

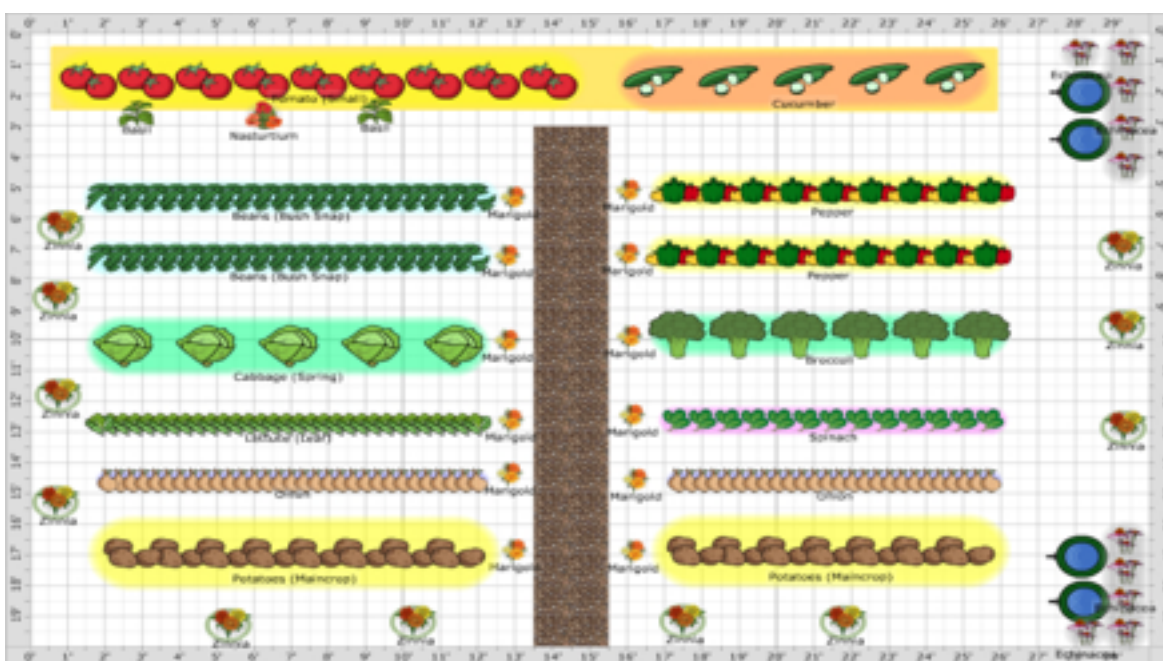


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Galatians 5:22-23 English Standard Version (ESV)

22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control...”

All of these bring us our first garden plan



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The first year we had our Community Garden, we did not even have a fence; but we were full of HOPE. Then we put up a fence and covered straw bales with black paper to help the plants grow! Those who help in the garden show much FAITHFULNESS to our mission of having a Community Garden. When they harvest food and walk in the garden, they do so with GENTLENESS. We look after God's creation!



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During our first year, the garden produced some healthy food that we were able to give to those in need. We shared what we grew with the local Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and the Salvation Army. These places help people who are in need of food. When we feed others, we show God's LOVE.

Every winter we clean up the garden to get it ready for next year. Sometimes we have some cold hardy crops that could survive, and at those times we leave them to keep growing. Gardening takes time and PATIENCE.



We also receive help from the ROMEOS, the group of men at the church who are very good at helping, building and fixing things. They show us a lot of KINDNESS.

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God shows us his GOODNESS through rain directly on the plants and even through other water sources. We have added special pieces to the garden to help us water the plants and vegetables.

We added raised beds and filled them with a layers of straw, soil, manure and even rocks. All of this took time and patience but brings many people JOY!



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When we encounter any difficulties, instead of giving up, we seek Him, and help from local garden experts blessed with understanding. This teaches us SELF-CONTROL.



Each year the garden is growing and producing even more fruits and vegetables. God is the master of what comes from our garden. What he provides is what we share and this gives us a sense of PEACE.

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