

## November 9, 2021 Update from the Grace Giving Garden



“O sacred season of Autumn, be my teacher  
for I wish to learn the virtue of contentment.  
As I gaze upon your full-colored beauty,  
I sense all about you  
an at-homeness with your amber riches.

...

Teach me to take stock of what I have given and  
received,  
may I know that it's enough,  
that my striving can cease  
in the abundance of God's grace.”

...

With the golden glow of peaceful contentment  
may I truly appreciate this autumn day.

Edward Hays

On Saturday, November 6, the Grace Giving Garden held its last “official” workday of the 2021 year. About 15 volunteers showed up and most stayed for four hours or more. The morning went extra fast and though it was chilly when we began, the weather turned glorious and everyone had a wonderful time, not only gardening but getting to know some new volunteers and visiting with longtime friends as we played outdoors together.

Here are some of the tasks we accomplished:

- lightly weeded the beds, especially those growing fall greens and carrots
- rolled up and took in the drip irrigation hoses and bled the drip system from the water tank to protect our pipes from freezing
- mulched the beds with pine straw
- prepared the field beds and aligned the paths in between
- prepared the first Flower Ministry bed between the church and Grace House and planted spring bulbs
- collected leaves from all over the hillside and the back of the church and stored them for use in our compost bins

We thank everyone who has so graciously given of their time, energy, ideas, and love to keep the GGG green and growing. And while we are still tending the garden each week—more raking and collard green harvesting today, in fact!—we are also slowing down. We look forward to resting more in the cooler months, letting new ideas and gratitude for the beauty of the earth bubble up as we stay cozy and plan for next year.

As always, we hope you'll consider joining us. And do stay tuned for more updates soon.