

RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY PARISH

Land Stewardship Committee

LOVE IS PATIENT--LOVE IS KIND

Does this verse just include humans? Are we not called to love those who are not humans? Does not our Lord love animals, insects, etc. In his book *Earth's Echo: Sacred Encounters With Nature* Robert M. Hamma states that "the religions of both East and West would concur that nature can be seen as a metaphor of the spiritual life. In the first level of recognition, the ordinary processes of nature illustrate for us the presence or the action of God. God is like a rock or like the sea, or like the rain in the desert." Hamma further noted that "A second level of appreciation for the sacred dimension of nature begins with a sense of participation in nature. It is the recognition that nature involves us, that we are part of it." Hamma further noted that "All life rises from the same source, and so does all fellow feeling, whether the fellows move on two legs or four, on scaly bellies or feathered wings. If we care for only human needs, we betray the land; If we care only for the earth and its wild offspring, we betray our own kind."



The Church teaches that the earth and all life on it are part of God's creation. We are called to respect this gift. We are responsible for taking care of the world we live in and for sharing all the wonders and resources the earth gives us. What can we do to respect this gift? We should ask ourselves, how can we follow John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

LAND STEWARDSHIP IS LOVE/CARE FOR ALL CREATION

FRESH LEAF

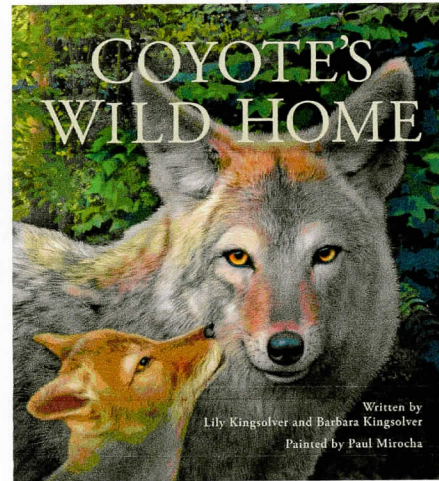
AVAILABLE THROUGH LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

In A New Book, Barbara Kingsolver and Daughter Lily Teach Children Empathy for Wildlife.

Barbara and Lily Kingsolver discuss 'Coyote's Wild Home', family publishing, and the importance of balance in wild places like Greater Yellowstone.

Coyote's Wild Home was published November 28, 2023 and is a children's book that takes readers through a day in the woods with a young girl and her grandfather, along with a coyote pup and his Auntie. Woven through the story and illustrations are bits of information about what a coyote eats, a conversation about predators and prey, and hints at coyotes' diminishing habitat, all topics poignant in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Paintings by Paul Mirocha reinforce the Kingsolvers' goal of being accurate in the flora and fauna depicted in the book while also letting them create a love letter to Appalachia. (For more details see mojo@mountainjournal.org)



Lily is working on a master's degree in environmental and informal science at the Florida Institute of Technology.

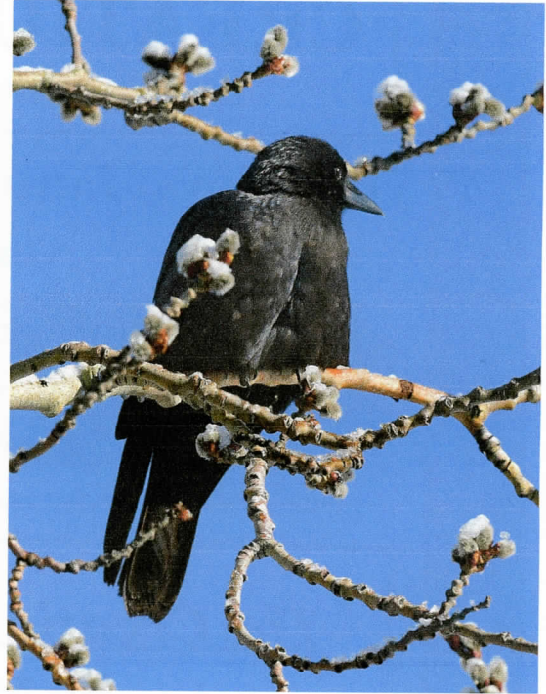
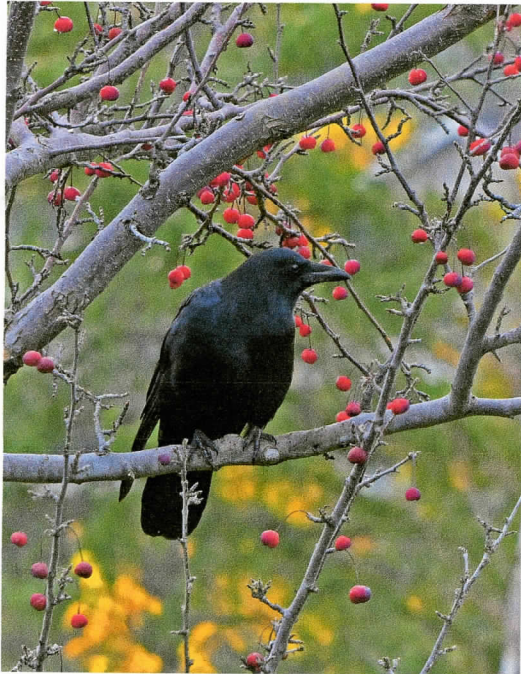
This charming book is a perfect gift for the youngsters of the parish and serves as a welcome, instructive, introduction to the ways of God's creation. It couples to religious education like a red caboose--somewhat distant from the engine but a critical part of the whole.

