

## **CARING FOR CREATION: A CHRISTIAN IMPERATIVE**

An Eat-Learn-Live Series at North Broadway United Methodist Church  
48 E. North Broadway, Columbus Ohio

### Invitation

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. (Genesis 2:15 NIV)*

Join us for a thought provoking series as we discuss our role and obligation as Christians to take care of the environment. The upcoming Eat-Learn-Live (ELL) series, "Caring for Creation: A Christian Imperative" will explore how we as individuals can make a difference both individually and collectively. Presenters will lead our study about sustainability from ecological, economic, and societal perspectives, so that we more fully appreciate the wonder and beauty of creation, better understand the issues from a world view, and are able to make more informed choices as we seek to care for our environment.

### Dates and Times

Four Wednesday evenings--April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16—starting each evening with a light supper at 6:30 pm (\$3.00 donation suggested), followed by study session from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Child care is provided.

### Leaders and Themes for Each Session

- **April 25: Rev. Alan Sippel, "The Why of Sustainable Agriculture"**
  - Rev. Sippel is a retired Worthington United Methodist pastor with deep interests in sustainability issues. His son, Ben, and family own a Morrow County farm which is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Coop that sells shares, delivers fruits and vegetables to shareholders, and supplies produce to the Clintonville Farmers' Market (<http://sippelfamilyfarm.com>). This session will include the Christian obligation to care for creation, the theological difference between what we can do and what we should do, and the need to "think big" about systems to feed the world's population.
- **May 2: Prof. Jeff S. Sharp, "Critical Reflections on Sustainability, the Food System, and Social Change"**
  - Prof. Sharp is a North Broadway member and an associate professor of Rural Sociology in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at Ohio State. This session will focus on the food system and the social dimensions of achieving a more sustainable agriculture.
- **May 9: Dr. Fred Hitzhusen, "Integrating Economics and Environment for a More Sustainable Energy Future"**
  - Dr. Fred Hitzhusen is a recently retired professor in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics at Ohio State and has had considerable experience in under-developed countries. This session will include integrating economics and environment regarding renewable vs. non-renewable energy systems as they impact sustainable food production and water use.
- **May 16: Dr. Greg Hitzhusen, "Environmental Stewardship: What Can We Do?"**
  - Dr. Greg Hitzhusen was the founding director of Ohio Interfaith Power and Light ([www.OHIPL.org](http://www.OHIPL.org)) and is now chair of the OHIPL Board and a full-time lecturer in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at Ohio State. He has an M.Div. degree

from Yale and a Ph.D. in faith-based environmental education from Cornell. The theme of this session will be what communities, congregations, and individuals can do to care for creation, drawing on best practices and resources for individual and community action.

#### Registration

North Broadway members will have opportunities to sign up for this ELL series after Sunday morning worship services. Others may send an email to [info@north-broadway.org](mailto:info@north-broadway.org) or call North Broadway Church at 614-268-8626. All participants are asked to register by April 23 to inform planning for the suppers and to indicate if children will be participating in the child care program.

#### Directions to Church

North Broadway United Methodist Church is on the north side of North Broadway Street and one block east of High Street in the Clintonville area of Columbus. There is ample parking at the Church.