## Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church Community Garden

2013 to Present

# Established in 2013 Funded by gifts and 2 small grants

Three goals were established by the Garden Committee

- •Provide healthy fruits and vegetables to those in need
- Build community
- •Teach people about gardening and healthy eating



## Spring of 2013 Members of QMPC formed a Garden Committee

Planted spinach, lettuce and peas and raised a fence of deer netting.



### It snowed within a week of planting our first garden!

The summer of 2013 was hot and dry and we didn't have many plants that did well – maybe donated 50 pounds to Miriam's House and Daily Bread



## 2014 a few more people with gardening experience joined.

We expanded to growing in straw bales



## 2014: We were surprised at our harvest

We produced about 200 pounds of food



### 2015 more Gardeners joined

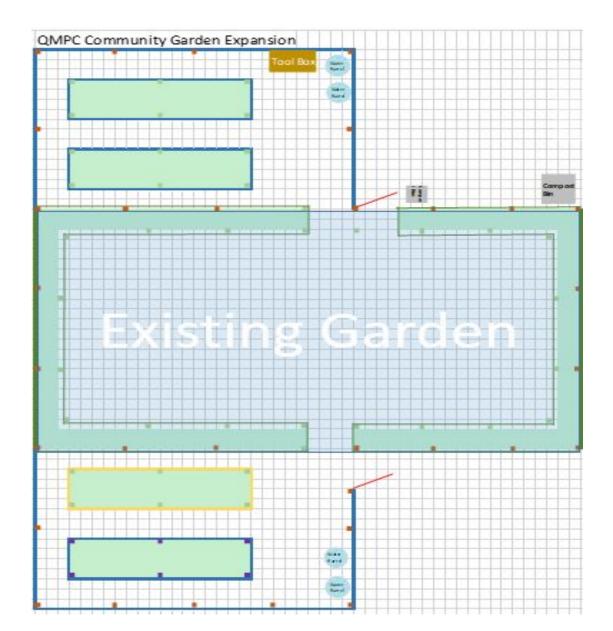
Wrapped the straw bales to maintain moisture and used drip hose irrigation from water barrels



## In 2015 we wanted to expand the QMPC Community Garden

- •During the summer of 2015 we started dreaming about raised beds and then we learned of the community garden grants that were being offered by the City of Lynchburg
- •We applied for the community garden grant
  - Proposed 4 raised beds
  - •Built raised beds where the straw bales were located
  - Wire fence around the garden
- •When local friends and businesses heard about what we were doing they offered up funds and supplies that allowed the construction of the 2 U shaped beds encircling the existing garden

