



Foothills Presbytery Highlights:

In 2009, Foothills Presbytery established the Stewardship of Creation Enabler (SCE) ministry. During the November 2009 Presbytery meeting at Eastminster Church, the commissioners granted Manella Calhoun the opportunity/responsibility to serve in this capacity.

At that time, the ministry was supported by the PCUSA Environmental Ministries and the Foothills Presbytery Mission Team, continuing now through the encouragement of Presbytery staff. Through this ministry, for congregations and others within the Presbytery, we encourage education and seek to provide motivation and opportunities to acquire the knowledge needed to sustain a long-term, spiritually vital commitment to God through His Creation.

Since 2010, the Foothills Presbytery E-news makes available the current SCE Connections newsletter connecting Foothills Presbytery and the PC USA Environmental Ministries, now under the guidance of the PC USA Mission Agency. This newsletter provides information and links for resources to assist churches, groups and individual families in the location of services and opportunities to preserve God's Creation and to improve health.

Through the connections with the Environmental Ministries:

- Buc Outdoor Center received its Green Leaf Certification in 2011, and maintained this certification while in operation, and
- North Anderson Community Church Presbyterian remains an Earth Care Congregation. This designation demonstrates that this church is active in earth care and in caring for others through activities and projects in the fields of worship, education, facilities and outreach. Currently, there are 4 SC churches and 17 NC churches with this designation.

Does your church need to reduce your Facilities and Grounds expenses? By taking a critical look at your facilities and becoming more aware through education, you can make a difference! Consider taking the "Earth Care Pledge" and become an Earth Care Congregation, too! This designation IS influential within the PC USA denomination, even when funds might be needed to finance improved church building infrastructure.

Watch for the General Assembly Restricted Funds Application for Unassigned Funds Grant that is mailed in March of each year. We encourage your church staff to carefully consider the list of funds available and share the information for possibilities within church committees and members. In 2016, with encouragement from our Presbytery staff, I submitted an application for

and received assistance from the line item “Mission program with preference given to advocacy for Environment and Evangelism”. Thus the new 501c3 non-profit corporation, “Critters and More, On-The Go!” officially begun!

Through “Critters and More, On-The-Go!”, the mission of our board of directors is to provide children, youth, and adults the opportunities to discover the ways and wonders of many forms in nature, experiencing with 5 senses (smell, hear, touch, see, and taste), and with opportunities to use these experiences to grow in Mind, Body, and Spirit:

- **Mind** – with Hands on activities and programs to support The South Carolina Standards and Performance Indicators , custom-tailored to match a classroom or interest topics
- **Body** – with Moderate physical exercises to compare and study animal and human capabilities, similarities and differences
- **Spirit** – with Experiences that relate Creation to the Creator through the verbal, written, and/or display materials, modeling and teaching stewardship of God’s creation that help us learn our place in His creation.

With prior arrangements, displays, activities and/or programs can be designed for varied age, interest and skill level. We travel to schools, churches, camps, festivals and other gatherings within the boundaries of South Carolina. As grants and donations are received, the programs are provided free to participants. Contributions are tax deductible and sincerely appreciated.

Since January 2018, we have presented activities and/or programs for over 4,000 individuals, of all ages which include: 2 school programs, 3 church programs, 6 festivals and 6 summer camp days! To enhance what we do and how we do it, we have developed partnerships with SC Department of Natural Resources, Clemson University Extension Agency, Bob and Betsy Campbell *Museum of Natural History at Clemson University*, Bob Campbell Geology Museum at the SC Botanical Garden and the SC Botanical Garden Nature Center.

We hope that our efforts will encourage participants to study and learn more about the natural world around them, and particularly, where they are. We are learning as we go as well!

Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church, thus lighting the flame of the Reformation; he was a lover of nature as witnessed in many of his sayings, including these 2:

“Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.”

“God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.”

