

Garden Committee

The Garden Committee for Good Shepherd had an active year in 2022, completing Spring & Fall Clean-Ups, mulching, weeding, pruning, and other ongoing maintenance from April through October. We added some new plants to continue the array of color and variety of plants in the garden. A big thank you to Leo Martineau, Junior Warden, who offered to install a soaker watering system on a timer which allowed us much more flexibility in ensuring the garden had the water it needed, especially during those very hot and dry periods. The team also worked with Leo in removing the raised beds in the lawn area of the garden. The structure of the beds was deteriorating so all of the plants were moved to the primary perimeter garden. This also allowed this area to be seeded for grass which will provide more open space for tables during Coffee Hours. We are working on four goals for next season in addition to typical maintenance activity: adding a bench along the garden wall, leveling the lawn in the garden area for safer walking, installing a lattice backdrop to the back garden section to enhance aesthetics of that area, and better weed control throughout all of the church grounds. Thank you to all committee participants for their great teamwork: Nancy Hansen, Cindy Willis, Joy Packert, Richard Packert, Marjorie Strong, Ron Hirsch, and Christina Hirsch. Thank you also to Jim Willis for keeping the lawn in the garden area mowed. The garden is a bright spot not only for our church but for our community. It provides a place of respite and reflection for those who often stop by for a few minutes as they are walking downtown. Also, while gardening, we often find ourselves providing support as many folks stop to inquire about Good Shepherd, ask other questions, need assistance, get directions, or just need to talk. They truly value the garden as a “gem in our neighborhood.” If you are interested in joining the Garden Committee, please contact Linda Webster.

Respectfully submitted,

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