

## Earth Day Events at St. Peter's Episcopal Church - 2024

Taking care of God's creation is something that our church is committed to. Not only that, but it is also one of the major concerns for the Episcopal Church nationwide. Please consider attending as many of the following events as you can to help increase your awareness of, and commitment to this important goal.

Earth Day is on Monday April 22, and we will be recognizing this important event in several ways. On each of the first three Sundays of April, the Faith Forum program will focus on topics related to Creation Care. And on Saturday April 20, from 1:00-3:00 pm, we'll have an Earth Day celebration that will include door prizes, Creation Care information, a Seed Planting Station, and a Tree Giveaway.

### Faith Forum Presentations in April with themes related to Creation Care

4/07/24 – **Christianity and Creation Care** - Rod Scott, Founding Chair of the Creation Care Action Committee will discuss the historical and cultural relationship between Christianity and creation care.

4/14/24 – **Creation and Spirituality** – Donna Scott and Anna Voss (both counselors with experience in spiritual formation) will share ideas on how creation care themes can integrate into spiritual formation and soul care.

4/21/24 – **God's call to creation care: Sustaining Way** – Oscar Bennett – Sustaining Way in Greenville, uses education, collaboration, and advocacy to create sustainable, caring, and equitable communities for current and future generations. Their unique community-based approach to sustainability is visible at their demonstration site Annie's House, just off the Swamp Rabbit Trail in the historic Nicholstown community of Greenville, SC. Join Oscar Bennett, Community Engagement Specialist and Rick Joye Founder/Operations Director to hear more about this important work.

### St. Peter's Earth Day Celebration

A total of 30 trees will be available – 10 redbuds, 10 red maples, and 10 overcup oaks – limits 2 trees per household. Fifteen trees will be available on a reservable basis (while supplies last) – if you are interested in reserving one or two trees, contact Rod Scott at [rodney.scott@wheaton.edu](mailto:rodney.scott@wheaton.edu) (only email requests will be accepted). Attendees will also receive a free door prize (while supplies last), have the chance to learn more about Creation Care, and be able to start growing a plant to take home.



Everyone who attends will receive a door prize (chosen randomly) while supplies last (lots more bookmarks and several more decorative tiles will be available than the examples shown here)



### Other Creation Care Resources

**St. Peter's Creation Care Action Committee Website** – Visit our website to see ideas that can help you to care for God's creation and to learn about various Creation Care resources that are available. Use the following URL, or scan the QR code at the right: <https://www.stpetersgreenville.com/creation-care>



**The Episcopal Creation Care Pledge** – Did you know that our denomination has an official Creation Care Pledge that you can engage with? It contains suggestions for ways you can care for creation using three approaches that correspond to the Church's commitment "to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation". You may wish to commit to something in each category, or you might just choose one or two things to do. Don't get overwhelmed but do commit to doing something to care for creation. Use the following URL, or scan the QR code at the right: [https://irp.cdn-website.com/fe028d17/files/uploaded/creation\\_care\\_pledge\\_and\\_vision\\_english.pdf](https://irp.cdn-website.com/fe028d17/files/uploaded/creation_care_pledge_and_vision_english.pdf)

