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## Greetings!

Nearly the entire month of January has seen snow and ice blanketing the land here at Walter Scott. It was serene and beautiful but also brought along with it prolonged cold temperatures that tested some of our aging systems (mainly furnaces and outdoor water spigots). Thankfully no lasting damage was caused, but we do have a few appliances we'll be replacing (and transitioning to more planet friendly options as we do so). These are some exciting updates to continue to keep our facility hospitable, especially as we look towards an already full calendar for 2025.

With camp registrations open and directors in place for the upcoming summer, excitement is building around our camping ministry. We will continue to be a place where the love of God is experienced by all our campers as the radical acceptance and hospitality of Christ is lived out by our staff. This Holy Ground is ready for another year of embodying the love of Jesus for all who set foot in this place.

As a final note, while I did mention the upcoming narrative review of 2024 in our December edition, we have decided to make it a video which will feature in the February release. We look forward to telling the story of our shared ministry in this accessible format next month!

Peace on the Journey,

*Clayton Summers*

Resident Minister and Caretaker

## Summer Camp 2025: Another Way



The theme for our 2025 summer camps is "Another Way". When dealing with the world around him, we are reminded by Jesus that God always invites us to reimagine who we are and how we do things. At camp, we're inviting campers to explore finding another way by following in the direction of Christ with this year's theme. Registrations are open for our 2025 camps and as always, we remain committed to ensuring every child who would like to attend camp is able to do so, regardless of finances. Check out all the camps, add them to your calendar, by following the link below!

[Camp Registration Page](#)

## Camp is Better Together!



For many of us, camp at Walter Scott is among the best experiences of our life and has forged friendships and relationships that have lasted a lifetime. In an effort to expand access to these and be hospitable to new campers, we are offering a "Bring a Friend" discount to returning campers and a first-time friend attending the same week-long camp! The full details on this discount can be found on our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page. Consider who the camper in your life might start inviting to share in one of the best experiences of their life.

[FAQs - Bring a Friend](#)

## Youth Camp Volunteering



Are you interested in volunteering at our youth camps in some capacity in 2025? Perhaps you're a minister who wants to join our Sabbath of the Stovetop program? Maybe you're interested in helping in the kitchen, being a camp nurse, counseling, or even directing camps? If this is you, make certain to let us know by filling out our volunteering form or checking out the Sabbath of the Stovetop page for more information!

[Sabbath of the Stovetop](#)

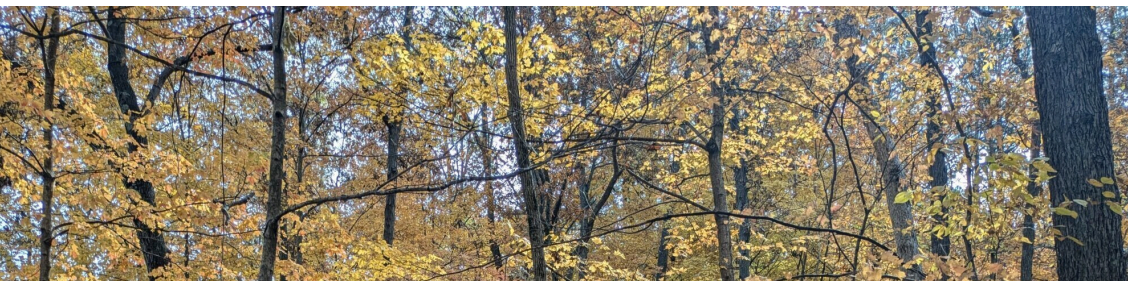
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## ICYMI Ice Fishing



This past weekend at Walter Scott we had a rare treat, ice fishing! To safely walk on the ice, it needs to be at least 4in thick, which for the first time in several years happened on our lake! While we have heard tale of ice skating and frozen communion services in depths of winter in years past, we haven't had such cold temperatures in this area with a warming climate. The moment has unfortunately already passed with the increasing temperatures for this year, but stay tuned in future winters! Now that we know how to check and be safe in the process, we'll post online if we have a window where it's possible to walk on water without being Jesus.

