



Greetings!

In the blink of an eye, a quarter of the year is behind us and yet so much of it lies ahead. In March we welcomed our first retreat groups of the year with our friends from DeColores. They continued their 40+ year ministry on our grounds with a pair of packed weekends followed by a retreat from NSI K9! At the same time, our bathroom renovations completed and we continued to gear up for our summer camping season as the wonderful volunteer staff prepares.

However, before we arrive at our summer camps we still have plenty on our schedule. A few long running family fishing trips will take place at Walter Scott, we'll have our spring workday, and we'll stretch our vision beyond this year and this decade with the establishment of the Walter Scott Legacy Circle. Caring for this place is sacred work and however you support this ministry - be it with your time, finances, or just attention to this newsletter, it is appreciated. Thank you for being on this journey with us.

Peace on the Journey,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Clayton Summers'.

Resident Minister and Caretaker

Join the Legacy Circle

The banner has a green background. On the left, there is a dark green vertical bar with the text 'ER SCOTT LEARNING CENTER' in white, stacked vertically. To the right, the text 'SUN, APRIL 19, 2026 2-4 PM AT THE MACKINAW VALLEY VINEYARD' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below this, 'Complimentary Food & Drink' is written in a smaller black font. At the bottom, 'Fun with Friends of Walter Scott' is written in a small black font. There is a faint, light green graphic of a vine or leaf in the background.



Hear about the impact of this Holy Ground

JOIN THE LEGACY CIRCLE

**CONSIDER AN END-OF-LIFE GIFT
TO THIS SACRED PLACE**

CampWalterScott.org/LegacyRSVP



We want you to be part of our Legacy Circle. We want to ensure the impact of this place continues for generations ahead - and that doesn't happen without all of us.

If you're able, we would love you to join us at the Mackinaw Valley Vineyard on Sunday, April 19, 2026 from 2-4PM to hear from the Christian Church Foundation how you can make an End-of-Life gift and join our Legacy Circle. With designated gift policies in place, we can ensure your gift goes towards the mission of Walter Scott. At the event, there's no pressure involved, just an invitation. We'll have free food and drink, plenty of folks who love Walter Scott together, and a chance to hear how this Holy Ground continues to connect ourselves, God, and the rest of Creation. We hope you consider joining us - and if you cannot but still would like information about the Legacy Circle - we'd be happy to send you promotional information - just reply to this email!

[RSVP for the Legacy Circle Event](#)

Register for Camp!





Summer camp registrations are open! Take the time today to consider sending a youth in your life to camp or coming as an entire family! Check out all the opportunities for camp at Walter Scott by clicking the button below. As a reminder, we have scholarships available and if a child wishes to attend, we will make certain they are able to do so - just send us an email!

[Learn More & Register!](#)

ICYMI: Thin Air



Yellow is an indication of the changing seasons at Walter Scott. Day Lilies and Forsythia

come out to greet the world, unfolding out of thin air. Indeed, the plants around us are almost entirely from the air - they are carbon dioxide converted into the carbon of their structure and the rain from the sky absorbed through their roots. Today, you are invited to pay close attention to the world around you for the signs of change. What might seem like barrenness or impossibility may simply be waiting to unfold out of thin air as another part of God's Creation.

[Check Out the Blog!](#)

2026 Spring Workday: April 18, 2026



Our list of projects grows and contracts with the seasons, but it never runs dry! We can promise that if you come to a workday, whatever skills you bring, there will be opportunities to put them to use. We need the skills of carpentry, plumbing, electrical, organization, cleaning, cooking, are more!

We'd love to see you at any of our workdays or our full service week, all of which are free, including overnight housing and meals. If you're interested, let us know you're coming by following the button below.

If you would rather volunteer on your own schedule, we accept volunteers throughout the year for a wide variety of projects. Check out the "Adopt-a-Project" section by following the button below to see some of the projects we have available or just reply to this email with what skills you have!

[Volunteer at Walter Scott!](#)

Earth Month Video Series





For Earth month we've created a Creation Care tip video series for practical ways you can care better for earth! A new short video releases every day of April on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube! Check out the videos already out in the linked playlist.

