

Our Creation Care Plan

The following creation care actions were ones submitted by the various groups/individuals in completing the Greener Congregation Stewardship Score sheet. The final step of that Score sheet is compiling those submissions into a comprehensive plan for reducing the ecological and carbon footprint of all areas of congregational life. Below is a suggested timeline for implementing the many thoughtful ideas brought forward. The actions, timeline, leaders listed here are a suggested framework (subject to change) we can use to facilitate our forward movement.

MONTH	ACTIONS	LEADER/ORGANIZER
2016		
September	Greener congregation stewardship score sheet Solar grant completion	Heather Wolfe Laura Beidler
October	Green Cleaning supplies made available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “recipes” and in-service provided Host community meeting about solar project	Jan & Bob Collins Heather Wolfe/Laura Beidler
November	Lightbulb change over to more efficient LED	Trustees
December	Consolidate trash, highlight recycling	Omar Zook/Heather Wolfe
2017		
January	Carbon footprint calculator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each household encouraged to complete a calculator to increase awareness of individual impact on environment. 	Congregational Care team
February	Host a ‘love your planet’ potluck (near Valentine’s Day) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • highlight locally sourced foods • plant based dishes • reusable dining ware 	Hospitality Committee
March	Every Creature Singing (2 nd hour curriculum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • begin 12 week adult education curriculum from MCCN 	Christian Ed
April	Earth Day worship service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 23 focus worship on creation 	Worship team & Council
May	Spring gardening workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • invasive plant identification/native plant education Voluntary gas tax for month of May based on individual household fossil fuel consumption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • special offering end of May, funds will go towards native church plantings 	Interested members
June	Church plantings for beautification/pollination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • native perennial garden • wildflowers • fruit trees/bushes 	Trustees Anyone! Especially our many green thumbed gardeners
July	Add a creation care section to our library	Librarians
August	Outdoor worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groton & BBC services • Hikes, picnics, mowing a labyrinth into our grass? 	Congregation
September	Season of Creation/Solar Celebration! Repeat greener congregation stewardship score	Congregation, community, supporters Various committees submit responses, compiled by MCCN liaison