Stephen Jay Gould, a well-known Paleontologist, wrote “we cannot win this battle to save species and environments without forging an emotional bond between ourselves and nature for we will not fight to save what we do not love”.

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!



..... is an environmental education experience on wheels that will travel to your site.

For more information, email Manella Calhoun and/or other Board of Directors at crittersandmore8@gmail.com.

Environmental Ministries (PCUSA)

..... is a part of the [Presbyterian Hunger Program](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/)

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

PC(USA) Environmental Ministries 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

Earth Care Congregations: A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches,

Guide includes links to resources to assist church members in all areas:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/earth-care-congregations-guide-greening-presbyteri/>

Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC)



Thanking God - Nov 22

[Celebrate a low carbon Thanksgiving=](#)

PEC Advent Devotional

View or download and print [PEC's 2018 Devotional](#)

PEC on UK website

[Worship Words](#) puts up our Advent Devotional - Nov 27

NEW! Give to PEC on our Facebook page

[You can donate to Giving Tuesday today!](#)

UN study on climate change gives us 12 yrs

[Climate Report says risk of crisis strong by 2040](#)

Stated Clerk responds to UN climate study

[J Herbert Nelson's response for the PC\(USA\)](#)

5 Simple Rules for Climate Advocacy

[from Blessed Tomorrow](#)

Become an Earth Care Congregation

[Applications and renewals](#) are due Jan 1-Feb 15, 2019

PEC's 2019 Conference

["Peace for the Earth"](#) Stony Point, NY Aug 6-9, 2019

After the Doctrine of Discovery Classes

A [3-Sunday series](#) from Church of Reconciliation

PC(USA) Doctrine of Discovery Web Page

[Resources](#) to learn about this important document

What did the Steering Committee do in Sept?

View the PEC Steering Committee [Retreat album](#)

Restoring Creation Loan from PILP

[Apply for a PC\(USA\) loan](#) to make your church buildings more energy efficient

Thinking about the holidays?

A \$25 [gift membership](#) to PEC is very sustainable.

Look at a scrapbook of our 2017 conference

Thanks to Warren Aney for the [photos and descriptions](#)

Recent Blog Posts

[Sense of Place and Doctrine of Discovery](#)

[PEC Responds to Powerful and Devastating Storms](#)

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Don't Fear, You Good Earth

A Thanksgiving Hymn by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

“Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!... Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield...” Joel 2:21-23, Lectionary Reading for Thanksgiving 2018

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate the goodness of what God has done and to remember our responsibility to care for God’s gifts. As we have been blessed, so we are called to bless the earth and to care for it.

“‘Do not fear’ is the most common command in Scripture. Distinctive of Joel [Thanksgiving Day lectionary reading, Year C] is the divine address to soil (v. 21) and wild animals (v. 22; cf. 1:10). Not only are God’s people restored (v. 23) but also nature’s potency, indicated in the renewal of the land. Joel’s prophetic message, one that conveys both judgment and restoration, bears a distinctly ecological thrust.” [\[1\]](#)

This hymn gives thanks for God’s care for creation (verses 1 - 3), acknowledges our sin that damages and destroys it, and is a prayer that we may be good stewards of what God has made.

Don't Fear, You Good Earth

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("How Firm a Foundation")

Don't fear, you good earth; now rejoice! Have you heard?
The Lord has created you by his own word.
Don't fear, all you fields for God sends you the rain.
The farms overflow with the wine, oil and grain.

Don't fear, all you creatures who live in the field;
The pastures are rich and they give their full yield.
You creatures, now sing— for the meadows are green;
Around us, good gifts of creation are seen!

O God, as the prophet proclaimed long ago,
You care for your earth and your gifts overflow.
Though sin leads to things that disrupt and destroy,
You work to redeem and to bring life and joy.

This season, we gather to thank you and say:
O God, you continue to bless us today!
May we who've been blessed by the gifts of your hand
Now care for the water, the air and the land.

