

# God's Community Garden Tenth Anniversary



Bishop White started a garden in the back of Calvary United Methodist Church in 1996. The garden was then divided in three parts, one for each other Methodist Churches on the island. It was in 2008 when Linda Wood became the the coordinator of the garden. She had a bigger vision of what the garden could be to the community on Aquidneck Island. Everyone would work together to grow vegetables to feed those in need and Seniors. It all started with a grant to build a shed in 2008.

Her vision included adding two more sheds, a hoop house and two green houses, a well was dug and an irrigation system put in place. At first the food was distributed to organizations like the Martin Luther King Center, Lucy's Hearth, Florence Gray Center, Mc Kinney Shelter and Salvation Army. Currently the garden hands out the vegetables to people in the community through its four farm stands. The last one was started this year at the Florence Gray Center. All of this work has been accomplished through grants and donations and volunteer labor.

Linda's vision also included the handing out flowers to nursing homes and shelters, It includes working with all age groups and abilities. Check out the garden on Facebook or at [godscommunitygarden.com](http://godscommunitygarden.com). Or better yet visit the garden. In our first ten years we have given away **19 tons** of food!



## Pictures from 2017



Green bean Sunday



Florence Gray Farm Stand



Today's garden