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Garden notes - Week of January 7th - 2018-01-07 03:27

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2018 is here!!! It has been a practical education of dry, bitter cold all week with below freezing highs and single digit to subzero wind chills. Any hope for above ground harvest is definitely gone, however, carrots, onions and garlic keep hope alive. There is expected precipitation on Monday.

*Rain gauge read 1.5 inches.*

Looked at the collards and kale today and it seems there may be hope for another harvest! We will see.



## Garden notes - Week of January 21st - 2018-01-21 20:19

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So dry...



**January 24th**

*Rain gauge read 0.4 inches*

We need more rain.

## Garden notes - Week of January 28th - 2018-01-31 20:24

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**January 31st**

*Rain gauge read 0.7 inches*

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## Garden notes - Week of February 4th - 2018-02-08 16:30

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**February 8th**

*Rain gauge read 0.5 inches*

## Garden notes - Week of February 11th - 2018-02-13 23:38

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### February 13th

*Rain gauge read 0.5 inches*

## Garden notes - Week of February 18th - 2018-02-18 16:51

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### February 22nd

*Rain gauge read 0.2 inches*

Ground garden rototilled. Some of the raised beds still need manure and we think what is left over will be enough.

## Garden notes - Week of February 25th - 2018-02-28 23:23

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### February 27th

*Rain gauge read 0.2 inches*

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## Garden notes - Week of March 4th - 2018-03-07 23:38

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### March 7th

*Rain gauge read 0.1 inches*

Garden meeting at 11:15am after worship tomorrow Sunday 11th. Agenda is to talk about cleanup and set up of the garden for spring planting. Planning what is going to be planted and where. The planned planting date is Saturday March 24th at 10am.

*Rain gauge read 0 inches.*

Meeting was had. The irrigation pipes will be laid first and then the first planting is planned for this Friday the 16th. The carrots planted last time did not make it due to the slug invasion. We will dig up and see if anything survived. Also, there are some surprise onions in bed E, the collards in beds 3 and 4 made it through the winter. We will pluck the dead leaves and start the harvest process for that soon.

### **March 15th**

A new irrigation system has been set up. Some beds still need manure but we will fill them as we go.



### **March 16th**

Carrots have been planted in bed D. Watering by hand will be needed when it does not rain.



### **Garden notes - Week of March 18th - 2018-03-18 18:29**

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Planting day is coming up in 6 days. Carrots are already in and next will be cabbage, romaine, turnip greens, possibly beets. Below is a map of the plan.

#### **March 23rd**

Planting day has officially been cancelled. Forecast of snow on Saturday and 20 degree temps on Monday have us being cautious. Last year taught us well.

Curly kale, cabbage and spinach ready for planting when we can



**March 26th**

It did not snow, however, Monday is still forecast to be cold. Planting day has been moved to tomorrow, Tuesday 3/27, between 1p and 3p.



March 27th

Manuring and planting is done! The hardest part about it was digging up the Jerusalem artichokes we planted last year. Those things are wild. They hide under the roots of other plants so you do not find them, and they can grow in secret. Good thing we were clearing the whole bed to begin with so all the plants that were in that bed were removed. We almost filled a big trashcan with the stems and roots. It looks like we will be pulling up whatever pieces are left for the rest of the year. Lesson learned! Everything in the garden was hand watered.

We have planted cabbage, 45 and 75 day varieties

x





curly kale





lettuce seeds in beds B and C as well as in between the cabbage





spinach in bed F



turnip greens



### **March 28th**

Expected rain did not happen. Watered the lettuce seeds

### **March 29th**

Watered the spinach, carrots and kale after the Maundy Thursday worship service.

### **March 30th**

Rained a little overnight. Rows were watered by drip hose, carrots were additionally watered by hand.  
Reflect on Good Friday

Picked collards (some had started to bolt). 8.55 lbs. Delivered to Salvation Army.



*Rain gauge read 0.1 inches*

Happy Resurrection day!



### **April 2nd**

Carrots were hand watered.

### **April 5th**

Whole garden was watered by drip hose and hand watering. There is rumored snow on Saturday, which makes us nervous. The forecast is for 0.7 inches, but we know how that goes. We will wait to a closer time to decide what to do about our newly sprouting lettuce and carrots and other seedlings.

### **April 6th**

The garden was featured in the local NBC news station, WSLN, as a recipient of the Lynchburg Food Council grant for community gardens.

<https://www.wsls.com/news/virginia/lynchburg/lynchburg-food-council-offers-grants-for-community-gardens>

The rain/snow mix yesterday, Saturday, watered the garden enough we do not have to water today. The forecast is for more rain tomorrow. We are working on a watering schedule and if you would like to become a part of that, please check emails this week for an upcoming message. The cabbage plants do not look their best but we will keep working with them and pray for lots of grace.

