

Green Team Notes 11/14/17

- I. We opened with prayer and thanksgiving for the food provided by many hands at 5:40.
- II. Laura started by sharing notes from the EcoFaith conference she attended over the weekend. She shared that some of what she gathered there will likely make it into the Thanksgiving service and so she extended an invitation to the Green Team to participate in that service. Jean Harris offered to do what was needed. One possibility is that Laura learned of an eco-theologian who lives in Beacon Hill who might be a potential speaker on topics like a) Earth says #me too, b) personhood of the Ganges River, or c) rosemary as a reminder of vows to the Earth.
- III. We reviewed the action items from last time.
  - A. Geri has made progress with Pura Vida and is ready to order a trial box of compostable lids for coffee cups. When they arrive, she will hide the non-compostable ones so we don't have to try to sort them. Pura Vida also sells a Rubber Maid dolly for two bins to help with sorting waste from multiple rooms at the same time. Dave Carver is working with John Valentine to determine what we can do to increase composting from the preschool. Upstairs composting has been going well.
  - B. Jean reported on the conversations she has had about the fundraising that the Yakima UMC did to finance their solar panels. She is still looking for more information but found that they did a lot of fundraising by selling recycle bins in their community.
  - C. Linda is still working on Dishwasher instructions. She will email them to Laura who will print and laminate.
  - D. Laura reported that the young adults are thinking about Good World Trust and whether it is something they want to take on. We brainstormed further about whether we could do something like Jen's ABC blessings using the Good World Trust Facebook presence. There was some interest in providing challenges leading up to Earth Day events such as eating local foods, eating lower on food chain, etc.
- IV. We moved on to new ideas before us.
  - A. We talked about whether there was recycled paper content in the paper products we are currently purchasing and using at church. There was some interest in exploring whether it was an option to increase the post-consumer recycled content.
  - B. We decided that there is a need for more instruction in the kitchen and even though we may not think it's primarily a green team purpose, we have the expertise. Geri will make a first draft of additional instructions for counter cleaning, hand washing, and floor mopping to be added to the blue binder. In addition, signs for food washing sink and hand washing sinks need to be hung.
  - C. We talked about the extent to which we want to advocate for the Carbon Tax proposed by the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy and promoted by FAN. We decided there is nothing to be gained from waiting and we will start providing information now, with the possibility of a speaker event in the New Year.
  - D. We talked about promoting local foods for future potlucks.
  - E. A proposal for a re-opening of the Black Diamond coal mine in Issaquah was shared and it may make it into a sermon soon.
  - F. We set our next meeting for January 9 at 5:30pm.
- V. Adjourned at 7:00pm.