

At CTK, we value authenticity, simplicity, empowerment, relationship, and caring about the community we live in. One key way we serve is by empowering small groups to make a difference through our local partners who address important issues for those in the hardest life circumstances. The opportunity below is a chance to tangibly demonstrate God's care, compassion, and love for those around us. As your church, we hope this makes it easy for you to put the Great Commandment to love your neighbor as yourself into action!

BELLINGHAM FOOD BANK – GARDEN PROJECT

Who are we serving?
Families who live within the Bellingham city limits and need some extra groceries.
Who is helping connect us to their needs?
<p>Bellingham Food Bank works to make high quality and health food available to anyone who needs it. Their motto is “HUNGER IS UNACCEPTABLE” and they believe in serving people with respect and dignity.</p> <p>Each year, the Garden Project builds 25 raised-bed vegetable gardens for low income Bellingham residents, free of charge. In addition to the garden bed, program participants receive free resources for two years, which include educational workshops, organic seeds and plant starts, basic tools, a growing guide, a seasonal newsletter and access to a garden mentor.</p>
How are we serving?
<p>Would your small group be willing to take your normal small group night and instead build 1-3 raised beds? This is such a tangible way to turn bare soil and tiny plants into abundant gardens that provide people with a great feeling of accomplishment and nutritious additions to their kitchen table. Materials will be provided; your group may be asked to bring tools. Pick at least two potential dates that work for your group. Or maybe split into two teams and each pick a couple dates.</p>
Who do you contact to commit to this opportunity and work out the details?
<p>Once you have a list of dates, contact Julia Rader, the Garden Project Coordinator, at (360) 676 0392 or gardenproject@bellinghamfoodbank.org to find out how many beds are needed at this time, find a date and time that works for everybody, as well as get more information on raised bed dimensions and locations for installation.</p>

If you need help in the process, Wendy at CTK is available (wendyp@ctk.church or 733-1337 ext 212
Please share your project with us by using the hashtag **#CTKserves** on social media!