



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.

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 gender-neutral 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 on-site accommodations, Farm produce, & work materials)
- Additional \$500 fee for meals to be provided

Urban Farm Church



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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.*)



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.

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.