



# Roots & Shoots Insider

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Join Us For

Wonderful Wednesdays

At Bethel UMC

4:00–6:00pm

4th Grade and Up

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- Green Church Initiative
- Amphibian Monitoring
- Monarch Migration Tracking
- “Simple Living” Activities
- Environmental Education
- Stumptown Adopt-a-Road
- Humanitarian Missions
- Heifer Project
- Walking For Water

## Spaghetti Dinner to be held at Bethel on March 10<sup>th</sup> to Fund Green Activities

Roots & Shoots will be hosting a Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 10th at Bethel United Methodist Church in order to raise money for their various projects.

Roots & Shoots is a Stewardship club that combines the best of the Jane Goodall Institute’s youth program with the United Methodist Green Church Initiative. The Club emphasizes the power of youth to have a positive impact on the environment and the communities in which we live.

Proceeds from the Spaghetti dinner will support the UMC “Nothing But Nets”,

the Fern Jenkins Memorial Butterfly Garden which will begin construction behind Bethel UMC in March 2007, and the adoption of a Ring-tailed Lemur to help preserve the ecology of Madagascar.

These 3 programs represent the three-pronged approach of our club to help our young people under-

stand the importance of valuing the human community, animals and the natural environment over which we have been given stewardship responsibilities.

Please join us for a wonderful meal and to learn more about how we can all become more involved in the care of God’s creation.



## Spotlight on Local Animals: The Salamander

Story: Corey Dudek

The salamander is a common amphibian in the United States. The presence of salamanders indicates that there aren’t too many toxic chemicals in the environment.

The amphibian’s skin is permeable, so it absorbs chemicals faster than other animals.

The salamander lives under rocks, trees and other places in the environment. Our club studies amphibians because we monitor them as well as other “indicator” species.



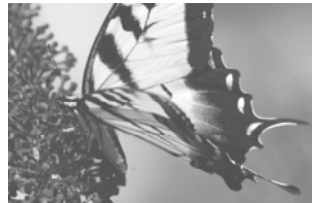
# The Fern Jenkins Memorial Butterfly Garden

Story: Eslynn Dudek

Fern Jenkins was an active member of Bethel UMC for many years. She was a Youth Group Leader and about thirty teens attended every meeting. She taught water safety and swimming to all kinds of people at Ida Lee Rec Center and was a Girl Scout Leader. She was a wonderful, kind, caring lady.

Fern cared about the Earth, protecting its resources and all the animals that roamed, here and everywhere.

Fern passed away a little over a year



Butterfly enjoying nectar from a local butterfly bush.

ago, and we are honoring her memory with a Butterfly Garden.

This Butterfly Garden will be a host for many different kinds of birds and insects. It will be an opportunity for us to learn more about our local environment and how we can care for it. It will also be an opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer..

## Nothing But Nets [www.nothingbutnets.net](http://www.nothingbutnets.net)

Story: Amy Skowronski

Malaria is common in Africa, especially in the sub-Saharan part, where Sierra Leone is located. One way to get rid of Malaria is with experienced medical personnel

with modern medicine and drugs. Another, simpler way is with mosquito nets. Our club is supporting this effort.

Over half of our Spaghetti Dinner funds will be sent to

purchase mosquito nets for people in Africa.

Malaria is a big concern for infants and the elderly. Any donation is greatly appreciated to help this cause.

## Endangered Species Focus: The Ring-tailed Lemur

Story: Caroline McCarry

We have chosen to adopt a ring-tailed lemur for our first "adopt-an-animal" project.

These adorable primates are endangered, and at least 15 species of lemurs have already become extinct.



Lemurs play an important role in the ecology of Madagascar. They are endangered because of the growth of human settlements and hunting

Through our support of this program, we are becoming more aware of the ecological web.

**"He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the air nest by the waters; they sing among its branches. He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work."**

Psalm 104

