



# What in the World



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CHECK OUT  
ALL THE FUN &  
INTERESTING  
ACTIVITIES  
PLANNED THIS  
MONTH FOR  
OUR AREA!



**HAPPY EARTH MONTH!**



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I'm STOKED! I know that's dorky for someone as old as I am (and I don't even surf), but that's how I expressed my feelings to my wonderful colleagues who help me compile this newsletter. Between sponsoring programming and events here at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and combing the calendars of our best local environmental organizations, I have a plethora of **"Earth Month"** opportunities to share. April, or Earth Month, is the time surrounding "Earth Day." It's one of the "holy seasons" for those of us working in Creation Care. I encourage all of you to visit the official Earth Day website, <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/>, to learn about Earth Day, and this year's theme of **"Planet versus Plastics."**

Honestly, there's so much good stuff going on I'm having a hard time deciding what to write about first! Highlighting our biggest opportunity, on **Tuesday, April 16**, St. Peter's Episcopal Church is hosting the **National Faith + Climate Forum!** This is a big deal, as Gainesville is the only other host site in our state. If enough people pre-register to attend at our site, financial support is available. This is me begging you to register for this event ASAP! Please read about it in this newsletter, and visit <https://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org/> for more information and to register.

Another exciting tidbit is that it's likely, during Earth Month, we'll see the **installation of the first phase of solar panels on our education building.** I hope you will consider making a donation to this project. It will save the church thousands every year on power bills, while being the responsible thing to do for God's Creation. To learn more about our project, please attend our **Nourish: Wednesday Night Forum on April 10**, when the President of A1A Solar Contracting, Inc, Pete Wilking, will be our guest speaker.

Speaking of guest speakers, please read about two others who agreed to share their knowledge at our **Nourish: Wednesday Night Forums:** Joyce Tuten, a NOAA certified Climate Steward Educator, and Jeff Peterson, the Director of Quality Control at the Global Aquaculture Alliance (GAA).

These are just a few teasers about how we "know" Our Creator by learning about God's Creation. As you read this edition of the newsletter, you'll also find ample opportunities for action during Earth Month, as we live into our calling to know, love, worship and serve! As always, if you have any questions or ideas about our creation care ministry, please contact me at [sflint@stpetersparish.org](mailto:sflint@stpetersparish.org).

Grace and Peace,  
Sarah 

Below is a chronological listing of events and activities for **Earth Month**.  
Events or activities that are only happening at  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church are indicated by our logo.

***Nourish: Wednesday Nights** this April will be devoted solely to creation care programming at 5pm followed by dinner at 6PM; cost for dinner is \$10/person. Please register for dinner by Monday at 4pm the week of dinner and program by phone or follow this link: <https://www.stpetersparish.org/nourish>*

**Wednesday April 3 1-2pm** **Invasive Plants of Nassau County:** False Rattlebox and Water Hyacinth – American Beach Community Center 1600 Julia St. Register at this link: <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/events/?location=nassau>

**Wednesday April 3 5-6pm** **Nourish: Wednesday Nights “Climate Change”** – it’s a phrase we hear often, but rarely do we dive into the science and solutions with an engaging expert. Join us for this special Nourish: Wednesday Night program in Burns Hall with guest speaker **Joyce Tuten**, a retired science teacher who is an expert at teaching science to non-science people. Joyce is a certified NOAA Climate Steward Educator who trained at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) and the Climate Reality Project. Joyce’s presentation begins at 5:00. For questions, contact Sarah Flint, [sflint@stpetersparish.org](mailto:sflint@stpetersparish.org).



**Saturday April 6 9AM-Noon** **2024 Shrubs & Trees Workshop** at the UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension 85831 Miner Road, Yulee \$25 registration fee. Follow this link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hgl-shrubs-trees-workshop-tickets-773279799697?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

**Wednesday April 7, before & after the 9AM service** **The Creation Care Information Station** in Burns Hall. Learn about the dozens of ways you can know, love, worship and serve Jesus Christ through the creation care ministry.



**Tuesday**  
**April 9**  
**7pm**

**Wild Nite Nature Presentation: Manatees, Whales, and Dolphins, Oh My!** presented by Nadia Lentz, from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at the Peck Center Auditorium. You can find more information on Keep Nassau Beautiful FaceBook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/275595125898313/permalink/6547210205403409/>) or at <https://keepnassaubeautiful.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/KNB-News-Release-Wild-Nite-Nature-Presentation-April-9-2024.pdf>.