Tune: Traditional American melody ("How Firm a Foundation")
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New Hymns: www.carolynshymns.com

[1]Footnote on Joel 2:21-22, "The Book of Joel," by William P. Brown in the *Discipleship Study Bible, New Revised Standard Version with Apocrypha*, edited by Bruce C. Birch, Brian K. Blount, Thomas G. Long, Gail R. O'Day and W. Sibley Towner, Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008, p. 1247

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette is the author of over 400 hymns that have been sung by thousands of congregations around the world, and are found in 20 books and thousands of web sites, including www.carolynshymns.com with a special page of [creation care hymns](#). Many of her hymns are published at Sojourners and are also found in *Christian Century* magazine, *The New Yorker*, National Public Radio and PBS-TV. She and her husband Bruce are Presbyterian ministers who have served congregations in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. They will start serving the First Presbyterian Union Church in Owego, NY starting on December 1st.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Presbyterian Mission Agency

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Presbyterian%20Justice%20and%20Peace%20Monthly%20November%202018&utm_content=Presbyterian%20Justice%20and%20Peace%20Monthly%20November%202018+CID_daaad3be138e8cb578936c171a5ad061&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software

PDA work in Action: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pda-spiritual-care-providers-now-in-california/>

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



JUSTICE FOR GOD'S PLANET
AND GOD'S PEOPLE

Shantha Ready Alonso, Executive Director, Creation Justice Ministries

www.creationjustice.org

FEATURED ACTION

The Justice for #EachGeneration campaign calls for more than a thousand sermons in solidarity with the 21 youth who have taken our federal government to court over climate change.

Clergy and youth are encouraged to make a pledge to preach a sermon in the coming months. Liturgical resources and updates are provided. Help us spread the word about the challenge on social media. It is a ongoing campaign throughout 2018.

Learn More at www.eachgeneration.org

Water: a gift from the heavens!

Creation Justice Ministries encourages Christian communities to consider water as a sacred gift from God which connects and sustains all life.

We educate, equip, and mobilize Christian communities to conduct water blessings, as well advocate to protect clean, safe water.

More information [here](#)

Sense of Place

Each year, Creation Justice Ministries offers Christian education materials to equip faith communities to protect, restore, and more rightly share God's creation.

Our 2018 theme is "Sense of Place" and offers insights about living in harmony with local ecosystems and watersheds, rightly sharing places with a diversity of peoples, and respecting the history of your place.

You find more information [here](#)

Interfaith Power & Light



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

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

In December 2018, government delegates from around the world will meet in Katowice, Poland to decide how to implement the Paris Agreement. **The faith community will be there again to support action on climate.** IPL is joining the People's Demands for Climate Justice -- a joint global call to government delegates demanding that this year's climate talks actually lead to meaningful, just climate solutions.

The latest UN climate reports underscore the need for a more rapid shift to clean energy, and tension is building within those countries still heavily dependent on coal — including the host country of Poland. And even though the U.S. under the Trump administration has said it will abandon the Paris Accord, they cannot do that formally until 2020, and are expected to play a “big role” in the Poland talks, possibly advocating for a fossil fuel agenda.

[Sign the petition to call on the UN delegates to listen to the People's Demands, not Big Polluters.](#)

Recently, the world's leading climate scientists warned that we have only 12 years to begin the massive transformation needed to avoid the worst effects of climate change. If governments don't agree on strong guidelines for the Paris Agreement this year, our next chance won't be until 2023. That will be too late for millions of people around the world, many of whom are already experiencing climate change's devastation.

[Tell U.N. delegates you want meaningful and just climate solutions to be put in place now.](#)

Over the past couple of years the faith community has been a huge part of the conversation on the world stage demanding action on climate. In 2015 IPL went to COP 21 in Paris to present a scroll with a list of faith communities who pledged to reduce their carbon pollution 50% by 2030 and to become carbon neutral by 2050. Since then faith communities across the nation have pledged that even though our current administration is pulling out of the Paris Agreement we are “Still In Paris”.

