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### Spotlight

*"It makes me proud to work with folks who have the fortitude to speak up in a non-combative way that encourages cooperation and participation"*

-Annie Stevens, Plymouth Congregational Church  
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### Just Around the Corner

#### June Gathering

*Join us this Monday Evening*  
Ready-made activities for your congregation that are green, local, and take minimal effort.

[Read More](#)

#### Electronic-Waste Recycling Event

*Drop off old electronics and help SSC!*  
Sat. June 8  
Grace Covenant Presbyterian  
11100 College Blvd, OPKS  
9AM - 1PM

[More Info.](#)

#### Green Facilities Workshop

Wed. August 7  
St. Paul's Episcopal  
8AM - 3PM

## Countering Objections to Environmentalism in Congregations

It would be heavenly if everyone in our congregations saw Earthcare as integral to faith and mission. But, alas, it is not so. Sincere people of faith can see the issue differently and have various objections to it--it could alienate people, it's too political, too "new age," not part of our spiritual mission, too depressing, etc. How could you answer them and address their concerns? Here are some ideas.



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## Education Goes a Long Way

*Check out SSC's Speakers Bureau*

Give a new spark to your congregation's adult education offerings by scheduling one of our presentations for this summer or fall. Our speakers are passionate, well-qualified, and eager to share their expertise and wisdom on relevant and unique topics related to faith and Earthcare. For a list of topics, descriptions, and presenters or to sign up, [click here.](#)

### SSC Announces Details of August 7 Facilities Workshop

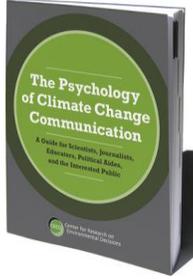
## Sustainable Facilities: The Right and Smart Thing To Do



The workshop--a not-to-miss event--has been expanded this

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## Resource Center The Psychology of Climate Change Communication



[Get it here for free.](#)

year to give you more than ever. It includes:

- A presentation by Rev. Paul Rock, pastor of Second Presbyterian, the "solar panel" church.
- 12 break-out sessions on Financing Your Projects, Energy Star Portfolio and Audits, Simple Fixes, Gardens and Orchards, Recycling and Revenue Generation, Green Cleaning, Roofing Maintenance, Success Stories, Lighting Solutions, and more.
- A chance to visit and get information from green vendors
- An optional tour of St. Paul's Episcopal Church facility led by an energy expert

**Wednesday, August 7, 8AM - 3PM**  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church,**  
**40th & Main, KCMO**

[Register Today](#)

## ***Green Community Resources: Ready-Made Activities for Summer & Fall***

*Don't miss our monthly program*

**Monday, June 3, 7:00 - 8:45 PM**  
**Village Presbyterian, 6641 Mission Road**

Are you or your Green Team, congregation, or youth group looking for easy summer ideas or new fall activities? Come learn about existing green initiatives and be ready to swing into action with a minimum of effort.



Brief presentations and information from Bridging the Gap, the Ride-Share program, Bike to Church, Project Living Proof, St. Andrew's Gleaning Society, and more.

[See all the topics & RSVP now.](#)

## ***The Inspiring Story of Plymouth Congregation Church's Green Transformation***

*Planting the Seeds. Building Momentum. Seeing the Fruit.*

The Plymouth Congregational Green Team has been around long enough to experience many of the challenges and transitions a green team faces. The church is now receptive to earth care but it hasn't always been that way.

This April the Green Team made a big impact in their congregation and the church is experiencing a transformation. What has been the difference? How did years of effort produce a profound change in one season?



[Find out how here.](#)

***Excited About Sustainable Facilities and  
Want to Help?***

*Green Facility*

*Workshop*



If you believe that sustainable buildings and grounds for congregations are important, we invite you to contribute toward the costs of our facilities workshop. Our goal is participation by facility managers from all congregations, especially the less affluent ones, and **\$45 will provide a scholarship for an attendee. Will you help? [Click here to donate](#)**

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