



Cicero Christian Church is pleased to announce the launch of our newest "kindness in progress" servant evangelism program

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COMMUNITY GARDEN

to provide our community with free produce

We are blessed to have the green space for this program right along the walking path on Stringtown Pike. Our goal is to make the produce from the garden available to our community, ministries and congregation for free - yes, *something for nothing*. Our vision is that our church family and local community will park in our lot, or walk the Stringtown Pike path to pick from the Lord's bounty.

Our garden is planned and will be maintained by our church volunteers, with a strip garden of 2000 square feet, 1/2 acre of sweet corn, more than a dozen fruit trees, and plenty of room for expansion. We are installing an irrigation system from our on-site pond to provide free water to our garden.

Of course, it will take many volunteers (more than two dozen are involved already!) to make this happen, and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved, such as adopting a plant for the growing season.

Additional distribution goals include supplementing monthly *Angel Food* orders, supporting our weekly Soup, Salad and Scripture class, Wednesday Family Night meals, and Crosslight Christian School children in our in-house preschool, daycare and kindergarten ministries.

We are developing a teaching program with this garden to show those interested not only how to garden, but how to can/freeze, compost, and prepare for the next growing season.

We are seeking donations or discounts on goods and services, plants and seeds, or monetary gifts. See the list to the right.

The idea for this garden came after the annual budgeting process, and it must be supported through donations. You may choose to donate personally, or solicit local individuals or businesses for support on behalf of the church. A donation letter and list has been prepared for use, and is available at the information desk or may be printed from our website. Our tax exempt identification number is on the letter. Donated garden materials don't have to be new - look around for that old bucket of metal stakes, that extra trowel, or packets of seeds from last year.

As far as we have been able to determine, there is nothing of this kind in our county or surrounding areas, and we are excited about how God can work through this garden. Our team requests that you lift this project often to the Lord in your prayers. We invite you to stop by this summer to "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8)!

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COMMUNITY GARDEN SUPPLY LIST

Don't bring live plants to the church before April 20.
Adopt a Plant; current adopters in italic; "open" need adopted!
Strips are 50' long by 5' wide. *If you would like to receive contribution credit for a donation, turn in the receipt.*
All donations may be placed in the container near the office.

GARDEN SUPPLIES

- Trellis Supplies**
small-gauge wire fencing
6' tall metal fence posts
twine or heavy string
twistable metal wire
2" x 2" lumber, at least 8'
long sticks (for T-Pees)
Tomato cages
wooden stakes (3', 4', 5')
- Weed Control**
5' wide black plastic sheets
6" U-shaped metal stakes (100s!)
Straw or Mulch
Newspapers
"Roundup" or other weed killer
- Garden Signage**
Marking plant, advertising what is ready to pick, recognizing donations... see Beth Roberts
- Hand Tools**
Shovels, long handles
Garden Fork, long handle
Hand Trowels, Cultivators
Utility Knives
Utility Scissors
Hoes with long handles
Rakes - bow, leaf
Wheelbarrow(s)
Baskets/Buckets
Rain Gauge
Hammer
Pliers
- Storage**
Tool Storage Shed
Shelving/hooks for shed
Compost Bin(s)
- Plant Health**
Japanese Beetle traps
Insect Killer - Sevin, Bug-B-Gone, Spectracide, Liquid Dishsoap
Plant Food/Fertilizer
Milk Jugs (protect tender plants)
Bird/Bat Houses on posts
Fish Emulsion
Scarecrows
- Watering Tools**
50' soaker hose (16)
100' garden hose (4)
Garden Hose reels (for 200')
1 1/2 HP lawn sprinkler pump
2-way "Y" faucet with shut-off (8)
Hose Nozzles and Wands
Liquid Fertilizer/nozzle combo

PLANT SELECTIONS

Seeds needed unless annotated.

- Strip N1**
Herbs *Suzi Fisher*
Tubers:
Carrot, Radish, Beet, Turnip ... *open*
Garlic* Onions* *open*
- Strip N2**
Hot Peppers *
(jalapeno, cayenne)..... *open*
Sweet Pepper * (yellow, green, red) *Kay Messenger*
celery *
lettuce * (multi)} *open*
- Strip N3**
Cabbage * (red, green) }
Brussel Sprouts * } *open*
Spinach * }
Broccoli * } *open*
Swiss Chard * }
- Strip N4**
Tomato: *Roberts, Pam/Gary VanHook*
slicing (brandywine, beefsteak, big beef, celebrity); small (grape, sweet 100, cherry); yellow; roma
- Strip S1**
Asparagus *** *open*
Summer Squash: *open*
cucumber, zucchini, yellow
Winter Squash: *Devon Radant*
Butternut, Spaghetti
- Strip S2**
Strawberries * *** *open*
Rhubarb * *** *open*
Melons: *open*
cantalope, honeydew, watermelon
- Strip S3**
Peas (snow, sugar, snap) *open*
Sweet Potato * (slips) }
Red Potato * (slips) *** } *open*
- Strip S4**
Beans (pole, bush, shell) *Deb Meiring*
Eggplant * (experiment) }
Artichoke * (experiment) } *open*
Sunflower (south end) *open*
- 1/2 Acre Plot**
Sweet Corn. *Ron McGill, Mike House*
Pumpkin *open*
- Flowers for Insect Repellent**
Marigold, Nasturium
- Fruit Trees**
Pear, Apple, Peach *Becky Moore*

* leafy plant starts for spring season 2009, seed for greenhouse starts for 2010; from bulb, tuber, root division
*** preparing crop for 2010 harvest, may get some produce in 2009