People of faith who have taken the responsibility for stewardship of our common home, must redouble our efforts. Our theology and faith traditions call us to love our neighbors and to be keepers of Creation.

Thus there will be no letting up on the work we do. We will be working harder and digging deeper into our resources. Our 20,000 congregations will continue to cut emissions and lead congregants to do the same. We will continue to help solarize buildings and homes and we will promote renewable energy at the state level. We will lead by example. But we can't do it alone. That's why we must demand that our national and world leaders take real action on climate. **[Sign the People's Demands for Climate Justice -- so we can bring your voice to Poland](#)**

Faithfully,

Susan Stephenson
Executive Director

The mission of Interfaith Power & Light is to be faithful stewards of Creation by responding to global warming through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

NASA's Earth Observatory Where every day is Earth day. <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>

See for specific interest to children: <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/eokids/>

The latest from NASA's Earth Observatory (13 November 2018)

Latest Images:

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

* Ozone Hole is Big, But Tempered by CFC Reductions

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/144239/ozone-hole-is-big-but-tempered-by-cfc-reductions/?src=eoaiotd>

* Drought Persists in the U.S. Southwest

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/144216/drought-persists-in-the-us-southwest/?src=eoaiotd>

* The Largest River Delta in Europe

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/144231/the-largest-river-delta-in-europe/?src=eoaiotd>

* Scars of the Somme

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/144228/scars-of-the-somme/?src=eoaiotd>

* Camp Fire Rages in California

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/144225/camp-fire-rages-in-california/?src=eoaiotd>

* Pine Island Glacier Quickly Drops Another Iceberg

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/144212/pine-island-glacier-quickly-drops-another-iceberg/?src=eoaiotd>

* Which Way Will the Smoke Go?

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/144190/which-way-will-the-smoke-go/?src=eoaiotd>

Recent Blog Posts:

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

Earth Matters

* Highlights from The Earth Observer

A new edition of The Earth Observer, a bi-monthly publication that covers the nuts-and-bolts of NASA's Earth Observing System, is out.

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/blogs/earthmatters/2018/11/07/highlights-from-the-the-earth-observer/>

NASA's Earth Observatory -- Where every day is Earth day. <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>

Our Mission

Conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends

Every acre we protect, every river mile restored, every species brought back from the brink, begins with you. Your support will help make a lasting difference around the world in 72 countries.

Nature in the Urban Century

How smart urban planning supports people and nature.

[Learn More](#)

A Natural Path for U.S. Climate Action

Nature could mitigate more than a fifth of the country's carbon emissions.

[Learn More](#)

Here are just a couple of the individual projects with big potential to transform our natural world, but only if we get enough support from people like you:

- **Saving extraordinary places** — 1.5 million acres of land are lost to development in the U.S. each year. As more federal protections are rolled back, it falls to people like you and me to step in and save the places that inspire us. Your support helps fund The Nature Conservancy's land preservation efforts in South Carolina and beyond.
- **Greening communities & making cities healthier** — our pilot urban tree-planting program in Louisville, Kentucky, aims to improve residents' health with the power of nature. Your gift can help ramp up solutions like this and plant more trees to combat pollution in cities across the country.
- **Defending our disappearing coastlines** — Nature Conservancy supporters like you helped us broker a landmark agreement with the U.S. Navy to use natural infrastructure like wetlands and floodplains at their naval base in Ventura County, California, to buffer sea-level rise and storm surges. It's the first time in history that the Department of Defense has worked with a nonprofit charity to address climate

adaptation on military land. Now, we need your support to scale this conservation model across millions of acres of coastline in the U.S. and abroad.

Our natural world faces serious challenges, and it's up to us — each of us — to protect the places we love. I'm so proud to see members like you leading the way, and I'm inspired to see the change you make possible. **But for every initiative we take on, there are hundreds more just waiting to be funded — and your support could be the difference we need.**

A company that recycles Aluminum: <http://novelis.com/sustainability/>.

