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Dear Muskingum Valley Presbytery,

I wanted to let you know that First Presbyterian Church of Wooster, Ohio was recertified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Environmental Ministries through January 2014. This honor speaks to the great commitment that this congregation has to caring for God's earth.

To become an Earth Care Congregation, First Presbyterian Church affirmed the Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into all facets of their church life. It also completed projects and activities in the fields of worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that have made the commitment to take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden.

The Earth Care Congregations program was started in 2010 by PC(USA) Environmental Ministries. The goal of the program is to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all of church life. The Earth Care Congregation certification honors churches that made that commitment, and encourages others to follow their lead.

First Presbyterian Church is the first church in the Muskingum Valley Presbytery to become an Earth Care Congregation. Congratulations, First Presbyterian!

For more information on First Presbyterian Church's earth care program contact Keith Brown at kanddbrown@aol.com or 330-264-5118.

For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program go to www.pcusa.org/earth-care-congregations.

Peace,

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