



EARTH KEEPERS

A program of the Creation Care Team of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine

Earth Keeper Parish Projects



Many churches celebrate the Season of Creation at the end of the summer. This banner was created by the people of the **Cathedral Church of St. Luke**.



Season of Creation church decorations at **Church of the Good Shepherd, Houlton.**



St. Paul's, Fort Fairfield kicked off the Season of Creation with original artwork, fresh-from-the earth produce and liturgies reflecting the mission of the season. This year's theme was the beauty and bounty of the Earth.



St. Peter's, Portland and Earth Keeper Janene Gorham continued their parish tradition in which various ministries decorate a window with themes of abundance for the church's Harvest Home celebration. This is the Creation window!



An ecumenical group on a Creation Care Hike. Several congregations from the Portland area are represented. Working together across denominations and faiths is crucial for the success of creation care ministries.



St. Alban's in Cape Elizabeth is eliminating plastics in the kitchen with reusable wheat grass drinking vessels. The congregation also collected old church keys, sent them to metal recycling—and made some money!



Water heater and pipe insulation together help reduce the amount of electricity needed for hot water, while an energy efficient lighting upgrade using LEDs and a heat pump system, which replaced the oil furnace all reduce the carbon footprint at **Christ Church, Eastport.**



Parishioners from **St. Brendan's, Deer Isle** planted baby cedar trees in a newly created meditation garden, which was a lovely place of focus before the Sunday service before Indigenous People's Day. Other Earth Keeping events included pulling invasive bittersweet from the trees outside the Parish Hall and planning to plant a rhododendron that will provide a home for birds and attract pollinators but require little maintenance.

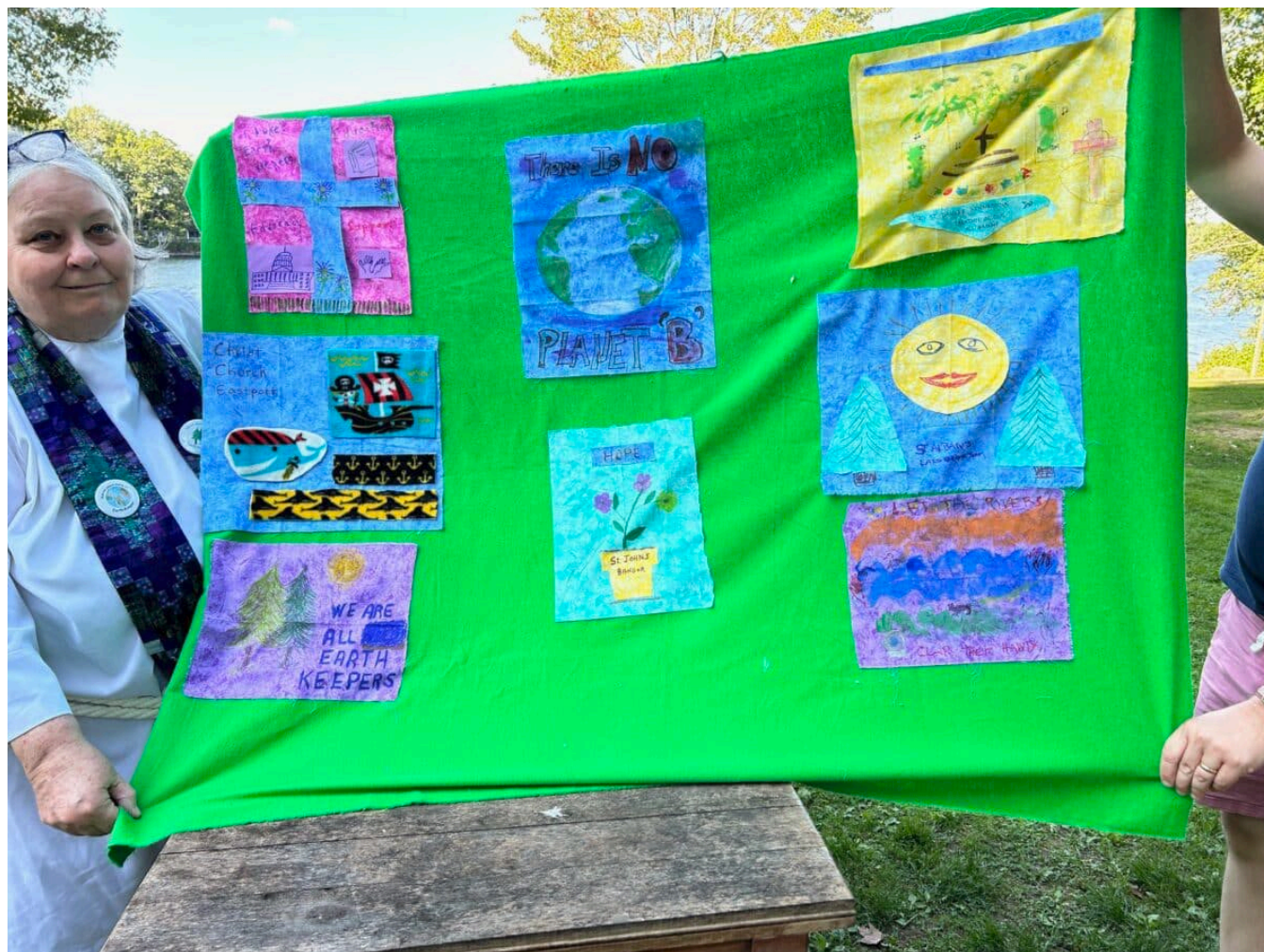


Children love to participate in Earth Keeping events and projects.

Earth Keepers' Retreat at Camp Bishopswood



In September, a few of the Earth Keepers from around the diocese enjoyed a retreat at Camp Bishopswood during Summer Finale Weekend.



We made a banner representing the commitments and projects of our parishes and ministries.



The Rev. Jenny Reece led the worship and the Rev. Regina Christianson and her husband, Stephen Whitely, supplied the beautiful music for our praise of the God of all creation.

You Too Can Be an Earth Keeper!



From left: Sara Braik of St Luke's and an inter-parish Creation Care study group; James Jacobson of Christ Church, Gardiner. **JOIN THEM!**