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United Methodist Women Learn About The Importance Of Environmental Stewardship On Pollinators

Amy Hughes, Keep Loup Basin Beautiful (KLBB) Project Coordinator, visited the Burwell United Methodist Women on May 3, 2017, and shared her passion of the environment and pollinators. Hughes presented on, “The Importance of Pollinators” and related the information to our environmental practices. The information was shared with around thirty women from around the area following a wonderful salad supper.

Audience members learned about the pollination process, pollinators, and why it is important. Hughes gave examples of what a pollinator is and how and what plant species are best suited for certain pollinators and why. Pollinator gardening was also discussed and the many options for plant and garden size were stated.

Hughes also discussed environmental stewardship and how humans play an integral role in the health of the environment around them and how they can improve the choices that they make. The plight of the Monarch Butterfly, Regal Fritillary, Honey Bee, and Rusty Patch Bumble Bee were discussed, why their populations are on a decline, and what actions are currently being done or planning on being done to assist in increasing those numbers. Proper disposal of unwanted items was discussed and how disposing of them properly conserves the land and environment around them immensely as many items takes decades to decompose in nature and in that time can have extremely adverse effects on the plants, animals and land that surround them. Audience members had many questions and comments following the presentation, one being “This needs to be being taught in our schools!” “This is very important information to know!”

Hughes enjoys presenting on these topics and invites anyone who is interested to contact her at amy@keploupbasinbeautiful.org.

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