

The creation care team started the year with ending our pursuit of a diocesan-wide solar power program when, sadly, the director of the Episcopal non-profit solar company fell ill and passed away. We decided to postpone any additional effort to find a substitute vendor in 2024 and focus on smaller projects. A tiny forest/garden project is underway at All Saint's parish in Farmington, and a tiny prairie project is underway at St. Francis parish in Eureka. St. Francis had been awarded a grant from the MO Department of Conservation to help finance their three-year project. Between these two projects - conceived and directed by the parishioners themselves - they represent the MO prairie north of the Missouri River and the Ozark forest south of the river. Creation Care has also promoted the national church's class, [Love God, Love God's World. It is a](#) nine-session, film-based curriculum, ideal for Episcopalians anywhere on the journey with creation care and environmental ministry – from newcomers looking to take their first step to seasonal leaders seeking a transformative small-group experience. We look forward to also offering mini-retreats on creation care for people who do not have time for a retreat - they last for only four hours, dealing with mindfulness regarding the spirituality of creation care. Lastly, we hope to create our own FB page for better communication regarding our efforts to people who are interested in creation care issues. Thank you, and God bless.

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