



## Greetings!

Summer is upon us here at Walter Scott! We have just finished our annual family camping weekend where we welcomed approximately fifty folks from five states. Some have been coming to this weekend of family and connection for over forty years while some just attended for their first time. If you're just joining the Walter Scott diaspora or you've been part of it your entire life, we're glad you're here and a part of this ministry.

Over the next two months we will welcome our youth campers to the grounds for another year of summer camping. Hold our campers in your prayers as well as our dedicated and caring staff. As they come together for fun, faith formation opportunities, and friends, we are grateful once again to mirror the hospitality of Christ.

Finally, as we look further into the future, I encourage you to read the next article for a view of the pathway ahead of us. Until then however...

**Care Gently for God's Creation,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Clayton Summers'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Resident Minister and Caretaker

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## Resignation Announcement

Walter Scott Diaspora,

My name is Rev. Clayton Summers and for the past four and a half years I have had the pleasure and privilege of shepherding this sacred ground. It is only after much conversation, deliberation, and prayerful reflection that I and my family have made the decision it is time for me to transition out of this role.

Effective August 31st, 2026, I will be leaving my position with Walter Scott and the Future Living Waters Region. This decision was made in planning for the future of my family and

my own vocational calling. It has been the privilege of a lifetime to serve here at Walter Scott, but seasons change in life just as they do in the world around us. I remain confident Walter Scott still has a flourishing future ahead of it, and I am grateful to have helped guide it in the time I had.

The Walter Scott Advisory Board in consultation with regional staff have been hard at work on drafting a job description that will be coming soon. If you have a heart for hospitality, ministry, and Creation care I strongly encourage you to consider applying. I am genuinely excited for the next chapter of this ministry, to offer the advice and support I can to my successor, and after a season away, to lend my time and talents in other ways to this Cathedral of Creation.

As I have repeated throughout my time here, this ministry exists because of all of us, not because of any single individual. I encourage you to volunteer at work days, adopt a project, donate, and lend your time, talents, and love to this sacred place in its next season as you have so generously done during the last.

As for myself, I have made it a policy not to share my personal life online. If you're curious about what's next for me, feel free to give me a call, a text, or even set up a time to meet in person for a hot beverage.

Until then however, our shared vocation remains the same.

Care gently for God's Creation,  
Rev. Clayton Summers  
Resident Minister & Caretaker

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## Register for Camp!



Youth camps for all ages

Multiple family &  
intergenerational options

[www.CampWalterScott.org](http://www.CampWalterScott.org)

Summer camp registrations are still open for many of our camps! 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!](#)

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## ICYMI: The Nature of Goats and Community



The wanderings of goats are not dissimilar from our own wanderings. Most striking is their nature of browsing as a herd. We only have a single GPS collar worn by a single goat because they will always be found together. It is part of their created nature to find comfort and safety in community – to find green pastures in which to lie down together. In our world we too often find ourselves on our own, forced by structures or choices into isolation. Today, make we take a page from the book of God’s Creation, focusing on the chapter of goats, to remind us that community is essential to our own created nature as well.

[Check Out the Blog!](#)

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## 2026 Spring Service Week: May 31 - June 6



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 our full service week or our fall workday, 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!](#)

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## Look Ahead to 2026!

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

### May 31 – June 6, 2026

**SUN-  
SAT**

## Service Week

A week of service projects for all skills and abilities. Together we prepare for the camping season and improve this sacred space.

**June 7-13, 2026**

**SUN-  
SAT**

## CYF Camp

Open for youth who completed 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Experience God's love and explore who God created you to be.

**June 14-17, 2026**

**SUN-  
WED**

## You & Me Camp

Open for kids who completed K-5<sup>th</sup> + a Trusted Adult. Spend time building a bond in faith and developing a love for camp!

**June 18-20, 2026**

**THU-  
SAT**

## Beginners Camp

A short camp to introduce kids to camping at Walter Scott. Open to kids who have completed K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades.

All 2026 Programming

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



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## Beyond Walter Scott...



As we look at the big problems our world faces, like Climate Change, we often tell folks solutions lie with collective action, governments, and large entities. All of this is true, but it also silently communicates our individual actions don't matter - which is false!

Every step we take in the right direction, every fraction of a degree of warming we avoid, reduces the amount of suffering communities around the world will experience. That means when we make the choice to go with a heat pump instead of natural gas to heat our homes, we are helping our neighbors. When we choose a hybrid or all electric car over a fossil fuel car, we are loving our neighbors. When we eat a bit less red meat, we are following in the steps of Christ and reducing the amount of suffering being caused to those hurting the most.

One of the impactful ways you can follow Christ is by taking the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) specific Climate Ambassador training! This is a completely free, at your own pace training. It teaches the basics of climate change, why it matters to our faith, and how we can effectively talk with others about it!

Click the link below to learn more and take a step in the right direction, a step that follows Christ's own.

[Green Chalice Climate Action Center](#)

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## Sowing Wild Seeds



Ways to Give



Book Your Group



Wishlist

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## The Land Beneath Our Feet



### Quick Creation Care Tip

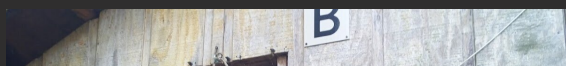
Immerse yourself in nature. Try forest bathing (using all your senses to connect to your environment), hiking, enjoying a park, hunting for waterfalls and wildflowers, going to a botanical garden or arboretum, getting out on the water in a sailboat, kayak, or canoe. Renew your commitment to care for the nature that renews you. - 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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