## CCIW & Michigan Minister Self-Guided Retreats



As a way of giving back to our congregations and clergy in our region, we offer free, self-guided retreats at Walter Scott for clergy who hold their standing with the CCIW/Michigan Region. These can be imagined by the clergyperson as relaxation, worship planning, spiritual rejuvenation, or whatever is needed. Each clergyperson is offered up to 5 nights/year lodging (excluding food) for themselves and a partner (if they choose). Their accommodations will be heated/cooled and include access to a cooktop, microwave, minifridge, utensils, and campfires. This offer is not available in combination with other events (i.e. while attending a women's/men's retreat at the facility). Reservations are dependent on the facility availability and not available during our youth summer camping program.

[Individual Clergy Retreats](#)

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## 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.

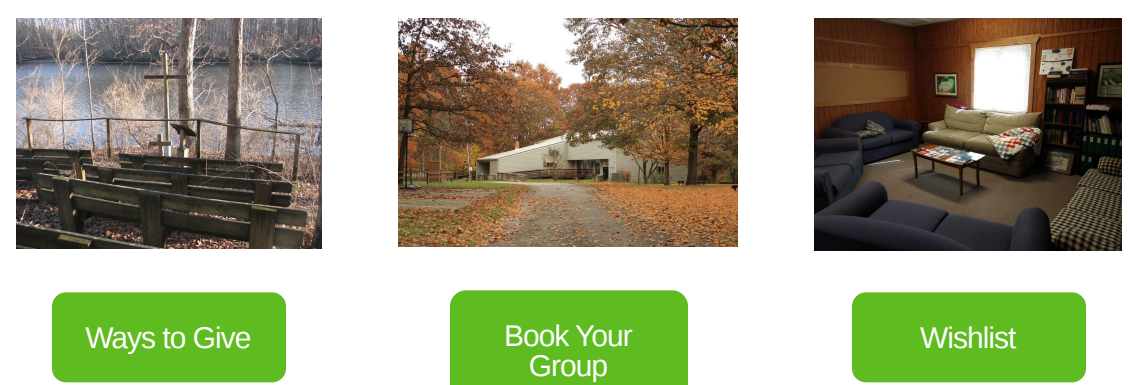
**Stewardship & the Earth**  
By Rev. Cassie Sexton-Riggs

*"The Earth is the Lord's and all it holds, the world and those who dwell in it" -Psalm 24:1-2*

We don't always do a good job of remembering this. Oftentimes we treat the world as though it all belongs to us, and not to the Divine's that has been entrusted to us to care for it. And yet scripture tells us that we have been called by God to "cultivate and take care of" the...

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## Sowing Wild Seeds

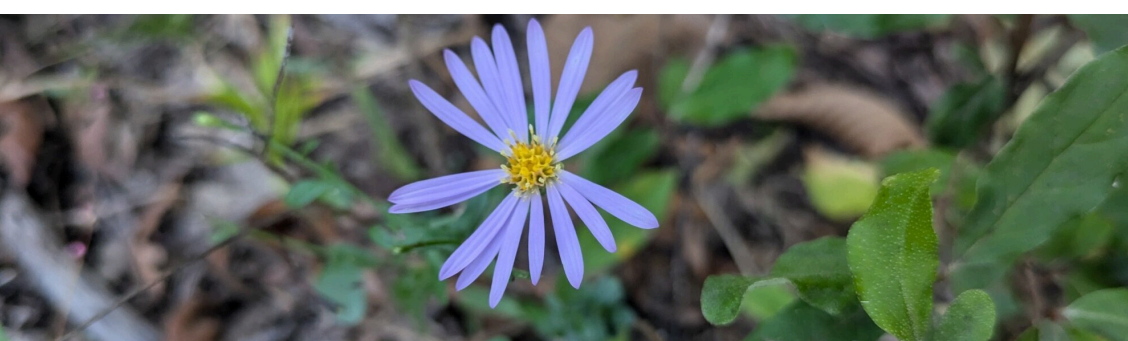


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## The Land Beneath Our Feet



### Quick Creation Care Tip

Invasive plants (those that are originally from outside of North America who outcompete local plants) take over landscapes and wild spaces, crowding out native species, and reducing overall wildlife populations when left unchecked. When planning your garden or landscaping, make sure to look up if a plant is native or invasive on Google, and opt for natives. Many local nurseries and garden centers can help if asked!

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