A representative from one of our veggie recipients, [Miriam's House](#), visited the church today and we gave a tour of the garden.

A short meeting was called today to decide where we would plant a couple of peach trees that are being generously donated by a congregant's coworkers in memory of her mom, our resident Master Gardener, Sarah Michaels, who passed away recently. This proposed site will be shared with the deciding committee this week.

Proposed peach trees







Proposed site. Don't they make great tree representatives?



This location used to be the Fort Ave Road before the current one in the background was built. There is a chance there is old road material and gravel below the innocent looking grass. It is such a good spot for sunshine and proximity to the garden. If the location is accepted, we will try digging with an auger. Praying for the best.

**April 9th**

The Centra Foundation is offering a follow up grant to gardens who received grants last year in the amount of \$500. With these funds, we can construct a compost bin system. Would we like to apply for this? The write up is minimal. Please respond to the email if you have any ideas.

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## Garden notes - Week of April 15th - 2018-04-15 19:33

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Tonight we are expecting stormy weather with high winds.

### April 16th

*Rain gauge read 1.7 inches*

Tornado type damage was felt a couple of miles from where we are located. They have not officially ruled it a tornado. The damage is very heavy and thank the Lord there have been no reported severe injuries or deaths. We keep in prayer those that have been affected.

For us, the swing was the only thing affected as far as we can tell right now.



Ummm, what are those non kale plants in there? I have a terrible feeling they are Jerusalem artichokes.



#### **April 19th**

Randomly thinned romaine and turnip greens. Pulled the bolted collards and dug up some chokes. Yes, it turns out it's worse than we thought. All the other plants in bed 1 that are not kale are Jerusalem artichokes. Oh dear...

Need to water on Friday, though we are expecting more rain showers today.

#### **April 20th**

Drip hose and hand watered everything. pulled more chokes out of bed 1 and weeded bed 2 (flower bed).

Today we submitted our application for the Centra Foundation followup grant of \$500. Now we wait to hear from them, but in the mean time... we continue.

#### **April 21st**

Planted 3 peach trees. 2 Contender and 1 Georgia.



Watered with 5 gallons each and



set up a deer fence around each tree.



We were joined by Sarah's sister and daughter.

Pulled more chokes in bed 1. If you accidentally cut the root, the tiny remaining part becomes a new plant. They are hiding under the kale as well. Watered the kale after that.

Cabbage leaves don't look very healthy but we decided to leave them and also have the soil pH tested by the Va Tech extension office.



#### **Garden notes - Week of April 22nd - 2018-04-22 19:32**

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Randomly thinned lettuce and turnip greens. Watered kale. Took 5 soil samples to send for the pH test. 1 with a mix of the soil at the 3 peach trees, 1 each from the upper ground bed and lower ground bed in between rows 1 & 2 and rows 4 &5.

#### **April 24th**

Good news!!!! We received the \$500 grant we applied for from the Centra Foundation. These funds will be used to build our compost bin system.

*Rain gauge read 3 inches*

On the chokes again... Even our garden guest was not spared.



Picked spinach



Totaled 2.42 lbs. Delivered to Salvation Army.



Watered the peach trees by hose for 2.5 min each. Watered the whole garden by drip hose and hand.

Flowers coming in!





### **May 2nd**

Rain gauge read 0 inches

Watered ground beds with drip hose from noon to 4p and also hand watered the same area for a little extra. Also watered raised bed 2 (flower bed).

Randomly thinned romaine, turnip greens and lettuce that is in between the cabbage.

### **May 3rd**

Watered the peach trees with 10 gallons of water each. We timed how long it would take to fill a 5 gallon bucket with out hose to give us a time frame. 2 min for a bucket, so each tree got 4 min. Drip hose watered the top beds as well.

Picked spinach and kale for a total of 2.93 lbs. This was delivered to the Food Bank.

**May 7th**

*Rain gauge read 0.25 inches*

The whole garden was drip hose and hand watered. Expecting some rain on Thursday, though we do not know how much. After that, we will decide the next time to water. If you can help, please respond to the emails and/or texts.

We have fruit!



We will be having a discussion on if we should pick them now to allow the trees to put energy into growing. Possibly leave 1 for every cluster on each branch so we can see how the fruit does. This is do exciting!!!

**May 9th**

Picked spinach, kale and lettuce. Totaled 8.49 lbs. Delivered to Food Bank.



**May 12th**

*Rain gauge read 0.1 inches*

The cabbage looks fantastic! Lots of grace and mercy.



