

At CTK, we value authenticity, simplicity, empowerment, relationship, and caring about the community we live in. One key way we serve is by empowering small groups to make a difference through our local partners who address important issues for those in the hardest life circumstances. The opportunity below is a chance to tangibly demonstrate God's care, compassion, and love for those around us. As your church, we hope this makes it easy for you to put the Great Commandment to love your neighbor as yourself into action!

ACME SCHOOL GARDEN

Who are we serving?
The Acme Elementary School Garden serves over 200 elementary students from varying backgrounds by providing space, opportunity, education and resources for meaningful experiences with nature and food production.
Who is helping connect us to their needs?
<p>The School Garden is managed by volunteers and serves as a facility and resource for student learning through Garden Club and Garden Education Classes. Second and Fourth grade students learning about nature, food and community, nearly every other week all year. All other K-6 students have the opportunity to join the Garden Club, a less structured opportunity for physical exercise and nature exploration through gardening and crafts.</p> <p>Currently, the 115 students who would like to participate in Garden Club will each spend two recesses per year in the garden, while 4 classrooms (83 students) enjoy Garden Ed Classes. We continue to expand our garden and refine how we use our limited resources with the goal of offering Garden Education to all grade levels and allowing all interested students to spend 4 recesses per year in the garden.</p>
How are we serving?
In order to increase the number of student-hours our garden can accommodate, this 90 minute project will rework and add garden beds to our existing garden. We need 4 adults or teens to work with the Garden Coordinator. Mostly we will be moving soil using wheelbarrows and shovels. Tools will be provided. Please wear work appropriate shoes and bring gloves if desired. One possible date would be Tuesday, March 20, 4:00-5:30 pm, but we can look at other times if need be!
Who do you contact to commit to this opportunity and work out the details?
Please contact Erika Beaudin, School Garden Coordinator, at mbschoolgardens@gmail.com or by text/phone at 360-389-8076. As mentioned, the time and date of this event are flexible, however, it will need to be completed by 4/1 and outside school hours. If you would like to propose another time, please agree within your group before contacting the Garden Coordinator.

If you need help in the process, Wendy at CTK is available (wendyp@ctk.church or 733-1337 ext 212
Please share your project with us by using the hashtag **#CTKserves** on social media!