

## ***Press Release***

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### **Cut Your Carbon Workshops and Kick-Off Event Offered by Earth Care**

Earth Care, Bloomington's Interfaith Group for the Environment, accepts our urgent moral responsibility to protect all life by curbing wanton climate change. One program we offer is a series of Cut Your Carbon workshops designed to assist individuals and families reduce their carbon contribution to global climate change and reduce high energy bills.

In these workshops, participants learn how to calculate, monitor and reduce their carbon footprint while also reducing their energy bills. Using a nationally tested program and workbook, participants choose what they want to do to reduce their carbon footprint and decide how to put their choices into action.

#### **Cut Your Carbon Workshops**

There are several class options as described below. Participants can select one series of workshops and let us know that they'll participate. There's a \$10 suggested donation to cover the cost of the workbook, which can be given to the facilitator at the workshop.

Tuesday lunch hour (2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24) from noon to 1:30 pm at First Christian Church, 205 East Kirkwood. Bring a bag lunch. Call or email Anne Veldman at 988-6241 or [anneveldman@yahoo.com](mailto:anneveldman@yahoo.com).

Wednesday evenings (2/18 & 3/4) from 6 – 8 pm at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 3800 East Third Street. Call or email Benjamin Schultz at 855-5130 or [schultzb@indiana.edu](mailto:schultzb@indiana.edu).

Saturday afternoon (2/21 or 3/7) from 1 – 5 pm at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 3800 East Third Street. Participants in this power version (the full workshop in one session) of the class will need to contact Benjamin Schultz in advance for instructions on information that attendees will need to bring with them to the workshop. Benjamin can be reached at 855-5130 or [schultzb@indiana.edu](mailto:schultzb@indiana.edu).

#### **About Earth Care**

Earth Care seeks to listen to and work with all concerned religious communities and individuals in order to create an ever-widening circle of care for the earth and its beings. This work is a matter of justice: the climate catastrophe will fall most heavily on the vulnerable poor although they contribute the least to heat trapping emissions. We urge all of Indiana's religious communities to be centers of this care - by living more prudently

and speaking up for policies that embody earth care - and we invite all people of faith to join in this sacred responsibility. For more information about Earth Care, contact Madi Hirschland at [mhirschland@gmail.com](mailto:mhirschland@gmail.com).

The following faith communities are members of Earth Care: Bloomington Friends Meeting, Bloomington Islamic Center, Congregation Beth Shalom, Dagom Gaden Tensung Ling Monastery, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, First United Church, First United Methodist Church, Mennonite Fellowship of Bloomington, St. Mark's United Methodist COOL IT, St. Paul's Catholic Center, St. Thomas Lutheran, ELCA, Sanshin Zen Community, Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center, Trinity Episcopal Church, Unitarian Universalist Church Green Sanctuary Task Force, United Presbyterian Church, Unity of Bloomington and University Baptist Church.