

## Farm and Faith Partnership 2024 Fall CSA Shares

The [UMC Revised Social Principles](#), passed at the 2024 General Conference, state, “We affirm our sacred calling to be responsible stewards and to lovingly tend all that God has wrought... [We] celebrate earth’s abundance and diversity, and, along with the entirety of the cosmos, give praise to its Creator. We recognize we are interconnected members of complex ecosystems, intricate webs of life, all of which have their origins in God’s gracious act of creation.” (p. 9)

Our farmers, the Eatons of Fairport Farms, use environmentally beneficial farming practices (regenerative farming) to grow an abundance of nutritious vegetables while nourishing the soil’s ecosystem. You can support their efforts and reap the benefit of their hard work by purchasing a CSA share this fall. By doing so, you will also be living out the United Methodist Social Principles.

The Eatons are busy planting and growing fall crops, which could include cabbage, cucumbers, pumpkins, radishes, squash, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, bok choy, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard greens, broccoli, and microgreens of course! *Please keep in mind that farming is filled with uncertainties, and this list might change. Regardless, there will be a plentiful harvest each week.*

Purchase a fall CSA share and invite your neighbors, friends, and family to do so, too! Here’s how:

- Sign up and pay at [hbumc.org/signups](http://hbumc.org/signups) between August 25 and September 13. Notice that we are now using the church system, so your signup and payment will be completed in one easy step!
- The drop-down menu will offer an option for a full or half share of produce or a full or half share donation to our partners, Wilson Temple Food Pantry and the NC State Food Pantry (Feed the Pack).
- A full share is \$250 for 8 weeks of produce. A half share is \$125.
- A full share provides several days of produce for a family of 4 each week. Each delivery will contain a variety of around 4 different items. Full shares sometimes receive bonus crops as a special thank you from the farmer. A half-share is a great option for an individual or a couple and provides about half the amount of produce as a full share.
- The 8 weekly deliveries will begin September 27 and end November 15.
- Please pick up your share in the Fellowship Hall at the Stone Street entrance between 11:45am and 12:45pm on the Fridays of delivery.
- Bags that are not picked up on time will be stored in the kitchen refrigerator until Monday at 4pm, at which time unclaimed bags will be donated.

- You may donate a particular week's produce if you're out of town.
- Last but not least, CSA members will receive a signup invitation to help us sort and distribute bags on Fridays. Please sign up for one or more deliveries, if you're available.

### **Egg shares:**

- Lakay Farm will once again offer egg shares—full (1 dozen for 8 weeks, \$48), half (1 dozen every other week for 4 weeks, \$24), and quarter (1 dozen week 1, and 1 dozen week 5, \$12).
- Signups are handled directly by Lakay Farm at lakayfarm.com and generally coincide with the produce signup period. Once on their website, click on shop, and then select Church CSA Only. Write "HBUMC" in the Church Name box, as they need to know where to deliver the eggs. Otherwise, you might not receive them. Once you get to "payment," you can use PayPal or a credit card to complete the transaction.
- Your eggs will be delivered along with the CSA produce.
- You can add an extra dozen any week, as long as you order by Wednesday. Contact Lakay Farm for more information.

**The Farm and Faith Partnership at Hayes Barton UMC** is run by our Biblical Justice Action Team (BJAT) and Outreach. Our goal is to live into the UMC Social Principles and to live out the calling to love mercy and do justice. Learn more:

<https://www.hbumc.org/farm-and-faith>

**Learn more about RAFI-USA's Farm and Faith Partnership Project at**

<https://www.rafiusa.org/programs/cttt/farm-and-faith-partnerships-project/>

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