



December 1, 2024

**The Environmental Justice Mission Team
Invites Your Church to jump into:
Off-Plastics November/December**

Eliminating single-use plastic from our lives will help reduce litter, ease landfills, and reduce the use of petroleum for disposable products. It will reduce the volume of micro-pellets of plastic that are showing up on land, sea and air, and in animals and humans. It will signal to oil and gas producers that they can move on to cleaner energy because there will be less demand for petroleum products. It will reduce the amount of chemicals from plastic manufacturing, arriving in our air and water.



For more information go to: psec.org/plastics

Deadline to submit is December 15th.



Support OCWM in Your Giving Tuesday Generosity

Giving Tuesday restores some balance to the flurry of buying sprees around Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Our Conference is part of this Giving Tuesday movement! Using the "Giving Tuesday" button on the PSEC Donate page (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZJ53/home>), you can support Our Church's Wider Mission. OCWM supports mission taskforces, disaster response, new ministries, search and call, pastor trainings, justice work, and so much more!



We hope you will share this opportunity with your congregation, and support PSEC on Giving Tuesday or donate early!

**PSEC Anniversary Churches...
Christ UCC, Hegins —150 Years**

In the year 1817 a large log cabin church was built in Hegins and was named Friedens Church. It served both the Reformed and Evangelical Lutheran congregation. This included the people of Fountain. Many years later in 1840 Frederick Dinger donated the land across the road from the present Christ Church for the purpose of building a school. For 34 years this one room log building served as both school and church.



In 1873 they tore down Friedens Church in Hegins and build a new red brick church which left the people of Fountain without a church. It was decided to build in Fountain using money collected from the community to buy land from George Dinger.

In Spring of 1874 the cornerstone was laid and by November the building was dedicated. Membership numbered around 50.

In : 1881 – a new organ
1886 the church was Incorporated
1924 electric lights were installed
1934 installation of stain glass windows
1963 Christ and Friedens Churches merge to become Hegins Valley Charge
2000 became handicap accessible
2008 sanctuary renovated
2012 Pastor Claude Schach retired after 18 years of service
2020 Services held in parking lots during summer months, due to Covid
and today we celebrate the church's 150th anniversary.