Carrot shoots are up as well. Not as much as our carrot expert had hoped for but better than the last time when the slugs attacked our last crop.

Pulled chokes from bed 1. We are gonna need a better method at this. They seem to be multiplying every time we pull them. Fingers hurt from digging and tugging etc.

Lettuce is looking good. Especially the romaine.

Garden meeting Sunday morning after worship in the library. Please be there.

Even more flowery 🌸



Meeting went well. The verdict for the peaches is not to thin them but pluck them all. I was curious to see them this year, but, I guess tree growth is important.

Our next planting date is May 26th at 8:30a. Tomatoes and cucumbers are the plan. Also we will be setting up the compost bin area. At least marking it out and if time and labor allows, we can start it's construction.

We are also going to attempt to clean the garden area, reattach the post caps that have fallen off, cover the kale bed, bed 1, with cardboard around the kale plants to help with fighting the chokes.

Watered the peach trees with 10 gallons each.

Found a black widow spider!!! It was huge and died bigly.



**May 14th**

Hand watered the all the raised beds. Driphose watered the ground beds.

Spotted a bunny near the pallets. (center of the pic)



Found 2 more spiders. Killed 'em dead.

*Rain gauge read 4.75 inches!!!*

Looks like we were just in time to empty it before it overflowed with the next rain.



**May 23**

*Rain gauge read 0.2 inches*

Picked spinach and lettuce 8.2 lbs. Delivered to Food Bank.

May 26

Planting day!!!!

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Drenched the peach trees with lots and lots of water. Picked forming peaches and trimmed the fencing around each tree.

Leveled tops of fence posts and nailed fallen caps on. 2 left to do. This will help our fence posts last longer. Liquid nails from last time did not work.



Shoveled compost aside to set stakes for compost bin posts. Found a mole!





Planted 48 tomato seedlings in a center row of beds E, D, C and the right side of B and drove in stakes



Planted cucumber seeds in a center row of the left side of bed B



Applied fish fertilizer to sad cabbages in rows 1 and 2 of the upper ground bed. Perhaps growth is stunted due to the tree? Btw, that stuff is STINKY!!!

Cleaned up the garden by raking leaves, recycling the stacks of plastic pots, sorting through the tool box and dumping some of the organic material in bags in the temporary compost like lime etc. We will be dealing with the plastic compost bins and the pallets at a later time.

Like last year, we applied first round of Mycostop fungicide to the mater seedlings. 2.5 grams dissolved in 2 gallons of water, coming to 1/4 cup poured at the base of each seedling. Round 2 will be in 10 days.



Thinned the carrots, added manure to beds B/A because it was looking sad and to beds 3 and 4. We are thinking of planting zucchini and yellow squash in both those beds later.

Covered bed 1 with cardboard around the kale plants in our perpetual fight against sunchokes. Still a small area left to be done.



Picked lettuce and turnip greens which totaled 17.94 lbs.



Rain gauge read 0.25 inches

May 28th

Rain gauge read 1 inch

Our fearless leader rototilled, placed the irrigation buckets and planted yellow straight neck squash in bed 3 and black beauty zucchini in bed 4. Also planted a hill in each corner of the beds. He said "This was extremely relaxing to me". Who could argue with that? Many thanks!



May 30th

*Rain gauge read 0.3 inches*

We have a table! Thank you!



Picked spinach, turnip greens, lettuce and kale. Totaled 9.12 lbs. Delivered to Food Bank.



**June 2nd**

*Rain gauge read 0.1 inches*

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Garden notes - Week of June 3rd - 2018-06-04 02:55

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*Rain gauge read 0.6 inches*

Picking will be on **Wednesday 5:30p**. See you at the garden.

**June 6th**

*Rain gauge read 0.1 inches*

Holes for the compost bin posts have been dug by our friendly neighborhood fence company [Garber-Lowe Fence, Inc](#) who donated their time and efforts. Thank you very much for saving our backs and any potential expenses.



Planted more squash in between the cabbage in rows 4 and 5, which has the early cabbage, and fish fertilizer was applied to these newly planted squash as well as to the romaine lettuce.

Applied the 2nd round of the Mycostop to the tomatoes.

On Saturday, we plan on getting together to set the posts for the compost bin at 8:30 am. Please join us if you can be there.

Picked kale, cabbage, carrots and lettuce for a total of 8.22 lbs.



Also we received a donation of lettuce at 3.31 lbs.



Total going to the Food Bank tomorrow, 11.53 lbs. Delivered to Food Bank.

**June 8th**

Watered the whole garden by drip hose and by hand and tied the tomatoes to the stakes.

Sprayed cabbage with thuricide.

