

Green Team Meeting Notes 9/11/18

In attendance: Betty Fredeen, Rich Detering, Linda Detering, Jean Harris, Laura Baumgartner

* these items added as a result of conversations and information gained since the meeting.

First, huge thanks for your flexibility in moving our meeting at the last minute to Li'l John's due to water issues at church. Thankfully Dave Campbell and his team were on it and all was well by the start of preschool in the morning. The preschool parents were very appreciative of the devilled eggs at their first day reception that Jean made for us, but we left for them.

1. Mission Sunday Plans

- a. We reviewed the work from the Calendar Planning Session and are good with March 24 being the date for Mission Sunday. We will implement as suggested, with March 24 having one service at 9am, project teams, and lunch. During lunch, each project team will report out what they did. The following Sunday will have 2 services again and we will not have project teams report out in worship. However, we will have a Mission Focus and the UMCOR offering will be that week.
- b. In addition to Mission Sunday, every Sunday in Lent will have a "Mission Moment" to highlight ways that our congregation is a part of the work of God in our community.
- c. Project ideas- we hadn't made much progress on this since August, so here's the same list again.
 - Hopelink food bank for more birthday bags, Issaquah food bank can't take them all Maybe we don't include plates and cups anymore, find a cake mix with no plastic, streamers, frosting, napkins, gifts, cake decorations, party poppers, jigsaw puzzles, pencils- Linda will make some calls about Hopelink.
 - Litter clean-up at a couple of parks
 - Holly House group home may need some help rather than Sofia Way (which will be still in remodel mode)- Jean will check about this.
 - Days for Girls
 - Newport Library – Laura will check about this.
 - Work at congregation members' homes who don't have a lot of resources
 - Grounds- plant trees?
 - Invite Farida and the Muslim community to participate again
- d. Food plan last year worked with sandwiches on a buffet with an hour to get everyone through. Meat separated from veggie options to encourage eating low on the food chain. See if Geri will take this on again.

2. Initiative 1631 plans

- a. Again, we noted the Calendar Planning session came up with a date for us, October 6. We see it is fast approaching.
- b. Roger Ingalls has put Laura in contact with Barbara Krieger from the League of Women Voters (LWV), who organized an event at Aldersgate in the summer about candidates on the primary. We aren't sure if we can make some kind of partnership to put on an event about initiatives this fall yet but Laura is talking to her at 3pm today to explore options.* LWV has

a similar event planned at another venue on October 4 and we may be able to use some of their materials/resources.

- c. If LWV is not able to partner with us for October 6, we will try to do another type of event that is not specifically about Initiatives, but about faith development around Creation Care. The first step toward this type of event will be to gauge congregational interest. To that end, we will ask Wendi to include a note on the attendance register on 9/23 and 9/31 to find out if people are interested in attending such an event (if LWV can't help us implement Plan A).
- d. In addition, we talked about a sequence of Children's Sermons on environmental themes this fall. The idea would not be to talk specifically about the Initiative in worship (especially to children who don't vote) but to do some of the faith development work that our congregation seems to be ready to do, building the case that as people of God, we are called to be in right relationship with all of Creation. We talked about having a Children's book on faith and environment one week in September or October, then telling the story of the Puget Sound orcas one week in October or November, and then possibly one more before the holidays.
 - *Linda sent Laura a list of book titles and I've ordered a couple to get this process started.
 - *Laura also is in communication with Earth Ministry to see if there are others working on worship materials for the fall, possibly about the Orcas or if there are others interested in developing materials like that for use beyond just Aldersgate.
- e. We are still interested in providing/distributing yard signs for the Initiative but none have materialized yet. More when we know more.

3. Kitchen

We like the idea of taking pictures of the products that are usually most confusing in our waste stream, laminating them, and sticking them to the bins, like below. We didn't make progress on making it happen, though.