<http://justiceunbound.org/>

Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice (“*Unbound*”) is an online journal and community that examines, expresses, and provokes social justice as inspired by the prophetic gospel of Jesus Christ. As both a journal and a forum for conversation, action and community building, *Unbound* is at once the inheritor of the print journal *Church & Society* (98 years running) and the innovator of an interactive approach to supporting social ministry. This means we are not solely a journal, nor solely another website or news outlet. By making the journal freely available on the internet, we seek to attract a great diversity of readership in the “World House,” beyond the Presbyterian, ecumenical and Christian houses that are our base. This means broadening while affirming the long-time mission statement:

“to provide a forum for the church on subjects of social concern for Christians. It includes reflective comment on social issues, models and resources for individual and group study and action, and articles to encourage dialogue among persons with religious commitment. Articles represent the opinion of the authors.”^[1]

Give Me Your Tired and Poor. <http://justiceunbound.org/carousel/give-me-your-tired-your-poor/>

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

A Sparrow-Sized Mystery, Solved

When a rare sparrow turned up this fall at a refuge in Central New York, it wasn't clear whether it was a new individual, or a returning male that had been spotted last year. Because the species is in sharp decline, the answer was important.

How do you solve a mystery surrounding an understudied species? Let's go to the tape, thought one resourceful birder. Discover the clues that helped her take on an intriguing ID challenge—and see if you can hear the evidence, too.

Listen to the Clues

<https://www.audubon.org/news/16-fabulous-fall-birding-events>

<https://www.audubon.org/news/how-do-hurricanes-affect-birds>

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

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



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

Do you know the backstory of the GHS Swamp Rabbit Trail?

It's no exaggeration to say that the Greenville Health System Swamp Rabbit Trail has been revolutionary for the greater Greenville community since its opening in 2009. The economic impact is easily in the tens of millions. Working to secure and open the trail was one of Upstate Forever's first projects, and we are grateful for (and proud of) the role we played!

Check out our blog to learn:

- How Upstate Forever, Greenville County, GHS, and other partners fought tooth and nail to acquire an abandoned rail line and **bring the game-changing trail to life**
- How Greenville County is using the GHS Swamp Rabbit Trail to **expand transit options** for the community
- How the 2002 **Reedy River Master Plan**, created by Clemson University at the request of Greenville City and County Councils, provided the framework not just for the trail, but for Falls Park, Lake Conestee Nature Park, Unity Park, and more

The GHS Swamp Rabbit Trail project shows how a shared, actionable community vision can enrich the Upstate, both economically and through improved quality of life. Many thanks to all the dedicated organizations and individuals who collaborated to make the trail a reality!

Upstate Forever works at the community level to protect green space and support initiatives that enhance outdoor recreation. Please join us and help keep the Upstate region special — forever!

Nonprofits & the new tax code

Are you 70 1/2 years of age or older? If so, you may be able to make charitable contributions directly from your IRA to a qualified 501(c)(3) organization and avoid paying income tax. Cary H. Hall of the Wyche Law Firm explains what the new tax code means for nonprofits and their donors on this guest blog post. [Read more](#)

The *[National Wildlife Federation](https://www.nwf.org/)*

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

[REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!!](#)

The Midlands Master Naturalist course is part of a statewide Master Naturalist Program coordinated by Clemson University. The mission of the program is to create a corps of citizen volunteers well-trained in the fundamentals of natural history, nature interpretation, and the interface of humans and nature in order to empower them to contribute their time and talents to responsible, science-based environmental stewardship. The Midlands course is hosted by the SCWF and taught by experts in the fields of natural history, botany, biology, forestry, and geology.

