

UCE ANNUAL MEETING, LANDSCAPE, 2020

There was no Landscape Committee for the 2019 – 20 year. However I worked on the garden many times over the summer: purchased and planted flowers with the help of Roseanne Kelly, watered with the assistance of Janet. Members of the Wednesday Work Group were invaluable assisting with moving pots, digging out the ornamental grasses that had taken over one area (Gaylord Madill), pruning shrubs (Dave Hagel), placing/moving the new pebbled garbage/ashtray units, carrying filled bags of garden refuse, etc.

My time probably averaged out to about 5 hours a week over the summer and I was not keeping up to the weeding, the ants, watering and general clean-up. I have been doing this every summer since we moved to our current location. When I was away working up north Kathy Stanley did most of the work; when she was able, Mary Ayres helped a great deal; and various other church members helped sporadically. I am not able to continue to do this and as volunteers were not forthcoming and others are employed, I am suggesting that the church hire a part time gardener (perhaps a student) for July and August. Kathy or I could supervise. We probably can organize a work party to do spring clean-up however it is the ongoing work that we need reliable, regular help with. I suggest 2 days per week. Parking lot clean-up could be included in the duties.

I am willing to do the purchasing of flowers for the pots if we are to hold services at the church this summer. Otherwise there is no point putting out flower pots. The garden does need tending however or we will have a terrible mess next spring – ants and weeds taking over.

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