

First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

Scholar in Residence

*Dr. Patricia Tull*

April 22-23, 2017

*Come gather with us on Earth Weekend to celebrate the beauty & wonder of God's creation.*



**Saturday Morning, April 22**

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

**Christians, the Bible and the Ecological Crisis**

*Education Forum*

Registration: \$10 per person; \$30 family max  
Please pre-register so we can prepare for you!

**Sunday Morning, April 23  
Earth Sunday!**

Worship at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**What Has Nature Ever Done For Us?  
Dr. Tull, preaching**

**Sunday Afternoon, April 23  
The Earth Forum with Dr. Tull**

2:00 pm

**More Than Politics!**

*Ecological Action as our Moral Imperative*

4:00 pm

**Care and Nurture of  
Congregational Green Teams**

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## **The Earth Belongs to God!**

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### **Saturday morning, April 22 – Earth Day!**

**9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

#### **Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis**

Ancient Jews and Christians who wrote Scripture were keenly aware of their absolute dependence on, and interdependence with, the other elements of the natural world. They developed a rich theology of creation, which contemporary people of faith are now reclaiming. In the process, we discover not only joy in a powerful world beyond the human, but urgency to do all we can to assure its thriving and our own. Although many people find environmental problems either too remote or too frightening to face, the actions needed to change our course are both practical and doable. *Please Pre-register.*

### **Sunday Morning, April 23 – Earth Sunday**

**8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services**

*What Has Nature Ever Done for Us?* Dr. Tull, preaching

### **Sunday Afternoon, April 23 – The Earth Forum of Howard County**

#### **2:00 p.m. – More Than Politics: Ecological Action as Our Moral Imperative**

Many Americans denigrate environmental issues as politically divisive. Others view ecological crises as technological problems to solve. But one reason we find ecological sustainability so challenging is that it calls us to changes in the ways humans see ourselves in society and in relationship to the earth. Dr. Tull will help us consider how ecological action is both a moral imperative and a golden opportunity to consider more carefully our place and purpose, and to exercise personal and social resources that may be dormant. Seen thus, ecological action becomes not only possible but promising.

#### **4:00 p.m. – The Care and Nurture of Congregational Green Ministries**

The Green Team at First Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville began inauspiciously nine years ago with two people wishing to promote recycling. Since then the church's environmental efforts have stretched: from becoming Indiana's first Earth Care congregation to reducing the church's carbon emissions by more than half, to member pride in affirming, "We are a green congregation," and inspiring neighboring congregations to do the same. In this workshop, we will explore reasons, strategies, and directions for growing congregational green ministries wherever you are.

#### **6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper**

Wrap up Earth Weekend activities as we continue the conversation over supper. Donation: \$5

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