

"We may be a red brick building, but we are working to be a "green" church!"

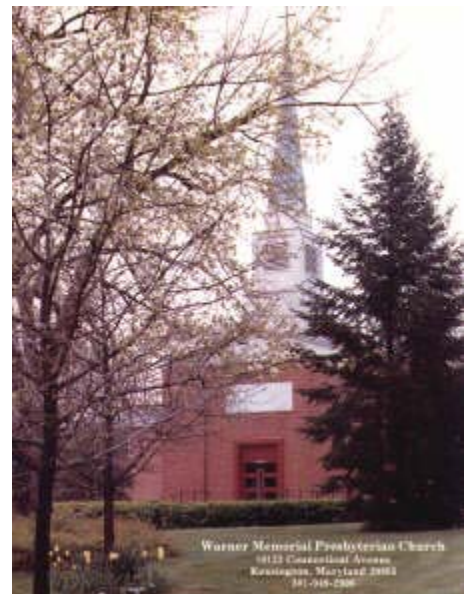
Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, Kensington, MD

Over the last 3-4 years we have focused on education about climate change and encouraging our members to reduce their carbon footprint through energy conservation and purchases of alternative energy. For our church property we closely monitor our programmed thermostats, installed additional weather-stripping, purchase 50% wind power electricity, purchased copy paper with recycled content, switched to an energy conservative copier as our network printer, and eliminated the use of Styrofoam serving ware, along with other smaller environmental stewardship actions, Members of our congregation have modified their lives through: subscribing to wind power, installing solar water heaters, using low emissions vehicles, using CFL's, and power strips to control home electrical devices. We are a member of Greater Washington Interfaith Power & Light.

Each of the last three Earth Days have had a different focus on how we can make simple changes to reduce our carbon footprints. In a change of pace, our 2010 Earth Day event was a

family night to watch the Disney nature movie "earth" as a way to emphasize gratitude for Creation and thereby inspire action. It was quite successful and those who attended were indeed grateful.

Last weekend, we broke ground and erected a fence for a community garden next to the Sanctuary on a sunny spot of lawn. It is the Eagle Scout project of one of our members. It is my hope that it will reconnect community members to their food source and the produce will go to local shelter kitchens. Our preschool classes will also take part in the growth of our garden.



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