Got a visit from a member of the Lynchburg Area Food Council who is on the selection committee for the Centra Foundation Grant. He visited to see how the garden is doing and also to deliver the \$500 grant we were awarded to set up our compost bin system.

### **June 9th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Set the compost bin posts today. Lots of measuring and leveling and squaring and fine tuning the holes with some digging and measuring and leveling and squaring and measuring and leveling and squaring. While that sounds tedious, at the end when you do the final measuring and leveling and squaring check and nothing has to be changed, a very satisfying feeling. The posts will be left to set for the next 2 weeks before we put the boards and in-between slats on.



All dressed up to work with power tools!





On **Sunday**, picking will begin at **11:15a** and on. There is a rain forecast for Sunday, however, it seems it is going to be much earlier in the morning and later in the afternoon. That gives us a great window for our picking time.

On **Wednesday** we will begin at **5:30p** and on.

*Rain gauge read 2 inches*

We had a guest from [Blue Ridge Area Food Bank](#), one of the places we donate our produce, visit our church for worship and he got a tour of the garden.

Sprayed thuricide on growing cabbage to fight loopers.

Picked cabbage for a total weight of 20.96 lbs. Delivered to Salvation Army.



**June 13th**

*Rain gauge read 0.4 inches*

Pulled the hoses out of the ground bed in rows 4 and 5 and rototilled them. Relayed the hoses.

Planted pole beans both in the upper and lower section of row 5.



Planted black beauty zucchini in the upper part of row 4 and yellow straight neck squash in the lower half of row 4.

Tomatoes were suckered.

Found some dill randomly in the flower bed. We had planted them a while ago with the children in the children's bed, but they had failed. Looking good now though.

Picked cabbage, lettuce, kale and carrots. Totaled 13.87 lbs. Delivered to Food Bank.



June 16th

Rain gauge read 0 inches

Drip hose watered the top beds for 4 hrs.

## Garden notes - Week of June 17th - 2018-06-16 21:32

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On **Sunday**, picking will begin at **11:15a** and on.

On **Wednesday** we will begin at **5:30p** and on. **Update 6/19** - We will **not** be meeting on Wednesday as planned. If you can help with the watering on Thursday, please respond to the email. Otherwise, stay cool and see you on Sunday.

**Update 6/22** - Tomorrow, Saturday 23rd, starting at 8:30a, we will be running the wire and twine for the beans and setting the last few stakes. Since we will already be in the garden, we will spray thuricide and do any picking that can be done. This means no picking this Sunday, 24th. If you are available, stay after worship and help with VBS setup.

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Hand watered all beds and the peach trees. Also drip hose watered the ground bed.

Picked lettuce totaling 3.8 lbs. Going to be delivered to Salvation Army.



**June 19th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Drip hose and hand watered the whole garden today. Ground was dry 1-2 inches down but moist under that.

**June 22nd**

*Rain gauge read 1 inch*

**June 23rd**

*Rain gauge read 2 inches*

Suckered tied maters, set posts with new eyeholes and strung wire and string for 1st row of planted pole beans.



Weeded, thinned squash and replanted some beans. The plants are huge right now!!!





Picked lettuce, kale, cabbage and carrots for a total of 36.8 lbs. Delivered to Salvation Army.



We counted 79 carrots!!!

No picking on Sunday.

On **Wednesday** we will begin at **5:30p** and on. **Update 6/27** - We will cancel Wednesday's picking due to expected heavy rain forecast to start around 5p. Let's meet on Saturday morning at 8:30a to plant cantaloupes and possibly pick. It's going to be a hot one so bring your head coverings and SPF.

Happy Sunday y'all!



**June 25th**

New location for the flower bed was rototilled and prep'd.

**June 27**

*Rain gauge read 0.1 inches*

Today we cleared the flower bed to get it ready for cantaloupes.





And moved the flowers to their new location and watered them.



**June 28th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Watered the whole garden by hand and drip hose. Watered peach trees, 6 min for each bucket. Looks like Japanese beetles are on the peach trees as well. Hmmm. Not good.

**June 29th**

Prep'd the cantaloupe bed with more soil and 3 irrigation buckets. Ready for tomorrow's planting.



**June 30th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Suckered and tied tomatoes and put more stakes in.

Planted cantaloupes in bed 2, formerly the flower bed, and watered the seeds.



Hand, drip hose and bucket watered the whole garden including the new flowerbed at the garden fence.

Picked kale and cabbage. Totalled 16.18 lbs.



**No picking on Sunday.** Stay cool, hydrate and enjoy some World Cup matches.

On **Wednesday** we will begin at **5:30p** and on. Always check the blog, or your email if you are on the list, before you come to the garden just in case there are changes due to weather, meetings etc.

