

# Community Garden 2016

Canby United Methodist Church



*Grounds for Growth  
Food for Body, Mind and Spirit  
offering a place for our  
community to connect with God,  
creation, and each other.*

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**Boldly making disciples:**

**vitalizing the church, transforming the world.**

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Greetings! Welcome to our "Grounds for Growth."

We are anticipating many great hours with you and others from our Canby community, sharing gardening tips, life stories, food preparation ideas, and maybe even some unexpected life encouragement and wisdom.

As we look toward another growing season we are reminded of the number of growth metaphors related to life. We often talk about "sowing seeds" and "harvesting the fruit" of our labors. God has much to teach us through the soil, the seeds, the weeds, and the vegetables and fruits which come at the end of the growth process.

We at Canby United Methodist Church are looking forward to growing with you this year through the ministry of the Community Garden. We would love to hear your stories and how the garden touches your lives. Please feel free to contact me through the church office to share stories, ask questions, or to connect more directly with Canby UMC.

Looking forward to growing together!

Pastor Karen Shimer

Be the Gardener of My Soul  
by Richard Foster

Spirit of the living God, be the  
Gardener of my soul.  
For so long I have been waiting,  
silent and still.  
--experiencing a winter of the soul.

But now, in the strong name of Jesus Christ,  
I dare to ask:  
Clear away the dead growth of the past,  
Break up the hard clods of  
custom and routine,  
Stir in the rich compost of vision  
and challenge,  
Bury deep in my soul the implanted Word,  
Cultivate and water and tend my heart,  
  
Until new life buds and opens and flowers.

Foster, Richard J. Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home. New York: Harper Collins, 1992.

## Fee Schedule and Dates

5' x 10'	= \$17.00
5' x 20'	= \$25.00
5' x 23'	= \$25.00
5' x 40'	= \$28.00
10' x 10'	= \$25.00
10' x 20'	= \$28.00
13' x 23'	= \$30.00
20' x 20'	= \$33.00
20' x 38'	= \$40.00

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Sign up begins

April 16<sup>th</sup> - Garden set to plant

## Ten Basic Garden Rules

1. Participate in spring and fall cleanups.
2. Plant your plot by June 1, or lose it.
3. Keep your plot clean, and help maintain common areas, paths and fence lines.
4. Conserve water, don't waste it.
5. Avoid chemical pesticides.
6. No herbicides.
7. Prepare your plot for winter by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Clean up. Protect your soil from erosion.
8. No pets in the garden.
9. Children must be supervised in the garden.
10. Discourage theft: harvest promptly. Don't pick from other plots.

## Success and Security at the Garden

The following tips are intended to help ensure your success at the garden, minimize theft and vandalism and keep you safe while gardening.

### Successful Community Gardening

- Plan to visit your garden two to three times a week during the growing season. Make a schedule with yourself or other gardeners. Write it in your calendar. Post a colorful reminder on the fridge. Because your garden is not located outside your front door or back door, it's sometimes easy to forget that there is weeding, watering, staking or harvesting to do.
- Attend scheduled meetings and workdays. This will help you meet other gardeners and become a part of your gardening community. You'll also learn about the various jobs and projects that need to be done to keep your garden in shape.
- Make friends with other gardeners. Experienced gardeners are an invaluable resource at your garden. Pick their brains for gardening tips. Visit their plots to see how they stake their tomatoes or trellis their beans.
- Volunteer for a garden job. Community gardens don't manage themselves. They require a fair amount of work. By pitching in on a certain job or project, you'll be supporting the garden as a whole and ensuring that the work is spread among many people.
- Educate yourself. Check out books from the library. Attend classes. Become a Master Gardener. There's always something to learn about gardening. The more you learn, the more success you'll have.

### Security and Personal Safety at the Community Garden

- Know your neighbors. Learn the names and a little about your non-gardening neighbors. Share some extra produce. Take the time to visit with them about how the garden works if they're not familiar with it. You may be surprised to find that people just assume that they can take food from the garden. "Hey, it's for the community, right?"
- Harvest produce on a regular basis. Some people use the excuse that "a lot of food is going to waste" to justify taking food from a garden without permission. During harvest season, let garden leaders know if you plan to be out of town for more than a few days. Gardeners can harvest for you and donate the food to a local pantry.
- Consider growing unpopular, unusual, or hard to harvest varieties. People generally go for easy to snatch things like tomatoes, peppers and corn.
- Grow more than you need.
- Put a border or fence around your plot if your garden rules allow it. Even a simple barrier can be a deterrent.
- Use common sense. Even though your garden may be well-lit from street lights, only garden during daylight hours. Garden in pairs or keep a cell phone nearby if it makes you feel more comfortable.
- Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to garden leaders and the police. The more people who are looking out for the garden and talking about what's going on, the more success you'll have at being safe and curbing unwanted activities.

# Gardener Application

1. Gardener: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Gardener partner: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Gardener address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Gardener Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Gardener e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner email: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Did you have a plot in this garden last year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

7. Number of plots this year \_\_\_\_\_ Plot size \_\_\_\_\_ Fee per plot \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total plot fee paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. As the Community Garden grows which area would you be interested in helping?

- Garden Leader
- Registrar
- Grounds crew
- Maintenance crew
- Supply crew
- Composting crew
- Events crew
- Treasurer
- Communications crew
- Outreach and community relations
- Horticulture advisors
- Monitors
- Security
- Translation
- Organizing committee

9. If you are a new gardener, would you like an experienced gardener to help you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

10. If you are an experienced gardener, would you like to help a new gardener? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

11. Photo permission: From time to time, gardeners, garden leaders and the media will take photos of the garden. Please check here \_\_\_\_\_ if you DO NOT give your permission for your photo to be published. If you do not give your permission, please let photographers know when you encounter them at the garden.

12. Phone and email: All gardeners are required to share their phone number and email address with garden leaders. In addition, a gardener phone and email list is shared with all gardeners. Please check here \_\_\_\_\_ if you do not give your permission to share your phone number and email with all gardeners.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the Gardener Guidelines and plan to abide by all of the garden rules. I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the garden group and owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or my guests.

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Signature(s)

Date