



Greetings!

Its hard to believe February is already closing out here at Walter Scott; the shortest month of the year is certainly living up to its reputation. Despite the short month, we kept busy. Some of our time at the beginning of the month was spent caring for Meshach the goat who had a leg injury (now fully healed). Throughout the month we also visited clergy cluster meetings to connect with clergy and promote the upcoming summer camping seasons. As the cold temperatures returned, we were more prepared in the main building with all the holes in the ceiling above the sub-ceiling fully repaired and keeping the valuable heat inside. While we had the scaffolding out, we also mounted a projector to the ceiling and screen for it to project onto to make showing video easier for groups in the future. Overall, it ended up as a good month!

In a little over three months, we'll be back to our youth summer camps for our 63rd year of this vital ministry. In between, we'll still be doing plenty of ministry in the shape of Christ's radical hospitality and deep love; we have three full facility groups, two workdays, a family camp, individual clergy retreats, and other scattered rentals before we even make it to June. We are so excited for all this upcoming year will hold and the ways in which this Sacred Place continues to impact lives.

Peace on the Journey,

Clayton Summers
Resident Minister and Caretaker

2024 In Review: A Narrative Accounting



It is difficult to communicate all the good of Walter Scott, but we've done our best to tell the story of this ministry in 2024. From thousands of volunteer hours to hundreds of days of fishing, looking at the bottom line alone doesn't give the full picture. Take some time to hear about how we utilized all the Holy Currencies God has entrusted us to steward in this place. Choose from a written document or video to hear how we used Truth, Time, Place, Leadership, Relationship, and Money in 2024!

[Read or Watch the Narrative Accounting](#)

ICYMI: Meet the Directors!



We are grateful in 2025 for another year of talented, compassionate, and all-around-awesome summer camp directors! Each of our directors brings a passion for the youth they will be serving this summer and divergent experiences that make each camp unique. We couldn't be more ecstatic for the camp experiences they'll create and the counselors they're recruiting to make this summer memorable. Check out each of their biographies by clicking on the image above or check out registration, the bring a friend discount, and volunteering at camp by using the buttons below!

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Haikus



We are grateful to our friend Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe for sharing the following Haikus. Take a few moments to read, close your eyes, and experience God's Creation through poetry.

Tree frogs
Arboreal friend
Singing your steady rain call
Above the cattails.

Dragonflies
Life by water's edge
Nymph grows & leaves shell behind
Breathing in, taking flight

Caring for Creation



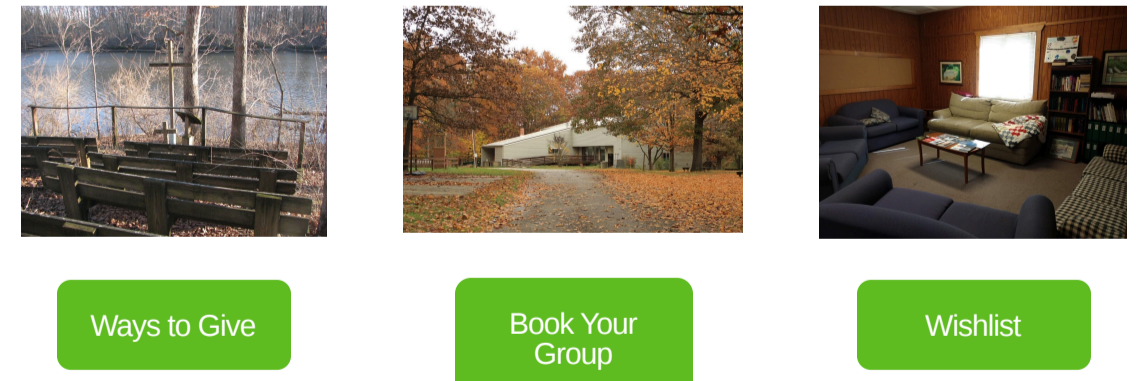
This next section is a recurring article about the theme of Creation Care. Each article is written by a different member of the Disciples diaspora who are linked to Walter Scott. The topics, views, and focuses will vary, but the connection with faith and practice will remain constant.

A bit of heaven in the land
By Rev. Ed Taylor

Awareness is no small thing. We had been looking for a place in the country. My wife found a place just outside of town. Situated on nearly five acres, the brick farmhouse had been unoccupied for nearly a year. The house had suffered water and fire damage, recent residency by raccoons and squirrels, as well as Do-It-Yourself fits and starts. Outbuildings were in the final stages of usefulness. Hills of trash, aspiring to be mountains of trash, littered the property. The entire homestead, and once proud pasture, had become overgrown with invasive weeds, trees and bushes. Having grown up in the area, I remember the beautiful working farm it had once been. Now I saw it as it was – in need of endless clean-up, repair and renovation. She saw what it could be, what it was created to be...

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Sowing Wild Seeds



The Land Beneath Our Feet



Quick Creation Care Tip

Give your opinion to your elected officials. Write or call your members of Congress, state, or local officials, asking them to support an environmental issue that you care about. Ask questions to yourself about how the issue you care about intersects with racial justice or other marginalized communities. Make certain to include that information in your communication. - Adapted from Creation Justice Ministries

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

