

Why did FUUSM go solar?

FUUSM's first step in using solar energy was long considered. The congregation is a certified Green Sanctuary, concerned with environmental justice and "green" practices in the life of the congregation and the lives of individual members. Following the Seventh Principle - **Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part** - the congregation's Green Sanctuary Committee and the Buildings and Grounds committee studied the feasibility of installing solar panels. Numerous energy-saving actions were taken and repairs to the building were made, including substantial repairs to the church roof. Once those were completed, the Green Sanctuary Committee made several presentations promoting the advantages of solar power. No grant money was available for the project, but a member of the congregation proposed that his company, Golden Rule, LLC, finance the project and receive payment from the congregation from savings on electric utility bills. In October 2016 Pickering Energy Solutions completed the installation of solar panels on the roof of the church building, and on November 4, 2016, the solar array began generating electricity for the church building. For much of the year, the panels will produce more energy than is required for the Sanctuary and Social Hall. Expanding the array and adding the RE/Office building to the solar power plant is the church's next step. We are grateful to Golden Rule, LLC, for stepping up again to finance additional panels. With that in mind, the anonymous donor who challenged FUUSM with an offer to match donations up to \$10,000 to expand the solar array agreed to apply the match grant to making the RE/Office Building as energy efficient as possible. You are invited to join this effort to support renewable energy in the Mid-Ohio Valley! Your donation to the SOLAR MATCH FUND is greatly appreciated!

Bringing FUUSM Into The 21st Century

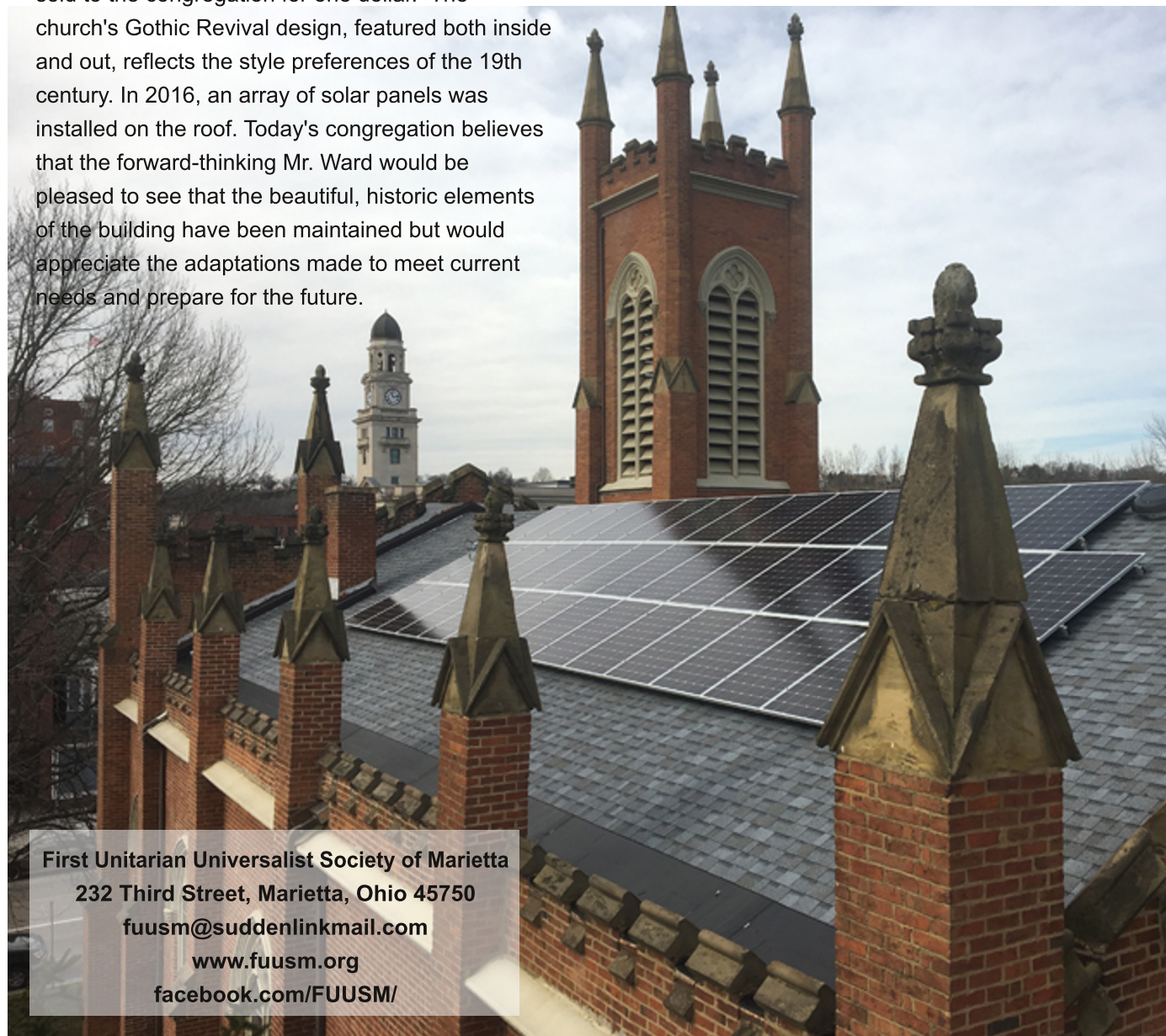
In 1855, Nahum Ward, a prominent land speculator and philanthropist, pursued the establishment of a Unitarian Society in Marietta. Financed by Mr. Ward, construction of the church began shortly thereafter. The building was completed in 1857 and sold to the congregation for one dollar. The church's Gothic Revival design, featured both inside and out, reflects the style preferences of the 19th century. In 2016, an array of solar panels was installed on the roof. Today's congregation believes that the forward-thinking Mr. Ward would be pleased to see that the beautiful, historic elements of the building have been maintained but would appreciate the adaptations made to meet current needs and prepare for the future.



