

Facilities & Food

The Urban Farm Church shares space with Maize Manor UMC, a 60-year-old church facility with:

- Fellowship Hall with full kitchen
- Classroom space for sleeping
- Gender neutral and gender specific bathrooms
- 1 shower located in a genderneutral bathroom
- Meals can be prepared by the team or can be catered
- Produce from the Farm is available to teams

Team Info

- Max team size is 20 people
- No age restrictions for teams
- Teams are welcome from June to late August
- \$150/person fee (includes onsite accommodations, Farm produce, & work materials)
- Additional \$500 fee for meals to be provided

Our Story

In the summer of 2020, Rev. Ryan Grace and his family traveled around southeast Ohio learning about small, sustainable farms. They tasted raw paw-paw pulp, milked a grass-fed dairy cow, and tried locally made cheese and yogurt. What they found is that local foods are better for the planet, better for the economy, and better for people.

A year later, Rev. Grace started wondering if his church, with its 4.5 acres of land in the middle of Columbus, could become the site of a sustainable urban farm. The answer was a resounding YES! In partnership with Maize Manor United Methodist Church, the Urban Farm Church is a new kind of faith community that cares for both people and planet in very tangible ways.



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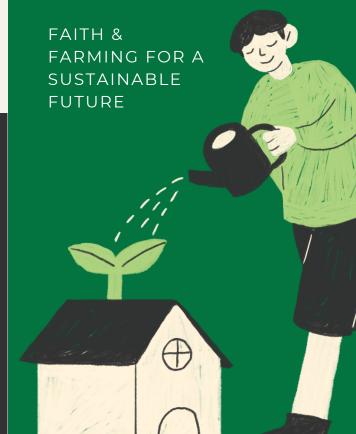
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Urban Farm Church







Mission

To create a sustainable urban farm where people center the heart, mind, body, and spirit, and serve their neighbors.

Vision

To grow crops and community on the north side of Columbus by...

- Developing green space in the middle of the city
- Providing fresh, locally grown produce for our neighbors
- Modeling green farming techniques people can use in their own backyards
- Building local resilience to the global crisis of climate change.

Working on the Farm

At the Urban Farm Church, we welcome people of all ages and abilities to work on the Farm. Possible projects for work teams include:

- Tending the Farm (planting, watering, weeding, harvesting)
- Special projects (these vary from week to week so details are available closer to your mission journey)
- Other direct services (produce giveaways, clothing closet, Blessing Box, etc.)



An Eco-Immersion Experience

Besides working on the Farm, your journey to the Urban Farm Church will include learning and cultural immersion opportunities.

Topics could include:

- Creation Care (theology & UM tradition)
- Sustainable Agriculture (how to grow more sustainably)
- Climate Justice (building local climate resilience)

Cultural immersion opportunities:

- Visits to other sustainable farms, gardens, and food forests
- Fun activities such as visiting the Columbus Zoo (where our compost comes from!),
 Franklin Park Conservatory (which promotes sustainability initiatives!), or a visit to the North Market or a local farmers market.