'away' and then feel refreshed and ready to go back at it, with some renewed sense of focus and purpose.

I want to thank everyone who took up this daily 'blog'/email - much appreciated! Thank you to Laurie, Mary, Ian, and Dave and Marg Hall!

So here we are: a new week! Week 12 of quarantine, I think? Who's counting?

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

May you have a blessed week with much love and connection!

Blessings,  
Jenni