***CARING FOR CREATION*** **NEWS**

**WE ARE A RECYCLYING CHURCH!**

Our recycling containers outside have been overflowing so we have doubled our recycling capacity. That means we can recycle even more plastic bottles, paper, cardboard, etc. To make it easier for you to participate, we have worked with B&G to provide more recycling containers inside the church, too. Now look for containers in the parlor, near the West door, near the fifth floor elevator, and in meeting rooms. These are in addition to those already in Fellowship Hall, the Coffee House, Church Office, and Hope’s Front Door. Don’t leave the building with something you can recycle.

But we can do more. 2012 figures indicate that only 9 percent of total plastic waste was recycled. The rest goes into landfills, rivers, lakes, oceans and just on the ground somewhere. The bottles take *hundreds* of years to disintegrate. And startling is how much fossil fuel is needed to make one plastic water bottle. A water bottle filled a quarter full of oil illustrates the amount of fossil fuel needed to make **that** bottle. What a waste of fossil fuel plus the pollution it creates. Let’s opt instead for refillable steel containers.

**APRIL IS EARTH MONTH.** Join us…

* Plastic bottle cap collection (Emily Binder’s high school project) starting Sunday, April 12

and continuing through May

* Caring for Creation table in Fellowship Hall. Come see us. Free native seeds.
* Bike, walk or carpool to church on April 26. (Scouts will watch the bikes during the service). Bike racks are coming.
* “Is Nuclear Energy Green?” a discussion with Roger Blumquist, PhD on April 12. 11:00 in the Sanctuary. Bring your curiosity and questions.
* Earth Day Family Festival on April 25. Watch for details from The Learning Center.

The Caring for Creation Team is open to anyone who is interested in working to make a difference in our world. Contact Tom Eisenhart ([www.teisenhart@tnc.org](http://www.teisenhart@tnc.org)) for more information.