

WALKtheTALK

SGFMC Action for Justice News
April 1, 2021 – **EARTH MONTH SPECIAL**

This is a limited compilation of **CURRENT** opportunities for action. **Additional suggestions are welcomed at:**
marynpaul@comcast.net we will make every effort to share them as quickly as possible.

NOTE: View "Walk the Talk" previous issues at: <http://www.stgilesparish.org/peace-and-justice/>



Interfaith Green Network (First United Church Adult Education)

Climate Reality: Let's Talk About It - Monday, April 12 at 7:30pm

A tree is a sign of life, yet in our changing climate, maybe not something we can always take for granted. As our Earth's weather patterns undergo local, regional and global changes, people all over the world are impacted. It's becoming increasingly obvious: Climate change is a reality.

You are invited to learn more about climate change and engage in conversation about it with others in the faith community. Two youth members of *It's Our Future*, a local youth sustainability group, have offered to give those in the local faith community a presentation on climate change science and potential solutions. The presentation is sponsored by First United Adult Education and The Interfaith Green Network, a group of area congregations working to build a vision and a role for the faith community in caring for our earth.

This one-hour Zoom session, scheduled for **Monday, April 12 at 7:30pm**, will consist of a 35-minute presentation, followed by the opportunity for attendees to ask questions and engage in discussion.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://forms.gle/Ar9qX55BuupAoka7A> A Zoom link will be emailed to you prior to the presentation.



International EARTH DAY – Thursday, April 22nd

"EARTHDAY.ORG's theme for Earth Day 2021 is Restore Our Earth™, which focuses on natural processes, emerging green technologies, and innovative thinking that can restore the world's ecosystems. In this way, the theme rejects the notion that mitigation or adaptation are the only ways to address climate change. It is up to each and every one of us to Restore Our Earth not just because we care about the natural world, but because we live on it. We all need a healthy Earth to support our jobs, livelihoods, health & survival, and happiness. A healthy planet is not an option — it is a necessity.

More than 1 billion people in 192 countries now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world. Today, we invite you to be a part of Earth Day and to help further climate action across the globe. "On **this page**, you will find key messaging and resources on Restore Our Earth. The toolkit includes all necessary materials to post on social media, write your own op-ed, or send a note to your network. <https://www.earthday.org/toolkit-earth-day-2021-restore-our-earth/>



"Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections Between Our Faith, Our Food, and the Climate. We examine how our food systems contribute to injustice and to climate change, and how our faiths call us to respond through practical solutions.

Join Interfaith Power & Light's annual premier week of worship and action focused on climate – Faith Climate Action Week, April 16-25, 2021.

How we grow our food largely determines how we treat the world, and one another. Dig in to a discussion with your congregation *[and/or your FAMILY]* on the connection between our faith, our food practices, climate change, and environmental justice.

DOWNLOAD the free 'toolkit' HERE: <https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/download-the-2021-faith-climate-action-week-organizers-kit/> *(NOTE: Includes a GARDEN BLESSING ritual you can share AT HOME!!)*

ALSO: sign up for FREE screening of the new film "Kiss the Ground"

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1. Oak Park Temple (south entrance, by the parking lot), 1235 North Harlem, Oak Park. OR,
2. Oak Park Conservatory (main lobby), 615 Garfield Street, Oak Park. OR,
3. OPRF High School (location announcement soon!)

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