

Nimmo Community Garden Volunteer Guide

Thank you for volunteering with the Nimmo Community Garden

Our Mission: to share God's love by growing and giving fresh, organic fruits and vegetables to people and to provide an opportunity for discipleship through service, education and community.

We are a ministry of Nimmo United Methodist Church and located on their property at 2040 Nimmo Church Lane, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Other programs include Community Garden Plot rentals and Nimmo United Methodist Church Blessing Ministry through the cutting garden.

Contact: Nimmo Garden Coordinator at garden@nimmochurch.com. Facebook at www.facebook.com/nimmogardens

Background: Since 2009, we have grown organic fruits and vegetables to share with the community through various organizations. The garden has expanded through the years to meet the needs of the community, most recently the COVID pandemic. The size is approximately 150 x 60 ft.

Volunteers plant, maintain, harvest and deliver throughout the year.

WE WOULD NOT EXIST WITHOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS

FAQ

Do I need to know anything about gardening? Absolutely not! We will be happy to teach you everything you need to know. The only requirements are a happy heart and willing hands. We provide the tools and supplies.

Where does the food go? Our food supports seniors at Russell House and Sullivan House, the Judeo Christian Outreach Center at the Oceanfront, and food pantries at Courthouse Community United Methodist Church and Nimmo United Methodist Church.

How much do we grow?: With your help, we average over 2,000 pounds of organic fruit and vegetables each year. If we assume a standard 1/3 lb serving per person that's 7,500 people served each year!

Where do we get your plants? We start all of our plants from seed. Most are started in our greenhouse by our dedicated greenhouse volunteers. The rest go in the ground on Planting Day, always the first Saturday in May.

What is our growing season? Our official growing season is May to October. Work in the garden is almost year round!

Who helps? Anyone and everyone! We have volunteers from every walk of life, all ages, from our church, from every other church, and the community, all over the area. And we can always use more. The garden would cease to exist without our volunteers.

Do we compost? In a manner of speaking. We are fortunate to have a composting service that picks up our “excess” green and “brown”.

What is our water source? We use a well located in the pump house. We have four hydrants and hoses that support the Community Garden Plots and a sprinkler system in the garden,

What do we grow?'

Fruit:

Blueberries, Cantaloupe, Watermelon

Vegetables

Asparagus, Green Beans, Cucumbers, Lettuce, Sweet Potatoes, Green Peppers, Tomatoes, Zucchini, Summer Squash

When can I volunteer? There are a variety of opportunities. We have weekly workgroups during the growing season, dropping to once a week on the off season. Once you've become a regular volunteer, you're free to come and go, doing independent work since the work never stops in our garden.

How can I get more involved? You've already taken the first step. Register as a volunteer by filling out the Volunteer Registration Form here at the website. Watch for news on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nimmogardens or email garden@nimmochurch.com

We can't wait to see you in the Garden!!!