

**Foothills Presbytery Area Highlights:****Easy Tips for your Greener "Presbyterian" Home (If you cannot do all, do what you can!)**

- 1 - Don't heat an empty house! During the winter, turn down your thermostat to 68 degrees F when you are home and 55 degrees F at night and while you are away. Upgrade to a programmable thermostat.
- 2 - Buy your dog a canvas leash instead of nylon.
- 3 - Your computer may go to sleep, but it's still sucking up energy. Turn your computer and monitor off at the end of the day.
- 4 - Clean your refrigerator coils - vacuum out the dust and wipe with a damp cloth.
- 5- Use cloth napkins instead of paper napkins at dinner.
- 6 - Read the news online.
- 7- Buy rechargeable batteries. Learn to dispose of old batteries properly.
- 8 - Buy a new houseplant to help with fresher air inside.
- 9 - Recycle.
- 10 - Repair your leaking faucet. Install water-saving toilets and showerheads, and only run the clothes washer and/or dishwasher with full loads.
- 11 - Use unscented color-free dryer sheets.
- 12 - Read your magazines and then pass them on if you do not plan to reuse them. Used goods collection agencies will usually accept them, or you can donate them to a doctor's office for the waiting room.
- 13 - E-file your taxes to cut back on paper usage.
- 14 - Pay your bills online.
- 15 - Donate old newspapers to animal shelters.
- 16 - Switch to chemical-free cleaning products.
- 17 - Buy a bigger jug of milk. If you only use half a gallon at a time, you can pour half the milk into a carafe and freeze the rest.
- 18 - Use compact fluorescent light bulbs, which last 10x longer than incandescent bulbs, or light emitting diodes, which last even longer. Dispose of your used bulbs safely at a recycling center.
- 19 - Keep your freezer full - it runs more efficiently than an empty one.
- 20 - Keep inexpensive reusable to-go containers on hand for guests.
- 21 - Shop for eco-friendly beauty products. Consider eco-friendly fashion lines and home décor.
- 22 - Switch to ENERGY STAR certified appliances when you upgrade.

Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC)

<https://presbyearthcare.org/>



WHAT WE DO

NAB **1 Corinthians 4:1** Thus should one regard us: as **servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.**

Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) invites individuals and congregations to participate in the growing earth care movement within the PC(USA). PEC is a national eco-justice network that cares for God's creation by connecting, equipping, and inspiring Presbyterians to make creation care a central concern of the church.

Presbyterians for Earth Care cares for God's Creation by:

Connecting members through a grassroots network of people seeking to keep the sacred at the center of earth care, advocacy and action both inside and outside the walls of the church.

Equipping members with resources, ideas and information for a shared journey toward a healthier planet by growing and sharing theological understandings and perspectives on eco-justice issues.

Inspiring members through stories of individuals and groups who have responded to the sacred call to care for the earth – stories told person to person at events, and by newsletter, email, social media and devotions.

Presbyterians for Earth Care was formerly called Presbyterians for Restoring Creation.

Read our blog

From Catherine Lynch, East Coast Field Representative for the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program, based in Spindale, NC. The Investment & Loan Program provides low cost loans for energy saving projects - particularly those for solar panels.

The five minute video is about the solar panel project recently completed by Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver, NC. Their project is reducing the church's energy costs by as much as 60%. RenuEnergy Solutions, based in Charlotte, worked with Unity PC on the project and created the video. Renu and the church do a wonderful job in the video of providing an inspiring story of why a congregation should consider going solar.

Here's the video link:

<https://youtu.be/554rJomE-mc>

Please feel free to use the video in any way you may find helpful. I'm available for questions as is Matthew Culley with RenuEnergy (mculley@renuenergysolutions.com, 704-999-4469).

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Center for Development in Central America – Jubilee House Community Inc

Here's the September 2020 newsletter of the CDCA in Nicaragua... If you would like a printable version click here: https://jhc-cdca.org/newsletters/2020-09_nl.pdf . If you would like to read it online, or share the link with others, click here: https://jhc-cdca.org/newsletters/2020-09_nl.html.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/>

Sustainable Living & Earth Care Concerns is a part of the [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#)

PC(USA) Sustainable Living & Earth Care Concerns exists to equip and connect you, your church, and your presbytery for your earth care ministry. Join us in this vital, meaningful work for God's creation.

“...God's work in creation is too wonderful, too ancient, too beautiful, too good to be desecrated...Restoring creation is God's own work in our time, in which God comes both to judge and to restore...”

