

Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition

Helping congregations care for the Earth

November, 2013



Project Greenway KC

Saturday, Nov. 2, 1pm

Grace Covenant Church
11100 College Blvd.
Overland Park, KS
Repurposed Fashion

November Monthly Program

Monday, Nov. 4th, 7-8:30pm

Village Presbyterian Church
6641 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Native American Spirituality

The Benefits of LED Lighting

Friday, Nov 15, 11:30am-1pm

111 W. 10th St., KCMO

HD Energy Solutions and SSC invites facility managers and Green Team leaders to attend this complimentary lunch and seminar on saving money with LED lighting. [Find out what you'll learn.](#)

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Resources



Ideas for Celebrating Green Holidays

Learn how to have a more sustainable Thanksgiving and Christmas.

SSC Seeking New Executive Director by Carol Meyer

Why do I look so happy? I'm retiring at the end of the year! As much as I love giving leadership to SSC, the thought of taking it easier sounds wonderful. So SSC is searching for a new director. It's an exciting time of new potential and growth for our organization. [Read more to find out what's on the horizon, what we are looking for in a new ED, and what I will be doing.](#)



Project Greenway KC: A Sustainable Fashion Show

Saturday, November 2, 1 pm

Grace Covenant Church, 11100 College Blvd, OPKS

CALLING ALL WOMEN! Please come to this unique and fun event on Saturday. Teens and adults will be modeling garments they made from used clothing and have "repurposed" into wearable fashion, and will be competing for prizes. The show will also feature fashions from the Swapping Company, to show how stylish used clothes can be. Christine Caseres put tons of work into this fundraiser for SSC, so please come show your support for her efforts. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for students.



Free Solar Panels for Kansas Homes!

Yes, you read correctly. Cromwell Solar in Lawrence, the only company in Kansas with this offer, will install solar panels on your roof for free. You simply pay a leasing fee that is smaller than what you are now paying the utility company. Your electricity keeps flowing like always, only it costs you less and is cleaner and better for the environment. You also end up owning the solar system at the end of the lease. [Find out how you and your congregation can participate in this exciting offer.](#)



Nov. 4 Program on Native American Spirituality

Kara Hawkins, an expert on American Indian spirituality, will be speaking at the SSC monthly meeting next Monday evening at 7 pm at Village Church, 66th and Mission. Come learn about this religious path and what it has to teach us about care for and reverence for the natural world and our own spirituality. Kara is part of the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council and writes and speaks with passion about this spiritual path.



[Click here and then scroll down the page to Alternative Holiday Ideas.](#)

The Story of Solutions

Annie Leonard's new 6-minute video explores how we can move our economy in a more sustainable and just direction. [Watch the video here.](#)

The Story of Stuff Curriculum

A resource for Christian and Jewish educational programs. [Click here for info.](#)

Announcement



Squash and pumpkins available for food pantries.

St. Andrew's Gleaning Society will be gathering 1,000,000 pounds of squash and edible pie pumpkins Nov. 3-6. Please email gleankc@endhunger.org if you can take some. Delivery available.

Quote by Heather Entrekin

"A life, individual and communal, that honors and learns from Sabbath rest may be the seed for the spiritual conviction, courage, and steadfastness needed for the profound change the Earth requires of us." *From Clergy Workshop talk*

Hard-to-Believe Factoid

According to the National Climatic Data Center, the U.S. has sustained 144 weather/climate disasters since 1980 for a total cost exceeding \$1 trillion! Who says we can't afford renewable energy and whatever it takes to reverse climate change?

Everyone is invited.

Trivia Night a Big Success and Loads of Fun!

Guests at our Trivia Night fundraiser on Oct. 4th found out that supporting a good cause can be a lot of fun. The energy was high and camaraderie abounded as trivia



teams tried to best their competitors. A big thanks to the MC, Tony Adrignola; Michelle Morse and Melissa Wurtz for all their planning and hard work; all who donated auction items, wine, and desserts; and to all the participants. We raised \$3500. For all who missed the fun, plan to take part next year!

Fabulous Presentations at Clergy Workshop

Everyone agreed that the speakers at our Oct. 24 Clergy Workshop were terrific. Heather Entrekin's masterful keynote was well-researched, full of stories, quotes, inspiration, and insights. Ted Pierce gave a delightful, enthusiastic talk about his church's Green Team, including tales of bee hives and chickens. Rabbi Jeffrey Shron (pictured) engaged the audience in discussing Jewish/Biblical texts on environmental ethics and in singing a closing Hebrew blessing. [Click here to read Heather's presentation.](#)



We're Counting on Your Donation!

Never has your support been more needed. SSC presented over 30 talks, workshops, seminars, and classes this year. That represents a lot of individuals and congregations that were inspired to be more sustainable. Our work is so important, and hundreds of congregations still need to be reached. We're counting on your end-of-year, tax-deductible donation to make that happen. Please click on the picture to the right to make a secure on-line donation. Or mail a check to the address below. Thank you so much. We love you and the Earth loves you!



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