[Earth Month Video Playlist on YouTube](#)

National Faith & Climate Forum

Saturday, April 25

2026 National Faith + Climate Forum

Open to:
Multi-Faith groups, green teams,
youth groups and more!

nationalfaithandclimateforum.org

[Register Now!](#)

🌿 Exciting News! We're hosting the National Faith + Climate Forum 2026 at Walter Scott on April 25th. Join us for dynamic discussions, practical workshops, and opportunities to act. Together, let's lay the groundwork for lasting change within our faith communities. Register now (it's free)!

Look Ahead to 2026!

Here are the next five offerings at Walter Scott in 2026!

April 18, 2026



Workday

Care for the sacred space of Walter Scott together. All skills and ability levels welcome!

April 19, 2026



Legacy Circle Launch

Join us at the Mackinaw Valley Vineyard for an afternoon of complimentary food, drink, and community to consider an end of life gift to Walter Scott

April 25, 2026



Faith & Climate Forum

Interactive sessions, inspiring keynotes, and practical resources for this nationwide event equipping people of faith.

May 22-25, 2026



Family Camping

Bring all the family for a low-programmed weekend of camping at our beautiful facility.

All 2026 Programming

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



Beyond Walter Scott...



Every year World Wetlands Day is celebrated around the world on February 2nd. This year's theme is "Wetlands and traditional knowledge: Celebrating cultural heritage." The global campaign spotlights the timeless role of traditional knowledge in sustaining wetland ecosystems and preserving cultural identity. Wetlands are incredibly valuable not only for the species that live and thrive there but for all living things on this planet. Wetlands are an integral part of God's creation and protecting and preserving them for future generations is one of our callings at Living Coast Ministries.

Ivonne Higuero, Secretary-General of CITES shared this important message about World Wetlands Day. "Wetlands are more than ecosystems, they are story keepers. They carry the traditions, practices and wisdom of communities who have lived alongside them since the beginning of time. This year's theme, Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge, Celebrating Cultural Heritage, reminds us that conserving wetlands also means conserving the cultural identity woven into them."

As we approach World Wetlands Day 2026, under the theme 'Celebrating cultural heritage,'

we recognize the vital role wetlands play in preserving traditional wisdom and practices, sustaining biodiversity, climate resilience and water security. It is time to reaffirm our commitment to protecting these essential ecosystems. Wetlands are not just natural resources—they are foundational to our shared future. Let's come together to protect and restore them, ensuring their benefits for generations to come.

Harbor Christian Church has established Living Coast Ministries to focus on the interconnection between the natural marine world and the divine. The Living Coast Theologians we host enjoy a week-long summer residential program at Harbor Christian Church in Newport Beach, California. Harbor is located just across the street from the Upper Newport Back Bay. Being located in coastal Southern California gives us access to many wild places that most people never have the opportunity to experience. Living Coast Ministry at Harbor supports participants in visiting these natural wonders while helping to develop an ecological spirituality. What do we mean by ecological spirituality? Throughout the week, each group enjoys hands-on experiences that deeply connect them to the surrounding ocean and shoreline ecology. Each evening participants are led in discussions, sacred experiences and activities that support them in crafting their unique ecological lens on spirituality. In other words, Living Coast Ministry brings together real world experience and the sacred, allowing participants to ask new questions of their faith and to open to more expansive experiences of the divine.

We love the opportunity to host youth groups and their chaperones from all over the country. To date we have hosted groups from Minnesota, Colorado, Kentucky and Maryland as well as local groups from Southern California. Our Living Coast Ministry team would love to hear from and potentially host you and your group. If you would like more information on Living Coast Ministry in Newport Beach please click the following link.

[Living Coast Ministry](#)

Sowing Wild Seeds



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[Wishlist](#)

The Land Beneath Our Feet





Quick Creation Care Tip

Drought is increasingly affecting all of us. Treat water as sacred. Avoid wasting it. Don't let water run when brushing teeth, loading the dishwasher, cleaning vegetables, getting ready to shower. Little things you can do factor into dealing with the big changes of a shifting climate. - UMC Justice Movement

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



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