

JESUS *Has Left* **THE Building**

INTERTWINE

Interfaith Initiative

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Our eighth JHLTB embraced our Intertwine Interfaith Initiative! Our seven projects reflected an interfaith emphasis and we invited friends of other faiths to join us in sharing love and compassion with the St. Louis community. After the projects, we shared our stories at our church picnic at Des Peres Park.



Baking Cookies

Nine people gathered in the PUCC kitchen to bake and package treats. We were especially happy to have two women from TASOM share Turkish cookies. The group then delivered the cookies to police and fire stations throughout the community.

How we can continue to help: Show appreciation for service providers regularly.



Assembling soup kits

Eighteen people gathered in PUCC's fellowship hall to create 800 bean soup kits, assembly-line style! The group used the recipe provided by the annual St. Louis Jewish Muslim Day of Service. The soup kits were then provided to the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry and the ICNA Relief

Halal Food Pantry.

How we can continue to help: Christians can also join the Jewish Muslim Day of Service on Christmas. Numerous food pantries in our area welcome donations of non-perishable goods. Also, watch for other interfaith service opportunities in our area.



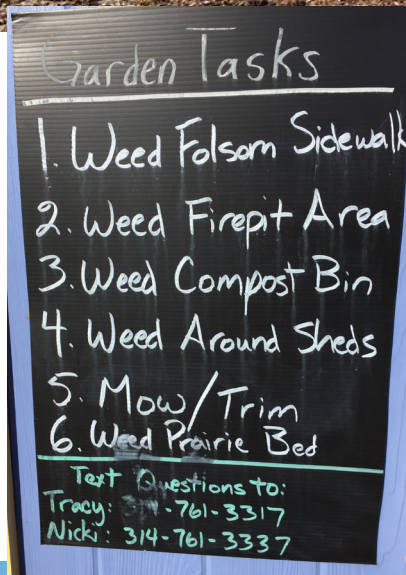
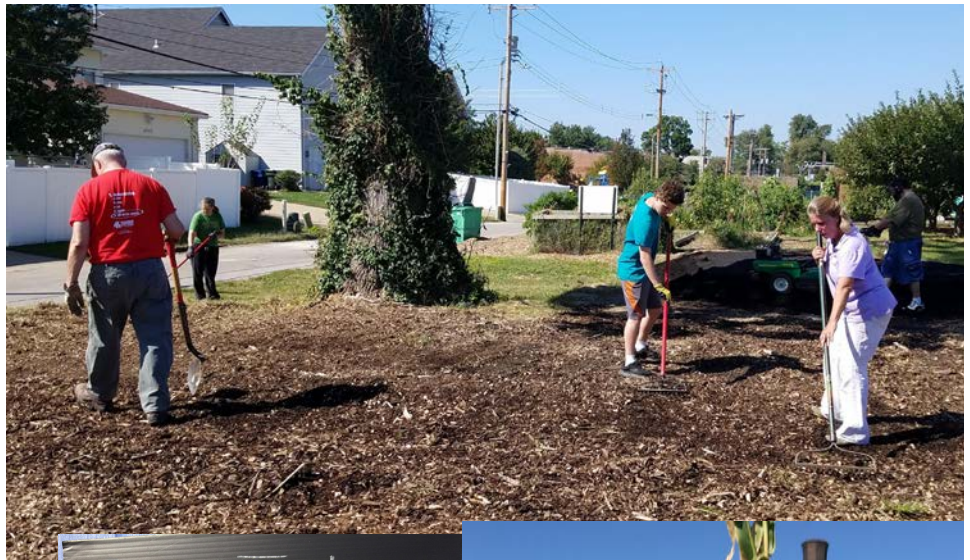


Farming with the International Institute

The International Institute's Global Farms Program provides opportunities for refugee and immigrant arrivals to more effectively adjust to life in America. The program offers new Americans coming from agricultural lifestyles a place where they can immediately engage in their traditional practice of farming and gardening.

Seven volunteers mulched, tilled, weeded, and picked up debris, as well as learning about the farm program.

How we can continue to help: Your help to improve and maintain these farm sites is much needed and greatly appreciated - please contact Joel Walker at walkerj@iistl.org





Creating cards of support

Fourteen people colored, stamped, and pasted beautiful, creative cards to be mailed to members of the congregation including our collegians, schools targeted by Westboro Baptist protesters, and others who might need a bit of cheer or encouragement and a reminder of God's love.

How we can continue to help:

Everyone loves receiving mail - send a note to let someone know you are thinking of them.





Gardening at The Hindu Temple of St. Louis

Seventeen PUCCers joined teens and leaders from the Temple's youth group to remove monkey grass and plant annuals, perennials, and spring bulbs. After the gardening, we were treated to a Temple tour and Indian food.

How we can continue to help: The youth group from The Hindu Temple performs many hours of community service. We hope to partner with them in future projects.





Organizing at Baitulmal/ House of Goods

Four people spent the morning organizing shoes, baby clothes, and women's clothing for Baitulmal. This mission of the Islamic Foundation of St. Louis gathers thousands of donations for families in need. Families

may choose the items needed at no charge.

How we can continue to help: Donate clothing, household goods, furniture, and electronics you no longer need to Baitulmal.



Maintaining Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery

Caretaker Woody led 14 PUCCers in basic grounds maintenance including cleaning up sweet gum balls, picking up sticks and debris, cleaning up the sidewalk along Hanley road, and sweeping sidewalks. Many people became familiar with the Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery due to the heartbreaking anti-Semitic vandalism a couple years ago.

How we can continue to help: This very large cemetery can always use help with basic clean up to keep the grounds tidy for visitors.

