



## RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY PARISH

### Land Stewardship Committee

# THE EARTH NEEDS OUR ATTENTION NOW!

In these troubled times of Covid-19, keeping social distance, concern about loved ones, family members, job, and other spiritual as well as worldly pursuits, it is often difficult to turn our minds to see enthusiasm and joy in everyday life— especially the natural beauty around us.

The Land Stewardship Committee (LSC) is going to offer a series of in place adult education and spiritual pursuits based on scripture but centering on ecospirituality. The list below will give you some of the titles that will be used. In most cases the books are already purchased and attendance at the seminar will require the following:

- 1) that your computer is ZOOM compatible
- 2) that you pay a nominal fee to help defray the cost of the books
- 3) an agreeable time can be found

Obviously, the interactions require a group and a number being suggested is a minimum of five. If the LSC can not get five or more participants for each of these seminars than the seminar will be postponed until the minimum of five are signed up to attend.

The following is a list of some of the items to be pursued:

- a) *Turning to the Heavens and the Earth*, edited by Julia Brumbaugh and Natalia Imperatori-Lee
- b) *Last Child in the Woods*, by Richard Louv
- c) *Animal Suffering & the Problem of Evil* by Nicola Hoggard Creegan
- d) *Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love*, by Elizabeth A. Johnson
- e) *Landscapes of the Sacred: Geography and Narrative in American Spirituality* by Belden C. Lane

If you are interested call the Land Stewardship Chairmen Paul A. Gore at 587-2001.



GREEN LEAF

### MISS US?

Technical and administrative problems interfered with the publication of the July and August Issues of Green Leaf. The "techie" problems are resolved but the administrative problems still haunt us. Simply put, the Land Stewardship Committee needs helping hands of every degree of experience, enthusiasm, availability, creative inspiration and care. Plain old fashioned, "I Care." Stewardship is all about Time, Talent, Treasure. Now here is an oddity. We have the treasure.

What we don't have is the talent and time. How about it?

**Call Paul Gore or Ellie Weber at 406-587-2001**



## About the Critters 'n Things...

In the New Testament we read the story of Christ teaching the apostles that God will provide and man shouldn't be concerned about what to eat and what to wear. In Luke 12:24 Jesus says, "



*"Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than*

*the birds?* A similar recounting is featured in Matthew 6:26 and Job 38:41.

If ever you have "walked on the wild side" you are probably well aware that indeed God does provide for the raven. But in some cases at the expense of the magpie.

The event pictured above provided food for thought for one parishioner who wondered, respectfully: Did the magpie get a vote in the matter? Has it always been thus, that ravens take their meals from the nest of magpies?

'Tis a puzzlement

### SHORT TWIGS

There are twelve Montana Native American Tribes (NAI) represented on campus at Montana State University (MSU). From those twelve tribes 820 students are pursuing higher education degrees. Paul Gore, chairperson for the Land Stewardship Committee, has indicated that the LSC has plans to draw from the experience of these students in helping to layout the plant palette of the habitat to be developed on the west end of the parish grounds. Gore notes that, "Native American students that are parishioners or non-parishioners, should be part of selecting plants indigenous to Montana and in many cases their tribal lands for inclusion in the new garden space."

One such plant, Gore notes, " is the biscuitroot. Biscuitroots are a genus of drought-tolerant herbs, native to the western states with many edible and medicinal qualities. Fernleaf Biscuitroot (*Lomatium dissectum*) and Barestem Biscuitroot (*Lomatium nudicaule*) are two examples. The first being more commonly used as a medicinal, and the latter as an edible (although they both have both qualities)."

The starchy root vegetable of this native food can be eaten cooked or ground into flours, with a unique, earthy and spicy flavor. The young leaves and shoots are a hardy spring green, eaten raw or cooked, with a taste like parsley. The seeds are especially aromatic and spicy like Caraway - a great flavoring agent for soups and stews. The process for how this is done could be a learning exercise for parishioners.

As the parish moves towards deeper involvement with MSU perhaps Resurrection University Parish can become *Ah-tah-thi ki*,



a "learning place", as the Miccosukee would say. Or *hoechoka*— center of the camp in Lakota Sioux terms.

We invite all MSU students to become part of the Land Stewardship Ministry where you can share your talents and develop your spirituality from the ground up. To learn more about what you as a member of Resurrection University Parish can do, learn, teach, and pray, see [hoechoka.com](http://hoechoka.com) and read the Green Leaf issues. Remember, "*parish is not a place where... parish is a people who...*"