

Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis, California Green Sanctuary History 2008-2009

Members: Lynne Nittler, Judy Moores, Jan Bower, Tom Jankowski, Mike Pach, Steve Brennan, David MacCusker, Terry Parker, Karen Urbano, and Shula Shoup. Helpers: Kathy Coulter, Lisa Baker, Joe Slichter, Vanessa Casarez. Lynne and Judy serve as co-chairs and take turns as secretary.

- ☞ During the summer, David set up a carpooling program to encourage more folks to carpool. We started a Green Honor Roll for all the members of the congregation who have reported reducing their carbon emissions and/or taking other steps to live more sustainable lives.
- ☞ Terry and Judy worked with Sarah McGettrick and did a “mindful” tour of the church grounds as part of Spirited Worship on July 27.
- ☞ On August 10 Judy, Lynne and Tom presented the Abundant Harvest main church service. The service complemented the on-going Abundant Harvest Table that we have put up every Sunday since late June for all to bring the extras from their gardens to share with others.
- ☞ August 10, we had a food drive plus Abundant Harvest and all food with to STEAC and Community meals.
- ☞ We ordered a composter and set it up near the cottage. We also set up recycled buckets with lids in all the buildings on the campus.
- ☞ On several Sundays we sold Chico bags and stainless steel water bottles as a small fundraiser.
- ☞ We supported Colusa Citizens who were trying to stop a major landfill operation in their county that would threaten ground water.
- ☞ October-November Lynne mentored NWEI classes: Menu for the Future and David did the same at I-House in the new year.
- ☞ In December, Lisa Baker did a workshop on making eco-safe home cleaning supplies at Judy’s house.
- ☞ Kathy got us 20 bike baskets to sell at cost, which sold quickly.
- ☞ We did a GS voluntary survey of our congregation both to find out the interests of people for future projects.
- ☞ Judy and Lynne joined a City of Davis Steering Committee to help solicit team leaders from faith groups for the City’s Low Carbon Diet project
- ☞ In January and February we had a Chalice Soup evening when we showed the films Kilowatt Ours and Power of Community and served soup.
- ☞ By January we had made a profit of about \$250 selling bottles, Chico bags and cookbooks.
- ☞ In February, sent a letter to Peter Morales and Dr. Laurel Hallman, who are running for the position of President of the UUA asking them to be green.
- ☞ Paul Meyerhoff spoke on February 24 on Socially and Environmentally Responsible Investing.
- ☞ We ordered books for the church library: Evening Thoughts: Reflecting on Earth as Sacred Community by Thomas Berry and Natural Remodeling for the Not-so-green House: bringing your home into harmony with nature by Carol Venolio and Kelly Lerner.
- ☞ On March 28, Eldridge and Judy did a fund-raising geo-bioregion fieldtrip to Point Reyes for church members and others and brought in about \$1000.
- ☞ Joe and Vanessa started a church garden near the cottage.

- ☞ Judy and Lynne worked with Kate Raymond to set up an “Earthfest” celebration of our planet on Sunday, April 26 after church. We had the “Whimsycles”, the Bike Church, CSAs, a solar demonstration, seeds to plant, a veggie taste-off, a nature walk, ecology games, and other activities. Over 100 people attended for a wonderful “old-fashioned” fun time together.
- ☞ On May 9, Lisa Baker gave a second workshop on Green Cleaning compounds at Lynne/s house.
- ☞ Through out the spring, we encouraged folks to “plant an extra row to share” when they put in the garden. The food would be part of Abundant Harvest in the summer and could also be given to STEAC, Community meals, and/or the Yolo County Food Bank.
- ☞ The GS Committee chose Tom and Gail Jankowski for the Guardian of the Future award for 2009, which will be presented in September.
- ☞ In June, the committee worked on its plans for the summer: the Abundant Harvest table each week, a church service on July 26, Low Carbon Diet expansion plans, two movies, one in July (Van Jones GA speech) and one in August (Fighting Goliath).
- ☞ Throughout the year, we maintained a kiosk in the Great Hall, put weekly notes in the church bulletin, and articles in the UUniverse.