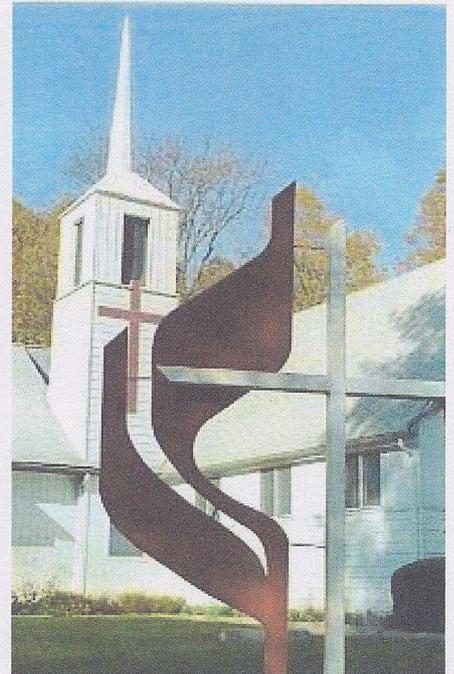
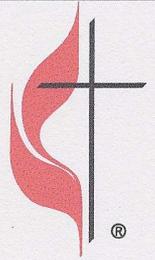




Community Garden

Pleasant Valley, NY



The Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church is establishing a Community Garden. The Church will be letting approved participants use plots in its field for the purpose of growing food and will ask for half of the food grown to be shared with the Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Food Pantry.

We will need the involvement of the community to succeed. Please let one of the co-chairs know if you are interested in:

- Getting a plot to garden - sizes to depend on number of people interested
- A sponsorship to help get us started - Material for compost, storage for tools and water, a gate, planting material, etc.
- Running a gardening workshop - for the gardeners to learn how to tend for their own plots

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Pleasant Valley Town Board Meeting
January 14, 2015
7:00 PM
3 Minutes during open part of meeting

Subject: Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church Starting Community Garden in Support of
Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Food Pantry - Seeking Community Support

Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Food Pantry

For those of you that may not be aware there is a Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Food Pantry run jointly with the 4 churches in town (Episcopal, Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist). Volunteers from all 4 churches run the program with the food being distributed out of the Methodist Church. In December alone there were approximately 75 holiday meal packs distributed to those in need in our community. This is typical for any given month.

Pleasant Valley Community Garden

To help support this need the Methodist Church will be starting up a community garden in the spring in the field behind the overflow parking area. A community garden will enable food pantry patrons who wish to participate an opportunity potentially learn new skills and grow their own food. For those in the community who wish to participate in gardening, all we will ask is that they share their harvest with the food pantry. This way, those not gardening can all be able to receive fresh grown local produce.

Community Support

In order to succeed, the garden will need the support of the community. This is why I am here. If you are interested, or know of anyone who is interested in participating, please let me know. I have a couple of handouts and cards to share with the information. Some ideas for how people and businesses in the community can help include providing material or funding for things to get us started. Items like compost and mulch material, storage for tools and water, a garden gate, as well as planting material like seeds and fertilizer.

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And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. - Leviticus 23:22