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North United Methodist Church's 2018 Farmers' Market Will Consist of Nine Dates From Thursday, June 7 Through Sept. 20

INDIANAPOLIS, May 24 — The 38th and Meridian Street Farmers' Market presented by North United Methodist Church will be held on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of June through September from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

It is one of the oldest farmers' markets in Indianapolis and it attracts a diverse customer base of more than 5,200 people annually.

For the 2018 season the open-air market will be held on nine Thursdays: June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, Aug. 2, Aug. 16, Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and Sept. 20.

This year it will be held on 39th Street, between Meridian Street and Illinois Street, along the south edge of Tarkington Park.

The market is an outreach activity of North United Methodist Church, located at 3808 North Meridian Street. The operation includes staff and volunteers from the church and support from the community. Megan Sullivan is the market manager.

The goals of the market are to bring fresh produce into an Indianapolis food desert area, support Indiana farmers, and provide a community activity for the neighborhood. It provides locally grown food, educational information, and health screenings. As part of the food access goal, the market participates in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and accepts vouchers from the Indiana Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The market offers fresh, regional produce (Azalia Farm Market, Wild's Apple Farm, Harker Family Farm), plant and flower growers (Becky's Urban Flower Farm), specialty custom-prepared food items (Rosie's Riblets, Aunt Jean's Fun Foods, PH3rment, Hot Toddy's, Roamers, Circadian Coffee, Calliope Sno-balls and Chef Du Jour).

It specializes in produce and meat produced in Indiana and strives to offer locally grown and sustainably produced products such as artisan food, bakery, and ready-to-eat food items.

In addition to the food vendors, the Aug. 30 market will have an arts and community focus and will include local artisans. Booth space is also offered to community partners and not-for-profit organizations including the Indianapolis Public Library, Indiana State Fair, Martin Luther King Center, and the Purdue Extension office.

Other special activities at individual markets may include free music, haircuts, face painting for children, and other activities.

For more information, please see the market's Web site at meridianfarmersmarket.org or contact Ms. Sullivan via e-mail at market@northchurchindy.com or telephone at (317) 924-2612. Customers may also follow the market on Facebook to learn more about specific items to be offered at the market and special activities planned for each date.

