

CREATING LANDSCAPES FOR FAMILIES
In the Community at the Unitarian Universalist Church
In the Garden at Ackerman Farm



Our first pumpkin at the garden!!!!!!

**HOT soup
&
COOL music**
**Saturday,
September
28**



Fresh Veggies at the Market House!!

We hope everyone has had a chance to stop at the Market House where we have green beans and garlic among other veggies for sale. As always the money will go to help support the meals and other opportunities we offer our families!! While your there check out all the great things the Market House has to offer,

You can register for their Creative Expression of Art classes on September 14th from 9am-1pm.

****Don't forget Second Saturdays at the Market House. It is always a good time with music, vendors and activities for the kids!!!!

On Saturday, September 28, we will be serving hot homemade vegetable soup from 2 until 4 pm and John Hyatt & his Band will play from 2 until 3:30 pm. This is our way of thanking so many who have shared time, thoughts, energy with us. We'd love for you to join us! Call Rosemary (333-9228) or Tammy (336-6223) for info!

The best thing about being in charge of the Creating Landscapes For Families newsletter is getting to get the word out there about us and let all the wonderful people know what we are up to. I am only one mouth—many that can tell everyone how great our experiences are and have been in the garden and in everything else we do. So let's hear from them!!!!!!!!!!

(Well another perk is I get to go first!!) So here goes...

My plot was not perfect but it was special because everything planted there was planted by my children, my nephews and my nieces. They dug holes they weeded and they put what they wanted to where they wanted to. I watched my babies ,2 and 3 ,put their first plant in the ground and use their little fingers to cover it up with dirt. That's my favorite memory from the garden by far!!!!!! - Melony McCoy

I remember my first day at the garden this summer and being kind of nervous because I have very little experience with growing anything, so I kept bugging Joyce about what to do. She said to me, "Learn from the children. Let them teach you," and so I did! JJ talked me through how to plant peppers and I have to say he knew what he was doing! I am very grateful to all the families who have taught me so much this summer! -Emily Cherry

We snuck up on a Thursday to get some green tomatoes and the kids said "dad we have a blueberry patch" and he replied 'really?' and they all took off and left me at the plot while they went to eat blueberries !-Rosemary Richardson

I love going to the pot lucks at the garden and really love to plant stuff with my cousin Chaz. I have saw a lot of cool bugs too!-Tayvon McCoy

I can say that I volunteered there a couple of times around this time last year and it was really nice to get out. I think the memorable part was sticking around to hear everyone singing and practicing their songs. That was a good and enjoyable time. Especially to see these happy and smiling faces singing after a whole summer of not seeing them.—Kc Branthoover

I love seeing everyone at the garden- Samiyah Richardson

I like that the families are all together working but we are all having fun too!!- JJ Richardson

I was happy coming to the garden cause everyone was so nice to me, I also got to do things that I have never done before. I want to go back to the garden when I visit my cousin Lexi next summer!!- Cj Crawford

I go to the garden to see all my friends. I love to plant and I really liked the drum circle with Mela. My favorite part is eating the food we grow.—Alexis McCoy

"I loved getting to go out to the barn with a group of families and with Farmer Bob, getting to see his animals and then all of us joining together to help clean it out. It was a lot of heavy lifting and work, but getting to see the barn all cleaned out and the joy of everyone working together was a great moment of community and sharing." - Bethany Chein



A huge thank you to MELA CALOMINO-ZINZ for leading us in a Drum Circle...right in the middle of the Garden! Mela, you blessed our garden with grace and together we filled our garden with song. And thank you to CRAWFORD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES for supporting this wonderful opportunity...

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**Don't' forget We Are On the
WEB!!!**

[http://
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**We will be putting our
Garden to bed the first
week of October and we
will be moving our pro-
gram back to the Unitar-
ian Universalist Church.**

**Our first day together
will be Tuesday, October
15th. Please call Rose-
mary (333-9228) or
Tammy (336-6223) if
you would like info about
our After-School time...
We cook & eat together,
do homework & learn to-
gether, talk about life
together. Join us —
there's room for every-
one!**

Homemade Tomato Soup

4 cups chopped fresh tomatoes

1 slice onion

4 whole cloves garlic

2 cups chicken broth

2 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons white sugar, or to taste

In a stockpot, over medium heat, combine the tomatoes, onion, cloves and chicken broth. Bring to a boil, and gently boil for about 20 minutes to blend all of the flavors. Remove from heat and run the mixture through a food mill into a large bowl, or pan. Discard any stuff left over in the food mill.

In the now empty stockpot, melt the butter over medium heat. Stir in the flour to make a roux, cooking until the roux is a medium brown. Gradually whisk in a bit of the tomato mixture, so that no lumps form, then stir in the rest. Season with sugar and salt, and adjust to taste.



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Families

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