

Communion Garden Vision Document

Purpose Statement

The goals of Communion Garden are many multi-faceted. We pray it will be...

1. A place of connection and communion with our people and our community.
2. A place where the original God-given task of gardening is rediscovered by participants.
3. A place where healthy food is grown, and generosity is practiced as we give portions to others.
4. A place where we marvel at the creative powers God has instilled in creation and we share in the marvels of our great God and His creation.
5. A place where people are taught and take with them the skills necessary to grow and produce their own foods for the rest of their lives.
6. A place where active living is rediscovered and the health benefits that come from active living are experienced.
7. A place that will draw the attention of a watching community that we might be given opportunities to share the life, love, and message of Jesus Christ.

Scope of the Project

A garden approximately 220x135 feet is planned. It will contain 80 4x12 raised beds with irrigation run to each, an 18-tree orchard with peach, plum and fig trees, a 12x16 tool shed and a 12x16 covered arbor. An 8-foot fence to protect from wildlife will also be built.

The garden will be an organic garden with no chemical pesticides or fertilizers unless approved by garden leadership.

Participants

There will be no cost for participants other than what they choose to plant and possible automatic watering system unless they choose to water by hand. Both are encouraged.

60 of the 80 raised gardens will be reserved for church members and academy families and 20 will be reserved for the community.

Participants will be required to attend an orientation meeting with garden leadership before planting their gardens. These will be scheduled as soon as construction begins and we have a good idea when the garden will be ready for planting.

If able, participants will be encouraged to assist with the construction of the various projects that will be undertaken to bring this to fruition. However, this is not required as we realize some may not be able to share in the manual labor of construction but can participate in gardening.

Timeline

February-March

- Permits secured.
- Irrigation installation.
- Raised garden containers ordered, built, and filled with soil.
- Orchard planted.
- Cardboard and mulch laid.
- Tool shed and arbor installed.
- Participants begin registering to secure plots.

March-April

- Fence installed.
- Orientation meetings begin.

April

- Planting begins.