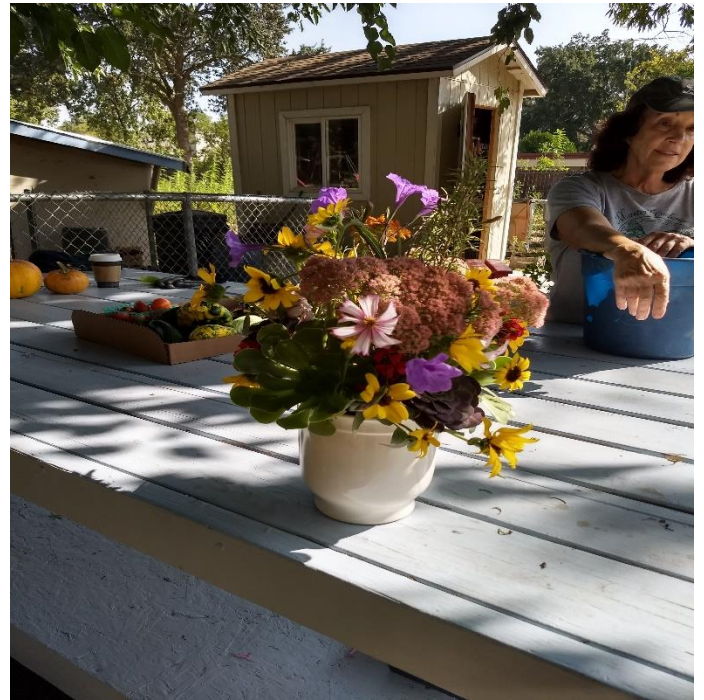


GRACE GARDEN UPDATE

JUNE 2021

There are some tomatoes ready for picking. We've picked a few squashes! The apricots only produced a few fruits but they were quite tasty. The plums and pluots have a lot of fruit still ripening. The nectarines and peaches are looking good! It's been a busy spring with lots of weeds coming out and bark chips being spread, compost being turned, and the Mediterranean area is getting weeded and watered.

Our student volunteers are amazing!! We couldn't keep up with all the projects without their help. We are so grateful for their hard work and tenacity of getting the job done! Classes are now over and graduations have happened. It will be quieter during the summer. But with our new leadership we will have more churches and community members coming out.



Grace Garden is in the process of finding new leadership. Gwen and Cid have been leaders for almost 13 years and are ready to re-retire. We are collaborating with members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Bet Haverim and other churches for service and justice for those who don't have the means to enjoy fresh vegetables and fruits for their meals. This has been the goal of Grace Garden since we began in 2009. This is an opportunity for anyone in our community to come join our team. To learn about gardening, different kinds of vegetables and fruits. It's an opportunity to make new friends and become part of our team.

Our workdays are **Monday, Thursday, and Fridays. Summer work hours are 8-10am**, to beat the heat. We have everything you'll need – tools, gloves, and water. So please consider joining us. We'll teach all about garden and enjoy getting to know each other! And there's always laughter! 😊