



2024 PLC Community Garden

Report to the Congregation

Serving the community since 2011

2024 was a productive year for the garden. Thanks to significant improvements made to the garden in 2023 and some amazing volunteers in 2024, we were able to donate 1,464 lbs. of produce to the Parma Hunger Center. That was our second-best total since 2011. Donated vegetables came from four dedicated Hunger Center plots plus 10% of harvests from leased individual plots. Some gardeners chose to contribute far more than 10%, which boosted our total. All available 12 ft. x 4 ft. plots were in production. Volunteers went the extra mile by serving on harvest teams and hand-delivering the harvest to the Hunger Center. Plot maintenance was also exceptionally good. We grew tomatoes, peppers, beans, kale, chard, lettuce, eggplants, squash, onions, and kohlrabi among other crops.

The Community Garden supports itself financially through plot fees and occasional donations by garden supporters. When rainwater collected in storage bins is insufficient, the Garden reimburses the church for any city water used. Plot fees finance the purchase of topsoil, wheelbarrows, shared tools, plastic mulch, plants for dedicated Hunger Center plots, and maintenance parts for the water collection and storage system.

The Garden thanks the congregation and the Hunger Center for donating the clamshell containers it uses to package vegetables for the Hunger Center.

Anyone with an interest in gardening is welcome to join us, either church members or from the larger community. Applications are available from the church office, in the narthex, or online at plc-parma.org. Have time to help harvest but not garden your own plot? Your help would be appreciated. If you want to participate, there is a place for you!

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