—PC(USA) *Environmental Policy*

National Council of Churches of Christ ~ Eco-Justice Program Office



JUSTICE FOR GOD'S PLANET
AND GOD'S PEOPLE

<http://www.creationjustice.org/>

Blessings to you this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation! We look forward to honoring the Season of Creation with you from September 1st through October 4th.

Last year during the Season of Creation, we shared with you the many ways our Creation Justice community takes action on upholding reverence for water, stewarding public lands, climate justice, ocean health, and protecting God's creatures.

This year, we're spending the entire 2020 Season of Creation diving deeper into one issue focus: God's marine creation. We will consider ways to care for God's ocean, support coastal communities, and find spiritual as well as material strength to weather the storms of the climate crisis.

We have many ways for you to get involved during this season. To start, we invite you to check out our **September Action Center**!

In the Action Center you will find:

Action Alert: Support A Federal Climate Resiliency Agency

Resources:

September Care for Creation Bulletin Insert
Faithful Resilience Guide
Toolkit for Taking Action to Protect the Northeast Canyons & Seamounts

Creation Justice Ministries Event:

September 29th 6-7pm ET: Webinar- Become a Climate Resilient Church

Other Awesome Events:

September 1st - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation & Season of Creation begins
9/11-13 Catholic Committee of Appalachia Virtual Annual Gathering

Creation Justice Monthly Action Center

Each month, we update a timely set of actions Christian communities can take. Be sure to bookmark www.creationjustice.org/action and visit each month to see how you can take action.

[VISIT MONTHLY ACTION CENTER](#)

2020 Theme: The Fierce Urgency of Now.

In 2020, Creation Justice Ministries' theme is *The Fierce Urgency of Now*. We know we have ten years to take action to avert the most catastrophic damage to the life-sustaining climate God blessed us with, and entrusted to our care. Every action we take now matters.

Together, we foster eco-justice transformations, respond to Christ's call to right relationship with creation, and equip our communities to protect, restore, and more rightly share God's creation.

["FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW "TOOLKIT](#)

"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there "is" such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

#CareForCreation

This year, Creation Justice Ministries is excited to share with you our first [52 Ways to Care for Creation](#). This campaign shares weekly tips and tricks to make caring for creation part of your every day life. We share these weekly tips on social media, as well as through monthly bulletin inserts that we hope you will share with your communities. Follow us @CreationJustice on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram to see our weekly updates and please share with us your tips as well!

¿Prefiera español? [Utiliza 52 maneras de cuidar de la creación.](#)

Bulletin Inserts – or for Enews/Newsletters

[January 2020 Bulletin Insert](#)

[February 2020 Bulletin Insert](#)

[March 2020 Bulletin Insert](#)

[April 2020 Bulletin Insert](#)

[May 2020 Bulletin Insert](#)

[June 2020 Bulletin Insert](#)

[July 2020 Bulletin Insert](#)

[August 2020 Bulletin Insert](#)

[September 2020 Bulletin Insert](#)

Interfaith Power & Light



<http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/>

"Interfaith Power & Light" - 2 new articles

1. [Thousands of People of Faith and Conscience Call for Toyota, GM, Fiat-Chrysler to Support Clean Car Standards](#)
2. [Faith Leaders Call on All Automakers to Support Clean Car Standards](#)
3. [More Recent Articles](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthCarolinaIPL>

<http://www.scipl.org/>

Earth Care Covenant

We believe that caring for the Earth is an important moral responsibility. Many faith communities have long utilized public declarations of faith, which can solidify common values, a strong sense of community, and a shared commitment toward living morally.

A moral commitment to caring for the Earth is something we should all share, but we have to make it known publicly if we want others to embody it. That is why we ask congregations and individuals in our network to consider filling out SCIPL's Earth Care Covenant. Please join us today in making our voices heard as people of faith who are committed to Earth Care.

Is your congregation, group or committee ready to take Earth Care seriously? Check out the SCIPL's [Earth Care Covenant for Congregations](#). Whether you are part of a faith community or not, we invite you to sign our [Earth Care Covenant for Individuals](#) and consider getting involved in our work for environmental justice.

South Carolina Christian Action Council - <https://www.scccouncil.net/>

The mission of the South Carolina Christian Action Council (SCCAC) is:

- To promote and facilitate dialogue among diverse Christian traditions on matters of belief and practice; and
- To work in partnership to:

Advocate for social justice,
Promote peace-making, and
Foster racial and cultural healing and reconciliation.

