



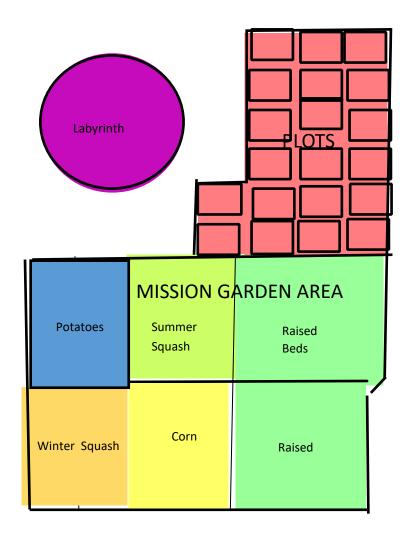
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The community garden at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church has served the Billings community since 2003. It is located along Cook Avenue to the west of the church on 24th St. West. From a small beginning the garden has grown to 104 plots, a Mission Garden, a labyrinth, an orchard, and an apiary.

The half-acre Mission Garden is a unique feature of this community garden. All gardeners, along with other volunteers, raise vegetables in this garden for distribution to local agencies such as Family Services, Montana Rescue Mission, and are also distributed at the South Park Gardeners' Market. Over 4,000 lbs. of produce are produced and delivered each year.

The plots are 8' X 8' and a fee of \$15 is charged for each plot. Gardeners may have more than one plot, depending on availability. Approximately 50 families have plots each year. A well with a sprinkler system provide watering.

The garden operates under organic principles. No chemical fertilizers or pesticides are used. A sizeable compost operation provides compost fertilizer.

We seek to be a "Community of Gardeners" through working together on the Mission Garden, common areas, and activities such as an annual harvest dinner. Several seminars on gardening topics are conducted each year.

The gardens and the labyrinth are open for members of the community to enjoy. Come and visit us.