

Grace Creation Care

November, 2023

The Creation Care Commission's Core Values



Loving Formation



Liberating Advocacy

As a Creation Care Commission, we who participate are always looking for new folk to become actively involved! It can be difficult to find something for everyone all the time, so we have narrowed our focus to a few select things to do over a year! Among those are:

- Book studies to become more involved about climate change and what we can do about it!
- Nature hikes in local Ottawa County Parks and Holy Hikes as locale permits with Holy Hikes of Easter/Western Dioceses.
- A Grace Bike Tour every summer/fall for all members of Grace
- We participate in the MDOT Highway Pick-up three (3) times a year with Holland Rotary.
- This year we participated in the global 'Season of Creation' for the first time!
- We also try to partner with other Creation Care groups in the area!
- Attempting to keep the Grace community aware of the deep connection between nature and spirituality!

Novemberfest! Hoping to see you on Sunday evening, November 12 beginning at 5:00 pm! Refreshments will be available! Stop by the Creation Care table/display!

Life-giving Conservation

What spiritual lessons and practices are suggested to you by the coming of autumn? Here are three areas for your meditations/ponderings and journaling!

- It is the time of year when we have a greater balance of light and darkness! The long summer days give way to shorter days of daylight and longer periods of darkness. What are your thoughts and feelings of this?
- Fall is also a time of 'letting go'! The leaves of the trees are changing color and fall to the ground. The bare branches are a stark reminder that winter is around the corner. Are there things in your life that you need to 'let go' of? When can you 'drop off'?
- Fall is also a time when we realize that nothing is permanent! All is changing – the color of the skies, the nature of the trees and the animals begin to prepare for a long season of winter. What do you do to 'thrive' in this transition time?

Loving Creation

God of Seed and Harvest

**We bless you,
God of Seed and Harvest
And we bless each other
That the beauty of this world
And the love that created it
Might be expressed through our lives
And be a blessing to others
Now and always**

- Author Unknown