**July 4th**

Happy Independence day!

*Rain gauge read 0 inches.*

We watered the loupe seedlings in bed 2, suckered and tied tomatoes, completed placing cardboard in the kale bed, bed 1 (I think we may plant loupes to this bed), and weeded some.

Something is happening to our carrots. Some of them, lovingly dubbed cobra carrots, are peeling from themselves and look like cobras.



Some have a black spot that is causing a split. Anyone know what these issues are? We were concerned we may be over watering them.



Picked lettuce, squash, carrots ( 116 of them!), and cabbage for a total weight of 37.77 lbs.



**July 7th**

Surprise gifts from friends are always the best.



*Rain gauge read 1 inch.*

Planted one row of pole beans.

Picked yellow squash and cabbage. totaled 22.61lbs. This was delivered to the Salvation Army.

Garden notes - Week of July 8th - 2018-07-08 00:20

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**No picking on Sunday.** We will be having a farewell lunch for Pastor Bart and Suzy Edwards and Alice Sullivan. It is a bittersweet time because, we are happy for them and the opportunity God has called them to, but sad that they have to leave. They embraced and have supported both our vegetable garden for as long as it has existed and the church's rose garden, with love and service to both. The imprints of their work will be with us for a long time.

On **Wednesday** we plan to begin at **5:30p** and on. Always check the blog, or your email if you are on the list, before you come to the garden just in case there are changes due to weather, meetings etc. **Update 7/11** - Please note we will not meet tonight. Squash is all that is being picked which can be done at the watering time on 7/12. We will be planting more squash, beans and cantaloupes on **Saturday morning at 8:30a**. Please join us then.

**July 9th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Drip hose watered the top beds for 4.5hrs and ground beds for 5hrs.

**July 11th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Watered the beds 1 - 4 and the flower bed, filled the rain barrels.

**July 12th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Drip hose watered the top beds for 4hrs and the ground beds for 5.5hrs.

Picked yellow squash. Totaled 6.88 lbs



**July 14th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Work morning underway. Picked all cabbage and lettuce in row 1 and 2 and rototilled.





Planted pole beans in row 1 and yellow squash and zucchini in row 2.

Took up middle row of kale in bed 1, set up irrigation buckets and planted cantaloupes around them. Also hilled up the corners of the bed and planted cantaloupe there.



Suckered and tied tomatoes. They are looking good. Beans are creeping up the string too.



Watered the ground bed seedlings, cantaloupes and cucumbers. Japanese beetles are on beans in row 5, but no longer on the peach trees.

Why the spots?



Picked lettuce, kale, cabbage, carrots (110 count), yellow squash and zucchini, Totaled 110.49lbs.



**No picking on Sunday.** We picked during yesterday's work morning. Enjoy the World Cup final!

On **Wednesday** we plan to begin at **6p** and on. Always check the blog, or your email if you are on the list, before you come to the garden just in case there are changes due to weather, meetings etc.

### July 16th

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Drip hose watered the upper beds for 4hrs and the ground beds for 5 hrs.

### July 18th

*Rain gauge read 0.2 inches*

Hand watered beds 1 - 4 and the flower bed. Weeded around the garden.

Picked Japanese beetles off of the bean plants.

Picked carrots (73 count), yellow squash and kale for a total of 17.57 lbs.



Careful surgical precision had to be used to rescue this little guy, who was tangled in plant vines, just in time for him/her to become food.



Let us plan on meeting on Saturday at 8:30am for a work morning. There is a possibility that we may make this a permanent thing, instead of Sunday morning after worship. Stay tuned for an official announcement if that will be the case.

### **July 21st**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Set posts and string trellised rows 1 and 3 for beans

Weeded everywhere & pruned the squash leaves in row 4, thinned the squash in row 2.

Suckered and tied the maters.

**No picking on Sunday.** We picked during Saturday's work morning.

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### July 25th

*Rain gauge read 3 inches*

Picked Japanese beetles off beans, helped row 3 beans to trellis  
Suckered and tied the maters  
Picked yellow squash, zucchini, maters and cukes. Totaled 10.91 lbs.

### July 28th

*Rain gauge read 0.7 inch*

Lots of green maters eaten by the squirrels. Grrrrrr!

Picked Japanese beetles off beans. The seedlings are climbing up the trellis string well. No blooms yet. Is this something to be concerned about? According to our records, last year we planted the beans on 6/16 and the first harvest was on 8/9. This year we planted the first row on 6/13.

Part 2 of the compost bin assembly.



