



Attendees enjoyed the service from the comfort of their lawn chairs and blankets!



There was plenty of room to play for our littlest attendees, both during, and after the service!



In addition to hanging out with the goats, this member of our "littles" led us in a dance during the closing medley led by World Beat Connection!

Blooming Grove United Methodist Church Service at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm



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What a glorious morning on Sunday, July 22nd! Under bright blue skies, BGUMC partnered with World Beat Connection of the MN Annual Conference, and with our rural neighbor, Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm of Blooming Grove Township, to host "Worship on the Farm", open to the public. With 73 in attendance, we joined together in community at the Pizza Farm to "Celebrate God's Wonderful World - and Join Hands to Care for It". The message in music, as shared by World Beat Connection, was wonderful, as was the participation of all in attendance through spoken word of the liturgy, hymn singing, hand clapping, and delightful dancing, led by our littlest members of the audience. Generous donations were given to provide \$662.75 towards MN UMC Volunteer in Mission supplies for a "Help Rebuild Puerto Rico" trip this fall, and to provide \$433.50 for the Waseca County Food Shelf. (Food Shelf funds include \$2.00 donation by the Pizza Farm per each of 30 pizzas sold that morning and \$\$ raised by a BG Bake Sale of Desserts.) The intergenerational fellowship afterwards, in this beautiful setting, over delicious pizzas baked in wood-fired ovens, was great. Thanks to Bill and Emily of the Pizza Farm for their gracious hospitality! Thanks also to everyone from BG who gave of their time, talents, energy, enthusiasm, hospitality, and donations of goods and supplies....in the weeks ahead of the event, as well as the day of the event....to make this all possible.



Pizzas were cooking while we worshipped, ready to be served from the "kitchen" windows, and announced by a dinner bell!



One of the best moments during worship was when this member of our "littles" released bubbles during one of the infectious upbeat songs from World Beat Connection!

