

## We are taking part in the EPA's 2016 National Building Competition

The goal is for participants to lower their energy use from September through November 2016 below the amount used in the same period in 2015. The EPA will normalize data for the local weather, and compare our savings to that of other buildings of worship nationwide. Although we've reduced our building's carbon footprint dramatically, we hope this competition will inspire us to dig deeper.



### We need your help to take our energy use reduction to the next level!

- Weekdays: Ask staff if you can meet in a room in which others have met –or will be meeting—that day.
  - Small groups can meet in 110 and 112 that have separate HVAC units & thermostats.
  - Close the door to any room with a thermostat to avoid corridor air from entering and setting it off.
- Ask your members if they can dress for the weather (short sleeves in summer, sweaters in winter) so you won't need to change the thermostat setting by very much.
- Undo any changes you made to the thermostat & turn off the room lights and when you leave.
  - Be sure to turn off corridor lights if you are the last group, too!
  - Try using daylight for some or your entire weekday meeting.
- Assign one person to monitor this for your meetings.

### Have other suggestions?

Talk to a Green Sanctuary Task Force Member at our table in Fellowship Hall between services or come to one of our meetings, at 12:45 on first Sunday of each month, August through May.

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