Report from the Interfaith Garden

Saturday, 6/10/17

Volunteers from First Baptist, Grace, Hancock, St. Nicholas and Arlington Ward of Latter Day Saints

Weather: Beautiful early summer…sunny and 70s

Harvest: About 9 pounds of asparagus, bok choy, lettuce, mint, green onions, radishes, rhubarb and spinach

As is probably true with your own gardens, the cool weather seems to have slowed the maturing of our vegetables. But we still had our early and "cool weather" crops to harvest and deliver: namely asparagus, rhubarb, greens and some herbs. So far about 50 pounds have been donated to the Food Pantry. That's how much the rabbits and chipmunks have left after filling their bellies- ha! Happily, Carla recently reported that a Tuesday volunteer (from the Lex Garden Club?) finally found where the rabbits have been gaining entrance. So the battle with the rabbits, etal may have finally turned in our favor!

This morning seemed to be about connections. I met someone from preschool days when our kids were in the same play group. That was fun catching up on 20 years. One volunteer shared he was from a small region in Eastern India and was amazed that another volunteer was very familiar with it—she knew others from the same place. So the second volunteer will try to connect him with her other friends. That's the added benefit of helping at the Garden…. who knows what connections you will make or renew when you chat, working side by side.

Maria and Helen take a break from weeding.

Mark assessing what is growing under the hoop.