

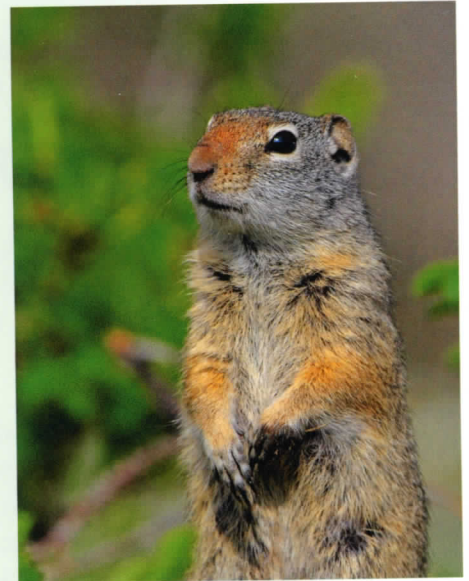


RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY PARISH Land Stewardship Committee

WILL WRIGHT TO LEAVE RESURRECTION PARISH

What's That Noise? Tell Me What's A Happening!"
(From Jesus Christ, Super Star)

"The news is bittersweet," said Will Wright, Chairperson for the Creation Care Committee in a recent interview. "I have been on a job search since finishing my Ph.D. at Montana State University last Spring. I've recently accepted a faculty position at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I'll have a joint appointment in history and environmental studies there. My family and I plan to move sometime in June 2022, so my time with the parish is limited."



Will notes that, "I'm proud of all Creation Care has accomplished in the last six years. I remember reading Pope Francis encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* back in 2015 and feeling its message tug at my heart. As a graduate student drawn to Resurrection's openness to youth and new ideas, I knew it was the place where a Creation Care Team could take root to reinvigorate environmental stewardship as a key tenet of the Catholic faith. The Creation Care Team has accomplished many things on the parish grounds, including the establishment of commercial recycling services, the installation of a 50 kW solar array, and the building of a community vegetable garden."

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REMEMBER,
PARISH IS MORE THAN A PLACE WHERE;
IT IS A PEOPLE WHO

CREATION CARE

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Will went on to express regrets at leaving and give thanks for the membership over the preceding years. "I'm convinced land is sacred," he said, "but I'm going to miss the relationships with people most: Scott telling me we won a huge NWE grant; Nathaniel writing up programs for Blessing of the Animals; Paul hosting us for talk on Soil and Sacrament; Leann picking beans with her kids and mine; Erik sending me articles on eco-theology; Mark explaining indigenous varieties of maize; Dawn introducing me to holiness of Yellowstone.

Creation Care will finish the Spring projects already lined up. This would include converting garden sprinklers to drip irrigation, installing a swinging gate on the vegetable garden, and creating a new plant palette for the parking lot islands. A Creation Care meeting was held February 13 to determine a transition plan.

Parishioners interested in exploring membership in the Creation Care Committee or the Land Stewardship Committee, are urged to contact Paul Gore at 405-587-2001.

LENTEN FUNCTIONS FROM LAND STEWARDSHIP

The Land Stewardship Committee will be hosting a Lenten book discussion in March. The meeting will be by ZOOM and limited to 10 participants. Books will be provided to participants at a nominal cost. We will be working with Norman Wirzba's "*living the Sabbath.*"

Most Catholics have been raised to the rule that Sabbath is one day a week when we should rest from our otherwise harried lives. In *Living the Sabbath*, Norman Wirzba leads us to a much more holistic and rewarding understanding of Sabbath-keeping. Wirzba shows how Sabbath is ultimately about delight in the goodness that God has made--in everything we do, every day of the week. With practical examples, Wirzba unpacks what that means for our daily lives at work, in our homes, in our economies, in school, in our treatment of creation, and in church. This book will appeal to clergy and laypeople alike and to all who are seeking ways to discover the transformative power of Sabbath in their lives today.

If you are searching for a "retreat activity" during Lent this is an opportunity to fulfill the search.

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