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**Wednesday**  
**April 10**  
**9-10:30am**

**Gardening with Friends**, sponsored by Keep Nassau Beautiful. Join us at our Adopt A Spot along the Amelia River to Sea Trail. We will be enhancing the beds and weeding. Come for an hour and make a difference for the pollinators! See this link for more information: <https://keepnassaubeautiful.org/events/event/volunteer-gardening-with-friends-3/>

**Wednesday**  
**April 10**  
**10-11am**

**Landscape Matters**: the Unseen Landscape presented by the Nassau County UF/IFAS Office - In this fascinating presentation, Master Gardener Volunteers will explain about the evolution of landscapes and how our landscape preferences and perceptions are linked to millions of years of human evolution. Registration is required whether you attend in-person at the Fernandina Beach Public Library, or from the comfort of your home on Zoom. Please register at <https://ufl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqceitrTotE9diMZo7roNLzV4N-Gz396w7>

**Wednesday**  
**April 10**  
**5-6pm**



**Nourish: Wednesday Nights – We're going Solar!** The President of A1A Solar Contracting, Inc., **Pete Wilking**, will share general information about solar energy, as well as specific information about the project here at St. Peter's. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. People may attend the presentation without a reservation, but if they want to stay for dinner they need to register at <https://www.stpetersparish.org/nourish> by Monday 4/8 at 5:00 PM. Donations to the solar project are gladly accepted click this link: [stpetersparish.org/creationcare](http://stpetersparish.org/creationcare)



**Thursday**  
**April 11**  
**5-7pm**

**Right Whale Baby Shower** at the Mermaid Bar of the Florida House Inn. This is a charitable event hosted by the Amelia Island Whale Ambassadors and is open to the community. There will be awesome door prizes, a cash bar, and light appetizers. Dress is casual.

*\*Our own River Phillips will be at the Piano!\**

The North Atlantic right whale is critically endangered, and our Amelia Island coastal waters are the heart of their calving grounds. If you have interest in learning more about the baby shower, what the Ambassadors do or how you can help, click on this link [Events - Amelia Island Whale Ambassadors.org](https://www.ameliawhaleambassadors.org) or text Diane at 850-264-6069 or email at [diane.locastro@gmail.com](mailto:diane.locastro@gmail.com).



Baby Shower card art by Debra Strobel



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**Sunday  
April 14,  
before & after  
9am service**



**The Creation Care Information Station** in Burns Hall. Come learn about the dozens of ways you can know, love, worship and serve Jesus Christ through the creation care ministry.



**Monday  
April 14  
6-7:15pm**

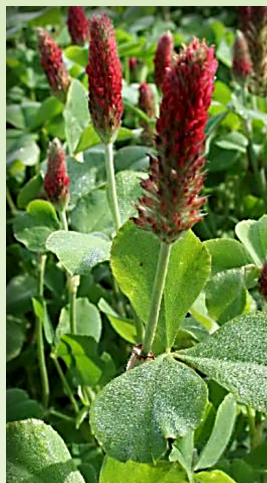


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**Understanding Legumes: Beans And Clovers In Your Farm Or Wildlife Food Plot** - In this online program from our Nassau County UF/IFAS Extension Office, learn about the benefits of planting beans and clovers, how to care for them, and how they can enhance your farm or food plot by improving your land. The cost of this program is \$10, and requires registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-legumes-beans-and-clovers-in-your-farm-or-wildlife-food-plot-tickets-858280037697?aff=oddtcreator>.

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## National Faith + Climate Forum 2024

**Wednesday  
April 16  
12n-5:15pm**



**Creation Care at St. Peter's Church will host a live National Faith and Climate Forum** by Blessed Tomorrow. Please pre-register at <https://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org/> to help St. Peter's receive financial support toward the event. The same link shows the agenda and additional program information. Share this event with your friends so we'll have a lively location!

**Monday  
April 15  
7pm**



**Creation Care Committee Meeting in RM 201**  
Come get the inside scoop!



**Tuesday** **Catch the Buzz! Bees, Pollinators and Native Plants** sponsored by Friends of Talbot Islands State Parks at First Love Brewing Company.  
**April 16** There is a \$20 registration fee and seating is limited to 75. For more info, follow this link: <https://www.talbotislands.com/event-5629944>  
**6-8pm**

**Wednesday** **Nourish: Wednesday Nights** ~ Jeff Peterson, Global Aquaculture Alliance will give a presentation on Seafood Issues and Solutions. Jeff is the Director of Quality Control at the Global Aquaculture Alliance (GAA) in their Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP) Program. He is going to share a plethora of information about fishing and fish farming that will be new information for most of us.  
**April 17**  
**5-6pm**

