



**Celebrating that Christ is all and in all by seeking, inviting, belonging,
serving and reverencing God's creation**

On Wednesday, July 19, Creation Care at Grace teamed up with Grace Arts Ministry to host Creation Care Campers from First United Methodist, our covenant partner in the Creation Care Alliance of WNC. This is the second year that our two churches have planned a campers' day at Grace, and it is set to be an annual event. Grace Giving Garden volunteers taught campers, ages 8-11, about pollinators and the plants they need to flourish. Children also harvested produce, which they gave to the Food Pantry, and then they settled in for a story about monarchs. While half the group was in the garden, the other half created suncatchers using mason jar lids, oiled paper, colored markers, and string to hang them. The two groups then switched activities. Suncatcher designs, created by artist Patty Coulter, represented a variety of pollinators. Arts Ministry members Suzie LeClaire and Rena Steffel taught with Patty in the art project. After all campers had completed both sessions, they headed back to FUMC for a lunch prepared by Creation Care folks. The children were eager and excited students in the garden and in the art space to learn about the vital role of pollinators in our world.

