



Green Progress at Wooden Cross

Changed from incandescent to fluorescent light bulbs throughout the original church structure

Beth Boylan conducted an energy audit on original church building using Interfaith Power and Light carbon footprint analysis 9tools

1% of new education wing budget used to provide efficient toilets, lighting, and heating...thanks Marc Schuldt

Beth purchased and placed 100% recycled green garbage and blue recycle cans from a social company in the new education wing.

Kari Carlson conducted a seven week course on "Living Simply" with 24 church members participating

Celebrated our second Earth Day with several eco-learning stations for the youth during Sunday School hour, followed by the planting of 20 evergreen trees and several native plants

To help our youth foster a better appreciation for all of God's creations, an eco-project was added to the Sunday school curriculum. Kait Teachout created an informational binder with an instruction guide for wildlife habitat certification. The Sunday School students then planted lots of native trees and shrubs, and placed wildlife feeders and nesting boxes on the church property. Wooden Cross is now certified as a Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation.

Achieved "Greening Congregation Status" through Earth Ministry

Placed separation-receptacles for recyclables in the narthex, fellowship hall, offices, and kitchen

- Recycle bins for paper, glass, plastic bottles, tin and aluminum cans
- Compost bin (lined with biodegradable bags) for food waste and yard waste (which eventually becomes rich compost to be used as soil; picked up weekly by Cedar Grove Composting)

- Replaced garbage cans in bathrooms with biodegradable plastic waste cans that are clearly marked for compostable paper towels.
- Recycle bins in Narthex for the collection of used cell phones and dead batteries.

Using "the Green Office" online store for all office product needs, including paper, envelopes, ink cartridges, compostable paper cups, etc.

Purchasing and using green cleaning products for church kitchen and bathrooms.

Using only organic lawn and plant products on church grounds (no toxic pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers)

Replaced paper cups, plates, and bowls with washable Corelle cups, plates, and bowls: to be used during coffee hour. When paper products are needed we supply compostable, recycled, post consumer waste paper plates, paper cups, napkins, and tissue.

Eliminated the use of plastic utensils and using regular flatware during church events

Purchase and use Eco-friendly palms during Palm Sunday

Going "paperless" once a month, (printing no paper bulletins), using our projection system

Church Newsletter now online as of March 2010, printing only about 20 copies for those without computers

Purchase Fair Trade, shade grown coffee for Sunday coffee hour

Purchase organic kitchen food supplies such as organic milk, organic juice, etc

Planted a Western Red Cedar and two native shrubs on Earth Day to commemorate our initial greening year

Conducted a "100-Mile" (organic food locally grown) potluck and outdoor service in July

Created Monthly Green Team Challenge newsletter columns and Green Tip-of-the-Week in the Sunday bulletins.

Demonstrated our concern for all of God's creation with Pastor Woody's "animal blessings" between church services the first Sunday in October.

The Wooden Cross janitorial service has been instructed in green cleaning and is now using only environmentally friendly products.