

## **Community Supported Agriculture program through One Straw Farm** **2018 season**

Govans was an early participant in the Community Supported Agriculture movement. We have partnered with the organic farm One Straw Farm for the last 10 seasons and received weekly fresh produce delivered to church for CSA members. We partnered with this farm for a number of reasons, one being that they provide us a tithing share of produce for us to use/give away for every 10 members who sign up and choose our site. The extra food we receive and member left overs go to support the CARES food pantry and Soul Kitchen. Govans will once again be a drop site for CSA members and we invite you to review the information about the program listed below. Everyone is invited to become a CSA member - you don't have to be a church member to join so please share with family and friends and pass the word about this program.

This year One Straw Farm is offering a completely new CSA experience - customized boxes! This innovative [CSA](#) program is called [Harvie](#) -named before the hurricane with hopes that it takes off like a hurricane. [Harvie](#) is a completely new CSA software platform built from the ground up with the goal of better serving members.

Harvie allows the farm to offer you a customized box, greater variety within each box, flexible box sizes, and flexible weeks. Each box will be delivered with your name on it and a list of what is in your box for the week.

**Customized Boxes** After completing sign up and choosing your site and share size (small, medium, or large), we list the vegetables we grow. You rate each vegetable from 0 ("I never want it in my box") to 4 ("I love it!").

At the start of each week, [Harvie](#) will generate a suggested box for you based on what we have available to harvest that week. A couple of days before delivery, you will receive an email notifying you that you can login to Harvie and adjust your custom box. You can remove items or swap them for other things you need, or even purchase extra items! If you don't want to customize your share, you can leave it alone. It's already set to your preferences so chances are, you'll like what you receive.

**Purchase Delivery Extras** Having a party one week or out of town guests? Or just hungry for more local food? Use delivery extras to purchase items above and beyond your basic box.

**Payment Plans** With Harvie's payment plan, you pay 25% of your share price at signup, 25% at your first delivery, and the remaining 50% will be split up and charged at the time of each delivery. If you prefer, you can choose to pay in full at signup.

**Delivery Flexibility, including vacation holds and double boxes**

If you need to put your box on hold or move it to another week, you can login to do that.

### **Cooking Suggestion Engine**

[Harvie](#) has a built in cooking suggestion engine (coming Spring 2018) which will generate recipe suggestions based on your custom box.

### **Farm Days**

Throughout 2018 One Straw Farm will have Twilight Tours - educational events for you to learn more about the food you eat along with Music Nights and pick your own flower and sunflower days. The farm loves to have members visit and once you sign up you will receive emails and invitations to events at the farm.