Need to finish the front panels. The plan is to fill as few possible bins, when we do, then fill the next. No turning planned unless someone feels inspired. We discussed the possibility of asking the congregation to help compost with their own waste from home and also from the church kitchen if there is any.

It is official. We will no longer be picking on Sunday morning after worship. **We will move to Saturday mornings starting at 8:30a.** This seems to work better with schedules and weather conditions, especially in the summer. If it changes, we will announce that here and by email. Thank you for working with us as we took some time to decide.

On **Wednesday** we plan to begin at **6p** and on. Always check the blog, or your email if you are on the list, before you come to the garden just in case there are changes due to weather, meetings etc. If you would like to join the email list, please let us know.

### **August 1st**

Wow! Where'd the year go?

*Rain gauge read 0.9 inches*

Weeded the whole garden. Expecting some heavy rain, so no need to water.

Picked off Japanese beetles off the beans and mating harlequin bugs off the kale.

The new flower bed on the perimeter fence is thriving!!! We were worried, especially about the lavender but it is looking good, thank you Lord.



Picked cukes, kale, yellow squash, cabbage, carrots, tomatoes and zucchini. Totaled 19.53 lbs.



Started filling the compost bin with cabbage stalks and leaves.



**August 4th**

*Rain gauge read 5+ inches.*

Wow! We really had some rain this week. According to the City of Lynchburg weather report, we had 6 inches. Our gauge only goes to 5 though.



Picked off some Japanese beetles, squash bugs and their eggs as well as harlequin bugs. I wonder if the rain hinders or encourages them?

White fuzzy patches in the soil in some areas under squash and cucumber leafy areas. Is it some kind of mold or mildew?







With the heavy rain, there has been serious flooding throughout the city and many families and their homes have been affected. Evacuations had to be done; no reports of fatalities, thank God. We even made the national news and weather watch. We pray for those going through this difficult time. The garden shows signs of some flooding activity. The mulch is gathered up in sections and some of it was carried outside the garden fence, there is silt everywhere as well as on the bottom fencing board toward the rear of the garden, soil has gathered up on the lower side of the ground bed. We are thankful for God's mercy in and on this garden. All the plants look like they are keeping calm and carrying on. Lots a sunshine this morning!!!!

Picked maters, zucchini and yellow squash. Totaled 13.88 lbs.



Hey! We have a volunteer pumpkin



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On **Saturday** we begin at **8:30a** and on.

### August 8th

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Weeded around the garden and the flower bed

Pruned, suckered and tied tomatoes

Pulled some rotting squash and zucchini plants

Many tomatoes are rotting right on the vine and the squirrels are really active. It's sad to see so many tomatoes go to compost.

Picked cukes, maters, zucchini, yellow squash and carrots. Totaled 43.27 lbs.



Delivered some to Food Bank and some to Miriam's House.

### August 11th

*Rain gauge read 0.1 inches*

The bean flowers are finally here!

Picked off an annihilated Japanese beetles, harlequin bugs and squash bugs.

Observed green caterpillar with orange pattern spots inside the green tomato, near gate. The poop on top caught our attention.

Large brown caterpillar enjoying large red tomato.



Cucumber fruits are drying out at the tips and leaves are brown in different spots on the plants.

Picked maters, zucchini, yellow squash, cukes and kale. Totaled 18.31 lbs



Food delivered to Salvation Army.

Fun with bugs around the garden... Cicada carapace



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### **August 15th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Put handle holes in first compost bin for easier removal and return, filled same compost bin half full.



Watered 'loupes, zucchini and yellow squash, gave fertilizer to some tomatoes and suckered and tied throughout the tomatoes.

Picked tomatoes, kale, cukes and squash for a total of 26.04 lbs. Delivered to Salvation Army.

### **August 16th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Drip hose watered ground bed from 6:30a to noon and top beds from 12 noon to 3:30p. There seems to be a leak in the corner of beds C and B. Lots of water.

### **August 18th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Pulled sick squash

Planted radish in their place

Caterpillars are eating squash and zucchini. Sprayed remaining squash with BT for caterpillars and with baking soda soap solution to combat the mildew on leaves.

Picked maters and cukes for a total of 24.10 lbs. Church member donated yellow squash and zucchini total 4.32 lbs. Total taken to Salvation Army 28.32 lbs.



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### **August 19th**

*Rain gauge read 0.1 inches*

Look at all these squash bugs in clusters and multiplying!!!



### **August 20th**

*Rain gauge read 0.6 inches*

No need to water today.

### **August 22nd**

*Rain gauge read 0.3 inches*

Pulled squash and zucchini out of beds 3 and 4. They just didn't produce very well, were getting very moldy in the leaves and some of the newly forming squash were rotting. The plants in rows 2 and 4 were thinned.

