

## Outside Stewardship/Gardening at VMUMC

“We are back after the pandemic. We are alive and well and in ministry! **Want to Join Us,** in helping our facility and gardens share that message? After the Exile in Babylon, the prophet Nehemiah led the first returning families to each take a section at the margin around Jerusalem to re-establish their ministry there. Wouldn't you like to be one who is rebuilding to welcome back others returning?



As New Testament Christians, we understand that welcoming, even more than sanctuary, is what is needed to bring our ministry folk back after 'pandemic exile'. There is also still more welcoming to be done to help people reclaim their own ministry here with God's church. Let's help those who might want to come back to see our ministry is ALIVE and well!

Below you will find a list of the areas around the church facility that might catch the eye of people coming into the church or who might be looking from the road. Consider how we can help these spaces to be more welcoming to those who are wondering how the church has fared and if they are missing out on the opportunity to join us in our ongoing transformational ministry.

Please go outside at the church and adopt or reimagine how that area could be. **BE CREATIVE!** Make a proposal with your inspired ideas and don't forget to turn in a **BUDGET** for your area to the Trustees for encouragement and support. We can help you turn your inspiration into reality by finding more help if you like. The pastor and some of the Trustees would be happy to help! Or you can do it yourself, and surprise us [after the Trustees see the plan, of course]!

Don't forget to turn in your plan to the Trustees. (We can make you a copy, too!)

Your Names \_\_\_\_\_

Pick your ministry spot!

- 1) Just to the south of the west (parking lot) entrance where the petunias are currently growing [Plus Christmas lights to be considered for the entrance?]
- 2) Between and around the air conditioners [maybe shading them to help them to be more efficient?]
- 3) Window and below for [Area 3-7 work together] Pastor's office
- 4) Window and below for [Area 3-7 work together] Finance office
- 5) Window and below for [Area 3-7 work together] Youth room
- 6) Window and below for [Area 3-7 work together] Kid's Care office
- 7) Window and below for [Area 3-7 work together] Music room
- 8) Establish a plan for the hole/sewer breakdown on the south lawn stretch [new]
- 9) Southwest entrance area (welcoming area for Kids Care parents)
- 10) South wall of the church (make more welcoming)
- 11) Burning Bush (tree) area [Trimming trees? Replace?] *[Steinfeldt and Swartz Families]*
- 12) Flower garden between the playground and the dining room (Fellowship hall) door
- 13) Crab apple tree area between the doors on the east cove area (plus Christmas lights?)
- 14) 2 Little flower gardens by the sanctuary cove area door
- 15) Big pine tree that needs some trimming and love *[Steinfeldt and Swartz Families]*
- 16) Fenced-in area under the cross outside the sanctuary on northeast corner of the building  
This is an area that can be considered for Christmas lights, etc. if proposed. *[Becky Vaught & Leslie Herman]*
- 17) The north side of the church could look more welcoming as people drive in.
- 18) Fences [probably being adopted by the Boy Scouts – interested in helping get the paint and cookies?]
- 19) Sheds area [Tree taken down? Junk removed? Nicer sign for can collection?]