

Join interfaith leaders in 7 locations across Pennsylvania for the

ENERGY STAR® Pennsylvania Stewardship Tour

Tuesday, September 25	Wednesday, September 26	Thursday, September 27
9:00-10:30am at The Welcoming Place, 21 South 12 th Street, Akron, PA 17501 Hosted by the Mennonite Central Committee	9:00-10:30am at Trinity Lutheran Church, 649 Park Avenue, Meadville, PA 16335	9:00-10:30am at Reformation Lutheran Church, 102 West Rose Tree Road, Media, PA 19063
2:30-4:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 106 West Penn Street, Bedford, PA 15522	2:30-4:00pm at State College Friends' Meeting 611 East Prospect Ave. State College, PA 16801	
7:00-9:00pm at The Seminary, 616 Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, John Knox Room Hosted by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Christian Associates of SW PA, and Clean Air Council, SWPA-B	7:00-8:30pm at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17103	

ENERGY STAR[®] Pennsylvania Council of Churches PA Interfaith Power & Light, and our hosts welcome you!

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Virtually every faith tradition teaches stewardship: Out of gratitude and appreciation for what we have been given, we are taught to make wise use of gifts and assets such as financial and natural resources, the time and talents of congregation members, and the house of worship, itself, in ways that are responsible and accountable.

• However, like most U.S. commercial buildings, *the typical worship facility wastes about 30 percent of the energy for which its congregants pay*.

No-cost efficiency actions and careful investments can earn substantial savings to be returned to the mission of the congregation. *What could your congregation do with funds equivalent to 30 percent of your annual energy bill?* Also, while saving money, the pollution related to this wasted energy will be reduced—pollution that impacts human life and health. Further, natural resources will be conserved for our children and generations to come.

ENERGY STAR is the nation's voluntary program helping congregations, businesses, schools, homeowners, and tenants save energy and water—and therefore money. Local Pennsylvania faith communities are hosting ENERGY STAR presentations on tools, training, and technical support freely available at <u>www.energystar.gov/congregations</u>.

TOOLS:

- o Action Workbook for Congregations (PDF) for savings facts and strategies, action lists, no-cost/low-cost "Sure Savers" and more
- Free, online *Portfolio Manager*® tool for tracking energy, water savings, and recycling/material management, and the resulting pollution prevention at <u>www.energystar.gov/benchmark</u>

• TRAINING:

 Live and recorded webinars, FAQs, fact sheets, short videos, at <u>www.energystar.gov/buildings/training</u>

• TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

- ENERGY STAR Help Desk at <u>www.energystar.gov/buildings/help</u>
- JOIN ENERGY STAR:
 - Learn how your congregation can be an ENERGY STAR partner at no cost or obligation at <u>www.energystar.gov/joinbuildings</u>

