

THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE SOUTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SUMC) COMMUNITY GARDEN!

Our Mission: We will work to build a sustainable, healthy, equitable, and resilient community by

- Providing gardening space to those who have no place to grow vegetables at home
- Offering a safe space where community members can work side-by-side and share ideas for what to grow and how to successfully grow healthy food.
- Giving away any excess produce to community members in need.

Guidelines and Rules of Etiquette for the Community Garden

HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTE: Due to the COVID19 crisis, the following additional safety rules in boldface type apply from April 2020 until further notice:

- **Masks should be worn whenever there are people from different families gardening.**
 - **A six-foot social distance should be maintained between families.**
 - **Gloves should be worn when using common systems (e.g. water faucet). It is recommended that each person or family bring their own hand tools and watering can.**
1. The SUMC Community Garden grounds are being cared for in an environmentally friendly manner. For this reason, please avoid the use of chemicals or synthetic fertilizers (i.e., “Miracle Grow”) herbicides (i.e., “Roundup”), or pesticides.
 2. Water is provided in holding tanks in the garden area. Please be kind to other gardeners and make sure the faucets are completely closed after you have filled your containers. This water is for the plants and washing hands, not for drinking.
 3. Personal hoses are not permitted to be connected to the faucets. One can be provided for community garden usage upon prior request.
 4. Please do not smoke in the garden or seating areas. Smoking is not permitted on the SUMC campus.
 5. Daily gardening hours are dawn until dusk.
 6. Please do not play loud music that would disturb other gardeners.
 7. All participants must carry out all personal trash upon leaving.
 8. Harvest only your own crops. Do not partake from fellow gardeners’ space without asking.
 9. Please note, you are responsible for the conditions and care of your space.
 10. Each gardener is responsible for providing a plot sign with your name, family name, or nickname.
 11. A common pathway divides each plot from the others and must be kept open for the access of others. This will allow wheelbarrows, mowers, and people to be able to travel through the garden area without hurting anyone’s plants or materials. Do your part to maintain a clear walking path from tools, gardening materials, and overgrown vegetation, at all times.
 12. The garden membership fee is a yearly (March to March) cost of \$25 per allocated space for individuals, households, groups, and organizations. Please make checks payable to SUMC. Please write SUMC Community Garden in memo. **No one will be turned away for inability to pay.**
 13. The SUMC Community Garden is intended for Manchester residents with a priority given to Building Healthy Families participants and SUMC Members.
 14. One mandatory meeting is required in the Spring, to be attended by the gardener or representative, to start the growing season together. If you should have any questions and or concerns, please contact Peter Tullson at 860-375-0121 or Jeff Kieft at gjkieft@yahoo.com or 720-882-8796.

SOUTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SUMC) COMMUNITY GARDEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Address: _____

Organizational Affiliation (if any): _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

What is the best way to contact you? _____

- Yes, I want to be on and receive a contact list of all my fellow gardeners.
- Yes, I am interested in any volunteer opportunities in the SUMC Community Garden.

By signing this application, I agree and accept the rules provided to me and will be responsible for this gardening community. I certify that the information I have provided is accurate. I hereby release and discharge South United Methodist Church, Manchester, CT from any bodily harm, damage, or loss of whatever kind or in any manner connected with the SUMC Community Garden.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this application to Peter Tullson, or Jeff Kieft or to the SUMC Office at 1226 Main St, Manchester, CT. Applications can be emailed to gjkieft@yahoo.com

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Fee Paid: ___ Check #: _____ Cash: ___ Fee Owed: ___ Rental Period: _____

Assigned Plot: _____ Application/Garden Fee Received By: _____ Date: _____

Please make checks payable to "South United Methodist Church" & note "Community Garden" in the memo.

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