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Creation Care Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>28 In Genesis 1:29, God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth. They will be yours for food.”</p> <p>Have a veggie meal and skip the meat!</p> | <p>29 Plant a berry bush (blackberry, raspberry, or blueberry).</p>  | <p>30 Make oven-baked vegetable chips from peelings</p> | <p>1 Create homemade Christmas cards.</p>  | <p>2 I Thes. 5:11 tells us to “build one another up and encourage each other.” Encourage those who are recycling, keeping the tires on their cars inflated and taking other measures to care for the environment along with you!</p> | <p>3 Watch an eco-focused documentary. Netflix has quite a few to choose from, like <i>Chasing Ice</i>, which follows a National Geographic photographer as he battles weather and climate to take time lapse photos of the glaciers before they’re gone.</p> | <p>4 Buy from a local crafter (wood carver, potter, jewelry maker, artist, etc.)</p>  |
| <p>5 In Matthew 6:12, Jesus taught us to pray, “Forgive us our debts”.</p> <p>Spend some time in prayers of repentance for ways in which we have harmed our earth and think of how we can “turn” away from these sins and towards our God.</p> | <p>6 Today we remember St. Nicholas, the 4th century bishop known for his abundant generosity to the poor. “Those who give generously receive more, but those who are stingy with what is appropriate will grow needy.” Prov. 11:24</p> | <p>7 Donate winter gear (hat, mittens, scarves, coats, boots, etc.): check with your local church, homeless shelter, women’s shelter, etc. to see if they could use any winter gear.</p>  | <p>8 Consider gifts from an Alternate Christmas Market where you donate to a charity in the receiver’s name.</p> | <p>9 Donate to animals: Donate to a local animal hospital or shelter.</p> | <p>10 Recycle gift wrap and boxes.</p>  | <p>11 Build a gingerbread house (using recyclable and upcycled materials): Save any recycling, boxes, etc. that you could use to create a low waste gingerbread house. Get creative!</p> |
| <p>12 “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.” Ps. 24:1</p> <p>God’s creation reveals itself often in silence. As Christmas approaches, use this time to behold God’s glory in nature.</p> | <p>13 Get outside: Winter activities can be so fun! Walking, sledding, building a snowman, winter hiking, and skiing. Get bundled up, enjoy the outdoors, then come back in for a steaming hot beverage!</p>  | <p>14 Decorate for the holidays with only what you already own or can find in nature. Beautiful table arrangements can be made with holly cuttings, citrus, and candles.</p> | <p>15 “Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” Rom. 12:13. This holiday season, invite a few friends over to get more use out of the resources you used to prepare meals and have fewer leftovers!</p> | <p>16 Make homemade soups out of leftover turkey, ham, etc.</p> | <p>17 Use recyclable shopping bags.</p>  | <p>18 Carpool Christmas shopping with family and friends.</p> |
| <p>19 On the seventh day, God rested (Gen. 2:2). God has taught us to rest. We need to give the earth some rest from our activities, caring for it as it cares for us. Pick up that book you’ve wanted to read! Pray for our earth to have rest!</p> | <p>20 Make homemade bird feeders out of pinecones, peanut butter, and bird seed.</p> | <p>21 (I am the Light of the World. Jn. 8:12)</p> <p>Dec. 21st: Today is Winter Solstice. In these dark days, turn off lights when you leave a room.</p>  | <p>22 Change your bulbs for LED lighting or install motion lights.</p>  | <p>23 Purchase an electronic subscription to your favorite magazine rather than a paper copy.</p> | <p>24 “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” I Cor. 15:58. Use cloth napkins, durable dishes/silverware for party gatherings and recycle and compost when it’s done.</p> | <p>25 Turn bottles into sparkly garden lights by dropping in inexpensive battery powered fairy lights.</p> |

