

# Farm and Faith Partnership—Spring CSA 2026

Do you truly value the hard work of farming? More and more farming families in our communities are losing their land to large industrial monoculture corporations. If you want to support family-owned farms, participating in a CSA is one of the most important things you can do. [What's a CSA?](#)

Please join us in our fourth year of the HBUMC CSA partnership with Elvin and Madeline Eaton of Fairport Farms. Upon retiring, they felt called to convert their family farmland into a healthier, regenerative farm. Learn more about regenerative farming [here](#). You'll taste and see the difference that freshly picked, truly organic food makes. It's not only good for you, but for the earth as well. The Eatons also partner with several nonprofits to provide healthy fresh foods in underserved rural areas. Your share helps them continue that good work.

*If you would like to support the Spring CSA, but don't want or need the produce, please consider purchasing a full or half share to be donated to the NC State Food Pantry, Feed the Pack. Better yet, buy a share for yourself AND the food pantry! We will also continue to donate our CSA members' unclaimed bags of produce to our staff and community members in need.*

## Here's how the CSA works:

- Signups will be open Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> through Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Go to <https://www.hbumc.org/signups>. Please note: adding your name to the Signup Genius is only step one.
- Step two: payment. After you sign up, please immediately go to <https://www.hbumc.org/give>. Click Give Online, then choose the fund, CSA – Personal Use, or CSA – Donation if it's a donation. Read the instructions in the Signup Genius and in your confirmation email for more details. Questions about payment should be directed to Janet Gruchacz (email below).
- Read the CSA Membership document on the [Farm and Faith](#) page. Your payment means you agree to the terms.
- The spring season will cover 8 weeks. Friday deliveries start March 20th and end on May 15th. There will be no delivery on April 3<sup>rd</sup> (Easter weekend).
- A half share is \$150 (\$18.75/week for 8 weeks) and is recommended for an individual or couple. You will receive about 4 different items that should supply several days worth of produce each week.
- A full share is \$300 (\$37.50/week for 8 weeks) and is recommended for a family of 4. It provides double the amount of a half share.
- Pickup is in the Fellowship Hall at the Stone Street entrance (unless otherwise notified) between 11:30am and 1:00pm on delivery days. You may swap out an item during that time if desired. CSA volunteers will be there to assist you.
- Bags not claimed by 1:00pm will be stored in the kitchen refrigerator for you to pick up until the following Monday at 4pm, after which unclaimed bags will be donated. Church is open for pickups Fridays until 4:00pm, is usually closed on Saturdays, and is open again for pickups on Sundays 8:00am-1:00pm and Mondays 9:00am-4:00pm.
- CSA participants will receive an invitation to help sort and distribute bags on Fridays from 11:15am to 1:00pm. Please sign up if you're available. Many hands make light work.

**Questions?** Contact the CSA leaders: Bobbi Mullins - [bobbi.n.mullins@gmail.com](mailto:bobbi.n.mullins@gmail.com); Janet Gruchacz - [gruchaczj@gmail.com](mailto:gruchaczj@gmail.com); or Janice Waterman - [jfwaterm@gmail.com](mailto:jfwaterm@gmail.com).