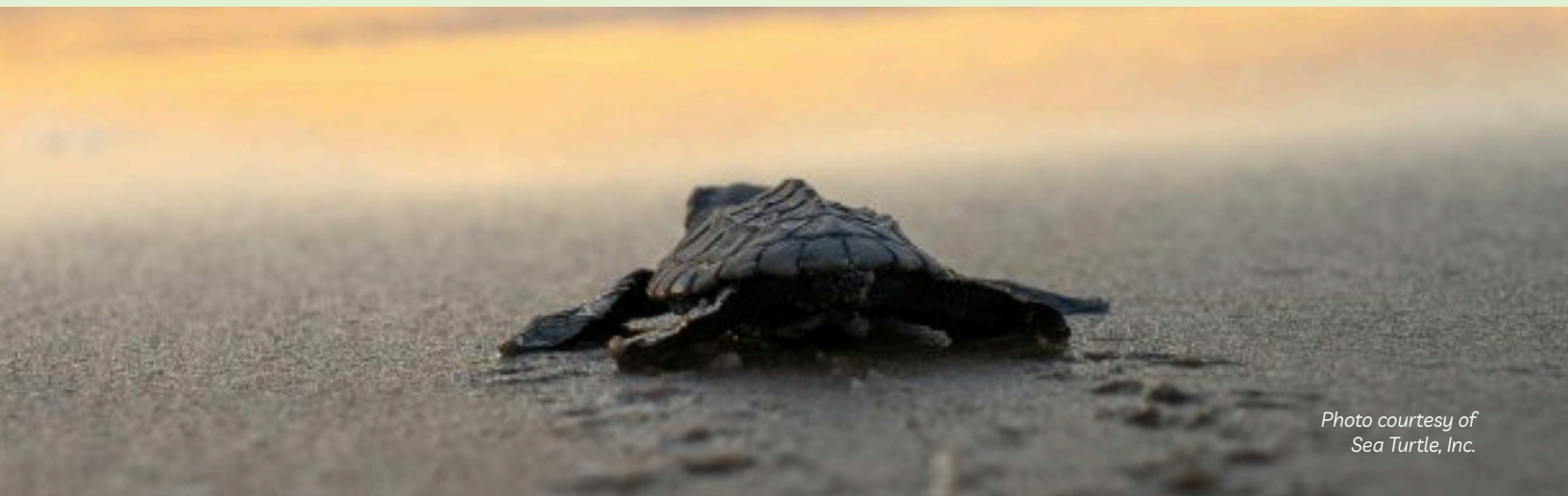


**Saturday** **Weeding Party at Egan's Creek Park** in the native plant garden, sponsored by Conserve Nassau: <https://www.conservenassau.org/events>  
**April 20**  
**8-10am**

**Saturday** **Household Hazardous Waste Collection** is sponsored by "Keep Nassau Beautiful" at two separate sites and proof of residency is required. Follow this link for more information: <https://keepnassaubeautiful.org/events/event/household-hazardous-waste-collection-3/>  
**April 20**  
**8am-12noon**

- City residents – 1017 S 5th Street
- County residents – 86200 Gene Lasserre Blvd, Yulee

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*Photo courtesy of  
Sea Turtle, Inc.*

**Saturday** **Turtle Festival at Main Beach** <https://www.beachjunki.org/earthday/>  
**April 20** Join the SHELLABRATION! There will be fun activities to celebrate the arrival of nesting sea turtles. Learn about plastic pollution and the negative effects on sea turtles.  
**10am-3pm**

**Sunday**  
**April 21**  
**10:15am**



Sarah will present **My Low-Plastic Life**. Join Creation Care Fellow, Sarah Flint, between worship services in Room 203 to learn about ways to reduce and reuse single-use plastic, with lots of DIY recipes for toiletries and cleaning products!



**Tuesday**  
**April 23**  
**12noon**

**FUN FACT!** Sarah Flint is actually a Methodist, and she serves as the North East District Representative to the Creation Care Task Team of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. In that role, she helps to facilitate Zoom programming on 4th Tuesdays at noon. During **Eat, Pray, Grow**, in the comfort of your home or office you may join with us to eat your lunch, hear a creation-related devotion and prayer, and learn about a different subject every month. To be on the email list for these events and to receive the Zoom link, contact Sarah at [sflint@stpetersparish.org](mailto:sflint@stpetersparish.org). The subject for the April 23 program is Florida-Friendly Landscaping, with one of our extension office master gardener volunteers.

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**Wednesday**  
**April 24**  
**5-6pm**



**Nourish: Wednesday ~ Rogation Liturgy.** **Father Joe Woodfin** will lead a Rogation Liturgy, a processional liturgy adapted from the Book of Occasional Services of the Episcopal Church. We will ask for God's blessing on various inside and outside spaces on our church campus.

**Saturday**  
**April 27**  
**9-11am**

**St. Mary's Watershed Clean Up** In honor of Earth Month, help clean up the St. Mary's River watershed at the A1A SR200 Bridge East location. To work alongside your friends from St. Peter's, please pre-register for that location (out of the several to choose from) at <https://www.stmarysriverkeeper.org/st-marys-river-cleanup/>. In addition to doing great work to help restore and nurture God's creation, there are perks: high school students may earn volunteer hours, if you don't have a Creation Care t-shirt, yet, contact Sarah Flint to get one, AND people who register early enough will be able to attend a special volunteer appreciation luncheon at White Oak Conservation! (<https://www.whiteoakwildlife.org/>). Email [sflint@stpetersparish.org](mailto:sflint@stpetersparish.org) for questions or to get your t-shirt!