Students learn identification skills, ecological concepts, and natural history of the plants, animals, and ecosystems encountered. Students will see how this knowledge can be applied to manage for wildlife and to ensure that human impacts on our Earth are sustainable. Through the established connections, participants will develop the skills necessary to become lifelong students of nature and environmental volunteers in their community.

Participants completing the course will receive South Carolina Master Naturalist certification and will be eligible to join a local chapter and participate in advanced training courses. SC Master Naturalist graduates are encouraged to log 30 hours of volunteer service for each subsequent year to maintain their certification.

Where: Classes will be held at parks and natural areas throughout the Midlands, and students will meet at the various locations. Most sites are within one hour of Columbia. Students are responsible for travel to and from field sites, although carpooling is encouraged.

Tentative Syllabus (topics and locations may vary each year):

- Class Intro, Intro to SC Natural History – Camp Discovery, Blythewood
- Things with Wings: Intro to Birds & Insects - Camp Discovery, Blythewood
- Piedmont Geology and Associated Plant Communities - Flat Creek HP/Forty Acre Rock

- Sandhills Geology & Ecology - Peachtree Rock Heritage Preserve, Lexington
- Intro to Plant Identification & Foraging - Goodale State Park, Camden
- Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and Herbaceous Seepages - Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge
- Hardwood Bottomland Forests and "Big Old" Trees - Congaree National Park
- Birds on the Bluff - Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve
- Fish Biology & Stream Ecology - Location TBA
- Forestry & Wildlife Habitat Management - Harbison State Forest
- Brown Water Ecosystems, Rocky Shoals Spider Lilies - Landsford Canal State Park
- Graduation Ceremony/Rain Date - Sesquicentennial State Park

When: 12 classes are held during each session - the next session will be held in Spring 2019, beginning March 15th, meeting every Friday through May 31st. At this time, only one session is held each year, in the spring.

Classes generally begin at 9:00 am at varying locations listed above. Ending times may vary depending on the field trip, but generally between 1:00-3:00 pm. Classes will be held rain or shine.

Who: The course is open to anyone, ages 18 and up. No pre-requisites or prior knowledge required. Participants come from all walks of life. Students will start with the basics.

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL SHAPE - MANY CLASSES INVOLVE LENGTHY HIKES OF SEVERAL MILES WITH MODERATE DIFFICULTY. Because you are training to be naturalists, you will traverse the wild country and should be prepared to encounter moderate heat, briars, mosquitoes, chiggers, ticks, etc. **DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THIS CLASS IF YOU CANNOT SUSTAIN THESE CONDITIONS.**

We have considerable demand for this class - please ensure that you can attend the majority of classes before registering.

Preparation: Students will need to pack a lunch and be prepared for a day in the field. Please dress for the weather and bring water, sunscreen & insect repellent. Long pants are recommended, as well as good walking shoes.

Cost: \$600 per person, includes:

- South Carolina Master Naturalist Course Book
- National Wildlife Federation Field Guide to Insects and Spiders & Related Species of North America, by Arthur V. Evans
- Native Trees of the Southeast, by Kirkman, et al.
- A Guide to Wildflowers of South Carolina, by R. D. Porcher
- Reptiles & Amphibians of Eastern/Central North America (Peterson), by Conant & Collins
- Magnifying glass and lanyard
- Admission to all field locations

Plant with Purpose: Join the Garden for Wildlife™ movement and turn your outdoor space into a haven for local species.

https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About?sc_camp=8CAF89586677431EA7713210D01CF298

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

Spending regular time outdoors is great for kids so why aren't all children doing it— every day? It's different for every family, but between busy schedules, exciting gadgets, concerns about safety, and lack of green spaces it's tough to Be Out There!

Simple Living Works!

To READ MORE: <https://simplelivingworks.wordpress.com/2018/09/15/simpler-living-weekly-nudge-eneews-3/>

[Resources and Opportunities](#)

Online accessibility to locate trails, parks, recreational facilities, farmers markets:
<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.

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

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