



Stewardship of the Earth

First Community Church Environmental Forum

Fall 2006

A concern for *Stewardship of the Earth* drives this new project of the Adult Learning Council. These programs are intended to create awareness about critical environmental issues such as climate change and energy depletion. We will also consider how to build sustainable communities. An ethical imperative based on our spiritual understanding of Stewardship of the Earth directs the program's ultimate goal to connect people and congregations to action. All programs are free and open to the public except where indicated. Contact 614.488.0681, ext. 226 for more information.

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Monday, October 2 **7-8:30 pm** **Brownlee Hall, South Campus**
SUSTAINABILITY: GOING LOCAL *film & discussion*

Michael Shuman, author of **Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in a Global Age**, says Americans today purchase 58% of goods and services from local businesses and that rising oil prices could easily make 80% localization cost-competitive. He will enumerate the key tasks consumers and households can undertake to make a community-enriching transition from peak oil possible, as well as explain how social and ethical values can be reintegrated into capitalist economics.
facilitator: Tadit Anderson, Central Ohio Relocalization Effort

Sunday, October 8 **4 - 6:30 pm** **Grace Hall, North Campus**
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH *film & discussion*

This shocking film makes the persuasive argument that we can no longer afford to view global warming as a political issue - rather, it is the biggest moral challenge facing our global civilization. This cautionary look at the crisis that could consume the earth within the next 50 years is poignant, heartfelt, and based on scientific research and fact. The film will be introduced with a brief reflection on how the climate crisis challenges basic theological and ethical assumptions now guiding us as a society. Central questions will be posed that will be taken up in the discussion that will follow the showing of the film.
Program Moderator: David Robinson

Saturday, October 14 **8:30 am - 4 pm** **OSU Campus**
DO IT HERE – DO IT NOW: BUILDING LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Simply Living will hold their annual fall conference at the Agricultural Administration Auditorium on the OSU campus. The conference will focus on critical issues for our region such as transportation, land use, food and fuel. For program details and the day's agenda see www.simplyliving.org. The Environmental Forum of First Community Church is a co-sponsor. (Fee required)

Sunday, November 12 **4:30-6:30 pm** **Grace Hall, North Campus**
GLOBAL WARMING

Lonnie Thompson, the Ohio State University Distinguished Professor, Department of Geological Sciences, Research Scientist Byrd Polar Research Center, is one of the world's foremost authorities on the study of glaciers and climate systems. During the last 30 years he has led more than 50 expeditions conducting ice-core drilling programs in the world's polar regions as well as in tropical and subtropical ice fields. He will bring us an update in his slide presentation on his work and the recent data collected from two trips this summer to glacier formations that are sending us a message.

Lonnie Thompson
facilitator: Neil Drobny

Thursday, November 30 **7-9 pm** **Brownlee Hall, South Campus**
DRIVING GREEN

Curious about *green cars*? Confused about **alternative fuels**? From ethanol to hydrogen and everything in between you will get the latest information on what's available now and what's in the pipeline. Bring your questions and get answers from one of the foremost authorities in the field.

Sam Spofforth, Executive Director - Clean Fuels Ohio