

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!

HARMONY SCHOOL GARDEN - SPRING PREP

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| Who are we serving? |
| Elementary kids who attend Harmony Elementary School off the Sand Road as you start out the Mt Baker Highway |
| Who is helping connect us to their needs? |
| Harmony Elementary School is part of the Mt Baker School District serving all the communities along the Mt Baker Highway and south to Skagit County. Harmony is working in collaboration with Common Threads, a local, nonprofit garden education program that focuses on projects that offer kids hands on opportunities to learn about where our food comes from. The garden, started just one year ago, is roughly 50' long and 20' wide and expanding the garden will give them more space for their 450 kids to explore and learn new ideas. As always food security is a major issue in the foothills community. This project empowers kids with the skills they learn through the Common Threads education to build a more resilient community. During the winter, they have been doing cooking classes to keep the kids engaged with the garden as well as expose them to new foods. They have also added a worm bin program at the school this past year! |
| How are we serving? |
| <p>This is the perfect to get the garden prepped for planting which begins in April. The primary tasks we need to accomplish are 1) build more planting boxes, put up some trellising, hang garden banners, and build a compost bin. This should take a group of 10 people about 3 hours to accomplish. Invite family members, friends or neighbors along to round out the group if everyone can't make it!</p> <p>Also, the group has just enough money from a grant received last year to buy building materials but if you have connections for a discount or donated material, that would be so helpful!</p> |
| Who do you contact to commit to this opportunity and work out the details? |
| If Saturday, April 14 does not work for your group, please come up with one or two other Saturdays that work for your group! Then contact Garden Coordinator, Kelly Uusitalo at kuusitalo@comcast.net or 425 791-0742. She will have the list of tools it would be helpful to bring. |

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