

GREEN TEAM

MISSION (REVISED JANUARY 2021):

Recognizing that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church declared “Restoring Creation as a central concern of the church to be incorporated into its life and mission at every level.”

We commit:

- To inspire members to respond as humble stewards of God’s gift of Creation, protecting and restoring it for its own sake and for the future use and enjoyment of all creatures
- To provide members with information and educational resources to preserve God’s Creation
- To network with neighboring congregations and community organizations to promote stewardship of God’s Creation.
- To incorporate tender care for God’s Creation throughout the FPC community, including our worship services, educational programs, outreach and service to the community and the buildings and grounds

MEMBERS:

Darlene Berry, Sue Nelson, Barb Gillespie, Sarah Hanson, Lisa Helstein, Jamie Siorek, Janet Wolfe

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

We began 2022 like the world did, managing the Pandemic and supporting reusable Face Mask sales. Janet Wolfe took on the Fair-Trade sales and has managed a smooth transition into the continuation of supplying the congregation with quality coffee, chocolate, olive oil, and other items. For this we renamed the cabinets: Recycling Kiosk and Fair-Trade/Green Team Kiosk. ***

- Our team has created a system of sharing the planting of trees in our national parks by using Tree Coupons as Thank You gifts and Welcome gifts for new members of FPC.
- Sue Nelson’s shrewd cataloging skills helped us organize and label our vast array of educational books and other materials for the FPC Library, creating a book plate and securing a library shelf.
- For the book plates and new kiosk signs, we adapted and began using Terri Gillespie’s beautiful stained glass Creation Window as our Green Team’s logo.
- Additionally, Terry built a new bulletin board for the education wing on which we currently display our Prairie Pals and updates regarding the beautiful acreage on the West side of the property.
- As April and May rolled around, our Prairie sprang forth. Mark Borchardt and Gill Nimm aided with the health of the prairie with plant identification and raised mowing.
- On Earth Day the team distributed 100 White Oak seedlings, a native species which will support the highest number of insects and birds in our area. ***
- The team rented a raised bed in the Community Gardens and created Pizza Garden to grow ingredients for a Pizza Party we held on September 18. We dried, packaged, and distributed leftover parsley as harvest gifts.
- We participated in the annual Rummage Sale, maintained our Butterfly Garden on the Northwest corner of the property, and continued to model sustainability by washing and using juice cups instead of disposable plastic cups each Sunday.
- We voted to support the Climate Overture posed by Presbyterians for Earth Care Congregations. ***
- Throughout the year, we have been blessed to have our Green Team Website maintained by Ad Hoc member, Jamie Siorek, whose most recent addition has been the Forum For All taping of Sustainable Investment practices with retired Investment Advisor Georgette Frazer.
- In the paraphrased words of William Shakespeare, though we be small, we are fierce!