



Hello everyone!

Earth Keepers 2021 is just around the corner!!

As we prepare here at the church, here are a few reminders for you as you get ready for next week!

It is sure to be an awesome week as we learn about God's love and care for us and how we can love and care for all of God's creation. Thank you for joining us!

- ***What to bring:*** I mentioned we will be outdoors all week long! This year we ask that you send a ***beach towel and reusable water bottle*** along with your child. The towel doesn't have to be fancy or large, just something that they will be able to sit on if they don't want to sit directly on the grass. We will have water refill stations to fill up bottles throughout the morning if the need is there. *Maybe consider a small backpack or tote bag that they'll be able to carry the towel, water bottle and mask in.*

Registration and Schedule:

- **Please plan to sign in your child between 9-9:15am**
- **Please plan to sign out and pick up your child at 11:30am**

Masks: Because the numbers are remaining low and even dropping in this area, and because we will be outdoors the entire time, we feel that we will be able to gather for the week mask free! This is subject to change at any time, and if that is the case, we will communicate this with you as soon as possible. *We do ask that your child bring their mask along in case we need to move indoors due to weather.* The volunteers will also have their masks handy and nearby. Should you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. At Fair Street, we continue to monitor the numbers and make sure that everyone present is as safe as possible. *In a few days, we'll share ways that we are taking safety measures throughout the week for your child for craft supplies, workstations, etc.*

Being an Earth Keeper!? This is what we'll be talking about all week long! We will be learning about God's love and care for us and how we can love and care for ***all*** of God's creation.

- ***Special Offering:*** Throughout the week, we are going to be collecting an offering that your child will be invited to drop in the offering container as they arrive each day! The money offered and collected throughout the week (and offered from Fair Street through the end of the month) will be going to support two different ways that we can be an Earth Keeper ...

1. Through preservation as we look to assist the Catskill Center in preserving the rail trails by removing trash. It is our goal to be able to help them remove up to 160 pounds of debris from the trail through the offerings that we collect!
2. And through planting trees! We have set a goal that we want to plant 50 trees around the world! Stay tuned for more details on how we're going to be working to do this!

We are excited for these two ways to help preserve the beauty of God's creation through supporting the work of these two agencies! So, each day your child will be invited to bring some change for creation and offer it into the container each morning.

It is our goal to have as little waste and trash as possible this week, which means that we are using, repurposing and recycling as much as possible and using the resources we have here at church! Here's a couple ways that we are updating and eliminating paper:

- *Sign-in and sign out* will be done on the iPad and electronically this year. The format will be the same as years past, just done on the iPad screen.
- *Take Home papers* will be emailed/texted out each day, rather than printed up and handed out. If you prefer receiving updates via text, we are working to get a texting alert set up for you to receive throughout the week that will send you to the VBS page with updates. Stay tuned and watch your phone over the next few days 😊

If you have any questions, please be sure to let us know!

Peace and prayers for you all as you get ready for next week!

Peace,
Pastor Kendra