Because we believe:

- That God is Lord over individuals, the structures of society, and all of creation. That Lordship includes our personal and community life, our institutions, our moral and ethical decisions, and our stewardship of the environment.
- That the Gospel of Jesus Christ has both personal and social dimensions. Christians are called to be partners with God in those personal and social dimensions, making life full and free for all people.
- That Christ's Church is one body. Christian denominations, congregations, and individuals must work together if we are to accomplish God's mission.

Our compelling vision:

South Carolina as a community where people of faith unite to glorify God through worship, social justice, peace, and mercy.

US Environmental Protection Agency

GO GREEN!

EPA News You Can Use - September 2020

<https://www.epa.gov/newsroom/gogreen>

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EPA Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Enviro-Tip of the Month

Recent News

What You Can Do, What You Can Use

En español: Spanish Feature

Social Media, Multimedia, & More

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

About This Newsletter

A close look at our Earth! <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>

NASA Earth Observatory
Where every day is Earth day.

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>

The latest from NASA's Earth Observatory (1 September 2020)

New Features:

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/features>

* Mission: Biomes

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/biome/?src=eo-features>

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in a different part of the world? What would the weather be like? What kinds of animals would you see? Which plants live there? By investigating these questions, you are learning about biomes.

Latest Images:

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/topic/image-of-the-day>

* A Global Water Hyacinth Invasion

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147198/a-global-water-hyacinth-invasion/?src=eo-iotd>

* Flooding, Blackouts in the Wake of Laura

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147204/flooding-blackouts-in-the-wake-of-laura/?src=eo-iotd>

* Inlet's Iceberg Maker Is Nearly Gone

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147171/inlets-iceberg-maker-is-nearly-gone/?src=eo-iotd>

* Charleston, West Virginia

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147187/charleston-west-virginia/?src=eo-iotd>

* La Malinche's Barrancas

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147194/la-malinches-barrancas/?src=eo-iotd>

* August Fires Leave Vast Burn Scars in California

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147182/august-fires-leave-vast-burn-scars-in-california/?src=eo-iotd>

* A Dangerous Storm Nears the Gulf Coast

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147169/a-dangerous-storm-nears-the-gulf-coast/?src=eo-iotd>

Recent Blog Posts:

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/blogs>

Earth Matters

* Hurricane Resources for an Active Atlantic Season

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/blogs/earthmatters/2020/08/31/hurricane-resources-for-an-active-atlantic-season/?src=eo-blogs>

NASA Earth Observatory

Where every day is Earth day.

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>



<https://www.nature.org>



You Can Trust the Conservancy!

https://blog.nature.org/science/?src=e.cgs.eg.x.loc_h&lu=4273527&autologin=true

Feature Story

'It Feeds the Whole Dang World'

Bristol Bay sources half of the world's sockeye salmon, and thanks to your support, it's one step closer to being protected from the proposed Pebble Mine. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers told the Pebble Partnership that "the project could have substantial environmental impacts within the unique Bristol Bay watershed."

[More About Bristol Bay & How You Can Help](#)

Around the World

[Back to School](#)

If you've found yourself in need of engaging activities for your kids, let Nature Lab help. Our experts have designed curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, and the virtual field trips are great for any age.

[Explore Nature Lab](#)

Around the World

Respect, Reciprocity and Integration

Andrea Akall'eq Sanders, our Global Director of Conservation in Partnership with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, shares her insights from growing up in Mamterilleq, a place isolated from the rest of the world and dependent on what the land and waters provide.

[Elevating Indigenous Leadership in Conservation](#)

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/south-carolina/>

South Carolina

Sept. 24: Native Plants in Your Backyard

Join us online to learn about the benefits of native plants you may already have in your backyard (and some new ones you'll want to plant).

[Register Today](#)

South Carolina

Find a Preserve

If fall hiking is on your list, let us help you find a TNC preserve near you.

[Explore Our Map](#)

ICYMI: A Safe Place to Land

Read this Nature Conservancy magazine article for the inside scoop on swallow-tailed kites in South Carolina.

Meet This Cool Raptor

<http://justiceunbound.org/>

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

September 1, 2020September 1, 2020

[Environment/](#)[Resources](#)

by [Unbound Team](#)

Creation is crying. Weeping. Flooding tears as powerful as ever so strong hurricanes. Creation is crying. Screaming. Blazing fires that burn the California land. Creation is crying. Dying. Killings of Black and Brown and Indigenous people. Creation is crying.

