



Celebrating that Christ is all and in all by seeking, inviting, belonging,
serving and reverencing God's creation

Creation Care partner at First United Methodist Church, Pat Stone, shared this illuminating piece from their *First Words* weekly newsletter to our eNews at Grace. The link below her article describes a series of Energy Efficiency Workshops being held at FUMC.

Every Day is Earth Day

This little light of mine - I'm going to let it shine.

Lighting is a wonderful invention. It's like having a little piece of sunlight of your very own.

It beautifies a space and allows us the luxury and safety of living in dark hours and places.

Unfortunately, traditional light bulbs waste a lot of their energy in heat production.

Fortunately, new technology makes the light possible without the heat, meaning much less waste and more productivity for the dollar. All good news.

Replacing the older bulbs in your home or workplace with the newer ones can save money and energy, and consequently make you a hero in the eyes of the planet.

Every Day is Earth Day, and your personal contribution to the cause can happen as early as today or tomorrow. Go for it.



Read about the workshops [here](#):

The first in a series of Energy Efficiency Workshops was held on Saturday, June 11 in the gym at Waynesville FUMC. Almost thirty people attended in person and by Zoom to hear local resident William Hite speak on energy efficient measures for established homes and new builds.

The event was co-sponsored by the Creation Care Ministries at WFUMC and the WNC Climate Action Coalition.

Mr. Hite's talk focused on light bulbs, heat pumps, duct and ductless heating systems, and water heater systems. His power point presentation featured homes he had upgraded. Mr. Hite is not a HVAC specialist by trade; he is a nurse and works at the VA Hospital in Asheville. His enthusiasm for energy savings has carried over to the town of Waynesville and efforts to make the city greener and the electric grid more flexible.

Since 2019 he has been a member of the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, a national policy and advocacy organization focusing on the intersection of climate and health. He serves on the Green Environmental Management Systems (GEMS) Committee at the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville. In 2021, he attended CleanMed, a Practice GreenHealth-sponsored conference whose mission is to decarbonize the American healthcare sector. Currently, he is serving on the Steering Committee of the WNC Climate Action Coalition.

Two more workshops are scheduled this summer in continuation of this theme - Saturday, July 16 and Saturday, August 13. Additional information will be forthcoming in *First Words* and will be available from WNC Climate Action Coalition <https://www.wncclimateaction.com/>