**AMES UCC GREEN TEAM MEETING**  Sunday, August 14, 2022

**Present:** Pat Spangler, Christa Andersen, Terry Potter, Dave Oliveira, Megan Henson, Jan and Cornelia Flora, Tom Meyer, Eric Abbott, Bruce and Linda Hanson, Kim Spangler, and Thiago

Pat reported - Nick Howell**, Properties Committee** asked for volunteers to join their team

**The primary focus** for the Green Team this year will be Global Warming and reducing carbon footprints through positive messages of hope.

**ENERGY AUDIT** – Ames UCC Property Committee gave approval for an Energy Audit on Ames United Church of Christ properties. It is free and will be arranged through Joel Zook, Energy Services Coordinator for City of Ames. Nick Howell volunteered to guide the auditor through the property when the audit is done. A report will be prepared with recommendations for saving energy.

Electrify by Saul Griffith was recommended by Tom Meyer.

**Ames Climate Action Team** ACAT - Focuses on Ames City Climate Action Plan. Jan and Neal reported that the 8/15 Zoom meeting - Ann Arbor’s environmental success story.

Megan reported on the **Study of Ames City’s Resource Recovery Plant**. (Using fossil fuel to make electricity :(

Christa reported on **Ames’s upcoming Eco Fair** in October.

Resources: Inter Faith Power and Light, https://coolcongregations.org/

 SMART WATERSHEDS offers native landscaping rebate [www.CityOfAmes.org/SmartWatersheds](http://www.CityOfAmes.org/SmartWatersheds)

 National United Church of Christ

Future speakers: Thiago, City of Ames

**MOMENT FOR MOTHER EARTH**

3 – 5 minute presentation every Sunday of environmental justice stories of success (readings, skits, poetry or music.) Committee members signed up for Sundays August 21 – October 2.

 (9/11/22 Rally Sunday: Kids put handprints on banner from Theologian in Residence during picnic)

Worship and Music Committee approved. Suggest taking a break Thanksgiving through Christmas.

**Newsletter** deadline 8/16. Pat will write up a Green Team column -Who we are and our focus.

**Next meeting**: Sunday, September 18. Hybrid with Zoom.