Blueberry Festival was a Hot Ticket!

The Blueberry Festival at Rehoboth brought more than 200 people from Chicagoland and Central Illinois together to celebrate the history and the future of farming in Pembroke Township.

Farm Board Chair, Johari Cole, welcomed visitors and thanked volunteers, including Faith in Place's Eco-Ambassadors Youth Program. The Eco-Ambassadors led lawn games, such as croquet and horseshoes!

This newest partner in Faith in Place's Congregationally Supported Agriculture program has fruit ready for harvesting. August would be a great time to visit the U-Pick patch, M-W and Saturday mornings to get some of the delicious berries.
and learn more about the black farmers of Pembroke. Contact the farm to schedule an appointment!

Four Green Teams participated in conversations to shape a future FiP initiative forming around using house of worship kitchens to build small business start ups and job training programs. If you'd like to participate in the discussion or learn more, contact cindy@faithinplace.org.

**The Dog Days of August Don't Have to be "Ruff"**

**Register for the Green Team Summit**, Saturday, September 14th, Field Museum, Chicago

So much to learn and enjoy at the annual Green Team Summit. Get on the local bus to join us! Find out more and register your Green Team today so you don't miss out.

**Celebrate Your Green Team with a Nomination for the Green Team Award**

All our Green Teams are winners! Share the love at the Green Team Summit and encourage one another!

**Monarch Festival in Chicago**, Saturday, August 17th, South Side Cultural Center, Chicago

The Monarch Festival in Chicago is a day full of games, educational exhibits, and storytelling at the South Shore Cultural Center to celebrate migration stories.

**Springfield's Listen. Lead. Share.**, Monday, August 5th, 6:30-8:30, Westminster Pres., 533 S. Walnut St, Springfield

Listen. Lead. Share events continue the conversation on Illinois' clean energy and clean jobs future. In Springfield, join the discussion hosted by Faith Coalitions for the Common Good.
Effingham's Listen. Lead. Share., Tuesday, August 20, Public Library, 200 N. 3rd St., Effingham

Faith in Place is hosting a Listen.Lead.Share. event in Effingham. Join the conversation about the future of clean energy and clean energy jobs in Illinois.

Smart Energy Mini-Grant Applications are Available Now

We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for our 2019 Smart Energy Mini-Grant Program! The purpose of the Faith in Place Smart Energy Mini-Grant Program is to support faith communities as they educate their members about the importance of Smart Energy programs.

Green Team Calendar Events –

August's Featured Event: Pollinator Party at the Pollinatarium, Tuesday August 22, 5-7 pm, Pollinatarium

Our Calendar helps connect "Faithful People, Caring for Earth". Does your faith community have a nature outing, environmental presentation, or special Earthcare event coming up? Please contact your Outreach Director with details. (The sooner the better!) Your event might inspire folks at other houses of worship!

Native Plants – Tree and Shrub Sale; Order deadline is 8/31

Interested in expanding the use of native flora in your yard or garden? East Central Illinois Master Naturalists (ECIMN) are making available for purchase a selection of trees and shrubs indigenous to Illinois.

Go Native!
Solar Power Hours – Everywhere the Sun Shines (Almost)

Do you wonder if solar might work for your home, business or house of worship? Get answers at Solar Power Hours held in Central Illinios.

In Champaign and Piatt Counties, see the list here.

For folks in the Lake Land College District the list is here.

In Bloomington/Normal, Solar Power Hours are here.

No obligation. No strings. Just information you might be able to use to lower your energy bill and your carbon footprint.

Don't see one close to you? If you'd like to find out more about having these events in your area, check out the Midwest Renewable Energy Association's website:

"Save the Dates" for Statewide Faith in Place Events!

The Green Team Summit is September 14th – It's Faith in Place's 20th Anniversary of being Rooted and Growing with faith communities. We'll take a bus and meet 600 of our Faithful Partners from Green Teams around the state. Don't miss it!

Fall Advocacy Day is October 29th – Let's help push Clean Energy Jobs legislation to our elected officials at the Statehouse in Springfield!
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