

# Common Ground in the Green Mountains

Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship



# The story...

- 1-W Conscientious Objectors
- Recycled/repurposed schoolhouse





# The story...

- One thing leads to another



## EMBRACING THE GOOD NEWS FOR PLANET EARTH EVERY CREATURE SINGING

A curriculum for followers of Jesus who want to connect their faith with their place.



# The story...

- Small successes 'snowball'



July 1, 2017  
Hello Taftsville Chapel family,  
Passing along the report from Tim about our solar generation numbers for June...

Generated:	1420 kWh
Used:	297 kWh
Donated:	1023 kWh
Estimated reduction in BBC bill:	\$227
Estimated reduction in TCMF bill:	\$70
Estimated value generated this month:	\$297
Total Estimated value generated since inception:	\$430

Blessings,  
Heather



## CREATION CARE RECAP

### OCTOBER

- Wild Church (10/10): theme was centered on the changing season, reflecting on the circle of life and death. Scripture reading was Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, a time for everything. In that spirit the children harvested corn, beans and squash from the three sisters garden and planted garlic cloves.
- Outdoor Sunday worship happens at TCMF Even on the frosty fall mornings such as this one October 24th.





# Synergy

- Partnering



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 4



Mennonite Church USA  
announces "Learn, Pray,  
Join" initiative on climate  
justice - Mennonite  
Church USA

**JoinTrees**

Planting trees to restore the earth



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GROUNDS®**



MENNONITE  
CREATION CARE  
NETWORK



WILD  
CHURCH  
NETWORK



COOL  
CONGREGATIONS



**Faith Climate Action Week**  
Brought to you by Interfaith Power & Light



**GREEN UP DAY**  
**May 7**  
**2022**



# Synergy

- Partnering
  - work with what you have...
    - Artists
    - Gardeners
    - Foodies
    - Teachers
    - Kids!



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**Sustainable Kitchen**

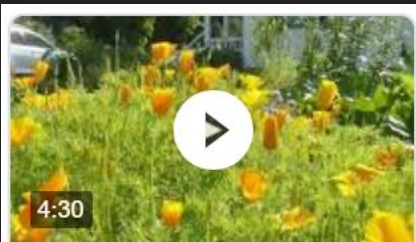
RECIPES AND INSPIRATION FOR  
PLANT-BASED, PLANET-CONSCIOUS MEALS

Hannah White  
Joyce McConkey



# Storytelling

- Inspired by and inspiring others & ourselves
- Seeking out & supporting each other



Permaculture:  
Transform your Church  
Lawn into a Garden of

...

Old Dog Documentaries

Vimeo - Nov 27, 2015



## Quarterly (Solstice) Newsletters



APR  
21  
2020

## Taftsville Chapel: A Sustainable Model for Creation Care



## Church Gone Wild

June 10, 2021 by Heather Wolfe

The pandemic has provided us the gift of thinking outside the box that is our church building. While Zoom gatherings have hosted our regular weekly worship, we craved coming together as in-person community. So at Taftsville (VT) Chapel Mennonite Fellowship, we decided to "go wild." We began supplemental Wild Church services once or twice a month on Sunday afternoons.



## How do you care for our planet?

Tell us and join the network at [mennocreationcare.org/types](https://mennocreationcare.org/types)



CREATION CARE NETWORK

• solar grants for churches • curriculum • pastors' retreats on climate

# Consensus building...

- Creating buy-in & shared excitement
- Addressing Challenges





# Common Ground