## 2015 Dream of a expanded Garden



## 2016 Dream of a expanded Garden work begins









## Filling empty raised beds for Spring Planting 2016











## Day School planting a spring Garden



## Added 4 compost bins in 2017



## Added beehive and paintings in 2018



#### Added underground water line from church to garden in 2019

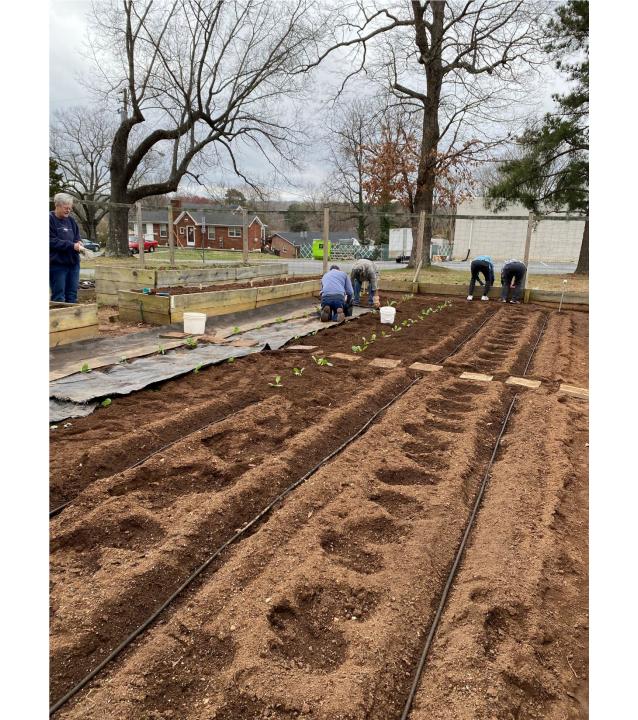






## Veggies harvested over the years!

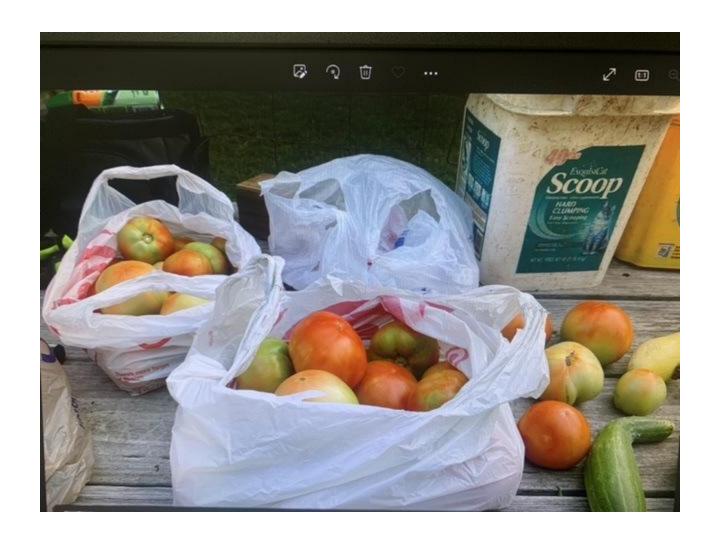








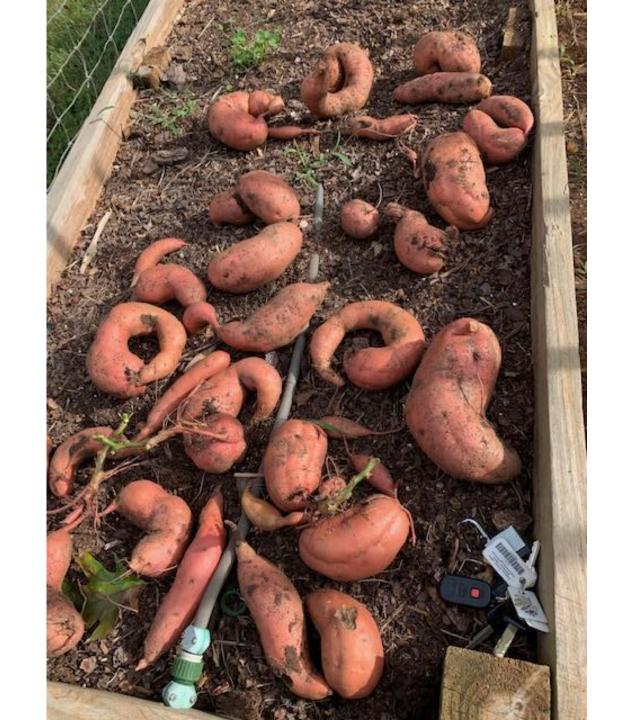












#### Estimated Veggies donated 2013 to present

- •Total Veggies Donated in 2013: ~50 lbs
- •Total Veggies Donated in 2014: ~200 lbs
- •Total Veggies Donated in 2015: ~670.31 lbs
- Total Veggies Donated in 2016: 842.87 lbs
- •Total Veggies Donated in 2017: ~862.98 lbs
- •Total Veggies Donated in 2018: 784.21 lbs
- •Total Veggies Donated in 2019: 754.85 lbs
- Total Veggies Donated in 2022: 1130.39 lbs