



900,000 hungry...900,000 reasons to help

## The Jesus Victory

**Garden (JVG)** provides an opportunity for you to personally have an impact on the problem of hunger in Montgomery County, where rising food costs have only made the need greater. The JVG is the means by which you can help to supply nutritious, fresh produce grown with concern for people and the environment.

All food grown in the JVG will be donated to local food pantries (such as the North Hills Community Cupboard and Manna on Main Street), which distribute food directly to the hungry free of charge.

### The JVG Commitment Form

on the reverse side of this page is the way for you to make a commitment to the Lord and to this church that you will do one or more of the following:

- a) **Be an Official JVG Gardener.** Faithfully tend one or more (as you so choose) of the raised 4' x 8' beds for the entire 2023 growing season (spring through late fall). Please see *Information for Gardeners*.

- b) **Be a Substitute JVG Gardener.** Substitute Gardeners help by covering beds when their regular gardeners are away or indisposed.
- c) **Be a Weigher/Deliverer.** Weigh, tally, and deliver produce to the pantries. The commitment is usually for about once a month. Weekend weighers deliver to Lansdale. Most weekday weighers do not deliver.
- d) **Be a Special Projects Volunteer.** There are many one-time or infrequent jobs available for people who want to help but do not want a long-term commitment. For example, we need people who can turn compost, help prepare the garden for spring and/or winter, make repairs, perform some extra weeding, and/or count and bag seeds.

### Information for Gardeners

You do **not** need to be an experienced gardener, although experience is welcomed. We will make sure that you have complete and careful instruction on exactly what to do. You need not worry about having to figure out anything. The JVG Team will do all the planning.

Over the course of the season we will be growing several varieties of seeds and plants, which will be selected by the JVG Steering Team. We have chosen these crops carefully, considering such things as the stated needs of our recipients, transportability, shelf life, crop

rotation, etc. Seeds, plants, and fertilizer will be provided for your use in the JVG.

As an Official or Substitute JVG Gardener, all you need to do is to commit to faithfully following the garden plan and instructions we will give you.

### **Ongoing Official JVG**

**Gardener Duties:** Once a week during the early and late growing season and twice per week during the middle, you will need to check your bed(s); weed, prune, fertilize, and harvest as instructed; follow any additional instructions; and ask for advice, when needed. With some crops, you have the option of joining with your fellow gardeners and taking turns tending beds growing the same crops. Because the JVG has an automatic irrigation system, you will not have to water your beds except when you plant.

**Tools:** You will need to supply your own gloves and hand shovel/trowel. It is helpful if you can bring plastic grocery bags for holding your harvest. Above all, you need a willing and patient spirit.

**COVID-19:** Reserved time slots will be available for any official or substitute gardener who wants to be in the garden when others are not there.

**For more information**, please email Kati at [JVGGrows@vivaldi.net](mailto:JVGGrows@vivaldi.net)

## Jesus Victory Garden (JVG) —Commitment Form

Volunteer Information — please <i>print</i> clearly	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>E-Mail Address</b>	
<b>Preferred Phone</b>	
<b>Family/friends who will be working with you on your JVG bed(s)</b>	
<b>I am committing to help in the JVG this year by (see other side of page for definitions)...</b>	
<b>Please check off as many options as you feel led to do.</b>	
<b>Donating funds</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount: _____ (Please write JVG on memo line of check made out to Jarrettown United Methodist Church or write JVG on the collection envelope if giving cash)
<b>Being an Official Gardener</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Specify number of 4' x 8' beds to which you are committing: _____
<b>Being a Substitute Gardener</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Being a "Weigher / Deliverer"</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekends <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesdays    (Check both, if you like)
<b>Being a Special Projects Helper</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Seed counter <input type="checkbox"/> Compost turner <input type="checkbox"/> Prep/shut down <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance/repair/other garden projects (Check as many as you wish)
<b>My Commitment</b>	
<p>By submitting this form, I affirm that I have read and understand the Jesus Victory Garden (JVG) Commitment Information that appears on the other side of this sheet. I am committing before the Lord and the members of the JVG Team that I will fulfill the responsibilities outlined in the information sheet for the positions that I have checked on this form for the entire growing season. I am aware that, if circumstances beyond my control prevent me from honoring this commitment, the Lord will understand and so will the members of the JVG Team.</p>	
<b>Please leave this form in the basket on the Mission Table during the month of March</b>	