

The Vernon United Methodist Church Community Organic Garden

The VUMC Mission and Outreach committee has identified a new mission that compliments our existing Food Pantry Mission. It is called the **Community Organic Garden**. The purpose of this mission is to grow organic food at a local farm and distribute the produce to our church community, especially those who frequent our food pantry. A plot of land on local farm on Rt. 94 in Vernon has been identified for our use.

To get this mission started we need your help and support in several ways:

1. We need volunteers to help set up and maintain the garden on a regular, scheduled basis. This involves tilling and cultivating the soil, obtaining and adding organic fertilizers and compost, and removing weeds and pests.
2. We need volunteers to help repair, expand and maintain the deer and rodent fencing surrounding the garden, and to provide and install weed control cloth and/or mulch.
3. We need seeds and seedlings that can be purchased and/or donated by our members or by soliciting donations from local farmers or farm stores.
4. We need volunteers to help harvest and clean the ripened, fresh produce and distribute it to our church community in a timely manner.
5. We need volunteers to maintain, and provide fuel for, a mechanical tiller available for our use.
6. We also need financial donations to purchase whatever is not donated.

More detailed information and volunteer and donation sign-up sheets are available at the church office.