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In Support of Renewable Energy in Our Community



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We've been challenged!

The Green Sanctuary Committee of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta is happy to announce a matching grant of up to \$10,000 from an anonymous donor to reduce FUUSM's carbon footprint! With more panels on the sanctuary roof and connecting the Religious Education/Office building to our solar power generation, we're focused on making both buildings as energy efficient as possible.

We have one year—***until Earth Day 2018***—to raise as much money as we can, and it will be matched dollar for dollar ***up to \$10,000***.

If we reach that goal before Earth Day 2018, we can get that gift right away—and start installing! Help us get started by contributing now. Or you may pledge your anticipated dollar amount support, and make the actual donation in payments over several months (or as a lump sum) **to be completed on or before April 22, 2018.**

Expansion plans are already underway.

By early July 2017, the installation company dug the trench for the conduit to connect the RE building. Golden Rule, LLC, made arrangements for acquisition of the additional panels. The donor placed the \$10,000 in the Marietta Community Foundation. Arrangements have been made for a special fund (off FUUSM's operational budget) in the FUUSM budget to collect donations. FUUSM's Board of Trustees has discussed this with FUUSM treasurer Linda Lawton, and it is set to go. The donor will match all donations (dollar for dollar) up to \$10,000.

What can I do to help the Mid-Ohio Valley move to a clean energy future?

By increasing FUUSM's use of solar energy, we're decreasing the carbon footprint of our city and the MOV. So we're reaching out beyond our walls to invite others in the community who support renewable energy to be part of our project.

Perhaps you'd like to add a solar installation to your own property, but your house isn't suitable: The roof line faces the wrong directions, and you have too many trees in your yard that you don't want to cut down for a free-standing unit. But you can help reduce this community's use of fossil fuels by supporting increased energy efficiency for FUUSM's buildings.

How can I contribute to the project?

To contribute:

Write a check to FUUSM, and in the memo line, write **SOLAR MATCH FUND**. Drop it in the collection plate on Sunday, or send your gift to FUUSM at 232 Third St., Marietta, OH 45750. So we can recognize your tax deductible contribution, please complete the form that is part of this brochure and enclose it with your check.

To pledge:

Complete the form that is part of this brochure, and send your pledge form to the FUUSM office or drop it in the collection plate on Sunday.

All pledges and donations must be realized on or before Earth Day 2018 (April 22).



Like many Marietta houses, the FUUSM Office is an old structure. Although updates have been made over the years, much more can be done to maximize its energy efficiency and further reduce FUUSM's carbon footprint.

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Please Donate or Pledge Now!

An anonymous donor will match donations dollar for dollar up to a total of \$10,000 toward reducing FUUSM's carbon footprint.

FUUSM's Board of Trustees, the Green Sanctuary Committee, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee support the project which would take us further toward a clean energy world.

We have until Earth Day 2018 to accomplish our goal. All money raised will go to a special fund - SOLAR MATCH FUND - completely separate from FUUSM's operating budget. You're invited to help us with an immediate donation or a pledge of donation to be realized on or before April 22, 2018. Please make checks payable to First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta with SOLAR MATCH FUND in the memo line.

Yes, I want to help turn \$10,000 into \$20,000 in support of renewable energy!

Here's a check for my donation of \$ _____.

I pledge \$ _____ to be donated by Earth Day (April 22) 2018.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please send checks and this donation form to:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

Please cut along dotted line and enclose form with your contribution or pledge.