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Greetings!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center's newsletter, Forest & Fables. This monthly newsletter will connect you with the ministry of Walter Scott in all of its manifestations. You can expect information about upcoming Disciples of Christ events being held at the camp, updates on the grounds and facilities, and focuses on Creation Care from a variety of voices.

This first edition of this newsletter has been sent to all current CCIW Disciples, but to keep receiving it, make certain to subscribe to the Forest & Fables email list by submitting your email using the form at the link below. We hope you join us as we care gently for God's Creation by sowing wild seeds for the future.

Peace on the Journey,

Clayton Summers

Resident Minister and Caretaker

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Use Your Skills at a Fall Workday



We are sustained in life by mutual care and giving of the gifts we have. This is true not just as people, but as communities. We invite you to join us for one of our Saturday fall workdays (Sept. 7 and Nov. 2) where all skill-sets and skill-levels are valued as we care together for this Sacred Place. With breakfast and lunch provided and overnight accommodations available as needed, you'll be able to care for this Holy Ground and yourself at the same time.

[Register Today](#)

CCIW Disciples Fall Women's Retreat



SEPT. 28-29. Come, get inspired by the stories of women we meet in the Bible as they navigate life's tough times. Come, spend some time in nature exploring the beauty of Walter Scott Camp and Learning Center. Come, connect to your creative nature by making a mosaic candle and/or prayer beads. Come, be strengthened by the community of Women of Faith.

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4,011 Hours



As of the beginning of August 2024, we have had 4,011 volunteer hours in 2024 caring for our facility, counseling and directing camps, making meals, serving on committees, helping write grants, visiting congregations as camp ambassadors, and so much more. The Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center thrives because of the dedication and love of many people. Today, we simply want to say thank you to all of our volunteers this year, and in the past 62 years of this ministry.

Volunteer On Your Schedule



Workdays at Walter Scott have been a staple over the years, but these dates and times don't always work for those who want to get involved. To help make certain everyone can join with us in caring for this Sacred Place, we have developed our "Adopt-a-Project" program. You can see what current projects are available, then reach out directly to Clayton to find a time with your and the camp's calendar that works to implement it.

[Adopt-a-Project List](#)

Planning Ahead



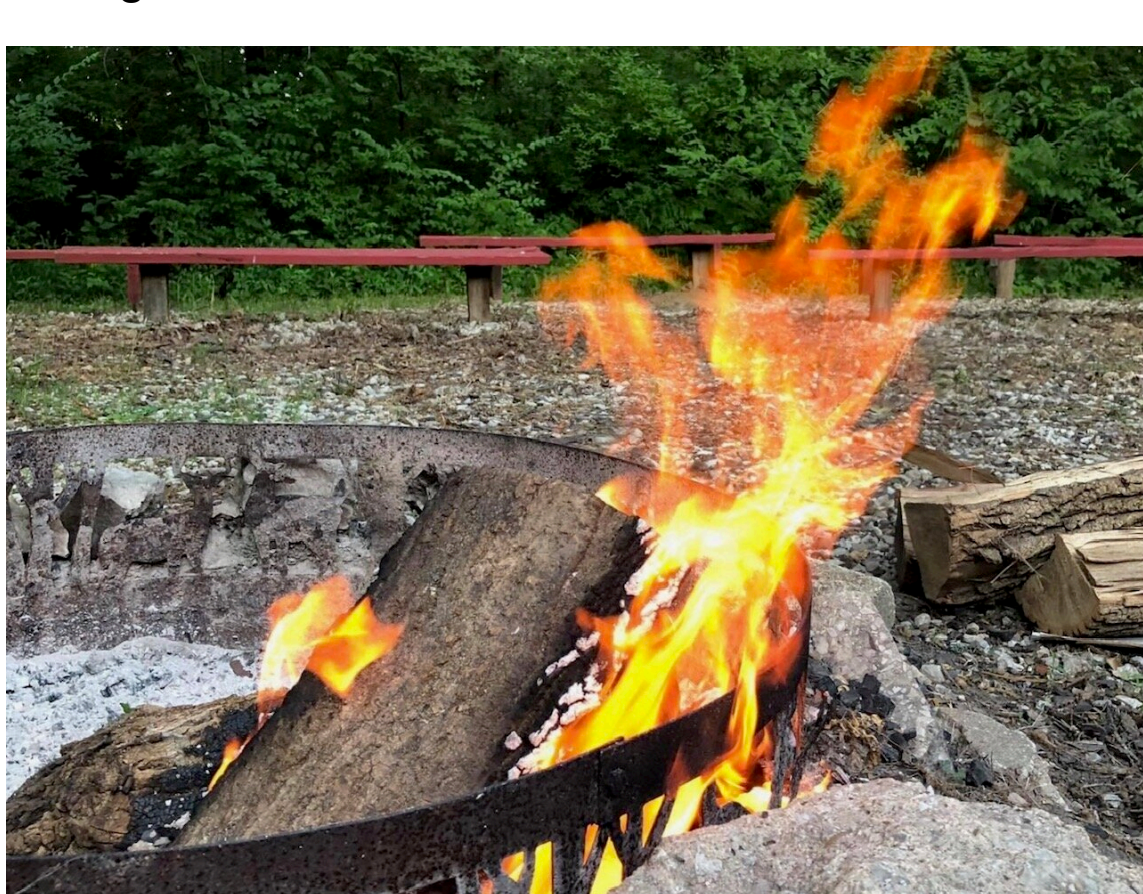
Mark your calendars for our core youth camps next summer! Registration will be opening Fall of 2024. Stay tuned for more information and potential discounts!

