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While study, ministry, and prayer keep our Sisters busy, many also have hobbies like crafting, cooking, and gardening.

Like our Sisters, our ministries have “hobbies.” St. Catharine Farm in Kentucky keeps bees. Heartland Farm in Kansas makes fiber art. And the team at Shepherd’s Corner makes delicious maple syrup, tapped from trees on 150 acres of forest and field in Blacklick, OH.

Tapping is an annual event, and timing it is as much an art as a science. Sr. Rosie Van Buren, Administrator of the Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, explains: *“Sap begins to flow in the late winter, when nighttime temperatures are below freezing, but the days warm up to about 40 quickly. We watch the weather and have the taps and buckets at the ready to collect as much as we can!”*

Residents come for “tapping tours,” and end up returning to the beauty and serenity of Shepherd’s Corner all year.

“We have a whole series of meditation trails that are reflections on the land,” Sr. Rosie said. “We also have two labyrinths on the property. Walking the labyrinths is like a physical meditation – it’s a unique time of quiet that reminds us of our life journey with its twists and turns.”

The Dominican Sisters of Peace care for God’s creation and our communities at four ecology centers around the country. To learn more, visit us at OPPeace.org.

Easter Celebrations Across the Congregation

Easter is not just a day - it is our faith! We hope that you enjoy a happy and blessed Easter season!

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Sr. Susan Olson, Mission Group Coordinator for our Columbus, OH, Motherhouse, along with her University of Texas at San Antonio colleague Jennifer Beavers, contributed a chapter to the just released book, *The Routledge Companion to Aural Skills Pedagogy*. This book offers a comprehensive survey of issues, practice, and current developments in the teaching of aural skills, or recognizing music by “ear.” Along with her service to the congregation, Sr. Susan is an Associate Professor of Voice at the University.

Heartland Farm took to social media to share its annual FiberSpace program, a weekend of instruction on the fiber arts. The six-hour Facebook live event attracted more than 400 viewers from across the country, who came together to learn more about spinning wool, weaving, knitting and crochet. You can view the recorded videos on the Heartland Farm Facebook page; search for [@HeartlandFarmKS](#).

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