

**Project:** CSA drop weekly at church June to September 2007

**Category:** Sustainable Living

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UUC sponsored a Sunday morning weekly drop site for the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm Growing Things Farm from June through September 2007. Michaelae Blakely from Growing Things Farm gave a presentation at an Impact Forum to introduce CSAs and her farm in Carnation, WA. Approximately 10 people/families signed up for the summer CSA to pick up a bag of fresh produce on Sunday mornings that was grown by Growing Things Farm. Liz Strausz and members from the Green Sanctuary promoted this CSA and the concept of buying local produce at Sunday after-service tables, via the Impact Forum, and through announcements in the order of service and Gateway church newsletter.

The weekly Growing Things Sunday morning drop was discontinued at the end of September 2007 when Michaelae suspended her farm's CSA and focused on Farmers' Market sales only. This one-season CSA was an introduction in buying local produce and supporting a local farm. Green Sanctuary committee is continuing to promote the concept of buying local food via CSA's and Farmers' Markets by directing members of UUC to the Puget Sound Fresh website: [www.pugetsoundfresh.org](http://www.pugetsoundfresh.org).

