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United Women in Faith - Broomfield September 2022 Social Justice Newsletter:

We're still waiting for autumn to arrive in Colorado - preparing for harvest. Not only is it a time to harvest from our gardens, it's a time to take stock in our own lives. What do we want to keep? What can we let go of? What can we share with others? As Don said in a recent sermon, it's not about winning the race, but deciding if we're running the *right* race! We have put together some really cool resources and Ari is embarking on a new project and shares her thoughts on that. Blessings to you all and happy autumn!

Free tips from Creation Justice: Quiet times in nature often grace us with stunning reminders of the magnificence of God's creation. To encounter such is a moment of awe and worship. Our United Methodist Social Principles remind us, "We affirm that all creation belongs to God.... Human beings, nonhuman animals, plants, and other sentient and non-sentient beings participate in the community of creation, and their flourishing depends upon the care of all God's creation." Each month, Creation Justice will send you 10 free tips to save the planet. Together we can make a difference. **For more about the UM Creation Justice Movement, go to umcreationjustice.org.**

Save the date - Oct. 2! On Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm Bishop Karen Oliveto will explore Mountain Sky Conference resources and actions to address the challenges of our changing climate. Learn how the MSC Creation Justice Task Force supports our local churches and individual members in this.



Broomfield UWF and Youth Ministry invite you **to join us for pizza and a discussion** about the importance of Voting with Social Justice in mind at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

before joining this Zoom meeting in the Chapel. [Email Jmcgoogan@yahoo.com](mailto:Jmcgoogan@yahoo.com) if you can provide cookies or salads. If you can't join us in person, then [Register here to participate via Zoom](#).

Save another date - Oct 11! Judy and Ari are working with Don and Thomas so we can learn how Together Colorado can help us make an impact in the world. The work focuses on supporting legislation that addresses UWF areas of concern and related issues.

We'll have a presentation for the community the evening of October 11th and would love to see you there. (exact time TBD) If you've ever wanted to get involved by speaking with candidates, learning more about our system of government, and getting behind bills that will save our kids and climate, here's your chance.

Ari's Big Adventure:



I have a big backyard. It's probably about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre. I don't actually use the space much (except for my hammock). I've spoken with landscapers and various others about how to best care for the area. To even put in grass and a sprinkler system would be outrageously expensive. Plus, watering grass is wasteful, damaging to the soil, and unfriendly to native insects and animals. In fact, some cities (like Westminster) have a Grass to Garden program that provides help with removing grass and putting in native plants!

A friend was over and I was explaining my conundrum. It'd be GREAT for a huge garden, but the soil would need massive amending. He suggested I "rewild" it. I'd heard of xeriscape, but not "rewilding." Essentially, you remove any invasive weeds (without chemicals) and see what comes in. You let the natives grow and allow the bees to buzz. If it needs a boost, they have ideas for that as well. Mixing this idea with a bit of xeriscaping feels perfect to me. My friend even gave me a big bag of native seeds from the plants in his yard! If you're interested in learning more about this option, there's a great movie called [Dare to be Wild](#) about the founder of the movement. Her program is called ARK - Acts of Restorative Kindness. <https://wearetheark.org/>

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SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

There's a lot going on. We can each make a difference if we **just pick ONE thing!**

CLIMATE JUSTICE:

If you'd like the idea of reviving a Green Team at Broomfield UMC - like the one we had a few years ago - reach out to trustees Russell Sarazan (rjsarazen@gmail.com) or Cody Schultz (drummerboy6980@yahoo.com).

Want to do more?

- Sign **350Colorado's** [one-click letter](#) to tell Colorado Leaders to take Action on Ozone
- Register for Faith in Place's [2022 Green Team Summit](#) - on-line from Sep. 11-14.
- Subscribe to the [Mountain Sky Conference Creation Justice Task Force Weekly Newsletters](#)
- Respond to these Action Items from [Just Energy 4 All | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](#)
- Attend Next Just Energy for All webinar: September 21, 1 – 2:30 p.m. MT
- Sign up for climate justice updates from United Women in Faith [here](#).

RACIAL JUSTICE & CRIMINALIZATION OF CHILDREN OF COLOR:

Join national UWF on Sep 13 at 5 PM MT, for a powerful conversation with Professor Kristin Henning on the juvenile justice system, the criminalization of Black youth and interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline. Professor Henning is the Blume Professor Law and Director of the Juvenile Justice Clinic and Initiative at Georgetown Law, a long-time Public Defender in Washington, DC and the author of *Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth*. [Register Here](#).

Want to do more?

- Respond to these Action Items to [Interrupt the School to Prison Pipeline United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](#)

UWF OTHER SOCIAL JUSTICE TIPS:

1. Broomfield FISH's annual luncheon fundraiser, Embracing Hope, is on Thursday, October 13th from 11 AM - 1 PM at the Lionsgate Event Center. Donations from this event allow FISH to provide healthy food options in the marketplace each week, assist families through emergencies like job loss or health problems, and keep families housed. [Register Here](#) Go here for [more about FISH](#).
2. Read and share this short [How Talk to your Neighbor Guide](#) . To dig deeper, watch this [Recording of the training](#) from Interfaith Power and Light..

Want to do more?

- Days for Girls meets monthly. Contact Laurie Kiel (lkiel99@gmail.com)
- [Tell United States Congress to End Discriminatory Immigration Practices of Title 42 • GBCS \(umcjustice.org\)](#)
- NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-session on-line educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. The next session is on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:30pm beginning 9/20. Email education@namibouldercounty.org for more information and to register.
- Check out the: [Mountain Sky Conference | Homepage \(mtnskyumc.org\)](#)

LEARN MORE at

- [Serve & Advocate | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](#)
- Global Board of Church and Society [GBCS Home • GBCS \(umcjustice.org\)](#)

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<https://www.facebook.com/uwomenfaith>

You might also catch up with us by checking out our page on the church's website:
<https://www.broomfieldumc.org/united-methodist-women/>

Blessings to you for a safe autumn, an abundant harvest, & a knowing that God is always present.