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MOVCA Third Thursday Program Looks at "Plastics Overload"

PARKERSBURG, West Virginia – Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action's February 20th Third Thursday program, held at 7:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church (1400 Washington Ave., Parkersburg) will take a closer look at the environmental problems created by the world's dependence on single-use plastics.

The program will feature several short videos that tell the story of plastics, starting with the fossil fuel materials they're made from through their eventual end - but never complete disappearance - as waste. **Alex Cole**, community organizer for the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, will discuss the environmental impacts of "cracker" plants and other fossil fuel contributors to the climate crisis.

"Our January panel on local recycling brought into view the problems created by the volume of plastics in our waste stream " said **Jean Ambrose**, MOVCA co-vice-chair. "This month we'll zero in on single-use plastics like straws and plastic bags. The convenience of single-use plastics is one of the hardest things to give up, but single-use plastics may be the easiest thing we can eliminate from our daily lives to fight climate crisis."

"We learned about some positive recycling of plastics happening here locally," said MOVCA member **Adeline Bailey**. "But even our recycling panel presenters pointed out that recycling is just a band-aid on the problem of waste reduction, not a solution to the damage plastics cause to the environment in our throw-away society."

MOVCA Third Thursday programs are free and open to the public. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action focuses on raising awareness of the solid science establishing the danger of the climate crisis and the urgency of dealing with it. MOVCA supports the efforts

of 350.org, and Citizens' Climate Lobby, and is a Science Booster Club for the National Center for Science Education. The not-for-profit volunteer group also collaborates with other environmental groups on campaigns and events in the Mid-Ohio Valley. For more information, visit the organization's web page (<http://main.movclimateaction.org>).

