

Sunday Forum - October 2025

Caring for Creation: Environmentalism

Oct. 5 “Ice Cores, Methane and Global Climate Change: From Rochester to the Poles”

Presenters: Dr. Vas Petrenko, Marky Mayanja , and Alex Ihle

The Ice Core and Atmospheric Chemistry Lab at The University of Rochester studies the changing composition of the atmosphere, how human activity impacts it, and how these influence Earth's climate. This presentation will include an overview of the current scientific understanding of climate change, its causes, and also highlight the research being done at the U of R. Our presenters will share photos and videos from their polar expeditions along with actual samples of ancient Greenland and Antarctic ice. Bring your questions!

Oct. 12 No Sunday Forum Congregational Meeting after Worship

Oct. 19 “From Neighborhoods to Nature: Planning Our Climate Future”

Presenter: Steve Howe, reporter for the Democrat and Chronicle

Steve Howe reports on weather, climate, and the Great Lakes for the Democrat and Chronicle, and will discuss the growing emphasis on local climate and environmental action, the role zoning plays in sustainability. Zoning codes and new large-scale projects such as the data center at the Science and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park (STAMP) Steve will also share about groups and actions that are currently taking place.

Oct. 26 “Plastics in Our Water”

Presenter: Kaeti Stoss, RIT Environmental Education Specialist

Kaeti is an educator at RIT's College of Science where she has delivered high quality environmental education for our region with a focus on water quality, the Genesee River, and other water bodies. She has led community engagement and education efforts for numerous projects related to water quality and plastic pollution. Kaeti translates science for the community in a way that is accessible and actionable.

Sundays, 9:45 AM ~ The Shaw Room