[Full Facility Usage Calendar](#)

Photo Gallery...Follow us on Instagram for more!



Caring for Creation



This next section is a recurring article about the theme of Creation Care. Each article is written by a different member of the Disciples diaspora who are linked to Walter Scott. The topics, views, and focuses will vary, but the connection with faith and practice will remain constant.

Community Supported Agriculture Continuing to Farm God's Fertile Land

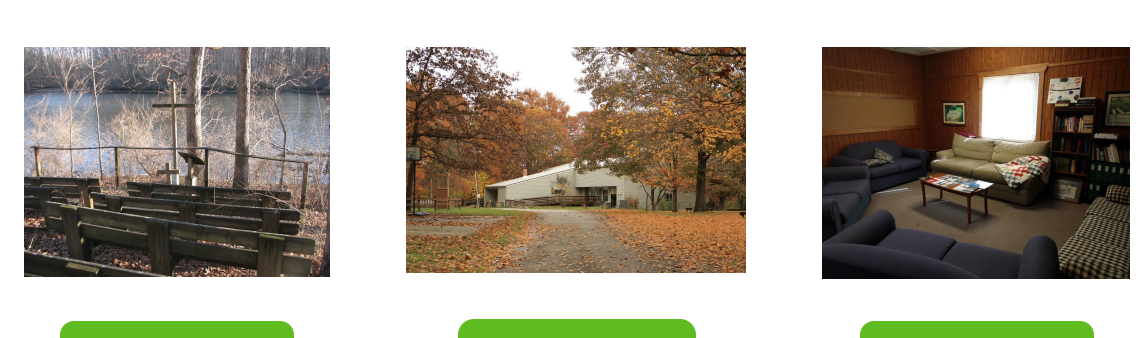
By Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe

Genesis 2: 4 – 8
"Before any field crops grew, because the LORD God hadn't sent rain on the earth and there was still not human being to farm the fertile land." Gen 2: 5.

"In the beginning" these words start the biblical account of the two stones of creation. Focusing not on the how but on the why of creation, in Genesis 2 we learn that out of an abundance of love God created humanity as a partner to tend and farm the fertile land that God created. The account goes on to explain how God provided everything needed to provide for the life and well-being of God's creation. The story spotlights the animosity that developed between farmer and herders, the move from hunter/ gatherer to farmer/ herder. It shows how society moved from an agrarian culture to the predominance of city states and urban verse rural living...

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The Land Beneath Our Feet

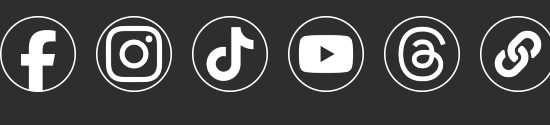


Quick Creation Care Tip

In the fall, save yourself some labor and leave the leaves! No need to mulch, rake, or bag. Leaving them provides habitat for insects and insulates the soil over the winter. If you have to get rid of them, wait until the temperatures are back above 50F in the spring. This is one way to support local biodiversity - Rev. Clayton Summers

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Since you stuck around this long, enjoy the goats. And care gently for God's creation.

