

CARING FOR CREATION NEWS

Hope Church has had an interest in recycling for quite some time. Did you know that the church office recycles its cardboard and office paper? We began recycling household batteries in '03 and cork in '09. Just this year we began recycling small hand-held electronics. The Holland Rescue Mission has begun a recycling venture too. HRC is taking materials as diverse as shoes and scrap steel. Check out their flyer on the Caring for Creation bulletin board. This month Michelle Hamman writes about recycling and her visit to the mission.

This year, we've been trying to lessen our trash amount. We've started composting, and we're maximizing our recycling. But what to do with the plastic that the city recycling doesn't take? I've been collecting all of the plastic wrap of food and household items like toilet paper, clam shell plastic, muffin holders, etc., and made a trip to the Holland Rescue Mission Recycling Center. I also took along some Styrofoam – I'm still working on remembering to take my reusable takeout containers from home, one step at a time. It was very easy to drop off the clean plastic and Styrofoam and I feel good because I know that I'm keeping it out of the landfill. Now to try to buy less of the stuff that comes wrapped in plastic...

MORE NEWS:

There are three more events coming in this season's Caring for Creation schedule. Mark your calendar and join in. You'll enjoy the outdoors and learn something along the way too.

Sunday, September 25, 2011

Lake Macatawa Past, Present, and Future

Grab your pizza and join us in Room 106. Hope College professor Dr. Graham Peaslee presents a short program on the environmental history of Lake Macatawa and its watershed, its current state, and plans in place to remediate its health. There will be plenty of question and answer time after the presentation.

Friday, October 21, 2011

Night Hike & Bonfire

Hike the trail at Saugatuck Dunes State Park at twilight, listen to the waves at night, and ponder the evening stars. Challenge your senses with a return walk in the dark. Return and gather for snacks and fun by the bonfire at Bethabara.

Sunday December 4, 2011

Late Season Hike

If you just can't take the thought of winter coming on, then you need to get outside one more time. Join us for a late season hike. Listen for the last words of fall and the first whispers of winter. Embrace the transition. Location and time TBD.