

BUMC Hopeful EarthKeepers

A LOCAL ITERATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S CREATION CARE MOVEMENT

“Called by God to action in this urgent moment of humanity's care for creation, **Hopeful EarthKeepers** is a network of individuals, small groups, and United Methodist churches moving toward a holistic relationship with God's creation within the Minnesota Annual Conference and connected to the larger EarthKeeper Program of the General Board of Global Ministries and the larger UMC Creation Care Movement.”

The importance of caring for others and caring for our earth has taken on a sense of urgency. We welcome you to be a part of the Hopeful EarthKeepers group which is forming at Buffalo UMC...no training necessary! We will continue providing resources and encouragement in an ongoing way, and welcome the input and ideas from all who would like to join us to identify actions we could take as a church body, as households and as individuals. Until we can safely gather, we will get creative about communication!

Upcoming Opportunities

- **EarthKeepers Online Training this summer**—six Thursday sessions **starting June 11**, and continuing June 25; July 9 & 23; and August 6 & 20 from 7:00-8:30 pm each session.
- **Exploring Rain Gardens**—Are you interested in learning about creating a rain either at church or your home to better deal with pavement runoff? Watch for a video coming soon, and possible gathering at church to explore the potential of putting one in.
- **Social Justice Engagement**— Let's share ways to get involved with social justice issues, in accordance with The United Methodist Book of Resolutions, “While God has created an economy of abundance with sufficient resources to meet all human need, our inclinations toward greed and overuse too often have transformed sufficiency into scarcity.”
- **Online Resource Sharing**—A new EarthKeepers page is being developed on our church's website. Could you help? Do you have great online resource links that we could share? Let Laurie know.



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