

# Supporting the Spiritual Integrity of Rural Life & Farming

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: DEC. 3, 9–12:30 PM**

**Your favorites will be back just in time for the holiday season. The market is free. Meal tickets are \$5 a person or \$20 for family of 4 or more.**

**Meat, eggs, cheese, preserves, salsas, caramels, chocolates, apples, cider, maple syrup, oats, veggies, soaps, handmade alpaca wool products, fair trade items, and more.**

Our annual Farmer's Market is provided to us by the Food Faith and Farming Network. This organization has helped educate the public to the needs of our local farmers as well as how to shop in a manner that reflects faith, health and justice.

Food Faith and Farming Network gives voice to the sacred connections between land and people. We foster rural and urban relationships and promote earth stewardship, community, spirituality and economic justice through healthy food and sustainable farming practices. We collaborate with individuals, organizations and faith communities that share our vision.

A major emphasis since 2004 has been linking farmers to consumers through Winter Farmers' [Markets & Meals for Hope](#) held in local faith communities in a multi-state area during the winter months. These markets and meals have provided farmers with increased production, sales and marketing opportunities in the winter season while educating consumers about the importance of buying **locally-raised, sustainably-produced food**. A percentage of the proceeds are donated to the [Harvest of Hope Fund](#) an initiative that offers financial help and hope to farm families in financial distress.

The Harvest of Hope Fund is a statewide initiative that offers financial help and hope to Wisconsin farm families in distress. It is administered by the Madison Christian Community, in partnership with other local, state and regional groups. Since January, 1986 when the fund began, they have granted over 1,545 gifts totaling more than \$965,000 to Wisconsin farm families in difficult situations.

To learn more, watch a video [here](#) and follow the links on this page.

—Cheryl Matusiak (Pastoral Care Coordinator)



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