

Grace Garden

Monthly Update

November 2021



It's almost the end of 2021! Already?! This has been a year of changes in Grace Garden as well as the rest of the world. Cid and Gwen are retiring from leadership as of Thanksgiving. The new leaders (Ann Liu, Renee Dryfoss, Karen Slinkard, Susan Knadle Salocks and others) will be taking over. We have worked with the new leaders during the transition. Dave Woods will be the liaison with the DUMC.

NEW CHANGES ARE HAPPENING

1. There is a new opportunity for those who are low income and would like to learn and grow fresh vegetables to have a row in the garden. There will be 4 rows dedicated for this project. One row has been taken by the Bartlett community at the Cannery. This is a low-income housing project. There will be 3 more rows available for people who are interested.
2. New pollinator plants will be planted against the east fence. Plants such as lavender, lemon balm, yarrow, lemon verbena and others will be planted this fall. The flowers are magnets for bees, birds and other pollinators to spread the pollen to the vegetables as they flower in the spring which will grow vegetables to help feed the those less fortunate. And with lots of rain and warm sunshine, the harvest should be awesome!
3. Another project that has started up near the parking lot, is a meditative area. There are upright pieces of tree trunks in a large circle to sit on. This is representative of Native Americans. All are welcome at the garden.

Our harvest this year totaled **1121.75** pounds. Not close to last year's 2089.5 pounds. Our best year was Oct. 2018, when we harvested **2494** pounds! The weather was very cooperative that year! Prayers are for rain and not fires for next year!

In this season of bountiful harvest, Gwen and Cid harvest their blessings of the garden, the volunteers and the fun we've had for the last 13 years! As we pass the torch (or should that be the shovel) we know the Garden is in good hands. Change is good and the Garden is ready or its next iteration! We are thankful for the blessings we have been given in Grace Garden and we are so grateful for the support of DUMC during this time. THANK YOU!! We look forward to seeing the garden go through its transformation while still holding true to our primary mission: feeding those less fortunate.