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LOCAL CHURCH “GOES GREEN” TOGETHER WITH BOY SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT

Community Unitarian Universalists in Brighton celebrate earning Green Sanctuary Accreditation

Brighton, MI, November 4, 2016— A local Brighton church has much to celebrate this year. Community Unitarian Universalists in Brighton have earned their Green Sanctuary Accreditation. This Accreditation is designed to help congregations develop and work toward a vision of a healthier, more sustainable future.

“Earning a Green Sanctuary designation shows our commitment to environmental justice and the celebration of living on earth. Worshipping in a space that has pledged to live into the promise of a better earth upholds the values of Unitarian Universalism and our community.” -Julie Brock, Minister

Denise Urban and a team of members from the congregation completed twelve projects over a three-year period demonstrating the congregation’s commitment to environmental justice and sustainable action. Projects included service work by youth members in response to the Flint water crisis, offering green themed services, legislative advocacy, and teaching about the importance of monarch waystations, to name a few. One outstanding accomplishment is a playground built and designed by Hartland High School senior and member, Lane Kempf, as part of his Boy Scout Eagle Project. The playground is built of natural and recycled materials and includes a tepee, hopscotch area, balance beam, climbing rope and sound wall. Lane completed the playground to help his church achieve the Green Sanctuary designation and to work towards earning his Eagle Scout rank – the highest rank in Boy

Scouts. Lane did all of his own fundraising and planning, and is part of Troop 385 that meets at St Mary Magdalene.

"Because CUUB's building is new, the kids really needed an outdoor place to play. It was so cool to see how excited they were when we were finished. It was such a fun project." – Lane Kempf

A celebration of the Green Sanctuary status and dedication of the playground will occur on Sunday, November 13 from 10:30 to noon at Community Unitarian Universalists in Brighton, 3333 S. Old US Hwy 23, Brighton, MI. The public is invited to join in the celebration.

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