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Loving Our Neighbor in the 21st Century

August 31, 2020

by [Bennett Judkins](#)

The United States is currently battling a deadly virus, struggling with a seriously impaired economy and trying to reconcile centuries of injustice towards people of color. In the small county where I live, over 2300 people have contracted the virus and several have died, many are unemployed and struggling with their financial affairs, and others are buying guns to prepare for what they perceive to be a race war. Trying to understand this and knowing how to respond is a daunting task, especially for people of faith.

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National Audubon Society (<http://www.audubon.org/>)

<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants> (by zipcode)

Audubon Society of South Carolina (<http://sc.audubon.org/>)



If you are stuck indoors and need a birdy-distraction, [For the Love of Birds](#) is a beautiful page filled with Audubon South Carolina's favorite bird photos, videos, and stories!

<https://www.audubon.org/get-outside/activities/audubon-for-kids?site=sc&nid=4141>

In many ways every child is born a scientist—exploring their world, leading small experiments, asking questions, searching for answers. That innate curiosity and drive to inquiry is what Rachel Carson, the groundbreaking conservationist and author, called a sense of wonder. “A child’s world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement,” she wrote. “It is our misfortune that for most of us that clear-eyed vision, that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring, is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood.”

This page aims to bring together activities from across Audubon’s national network of environmental educators, including the classroom curriculum *Audubon Adventures*, plus related DIY activities and content from Audubon’s editors. These activities can be done at home or in a yard or park, sometimes with the help of a computer. The goal isn’t to teach a child how to name and identify bird species, but rather to give them space to explore and feel connected to the natural world. If you’re a parent or caretaker, that means you don’t need to worry about your own knowledge of birds or plants. All you need to be is a companion to your child’s curiosity.

“If a child is to keep their inborn sense of wonder, they need the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with them the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in,” Rachel Carson wrote in 1956. We hope these lessons, which we’ll refresh each week with a new theme, will help you find awe and inspiration in nature together. *Disponible en Español:* [¡Audubon para niños!](#)



<https://www.upstateforever.org/>

It’s a strange and bewildering time, but Upstate Forever is still hard at work to protect the critical lands, waters and unique character of our region.

Although the need for local conservation predates COVID-19, the ongoing crisis has shown just how critical it is to **protect even more land** across the Upstate, especially in fast-growing counties like Greenville. Our Executive Director **Andrea Cooper** recently wrote a letter to the editor of the [Greenville Journal](#) outlining three key reasons our region has an urgent need to protect more land:

- We need more natural spaces for recreation and refuge.
- We should also protect farmland to strengthen local food supply chains for a more resilient economy.
- Finally, we must safeguard water quality through strategic land protection.

[Read more in the Greenville Journal](#)

The [National Wildlife Federation](#)

<https://www.nwf.org/Our-Work>

<https://www.nwf.org/en/Kids-and-Family/Connecting-Kids-and-Nature>

Green Hour Program

The National Wildlife Federation's Green Hour program is designed to encourage, parents, schools, childcare centers, park agencies, camps, grandparents, and others to adopt a goal of an hour per day of time for children to play and learn outdoors in nature.

The idea of a "green" hour comes from research on creative play and health by the Centers for Disease Control and the Academy of America Pediatrics. Research also shows the best way to connect young people to a lifelong concern for nature, wildlife, and the outdoors is through regular positive experiences.

Green Hour program resources:

- Parent and caregiver support—[Green Hour Tips and Resources](#)
 - Greener childcare centers—[ECHO program](#) and [Nature Play Space Guidelines](#)
 - Park agencies—[National Recreation Park Association partnership](#)
 - Nature time with Ranger Rick—[Ranger Rick's Kids Support](#)
 - Kids Hook on Fishing—[Guide to a Great Fishing Experiences](#)
 - [Educator tools](#) and [programs](#)
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Resources and Opportunities

Online accessibility to locate trails, parks, recreational facilities, farmers markets:
[//letsgosc.org](http://letsgosc.org)

Want to find local produce and free range beef and chicken products, check out the website:
<http://www.certifiedscgrown.com/>.

<http://www.certifiedscgrown.com/where-to-buy-local/certified-markets/>

This website allows a search by SC county and type of products, other options as well. The Certified South Carolina program is an exciting cooperative effort among producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) to brand and promote South Carolina products. Our goal is for consumers to be able to easily identify, find and buy South Carolina products.

Join in on Facebook:

God has provided us with a vibrant world in which to live. He wants us to appreciate and take care of His Creation, which includes each of us as well!

<https://www.facebook.com/Stewardship-of-Creation-Foothills-Presbytery-SC-138564229544090/>



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