

Green Notes: Update on Our New Recycling Centers

Thanks to everyone who helped launch First UMC's Narthex recycling center last Sunday!

We want to do a better job of recycling the waste generated within our building by collecting glass, paper (including used napkins and paper towels), aluminum and tin cans, and recyclable plastics.

So early in December, Green Team members established five recycling centers in our building – gray collection bins marked with signs near existing trash cans.

Last Sunday, we got questions about whether congregation members could bring their at-home recyclables to the church's new bins. We're sorry, but the answer is "no." You still need to take those items to the Republic Services recycling center on West Broadway, or another local collection point.

(First Church does have an excellent glass recycling program for our members and friends. See the accompanying story in today's bulletin for more information on how to recycle your glass through the church!)

The new bins in our Narthex, Fellowship Hall, Herbert Parlor, Youth Lair and AA meeting room are for recyclables left after worship, concerts, potlucks, community events and meetings in our church building. The intent is to reduce the amount of waste First UMC sends to the landfill.

The Green Team will monitor the collection bins over the next month, sorting the recyclables when necessary and transporting them to local collection centers.

We are also composting all our coffee grounds, with help from our friends at United We Eat – who are allowing us to use their compost bin. We can also place our used napkins and paper towels in the compost.

After feedback on Week 1, we also are investigating whether the small plastic communion cups can be recycled. We'll let you know what we find out.

Early in January, we'll meet and discuss next steps. We're looking for your feedback – and help – too. If you have comments, suggestions or a few hours to spare helping with the program, email Carole Addis at cjeanaddis51@gmail.com or Sherry Devlin at sherrydevlin@gmail.com.