

TJMC GREEN NEWS

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OUR SACRED TREES



Al Reynolds and friends offer a tour and publish a pamphlet on our trees

TJMC's campus is blessed with a beautiful array of trees, including four oaks over 100 years old, and trees that have been planted in memory of members, or honoring someone special, like the **Rev. Tony Perrino**.

Pictured above is the Chapin Jones star magnolia, planted 31 years ago in memory of Chapin Jones, who founded the Virginia Forest Service in 1914, and was its first state forester and professor of forestry at UVA.

Our own **Carolyn Jones Silver**, daughter of Chapin and Alice Jones, was active in creating the Remembrance Garden. Connie Cheetham and the Women's Alliance planted the tree.



*You Are Invited
May 8
Sunday
Two Services*

Green Sanctuary
Celebrates
Mother's Day and Sponsors
Mother Earth Brunch

**YOUR TASK FORCE CHOOSES MOTHER'S DAY
TO HONOR MOTHERS AND MOTHER EARTH**

The Green Sanctuary Task Force will offer a worship service and array of activities May 8 to celebrate both Mother's Day and Mother Earth in lieu of our Earth Day service, which is usually in April, when our ministerial candidate is scheduled to preach.

Protectors of the environment are a diverse group, but we think mothers' special link to the future through their children and the often daily challenge of feeding a family are a perfect theme for a Green Sanctuary service and child dedication ceremony.

Nancy Hurrelbrinck will give a sermon, "What's the Story of Your Food?" Mark your calendars too for a new event, a Mother's Day "potluck" brunch after each service.

We hope that together these events will launch a congregational discussion in the fall on "Ethical Eating," a Study Action Issue the UUA General Assembly will vote on this June.

The 7th Principle is May's focus for Religious Education students, and **Jenny Gaden**, TJMC member and local outreach educator for the Virginia Museum of Natural History, will guide the RE children to learn about our trees May 1 to prepare them for an outdoor tree hunt May 8.

Once again, weather permitting, we will also hold our "Sacred Trees" tour which was so popular last year between and after services. While you are outside, stop by the raised bed gardens for a demonstration and see WormCrusader's demonstration of how to compost with worms.

CARPOOL CHALLENGE OFFERS “GREEN” PRIZES



MAY 15

Parking is the #1 limit on our church’s growth, according to the Board’s Buildings and Grounds Task Force. Carpooling may become part of the solution and allow us to grow to a full capacity of 500 members under a new minister, but it is also a “greener” option. Why not try it, instead of driving to church alone, because it

can also promote friendships and community?

Circle the date and contact TJMC members and friends who live near you so that you can enter the All-Church Carpooling Challenge sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force.

Carpoolers who complete an entry form as they enter church May 15 will become eligible to win prizes donated by local businesses like **Blue Ridge Mountain Sports** and **Savvy Sleeper**, in Ivy. Visit our Green Sanctuary table after services in

the Social Hall to see the prizes and find a buddy for the May 15 event.

We are trying to beat the numbers for attendance last year at each service, but decrease the numbers of cars parked in our lots and around the church. Last year, 61 attended the 9:15 service May 9, and 102 attended the second service. There are 120 parking spaces in our lots and around the church. Our goal will be to set a target so that we can challenge ourselves each spring and fall to do better. Thanks to co-chairs **Johanna Woodchild and Glenn Short** for all their work!

SIERRA CLUB AND TJMC FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS OF HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Thanks to **Deborah Judson-Ebbets** and Barbara Cruickshank who report they had a successful discussion course attended by 12 and jointly offered at our church by Green Sanctuary and Sierra Club.

TJMC SUPPORTS REVITALIZATION OF TRANSITION TOWNS

After a two-year absence, the Charlottesville area Transition Cities movement has been revived with a meeting at TJMC April 1. The Transition movement is comprised of grassroots community initiatives that seek to build community resilience in the face of such challenges as peak oil, climate change and the economic crisis. Transition Initiatives engage their communities in home-grown, citizen-led education and action. There are 85 Transition Towns in the U.S., and only one other in Virginia. For more information, contact **Nancy Hurrelbrinck**.

Rose Brown tells us how to live without garbage

At a “Zero Garbage Challenge” workshop Earth Friendly Friday event March 18, local resident Rose Brown told us her tricks for reducing her yearly garbage to two small bags, what you see in the photo at the right:

1. Transition to non-disposable products
2. Change Habits
3. Attentive shopping
4. Composting
5. Recycle, recycle, recycle



MOTHER EARTH POTLUCK BRUNCH FOCUSES ON LOCAL FOODS

In celebration of Mother's Day and Earth Day, we will host a potluck brunch after each service in which families with young children need not bring a dish while others are asked to bring something with one ingredient from a locally-owned store or farm. We expect to provide casseroles and meat, but you bring juice, fruit, muffins, breads, etc. Sign up in the Social Hall or contact **Katie Corish** or **Jean Botts**.

TRY OUR GREEN LENDING LIBRARY AND VIDEOS

New videos are available on loan at our table.

Join us April 8 -- “Blue Gold: World Water Wars,” 7 pm, Parlor

ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

We must complete 12 projects over two years

Worship



(Left) Musicians at our Candlelight Vigil for the Mountains

TJMC Members pose before the church in October to note climate change for the International Day for Climate Action (Below)



Religious Education



An "I Love Mountains" quilt was made from RE children's and adults' drawings, and (right) WormCrusader shows his worms during a Mini-Green Workshop



Sustainability!

Recent changes to the church include new shades on the ramp windows, new EXIT signs, and mold removal in Summit House. Dixon Hauling now picks up our garbage for free and hauls it to a single-stream recycling center. Our trees have been trimmed and fed.



TJMC ADVOCATES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Baiocco Invited to Participate in UUA General Assembly Green Sanctuary Workshop

National Green Sanctuary leader Robin Nelson has invited **Sharon Baiocco**, TJMC Green Sanctuary Task Force Chair, to participate in a workshop on environmental justice at General Assembly in Charlotte, NC in June.



Environmental Justice advocates include **Sallie Kate Park, Glenn Short & Sharon Baiocco** in Richmond March 25



Laura Wallace (above) will speak on MTR and Environmental Justice in Williamsburg April 10, while **Katie Corish (right) and Sharon Baiocco** presented at St. Paul's Memorial Episcopal Church in February



Mary Rose Curtis displays our materials against mountaintop removal coal mining (MTR) in our Social Hall

Ethical Eating to Be Discussion Topic in the Fall

Our national church offers marvelous resources on sustainable living, such as the new guide offered by the UUA at right. Please join us as we launch a series of conversations about food -- growing it, preparing it, and eating it.

Are you a vegan, locavore, omnivore, or slow food advocate? Do you grow your own food, raise your own chickens, keep your own bees? Do you work on a local farm, buy from a community supported agriculture (CSA)? Are you a great cook? Food is central to survival, culture, and sustainability. Luckily, our UUA leaders have given us all we need to "digest" this. Stay tuned! Contact us: green@uucharlottesville.org

