

**WATER.** If you've not been instructed on the use of the backflow spigot in the northeast corner, please talk to Stephanie ([sjfairfield@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjfairfield@sbcglobal.net)) or Barb ([missions@carmelumc.org](mailto:missions@carmelumc.org)), before using it.

- the Food Pantry Porch bed (tomatoes, cucumbers, Vietnamese squash) needs to be watered by hand every other day or so;

- the Food Pantry South bed (peas and hot peppers) needs to be watered daily by simply turning on the soaker hose, running it for 3 hours or so, and turning it off;

- the Elevated Bed in the northeast corner needs to be watered heavily by hand every day;

- the 10 raised beds in the northeast corner need to be watered by hand daily until the irrigation timer is replaced (the carrots in beds 7 & 8 require a lot of water).

2. **WEED.** Many hands are needed to keep the weeds under control. Please pay special attention to the Food Pantry south bed. There they grow like, well, weeds!

3. **PESTS.** Crows, chipmunks, squirrels, grasshoppers - we're on their turf and they're not handing it over without a fight. So we're using a few different tactics, all environmentally friendly. Here are some other ideas:

- The crows are especially prevalent in the morning and evening, so doing work then is effective (and cooler). You might sit on the bench with a cup of coffee or iced tea. Bring your dog!

- Grasshoppers will eat 50% of their weight in a day! Bring your kids or grandkids to catch them and either kill them or relocate them far away!

- Be on the lookout for holes in leaves or roughened edges, black or white spots on or under the leaves, and creepy crawly critters in general. Text or email pictures or descriptions to me.

- Our latest challenge is Japanese beetles. They need to be picked off and eliminated. There's a jar in the garage with drowning instructions or send a text to Steph at 317-627-7297.

4. **HARVEST.** We have put in place a system to keep track of what, when, and how much we harvest. The baskets, scale, bags, and ID cards are in the garage. If you're interested in harvesting and aren't familiar with the system, please let me know. With God's continued blessings we're going to need to harvest daily!

5. **COMPOST** We have a good start on our compost bin but need someone to regularly turn it and add additional materials to enrich the mixture.

THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING THE FOOD PANTRY THROUGH THIS MISSION!