

## Tractor Pull Recap

After a week of massive rainfall, and uncertainty about the conditions of the “Lord’s Acre” on the south side of the church, we were blessed with a beautiful day of sunshine on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual BGUMC Farm Stock Tractor Pull. 19 drivers, with 28 tractors, gathered together to celebrate the drying weather in a “pulling community”, with 102 people total in attendance!

This year our “pullers” came from as close by as 1/2 mile down the road to Blooming Prairie, Medford, Faribault, Waseca, Owatonna, New Richland, Winnebago, Morristown, and Ames, Iowa! The tractors came in every color, make, model, and size, including Farmall, Minneapolis Moline, John Deere, International Harvester, Oliver, Cock Shutt, Super MTA, Allis Chalmers, Massey Harris, and Jet Star.

It was great to see multiple-generations of “pullers” in several families and to watch the passion for these old tractors being enthusiastically carried on by the young adults in attendance.

Larry Balzer was in charge, running each tractor through its paces with his pulling sled “The Equalizer”. He ended the day with a total of 37 “hooks” or pulls. His expertise, patience, and good humor in moving the pulling track several times due to soft conditions, were greatly appreciated!

Spectators were everywhere...sitting on the church steps, enjoying food at the concession stand, and sitting on lawn chairs and wagons on the church grounds. It was a great day of enjoying the great outdoors with great people! Thanks to the generosity of all involved, we raised \$1,160 in hook fees and donations, to be divided between the BGUMC restoration fund and the Kamisamba Farm/Training Center in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa. In addition, the United Methodist Women took in \$433.50 at the Concession Stand, with proceeds going toward Medford H.S. scholarships.

We extend our sincere thanks to the 30+ people from BGUMC who made this event possible through volunteering their time prior to and during the event, and donating food and beverages. Special thanks to Brad, Tracie, & Alex Spinler and Justin & Kristin Krell for spearheading the event and donating winner’s prizes!

