

Annual Report, 2012-2013: Green Sanctuary Committee

Our purpose is to serve as a catalyst in our congregation's journey toward sustainability and effective involvement with environmental issues.

Projects: We continued work on 11 ongoing projects and completed 4 new projects. These are included in the Summary by Month (see below). For the complete project list, see www.etmsolar.com/gsuu/gs/GS.Projects.pdf or the Green Sanctuary Bulletin Board.

Ongoing: Green Matters column in the Beacon; Green Sanctuary web pages; Work with Property Committee on energy efficiency and keeping up the grounds.

Summary by Month:

August: Tabled at Kopernik Observatory's Climate Expo.

September: Designed and installed a bike rack near front entrance.

October: Participated in the Activities Fair.

November: Presented carbon-neutral UUCB goal to the board.

January: Participated in the State of the State anti-fracking rally; Jumpin' January workshop on worm composting; EcoForum: "The Case for Fossil Fuel Divestment"

February: Participated in the Washington, DC climate change rally; First Climate Change Action Group meeting

March: Upgrade UUCB to high efficiency fluorescent light fixtures completed; EcoForum: "Solar Energy Fast Forward" ; UUCB carbon footprint results for 2012 available .. our carbon footprint is now 31% lower than the 2008 baseline.

April: EcoForum: "You Can Afford the Benefits of Home Energy Efficiency" "Going Carbon Neutral" tabling at Earth Fest.

May: Discussed fossil fuel divestment with the Endowment Committee.

Project Leaders: Rema Loeb, Gay Canough, Tim Wolcott, Wes Ernsberger, Gerri Wiley, Millie Crandall, Donna Every, Jim Taft

Participants: Dick Rehberg, Beverly Singer, Lillian Theophanis, Adam Flint, Joe Thompson, Jerome Slote, Jacob Thompson, Alan Hochberg, Scott Clarke, Warren Thomas, Ed Ware, Walt Melzer, Adam Singer, Dimitri Smith, Erik Melzer, Craig Laramee, Cecily O'Neil, John Patterson

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