The Food Pantry Garden is Growing Like a Weed! And speaking of weeds, there are several ways you can help us provide fresh vegetables and herbs for our Food Pantry guests:

- 1. Pull weeds in all the beds, except Raised Bed #1. The South Bed and Porch Bed both need to be weeded a few times a week. Every handful of weeds pulled increases the water and nutrients available to the vegetables!
- 2. Check to see if the Elevated Bed in the back and the Porch Bed (including any of the tomato plants that remain on the porch) need to be watered. Just follow the hose around the Pantry to find the spigot.
- 3. Assemble the 5 remaining teepee trellises for peas in Raised Beds 8 & 10. It's easy peasy! The materials are there and existing teepees are simple to copy.
- 4. If you've been trained and are comfortable with the process, harvest herbs as they're ready. Please remember to log what and how much into the book. Place the bags in the produce refrigerator.
- 5. Cut pieces of cardboard and lay them in the Raised Beds between the tomato plants and beans. The cardboard provides a no-cost weed barrier that also helps the soil retain moisture and deters critters from disturbing the roots.

If you would like to be part of the harvesting/packaging team or have any questions about the Garden, contact Stephanie at 317-627-7297 or <a href="mailto:sjfairfield@comcast.net">sjfairfield@comcast.net</a>

Last but not least, help us with the unwelcome crows by walking your dogs around the garden beds whenever you can. And remember your baggie please!