

RE Happenings

For those of you who may have missed the Green Sanctuary's Sunday service last November...

Here's the background on the Ten Tree Challenge at UUSDBA.

UU congregations are encouraging congregations and their members to plant and adopt ten new trees each year. Population growth and urban sprawl have resulted in tremendous tree loss, and cumulative harmful effects upon our environment. UUs are helping to lead the way to reverse this trend and replenish our planet's tree population. If in 2009 every UU congregation plants 10 trees, the result will be 10,500 new trees this year. Most churches could easily plant and adopt 10 new trees every year. Wow, over the years that would definitely add up to a lot of trees!



Here's what we've done with our first ever Ten Tree Challenge.

Participating for us was easy. RE asked members of the congregation to make pledges to plant a tree, and members signed a pledge certificate. Then, for very little cost (\$1 per tree) the trees were purchased from Globalfolks.com. (This is the association which is founded by Joel Tippins and supports the community garden project for the Daytona area.) The trees, all of native species, were then delivered to the congregation, and the pledge participants picked them up. This is where our participants' creativity came into play...

There are ways to accomplish the 10 Tree Challenge. Some include planting for memorials, demonstrations, educational or youth action events, and tree planting ceremonies. Trees could be planted wherever it's legal; on church property, on members' properties, or as community service in a park, inner-city neighborhood, in yards of elderly or disabled people, or on a school yard with permission. So it seems our trees ended up in many places... some trees were planted at private residences, some were planted around our community, and others were planted right here in our hammock! **Plus, the cost to UU was not consequential because other members donated the cash to cover the cost for our purchasing the trees.**

Trees heal our environment in many ways. They slow global warming, improve air quality, and provide shade, beauty, and much-needed infrastructure for wildlife.

Thanks to all of these efforts, we have met the 10 Tree challenge times 6, and have planted 60 new trees! Please stay tuned... We will soon share the stories of where all 60 trees have taken root ☺

-Debbie

Johnson, DRE



2nd Annual UNIVERSAL BIRTHDAY PARTY! This year **39 people** of all ages joined in the fun. We shared a piece of yummy cake & ice cream, and played board games & more! **Thanks to all who attended!!**

It was a great birthday celebration... providing an opportunity for appreciating each person's UUniqueness & enjoying our UU connections!

UUS Kids' Corner



Kids' REasoning is worth a second look!

