

Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (KUUF)



ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Here is a list of the environmental activities in which Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (KUUF) and its members are engaged. Join in to help make our community a more environmentally friendly and sustainable place to live. The name of the person leading the activity is listed. Contact them, or Pete and Carol Ekstrom, [cekstrom\(at\)rhodes.edu](mailto:cekstrom(at)rhodes.edu) to get connected. We welcome new ideas and new activities.

Education

Green Film Festival Spring 2011, films depicting environmental concerns throughout the world followed by discussion. A second series is being considered for Fall 2012. - Joan Chadde, [jchadde\(at\)mtu.edu](mailto:jchadde(at)mtu.edu)

Guest Speaker Forums, often on environmental topics, 2nd Sunday, 10:30 - 11:30 am, BHK Building - Ken Kraft, [kkraft2\(at\)earthlink.net](mailto:kkraft2(at)earthlink.net)

Bird Walks, Nature Walks, or Snowshoe Treks, 4th Sun. of the month, 2-4 pm - Carol Ekstrom, [cekstrom\(at\)rhodes.edu](mailto:cekstrom(at)rhodes.edu)

Fireside Chats on current justice concerns, 3rd Wednesday, 7- 8:30 pm, KUUF office off the upper parking lot of Trinity Episcopal Church, - Sydney Morris, [samorris\(at\)uuma.org](mailto:samorris(at)uuma.org)

K-12 & Community Environmental Education Activities and Presentations - Joan Chadde, [jchadde\(at\)mtu.edu](mailto:jchadde(at)mtu.edu)

Sharing Information

Take an online test to see what your Carbon Footprint is
<http://www.nature.org/initiatives/climatechange/calculator/>

Borrow the KUUF's Kilowatt Monitor to determine how much electricity each of your appliances is using and its yearly cost – Carol Ekstrom, [cekstrom\(at\)rhodes.edu](mailto:cekstrom(at)rhodes.edu)

Walking Paths and Protected Areas of the Keweenaw: a guide to 22 sanctuaries and preserves in Houghton and Keweenaw counties open to non-motorized recreation by the public. Editor, Joan Chadde; published by the Michigan Nature Association.
<http://www.michigannature.org/>, \$14.95 at local bookstores.

The following environmental resources are on our website under Environmental Resources:

- Review of Green Film Festival movies – Barry Pegg, [bpegg8614\(at\)charter.net](mailto:bpegg8614@charter.net)
- Book List on Sustainability, Environmental Issues, Gardening, etc. – to add suggestions contact Alice Boyce , [AHBoyce\(at\)chartermi.net](mailto:AHBoyce@chartermi.net)
- List of Local Growers and stores that carry local produce – Linda Rulison/Joan Chadde
- Nature Hikes, pertinent facts and maps - Jim Belote, [jdbelote\(at\)mtu.edu](mailto:jdbelote@mtu.edu)

Community/State Initiatives

Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative – Joan Chadde, Linda Rulison
Get MI water proposal on 2011 ballot – Linda Rulison
Attend city council meetings, local hearings – Dave Rulison
Copper-Sulfide Mine proposal & Great Lakes Community Gathering – Linda Rulison

Hands-On Activities

Adopt a Highway Cleanup, along US 28 from the Bridge south to Snowmobile Rd., end of: April, July, Sept. – [cekstrom\(at\)rhodes.edu](mailto:cekstrom@rhodes.edu)

Construct Nature trails – Jim Belote, [jdbelote\(at\)mtu.edu](mailto:jdbelote@mtu.edu), and Pete Ekstrom, [pekstrom\(at\)rhodes.edu](mailto:pekstrom@rhodes.edu)

Gardening -- Seedling Fundraiser, plants and flowers available for spring planting 2011 – Will Cantrell, [cantrell\(at\)mtu.edu](mailto:cantrell@mtu.edu)

Work on Houghton's Community Gardens –Tom Hoornstra, [cerulean05\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:cerulean05@yahoo.com)

Carbon Offset Fund

A KUUF committee invests in trees, etc., to offset the CO2 emissions generated by minister Sydney Morris's trips on behalf of KUUF - Bill Leder, [bleder\(at\)charter.net](mailto:bleder@charter.net)

Updates

KUUF Environmental distribution list – Carol Ekstrom, [cekstrom\(at\)rhodes.edu](mailto:cekstrom@rhodes.edu)

Updates on the KUUF website -Harriet King, [harrietckm\(at\)juno.com](mailto:harrietckm@juno.com)

Weekly announcements at the Sunday service—everyone

Good Green Suggestions

- Plant your own garden
- Bundle your errands and make fewer trips by car
- Buy locally grown foods (200-500 mile radius)
- Use LED and motion sensor lighting
- Conserve water and energy by buying less “stuff”
- Choose energy efficient (Energy Star) appliances
- Drive an energy efficient car, carpool, or ride a bike. When necessary, use renewable paper products; avoid using styrofoam and plastic cups, bowls & plates
- Bring your own coffee/tea mug and water bottle; avoid drinking bottled water.
- Start a compost pile
- Plant trees on the south & west side of your home; or wherever you can.
- Use a programmable thermostat; set it at 65-68 during the day *when you are home*; set thermostat at 55 at night or when you are away from home.
- Conduct an energy audit of your home or business

Other Environmental Organizations in the Keweenaw

Copper Country Audubon Club

http://www.coppercountry.com/cat_index_202.php

Friends of the Land of Keweenaw (FOLK) – Linda Rulison

<http://www.folkup.org/>

Gratiot Lake Conservancy

<http://www.mlswa.org/Gratiot-Lake-1508/>

Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District

<http://www.hkconserve.com/>

Keweenaw Land Trust

<http://www.keweenawlandtrust.org/>

Keweenaw Sustainability Project—Susan Burack

<http://www.keweenawsustainability.org/>

Michigan Nature Association – Joan Chadde

<http://www.michigannature.org/>

North Woods Conservancy

<http://www.northwoodsconservancy.org/NWC/Home.html>

Sustainable Keweenaw Resource Center –Rick Ladoha

<http://www.finlandia.edu/index.php?id=3042>

The Nature Conservancy

<http://www.nature.org/?kw=msn>

Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition – Sherry Zoars, David Clanaugh

<http://www.upenvironment.org/>