



Creation Care
Church



“Good News for all creation!”

Welcome to Creation Care Church’s December Newsletter!

Creation Care Church teaches a Bible-based approach to caring for the earth and all its inhabitants. This includes advocating for and practicing a compassionate vegan lifestyle that shows mercy to all of God’s creatures. We teach this Good News because this is God’s Good News for all creation!

We welcome you to our Christ-centered community to experience and share the Love of God while learning about God’s Plan of Salvation and Restoration for the whole world.

We have a whole lot we’re “creating” this December:

CONSUMERISM OR COMPASSION?

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you

will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money” (Matthew 6:24).

In this season of gift-giving, there is certainly nothing wrong with giving gifts (or receiving gifts, for that matter). But when one serves money (consumerism) as master, one cannot serve God (compassion) as master. You cannot buy love.

Where consumerism is about money, compassion is about God. ***“The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made” (Psalm 145:9).*** God gave us the greatest gift, His Son, Jesus Christ. Where money (consumerism) is about buying love, God (compassion) is about sending Love in His Only Begotten Son. Where money (consumerism) is about buying until one "breaks the bank," God (compassion) is about breaking down our ego. Where money (consumerism) is about wanting more, God (compassion) is about ***“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1).***



You cannot buy love, but compassion is FREE! Compassion doesn't need to be bought and gift-wrapped, but it does need to be given. It needs to be given to BOTH humans and nonhuman animals.

Looking for some ideas on how to give someone FREE compassion this season? Check (and give) these out:

- Praying for someone who needs prayers
- A smile
- A hug
- A “thank you”
- Choose love, not hate; keep

flesh
off
your
plate.

- A word of encouragement
- A compliment
- Making someone laugh
- Listening more than speaking (that's Biblical!)
- Volunteering at a food bank or an animal shelter

If we left off any FREE compassion ideas for this season, let us know at our [Contact Page](#).

*“Compassion and not consumerism is the reason for the season!
One cannot serve (or give) BOTH!”*



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SERMONS

Friday Night Live Sermons (4pm PST, 6pm CST, 7pm EST) by Craig Wescoe on our [Facebook page](#). Look for Lily Marie's promo videos posted there every Wednesday.

This month's topics are:

December 3: Acts 10 did God tell Peter "Arise, Peter, kill and eat!"

December 10: Did Jesus cause a herd of pigs to drown?

December 17: Why did God favor Abel's gift but not Cain's?

December 24 and 31: TBD

GO HAM TOFURKY AND....

"...and don't eat pork, since pigs have divided hoofs, but they do not chew their cud. Don't even touch a dead pig!" (Deuteronomy 14:8).



"...and the swine, though it divides the hoof, having cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. Their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch. They are unclean to you" (Leviticus 11:7-8).

God's Word makes it very clear that we are not to eat pig flesh. So what can we eat instead? Try Tofurky's Plant-Based Ham Style Roast with Amber Ale Glaze! That glaze makes it perfectly fine to graze on this!

Find out more about wonderfully intelligent and sensitive pigs at [Farm Sanctuary's website](#). And while you're there....



BECOME AN ADOPTEE OF VON D!

You can adopt a very special pig named Von D. When you become an adoptee of Van D, you will receive an adoption certificate, a Farm Sanctuary membership, a subscription to

their annual magazine, and access to periodic updates about Von D (including periodic mud baths!).

SHEPHERDING ALL GOD'S CREATURES PRAYER GROUP

Join Shepherding All God's Creature Prayer Group to meet and pray every Sunday. Hosted by founder Kathy Dunn, all in attendance gather together with prayer requests, praying with and for each other in a hurting world. Please bring your prayers and your hearts. Prayer Group starts at 4:30pm PST, 6:30pm CST, 7:30pm EST.



GAME: MATCH 'EM(PATHY) UP!

Do animals have empathy? The simple truth is they do, and the simple truth is they did. Match 'em(pathy) up, the type of animal with their display of empathy, placing the correct letter before each numbered animal:



- ___ 1. Chimp
- ___ 2. Dolphin
- ___ 3. Gorilla
- ___ 4. Dog
- ___ 5. Magpies
- ___ 6. Lions
- ___ 7. Rat
- ___ 8. Horse
- ___ 9. Elephants
- ___ 10. Cows

- a. When one of these animals received hay in his or her stable, he or she picked it up and stuffed it through the bars to another one denied hay in the next stable.
- b. These animals traveled for 12 hours to a conservationist's home to pay their respects for the deceased conservationist who took care of them in the Thula Thula Reserve.
- c. This animal chose to help one of his or her kind when another was drowning. The world can call these animals rodents, but they really are rescuers.
- d. These animals rushed to the rescue of a woman who was being attacked, pounced on her attackers, and ended up saving her. They also stayed with the woman for 12 hours to keep her safe in case her attackers came back.
- e. When this animal's fins were paralyzed, a group of 10 or more of his or her

kind used their bodies to form a living raft as support.