Pulled the cukes for the same reasons. It has been a very different kind of year.

Pulled all the kale plants. The bugs were really taking over.

Added top soil to bed 4, bed A and half of bed B



Picked maters, cukes and yellow squash for a total of 18.54 lbs. Delivered to Salvation Army.

### **August 25th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

We had a garden visitor today! Nicholas was walking by with his mom and and her baby and he was curious what we were doing.

Planted collards in beds 3 and 4 and cabbage in bed A, half of bed B and bed E. 24 plants of cabbage, 48 plants of collards.



Put some organic fertilizer, watered heavily and sprayed BT on said seedlings.

Pulled some dying squash out of the ground bed and added them to compost bin 1.

There are some orangeish bugs on the maters. Not the leaves but the maters themselves and we think they are eating them. What are these things?



Pumpkin has turned orange now



Hand watered both loupe beds and the flower bed. Drip hose watered the ground bed and A - F raised beds.

Picked maters totaling 5.36 lbs. Congregant donated maters totaling 0.53 lbs. Total for today, 5.89 lbs. They will sit on the window sill until delivery on Monday.



## Garden notes - Week of August 26th - 2018-08-26 18:20

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**Update:** We will **not be meeting this afternoon**, Wednesday. Picking and watering was done this morning. Please plan to come on Saturday morning. See you then.

On **Saturday** we begin at **8:30a** and on.

### **August 29th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches.*

Started watering top beds this morning, switched to ground bed in the afternoon. Also hand watered brassica and loupes.

Found 6 rotten loupes, one of them had a worm hole. They were about 3-4 inches in diameter. This is so not good.

Picked maters totaling 8.2 lbs. They are set at the windowsill to ripen a little more before delivery on Friday to the Food Bank.

### **August 31st**

*Rain gauge read 0.15 inches*

Not enough rain fell on our garden last night. There is forecast of more rain today and tomorrow but just in case, we are watering by drip and hand today.

Pulled up dead squash plants. It has been a sad year for squash and cucumbers.

### **September 1st**

*Rain gauge read 0.1 inches.*

Pulled last 3 squash plants. Lots of bugs on them and the 1 squash that was trying to grow, to no avail.

A few more flowers have bloomed on the bean stalks. Lots more are forming.

Pumpkin has not been spared. Bugs under and all over.



These guys are relentless this year! The poor maters start to ripen and then this happens. They look like crawlers and jumpers, not flyers. Suggestions are coming in to use a leaf blower or targeted water jet from a hose to fight these guys.



Picked maters totaling 12.52 lbs. We are picking them earlier and earlier to save them from bugs. They will sit on the window sill to ripen some more before we deliver them.



### Garden notes - Week of September 2nd - 2018-09-03 23:52

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On **Saturday** we begin at **8:30a** and on. **Update:** We will not meet on Saturday. One of our gardeners watered and picked on Friday.

#### **September 3rd**

Drip hose watered raised beds and ground beds. Hand watered all brassica.

#### **September 4th**

Sprayed brassica with BT to repel bugs.

#### **September 5th**

Weeded all the things

Pruned dead leaves off maters

Watered flowerbed, peach trees (6 min each), brassica and loupes. The loupes are still rotting and buggy.

Picked maters and beans (yay!). Totaled 15.52 lbs.





This went to Salvation Army.

**September 7th**

Drip hose and hand watered all things except the trees.

Picked maters, beans, carrots and loupes. Totaled 10.18 lbs



This went to Miriam's House.

Black widow in the cantaloupes!!!! Smooshed it.



Perhaps its time to seriously consider one of these. Plus... so purdeeeeeeee!!!



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On **Saturday** we begin at **8:30a** and on. **Update:** If it is raining at 8a, we will not meet. Please check email and text.

*Rain gauge read 1.5 inches*

Weeded and pulled some harlequin bugs off the collards.

The flowers look fantastic!



### **September 12th**

Picked maters. No beans this week yet. Totaled 6.6 lbs.

Hurricane Florence is making her way in through the east coast. NC and SC will probably be hardest hit. We will be receiving bands of wind and rain from her through the weekend and probably heavy rain at the beginning of next week. Please pray for those affected by this hurricane.

### **September 15th**

*Rain gauge read 1.1 inches.*

Hurricane effects coming our way.

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On **Saturday** we begin at **8:30a** and on.

### September 19th

*Rain gauge read 2 inches*

Turns out we had one enthusiastic volunteer for the garden today. Thank you for going!

Picked lots of bugs (harlequin beetles and caterpillars from collards and cabbage)

Picked beans, maters and radishes for a total of 6.52 lbs.



