

ST LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GREEN MINISTRY
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THE GREEN MINISTRY'S MISSION IS TO CELEBRATE GOD'S CREATION BY: EDUCATING, ENCOURAGING and ENABLING THE ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY TO CONSERVE RESOURCES AND RENEW ENVIRONMENTAL HARMONY.

2007 & 2008 GREEN MINISTRY PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Chosen to represent Indiana in Sierra Club's "Faith In Action" publication, Summer 2008
- Distributed over 1500 green reusable shopping bags
- Sponsors 2 Abitibi bins for recycling paper. Earned additional \$250 for doubling amount recycled in summer, 2008
- Educated congregation about recycling plastics
- Created a Recycling Center in Central Passage
- Took field trips to Michaela Farm in Oldenburg and Trader's Point Creamery in Zionsville
- Offered Summer Speaker Series
 - "Green and Socially Responsible Investing" with Dr. Glen Larsen
 - "The State of Indiana's Environment" with Steve Witwer
 - "Wise Choices about Energy Use in Your Home" with Mike Lavelle and panel of experts
- Offered Low Carbon Diet classes
- Offered Stabilization Wedge Game class
- Offered Spirituality and God's Creation: Healing & Wholeness in Biblical Ecology with Dr. Carol Johnston from CTS
- Offered God's Ecological Call: Challenging Beliefs, Changing Behaviors and Campaigning for Tomorrow with Mikki Randolph
- Offered Live Green at Home and Office on Sunday Mornings – composting, hybrid cars, energy efficiency, green gift giving, etc.
- Offered Soup and Stories with Slow Food Indy
- Showed "Inconvenient Truth"
- Hosted the "Climate Project" with Pat Galyan
- Hosted Mystical Musical Fest
- Hosted Green Exhibit Fair in conjunction with "Earth Mass" performance
- Exhibited at Indianapolis Women's Chorus Event
- Conducted an Environmental Survey with the congregation
- Mentored other churches seeking the development of Green Ministries
- Met with Bishop Coyner to promote Green Ministry development in UMCs in Indiana
- Actively participates in Central Indiana Green Ministry Coalition to present workshops for congregations of all faith traditions.
- Made "Everything Must Change" a Green Event
- Offers mugs on Sunday mornings as an alternative to single use cups.

2009 PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- * Raised \$10,600 and planted 106 trees along the White River between New York and 10th Street as part of KIBI's NeighborWoods project. Each planted tree was blessed.
- * Offered worship celebration on Earth Day where NeighborWoods contributors and planters were honored.

- * Received Outstanding Civic Organization award from the Indiana Urban Forest Council Division on Wed, Oct 14 for the NeighborWoods project.
- * Work trip to Michaela Farm in Oldenburg in July
- * Summer focus on water usage and plastic water bottle dependence culminating in a Water Fair in Great Hall on August 30. Brought in outside experts to speak with Sunday School children and general congregation.
- * Sponsored “Flow: For the Love of Water.”
- * Sponsored “Liquid Assets.”
- * Funded recycling program with Republic for St. Luke’s campus (corrugated boxes, can and plastics).
- * As part of Indianapolis Green Congregations accepted Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence in Outreach and Education for supporting and promoting the establishment of Green Ministries in other congregations.
- * Gives Green Gratitude Award every month to deserving people and groups in St. Luke’s community.
- * Co-sponsored with Men’s Ministry a Shred-it event on August 8.
- * Provides recycling for electronics which are then used by Wings for West Africa or delivered by a volunteer to Workforce Inc. for the safe recycling of all components. Gave \$500 to Workforce, Inc.

2010 PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Replaced cardboard recycling bins with permanent plastic bins.
- Line inserted in Rental Agreement for building to encourage outside renters to think “green” when planning an event.
- Provided recycling for Bishop’s conference on April 26 & 27, 2010.
- Sponsored Locally Grown Congregational Pitch-In.
- Sponsored lecture on Indiana Wind Farms with Craig Porter, ECI Wind and Solar.
- Provided Booth to educate children for 350.org on 10/10/10.
- Sponsored tour of Nature Conservancy Platinum Leed Certified building.
- Offered God’s Renewed Creation – UMC Bishop’s Challenge.
- Installed two bike racks for congregation use.
- Added “Oprah” magazines to Recycling (sent to Kenya to make jewelry).
- Recycling Center now accepts household batteries, pop tops, eyeglasses and hearing aids for Lions Club, used candles, printer cartridges, yarn, children’s books for Fletcher Place, electronics for Wings for West Africa and WorkForce Inc., styrofoam packing (not peanuts).
- Donated \$300 to WorkForce Inc.
- Planted 4 trees at east end of Daylily Labyrinth
- Donated \$50 to Midtown Mental Health in memory of Barry Hoffman
- Donated \$100 to St. Luke’s Preschool Playground Project in memory of Bobbi Main-Jackson’s dad.
- Purchased bike rack for Youth Building

2011 PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided recycling for Bishop’s Conference on February 28 and March 1.
- Co-sponsored Scott Russell Sanders’ reading from his “Conservationist Manifesto.”
- Sponsored lecture with Gregg Keesling from WorkForce, Inc. on the recycling of electronics by recently released felons.
- Provided and washed dishes, silver, etc for Pancakes and Jazz (March 8, 2011) – part of effort to do away with “single use” tableware.
- Presentation about Green Ministry to 10am Wednesday Book Study (March 23, 2011)
- Presentation about Green Ministry to Mary Magdalene Circle (April 13, 2011)

- **Co-sponsored “For the Next 7 Generations” Documentary with 100 people in attendance on Friday, April 29.**
- **Provided and washed dishes, silver, etc. for Children’s Ministry Volunteer Appreciation luncheon on May 1.**
- **Provided and washed dishes, silver, etc. for Dad’s dinner before Carrie Newcomer concert on Saturday, May 21.**
- **Provided and washed dishes, silver, etc. for UMW’s retirement luncheon for Minnietta and Kent Millard on Sunday, May 22.**
- **Hosted e-waste event where 8000 lbs were collected for recycling by WorkForce Inc. on Saturday, May 28.**