Reading age 6-9 Length 32 pages
Grade Level 1-2



The Land Stewardship Committee of Resurrection Parish has 8 volumes available for parishioners of RUCP (one per person) at NO COST. Place your order at hoechoka.com. Or contact Paul Gore at 406-587-2001. paulagore@att.net Please, parishioners only.

Critters of Resurrection Parish



WE ARE ALL VISITORS TO
THIS TIME, THIS PLACE. ...
OUR PURPOSE HERE IS TO
OBSERVE, TO LEARN, TO
GROW, TO LOVE... AND
THEN WE RETURN HOME

(Australian Aboriginal Proverb)

MEAN TIME; WE SHARE THE GROUNDS
WITH RAVEN AND CROW. ABSENT NOW
BECAUSE OF WINTER, THEY WILL RETURN
AND FAVOR US WITH RAMBUCOUS, NOISY
TURMOIL AND MAYBE EVEN A NEST AGAIN
IN THE TREES ALONG THE NORTH SIDE
BORDER. MAYBE. THEY ARE NOT TERRIBLY
FOND OF CONFUSION AND CONSTRUCTION--
--EVEN ROMAN CATHOLIC KIND.

As always, commentary on the Green Leaf is gratefully accepted and will receive replies. The web site has been giving us fits, but we believe the problem is now solved to service contacts. The web address is **hoechoka.com** (ending period omitted to avoid confusion) All lower case. The site can also be reached under the ministry connect on the Parish web page. Drop in, say "howdy."



10-WEEK CREATION CARE STUDY

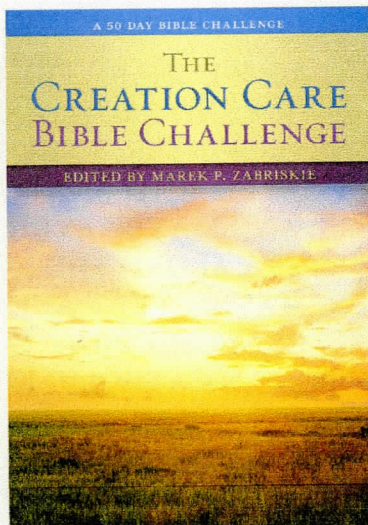
Organized by Montana Interfaith Power & Light

Thursdays, January 18th - March 21st, 2024
via Zoom @ 7pm

Join us anytime for weekly conversations and reflections centered around Marek Zabriskie's Creation Care Bible Challenge. All are welcome!

Contact Caleb at caleb@montanaipl.org for more information or to sign-up!

The Creation Care Bible Challenge by Marek Zabriskie



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Join farmers, scientists, theologians, conservationists and clergy in exploring ways that we can be faithful, loving stewards of the earth and all of its riches.

Featuring fifty days of reflections by spiritual leaders and writers from around the world, *The Creation Care Bible Challenge* is an extension of The Bible Challenge, a global initiative to encourage daily engagement with scripture and an exploration of the Word of God.

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