

## Church of Reconciliation (PCUSA) – Chapel Hill, NC

*The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein. -Psalm 24:1*

This month the US celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day as we at the Church of Reconciliation celebrate the forever gift of God's Creation in a month leading to Environmental Sabbath at New Hope Camp and Conference Center on Sunday April 25.

Here is our schedule and some ways we invite you to join in our celebration:

3 ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES. at 9:30 in the Chapel, except the 3<sup>rd</sup> at NHCCC

April 11: Sue Regier presents “Awakening the Spirit,” an exploration of the restorative powers of nature for bodymindspirits of humans. Illustrated by clips from the PBS series “The National Parks: American's Best Idea.”

April 18: The Rev. Kay-Robert Volkwijn leads us in exploring the Biblical foundations for Creation Care, especially as it is connected to all missions of the church, particularly peace and justice.

April 25: Bruce Aycock, Camp Director at NHCCC leads a spring nature walk; all ages welcome! We'll meet at Back Pavilion at 9:30 to begin our walk (we'll start on time; don't be late). Walking the labyrinth is also an option before or after our worship service.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SABBATH AT NEW HOPE CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

SUNDAY APRIL 25 (directions at [www.newhopeccc.org](http://www.newhopeccc.org))

11:00 worship at the Back Pavilion (follow signs; parking is nearby)

Child care at Oak Lodge

Drum Procession and Recession—bring a drum or rhythm instrument & join in!

Theme: “Gratitude and Hope: Blessed Unrest”

For your part in this theme, please bring something that represents a part of creation that fills your heart with gratitude or hope—we'll collect in a big center “altar basket”

Bring a bag lunch for our picnic after worship; please bring drinking cups, we'll provide drinks. Frisbees, bubbles, etc. welcome ☺

### 2 ENVIRONMENTAL SABBATH ART PROJECTS—join in on APRIL 18:

1) Everyone, young and old, please join Charron Andrews after our service, in creating a piece of community art using all sorts of recycled objects we're still collecting in the narthex box. You can stay for an hour or just a few minutes. We need you to make a contribution with your creative hands.

2) Church house Back wall hanging: Bring something you, or others you admire & wish to emulate, are doing to protect, preserve, and honor God's creation (for ex., pix of rainbarrels, clippings, even petitions or phone numbers of congress to call on issues, etc.)