



Guns to Gardens

Second Safe Surrender Event

9 am - 1 pm Saturday, October 25, 2025
Central Presbyterian Church | 3501 Campbell | KC, MO
For more information: centralpreskc.org | 816-931-251

Hello Friends,

Because thoughts and prayers alone are not enough to curb gun violence, Central Presbyterian Church will host the **Second Annual Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender Event** in our church parking lot in October.

This event offers a safe, responsible, and anonymous way for community members to surrender unwanted, unloaded firearms. These will be dismantled on-site and later transformed into garden tools by a local blacksmith—an act inspired by Isaiah 2:4: “...beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.”

Last year's impact:

- **81 firearms surrendered**, including 34 semi-automatics
- Participants traveled from **0.5 to 45 miles** to safely surrender firearms
- **75%** learned of the event via media
- **80%** said the firearms were inherited or gifted

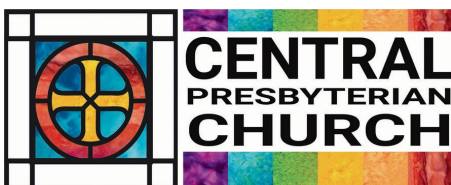
Why We Need Your Support:

To grow our 2025 outreach, we are seeking **non-profit donations and gift cards** to help cover event costs. Last year, we distributed **\$5,225 in grocery gift cards** as a token of thanks to those who surrendered firearms. The event required **70 volunteers**, including on-site safety training teams. It garnered sustained media attention and drew visits from leaders including **Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas, Jackson County Prosecutor Melesa Johnson, Councilwoman Melissa Patterson Hazley, and Jackson County Legislator Manuel Abarca IV**. With your support, we can expand this vital work to make our communities safer.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference.

Sincerely,

Phil Woodson



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GUNS TO GARDENS 2025 SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



WATERING CAN | \$100–\$499 | Nourish the seeds of change.

Sponsorship Benefits:

- A letter of gratitude (tax-exempt if applicable).



PRUNING SHEARS | \$500–\$999 | Create a framework for growth.

Sponsorship Benefits:

- A letter of gratitude for the tax-exempt donation.
- Up to 2 G2G t-shirts.



SPADE | \$1,000–\$4,999 | Prepare new ground.

Sponsorship Benefits:

- A letter of gratitude for the tax-exempt donation.
- Add the organization/business logo to the event t-shirt.
- Up to 2 G2G t-shirts.
- Use a social media template to announce your sponsorship and reciprocal posts by Central Presbyterian Church.
- The individual, organization, or business name is included in media advisories and press releases.



GARDEN GLOVES | \$5,000–\$9,999 | Envision the possibility of peace.

Sponsorship Benefits:

- A letter of gratitude for the tax-exempt donation.
- Add the organization/business logo to the event t-shirt.
- Up to 4 G2G t-shirts.
- Use a social media template to announce your sponsorship and reciprocal posts by Central Presbyterian Church.
- The individual, organization, or business name is included in media advisories and press releases.
- Opportunity for organization/business spokesperson to do a broadcast media interview about the Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender Event with Central Presbyterian's Rev. Jenny Wells.
- Opportunity to add organization/business logo to banners at the chopping stations on event day.



PLOW | \$10,000 or more | Strengthen the roots of community.

Sponsorship Benefits:

- A letter of gratitude for the tax-exempt donation.
- Add the organization/business logo to the event t-shirt.
- Up to 10 G2G t-shirts.
- Use a social media template to announce your sponsorship and reciprocal posts by Central Presbyterian Church.
- The individual, organization, or business name is included in media advisories and press releases.
- Opportunity for organization/business spokesperson to do a broadcast media interview about the Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender Event with Central Presbyterian's Rev. Jenny Wells.
- Opportunity to add organization/business logo to a large banner hanging from the church's exterior and other select event signage.
- Invitation to a private showing of blacksmith's work at a volunteer wrap party.
- Receive an actual garden tool made from surrendered firearms material.