### September 22nd

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

It rained everywhere else but here.

Weeded a little, cleared out some mater vines that are not producing and the cantaloupe beds (beds 1

and 2) and composted it. The pumpkin too. Covered the new compost contribution with some of the hay that has been breaking down for like a year. Its so sad that we lost so many loupes and maters to rot and bugs. On to the next thing. Emptied the trash can.



Picked harlequin beetles off the collards and dusted with dipel.

Picked maters and beans for a total of 4.43 lbs.

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On **Saturday** we begin at **8:30a** and on.

### September 29th

*Rain gauge read 2.6 inches*

Pulled some more tomato plants that were dead, dying or had no fruit on them. The caterpillars continue to wreck things.

Weeded some, found a flower that we had set aside to plant but didn't, was still viable. Planted it in the flower bed. Sprayed BT and dusted with dipel all the brassica, including the new seedlings. The BT we used was prep'd a year ago so we really do not know how effective it will be. We think there is a short time limit of when you can use it after it is prep'd. The dipel will still work though.

Planted 33 collard seedlings in bed 2. Not sure if it is too late to do so but we will try anything.



Picked green beans and tomatoes. Total of 14.09 lbs.

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On **Saturday** we begin at **8:30a** and on.

**October 3rd**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Picked maters and green beans. Total 6.39 lbs. Delivered to Salvation Army.

**October 6th**

*Rain gauge read 0 inches*

Pulled all remaining mater vines and stakes.

Picked maters, beans and collards. Total 51.3 lbs.





## Garden notes - Week of October 7th - 2018-10-07 16:10

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On **Saturday** we begin at **8:30a** and on.

### October 12th

Planted lettuce

Picked beans. Total 16.6 lbs.

### October 13th

*Rain gauge read 4.1 inches*



## Garden notes - Week of October 14th - 2018-10-17 18:02

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On **Saturday** we begin at **8:30a** and on. **Update:** Due to the planned Community packing day at Rise Against Hunger warehouse, we will not meet.

October 17th

The cabbages with the moon rise in the background.



Picked green beans and collards. Total weight 18.19 lbs.

## Garden notes - Week of October 21st - 2018-10-21 18:06

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On **Saturday** we begin at **8:30a** and on.

We did not do much this week.



## Garden notes - Week of October 28th - 2018-10-30 16:32

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No planned gardening for this week. The collards in bed 2 are developing well and the lettuce have sprouted and grown but are not ready yet. Watch this space for next week's information. A garden meeting will be coming up soon.

**November 3rd**

*Rain gauge read 2.6 inches.*



**Garden notes - Week of November 4th - 2018-11-04 18:38**

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No planned gardening for this week. However, the last of the beans, some collards and a radish were picked. Total 5.2 lbs. Cut down the bean vines.



Went to Salvation Army.

**November 7th**

*Rain gauge read 1.1 inches*

**November 8th**

Covered lettuce with row covers, pulled some of the bean plants out of the ground and composted. Picked caterpillars from cabbage and collards.

Picked irises since they will die with freeze on Saturday.

## Garden notes - Week of November 11th - 2018-11-11 19:52

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*Rain gauge read 0.3 inches*

Hello all!

I hope everyone is doing well! Lets meet next Saturday, the 17th at 8:30am to clean up the garden! The collards, cabbage and lettuce are doing well. It would be good to clean up the rest of the garden though and get ready for winter. It would also be nice to meet up with everyone and catch up a bit!

These flowers are a nice surprise! We did not realize that they bloom twice a year.



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## Garden notes - Week of November 18th - 2018-11-18 14:18

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No planned gardening for this week. However, text or email messages may be forthcoming with information.

## Garden notes - Week of November 25th - 2018-11-27 18:48

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No planned gardening for this week. However, text or email messages may be forthcoming with information.

**December 1st**

*Rain gauge read 1.1 inches*

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**Garden notes - Week of December 2nd - 2018-12-05 01:10**

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No planned gardening for this week. However, text or email messages may be forthcoming with information.

**Garden notes - Week of December 9th - 2018-12-09 16:30**

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No planned gardening for this week. However, text or email messages may be forthcoming with information

**December 10th**

Snowy garden



**Garden notes - Week of December 16th - 2018-12-16 12:26**

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No planned gardening for this week. However, text or email messages may be forthcoming with information

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**





No planned gardening for this week. However, text or email messages may be forthcoming with information if anything changes.

*Rain gauge read 0.5 inches*

Last post of the year. We have been blessed mightily in this garden through work and harvest. Happy New Year to all!

Leaves to go in the compost.



***Jan 6th***

*Rain gauge read 0.3 inches*

Cabbage is still growing

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