



SUNFLOWER SPOTLIGHT

Larned United Methodist Church

Summer 2015 marked the first year of participation in the SFSP for Larned United Methodist Church. Larned UMC kicked off the SFSP meal service with vacation bible school on May 26th. As expected, participation was high during the first week but what was not expected was that the numbers remained steady throughout the remainder of the June and July lunch meal service! The SFSP was coordinated by Debbie and Eli Makings who attribute the success of the SFSP to all the amazing volunteers who prepared and served the meals Monday through Friday from May 26th through July 31st. Throughout the SFSP various guests from the community were invited to the lunch meal service. One of the major events that drew high participation was the Child Identification day sponsored by the Pawnee County Sheriff's Office. The Summer 2015 SFSP was a huge success for the Larned community! Debbie Makings shared, "It has been amazing to see the community come together to help with feeding Larned's kids. We are so fortunate to have this opportunity to bring kids and families together in a safe and healthy way. Plans are in place to continue with the program next year and volunteers have already stepped up, committing their time and skills to the kids. Our program was a success due to the many churches, USD 495, civic groups and individuals volunteering their time and parents allowing their children to eat with us. The Larned community is looking forward to next summer!"