



Parma Lutheran Church Community Garden 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2017 the PLC Community Garden donated 1,133 lbs. of fresh produce to the Parma Hunger Center. Many additional pounds were taken home by gardeners. Crops included tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, green beans, squash, eggplant, beets, Swiss chard, kale, collards, lettuce, herbs, leeks, broccoli, radishes, onions, and kohlrabi.

The Garden has been “growing” for 7 years. and remains financially self-sustaining through plot fees and donations. Rainwater for watering plants is harvested from the church roof and channeled into storage bins, which now total over 1,200 gallons in capacity. In times of drought, the Garden uses tap water and reimburses the church.

Six designated Hunger Center plots donate 100% of their harvest to the Hunger Center. 24 plots are individually leased with 10% of their harvest pledged to the Hunger Center. The growing area of all plots totals 1,546 square feet.

Garden plots are leased to both PLC members and members of the community at large. It is a good balance that encourages community outreach.

Once the growing season is underway, vegetables are harvested twice weekly and delivered to the Hunger Center. Donations are packaged and weighed prior to delivery. The Garden thanks the congregation for faithfully supplying recycled clamshells and produce bags throughout the season. Storage cabinets in the Garden are sealed for the winter, but by mid-summer, we will again collect clamshells and bags you have saved during the winter months.



Applications for 2018 will be available in the narthex and online by late February. Even if you don't want to lease a plot, volunteers are always welcome to help tend and harvest the dedicated Hunger Center plots on an occasional or ongoing basis.

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