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Messiah University's Office of Sustainability
Official Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Seed Library Lunch & Learn

with Mt. Airy Orchards
November 8 | 12-1 pm | Library
Anthenaum

Tree Planting

November 11 | 1-3 pm | Lower
Garden on Grantham Road



Sustain-A-Fest Recap

By: Hanna Ryon, Communications Coordinator

On October 6, 2023, the Office of Sustainability welcomed a couple hundred students, alumni, and community members to Sustain-A-Fest 2023! We had 11 vendors come out, offering anything from cut flowers and iced coffee to education about tree conservation.

Sustain-A-Fest is the Office's opportunity to reach out to the community about the importance of local sustainability. We take the time to highlight the businesses and individuals who are committed to treading lightly on this earth. It is an exciting time to connect students to those who have similar missions to our office.

This year, the Office of Sustainability offered passports for students to ensure they visited each vendor. They were then entered into a drawing to win \$25 gift cards to Patagonia and REI. The winners were Callan Heise, Andrea Maneval, Arabell Harbaugh, and Danielle Leppert.

The Office of Sustainability's work does not stop when Sustain-A-Fest ends, but we continue to connect with local businesses and students throughout the year to ensure mutual support for their work. We are so grateful for Messiah's commitment to sustainability and the continued reconciliation of land.



Spiritual Restoration Through Tree Plantings

By: Hannah Hall, Biodiversity Coordinator

We have a responsibility to cultivate an appreciation for the natural world not only in ourselves but for the next generation. "Committing to spiritual wisdom and scientific truth, we can return to a more integrated relationship with the earth, where there is abundance for all, scarcity for none, and human life thriving in harmony with the natural world." -Faith Call to Action

The Sustainability Department at Messiah has organized a tree planting this November to replace valuable trees lost to environmental damage. We need you to assist in replacing trees within our food forest that will serve not only us, but the generations of students that will attend Messiah University after us.

We are focused on the impact of faith to restore balance to the land we've been able to enjoy throughout the seasons. If you are looking to create change, and widen your community, this event is going to bring us together towards a common goal of restoring the valuable land we call home.



This is a tree re-planting for three separate locations on campus. We are looking for volunteers to help us plant saplings, cover them with protective tree tubes, and stake them for stability.

If you are interested in learning more or have questions email us at; sustainability@messiah.edu



Information

Date : November 11th, 2023

Time : 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**Location : Lower Garden on
Grantham Road**

Swap n' Mend Recap

By: Aleesa Wu, Waste Coordinator

One of the most affordable and sustainable ways to update your closet is by thrifting your clothes. Through clothing donations of students and staff, the Office of Sustainability is able to host Swap N' Mend. Swap N' Mend occurred on Friday, October 27th in the Fishbowl.

During this event over 80 people came to drop off, collect, or mend their clothing! For those of you who missed it, please look out for this event next semester in March.

Please note that all clothing items at this event may be taken for free, and that no clothing donation is required.



Food Recovery Network Volunteers Needed

Messiah donates leftovers from Lottie to Bethesda Men's Homeless Shelter

Volunteers pick one hour every week to transport trays

Volunteers can use their own vehicle and commit to an hour of their time regularly

Volunteers will be trained and informed about how and where to transport the trays

Food Recovery Network is a non-profit organization working to reduce food waste and benefit local communities



SCAN TO VOLUNTEER!