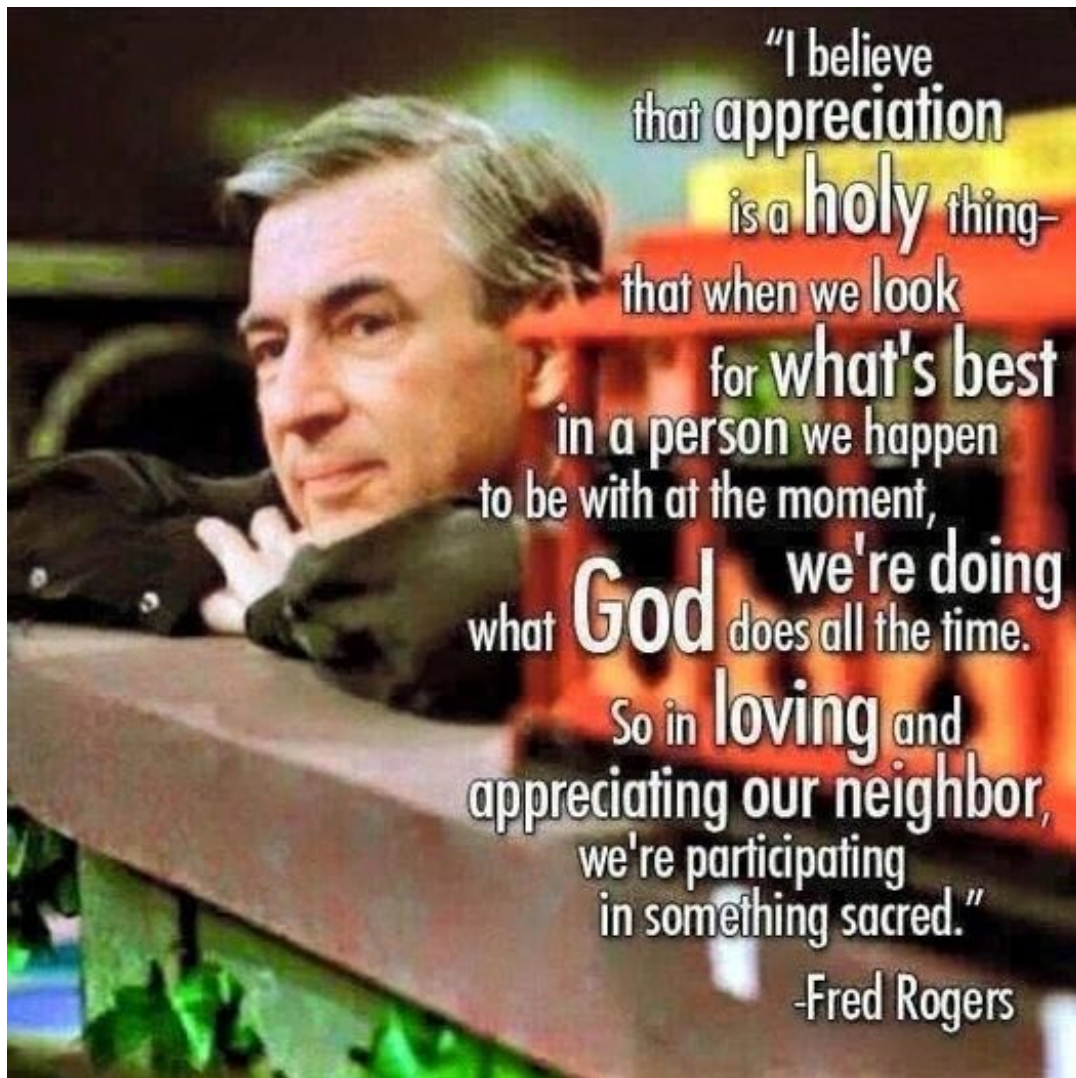
f. When a pregnant woman had a miscarriage, this animal who knew sign language signed “cry” and ran a finger down the pregnant woman’s cheek.

g. When these animals have their babies stolen from them on a dairy farm, the mothers will cry for several days and even up to a week from the grief of separation.

h. When a stranger was upset and crying, this animal nuzzled and licked the crying stranger’s face, comforting the stranger in a state of deep grief.

i. When one of their kind was hit by a car, these animals flew and brought grass to their deceased friend as a rest-in-comfort offering.

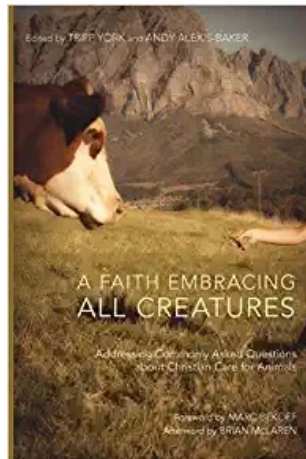
j. When her pet kitten, All Ball, was hit by a car, this famous animal started openly weeping or, more accurately, whimpering (the sounds made when these animals are crying).



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and

with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

We love and appreciate BOTH our human and nonhuman animal "neighbors." When we do, we're participating in something sacred. We're doing what God does all the time.



BOOK CLUB

We have a book club facilitated by Tracy Ford on [Facebook](#). Our current book is "A Faith Embracing All Creatures" by Tripp York and various authors. We will be discussing chapter 3 for the following dates and times:

December 5 at 3pm PST, 5pm CST, 6pm EST

December 11 at 12pm PST, 2pm CST, 3pm EST

December 17 at 9am PST, 11am CST, 12pm EST



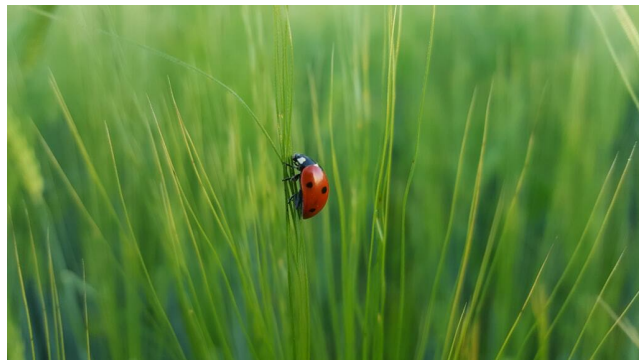
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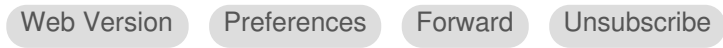
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