

## **Green Notes: Weekly tips for reducing your carbon footprint from First United Methodist's Green Team**

### **Sharing our stories of success: Recycling glass in Missoula and, now, Glacier National Park!**

[Recycling Works](#), the nonprofit that began as an offshoot of the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, will double the amount of glass it recycles annually with its selection as Glacier National Park's "official glass recycler."

The company will pick up glass from businesses and visitors in the park, then transport it to Missoula for sorting, crushing and storage. All of Recycling Works' collection is eventually hauled, a semi-load at a time, to [Momentum Recycling](#) in Salt Lake City, where it becomes new glass bottles, road bed material, insulation and a host of other products.

Recycling Works expects to collect about a half-million pounds of glass in Glacier Park each year – doubling the half-million pounds it already retrieves in Missoula. First United Methodist is one of Recycling Works' local partners. (First Church families pay just \$5 a month to join the program.)

Since its launch in 2018, Recycling Works has recycled 800,000 pounds of glass in Missoula alone. It's a significant program, because glass – unlike other materials – is 100 percent recyclable and can be reused again and again without any loss in quality. That's why you should always search out glass alternatives to plastic containers; plastic is rarely recyclable, despite claims to the contrary by fossil fuel conglomerates and some recycling companies.

In addition, all proceeds from Recycling Works' services, which also include compost and yard waste collection, are donated to

public schools and charities in Missoula – more than \$18,000 to date.

The addition of Glacier Park to its list of customers represents a significant achievement by Recycling Works – and a challenge for the small company. This week, it announced an effort to raise \$8,000 to cover the down payment on a Bobcat Skid-Steer Front-Loader that's powerful enough to handle the increased volume of glass. [Here's the link](#), if you'd like to donate to the cause.

Congratulations from First United Methodist to Recycling Works on your expansion – and thank you for making our community, and now Glacier National Park, a little more earth-friendly.

**TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING! Please join First Church's glass recycling program today by emailing Sherry Devlin at [sherrydevlin@gmail.com](mailto:sherrydevlin@gmail.com) or calling her at 406-546-1016.**