

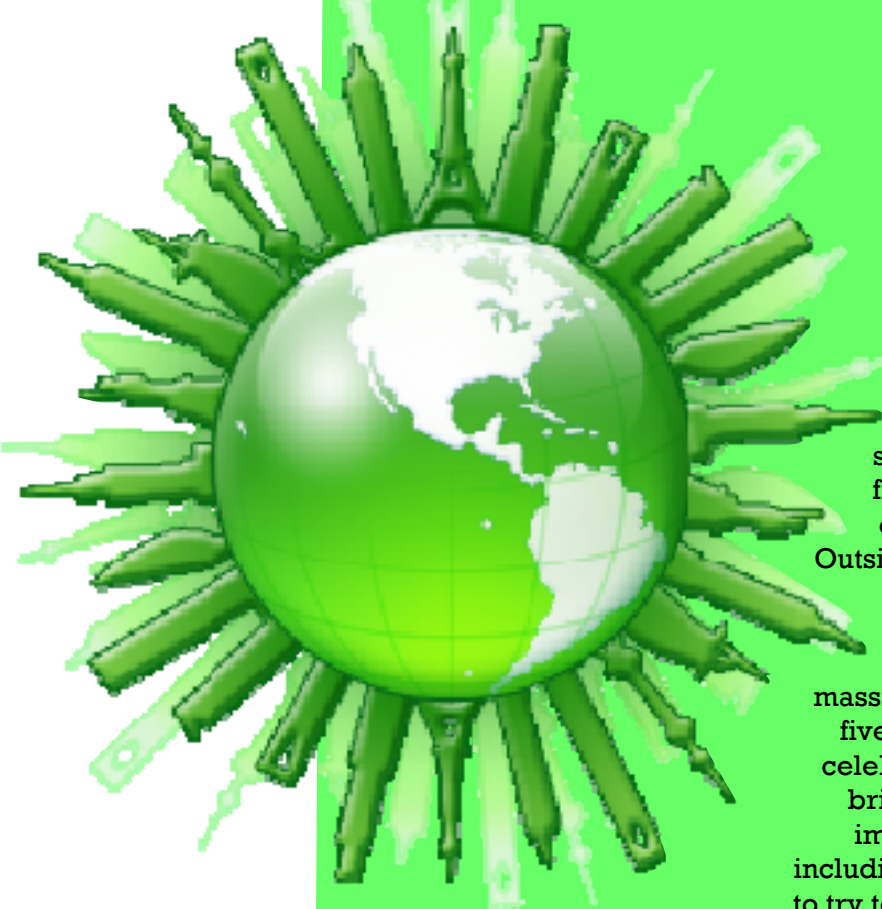
The Sixth Extinction

Why Should It Matter to Us?

Time: 12:30-3:30 pm

Date: 2/13/2010

**Trinity Episcopal Church
320 East College Street,
Iowa City**



Scientists tell us that if we continue our dramatic effects on nature (climate change, habitat destruction, invasive species, desertification, over hunting/fishing, etc.) up to half of the species in existence in 1950 will be gone by 2050. Outside of the science community, relatively little attention has been paid to this dramatic, human-caused “sixth extinction” (according to scientists massive species extinctions have happened five times during the earth’s history). In celebration of Darwin Day 2010 we want to bring serious discussion to bear on the implications of this monumental event including an appraisal of our moral obligations to try to mitigate the disappearance of so many of our fellow travelers on this beautiful planet.

Schedule:

12:30-1:15 – Lunch

1:15-1:30 – Introduction – David Depew, Communication Studies, UI

1:30-2:00 – The Sixth Extinction – Christopher Brochu, Anthropology, UI

2:00-2:30 - Why Diversity Matters Ecologically. John Dawson, Geology and Environmental Science, Kirkwood

2:30-3:00 - Why Species Matter Morally. David Bullwinkle, Philosophy, Kirkwood

3:00-3:30 - Why Species Matter Theologically. Diana Cates, Religion, UI

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