

## Garden of Hope Update

4-24-2021

Praise be to God, the crops are planted, the watering system is installed, and the crops are growing beautifully! I encourage you to come out to the church and see the wonderful mission we have achieved. Soon and very soon, we will be harvesting our first crops, and if you have not been able to help before, you can take the opportunity to help now.

First, allow me to thank everyone who have stepped forward to help organize, plan, move dirt and woodchips, plant and water crops. Special thanks to Donna Kehs and Bill Tracey who have continued watering chores until the system was up and running. And there is more to be done, and that is exciting.

Can you help us? There is a need for Day captains. People who generally have a concept on what needs to be done on a mutually agreed upon day to help volunteers complete their mission and find purpose in weeding, planting or harvesting our gifts of Hope. Day Captains will be asked to attend meetings discussing what needs to be done over a period of time. Details will be shared with the Day Captains and given support when needed.

In addition, volunteers will be needed. Signup sheets on our website will announce the dates when activities will begin. If you cannot signup online for any reason and wish to help, please call our church office at 610 326 1335 Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM, and or contact Marsha Staub at [marsha.staub@comcast.net](mailto:marsha.staub@comcast.net).

If you have time to weed beds and do general chores, contact Donna Kehs at [donnakehs@gmail.com](mailto:donnakehs@gmail.com) and or Pastor Scott at [psstaub@gmail.com](mailto:psstaub@gmail.com). We will give you instructions on the beds and you are welcome to do this great mission at your convenience.

There are great opportunities for families and individuals to do mission. Flower beds can be maintained by families and or individuals. In addition, there are activities being organized around food sourcing and scarcity issues, bees and our garden, and other educational opportunities.

“Celebrate God’s Creation” event in honor of Earth Day we are holding a social-distanced, mask wearing gathering April 25th, following the 9:00 AM parking lot service, from 10 AM until about 11 AM. We are planning a story time to start it off, then it will be on to child/youth-friendly learning stations (adults may enjoy some of them too), as well as a chance to “meet” our beautiful new community garden and learn all about it! Bring a lawn chair if you would like to sit and relax and take it all in. Outdoor play clothing and rain boots would be good for children if they want to go into the garden. Rain date will be next Sunday, May 2nd . Questions? Contact Deacon Carol at [caroldetweiler@comcast.net](mailto:caroldetweiler@comcast.net).

Harvest and Summer planting dates will be announced soon. Peace and see yah in the garden!