



**The Unitarian Church in Charleston and
the Green Sanctuary Team
Invite You and Your Family to Honor & Celebrate
Our Shared Earth in April!**

CREATE

- Add your flair to our community-made Art Sculptures, which will be created from recyclable and non-recyclable plastics. All ages are encouraged to join the fun in the Churchyard right after our April 24 Earth Day Service.
- Make your own art piece out of plastics at home and bring it to the Churchyard to share on April 24. There will be fun prizes for all home creations!
- Our RE Youth Class will make their own creation from recycled items provided to them by Danielle on April 10 and bring them to share with us on April 24 as well.

PARTICIPATE

- April 23: Pitch in with our team at the Community Litter Sweep at Gadsden Creek (organized by the SC Aquarium) 10 am – 12 pm. Ron Malcom will be leading. Meet at 318 Fishburn St. Wear closed toe shoes and bring gloves and your own grabber. Some supplies provided. Advanced registration required. See the link in our latest newsletter, at www.charlestonuu.org.
- Become an Echolocator with an expert at the Dolphin Count on April 23, sponsored by the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network. One hour shifts at 9 am, 10 am and 11 am at 12 locations around Charleston Harbor. For sign up, visit LMMN.org
- Research Earth-Friendly Resources to lessen you and your family's carbon footprint year-round!

ADVOCATE

-Follow up CAJM'S Nehemiah Action "Caring for Creation" Environmental Justice Project to stop filling and revitalize Gadsden Creek to help mitigate downtown flooding. Call or email Charleston Mayor Tecklenburg (843-557-6970 or tecklenburgj@charleston-sc.gov) and other City Council members to ask for their support. Let's do it!

-Join CitizensClimateLobby.org - a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy org focused on national policies to address climate change. They are currently working toward a climate solution whereby carbon fees would be collected on all fossil fuels and greenhouse gases when they enter the economy, placed in a trust, and paid to every household as a dividend.

CELEBRATE

-Join us for our Earth Day Service on April 24, as guest speaker Kelly Thorvalson of the SC Aquarium talks about "Plastics, the Ocean and UU Principles." A Recyclables Art Fair will follow.

-Visit SC artists Mary Edna Fraser and Jeff Kopish's Exhibition "Creek by Creek" exploring the perils of plastic pollution and need to protect our Lowcountry waterways. At City Gallery, 34 Prioleau St., thru May 8, W-Sun 12 pm to 5 pm. Free

-Get outside and enjoy nature with your family, especially Charleston County Parks!

The Green Sanctuary Program provides a path for congregational study, reflection, and action for today's environmental challenges - including climate change and environmental justice. Successful completion results in Green Sanctuary accreditation: a formal recognition of a congregation's service and dedication to the Earth.

Congregations begin by examining their current environmental impact, then move towards developing sustainable practices grounded in Unitarian Universalism. There are four focus areas: Environmental Justice, Worship and Celebration, Religious Education, and Sustainable Living."

