

## Moving Planet – Snohomish: Farm to Food Bank – 2011



Loading the produce...



...at the Snohomish River

Our Creation Stewards hosted a 350.org event on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, focusing on reducing our dependency on fossil fuel and helping to end hunger in our community.

The Stewards moved 438 pounds of fresh organic produce from our garden at Chinook Farms (5.5 miles out of town) into Snohomish and delivered it to the Snohomish Community Food Bank - without using fossil fuel. The produce was first transported from the Farm to the Snohomish River by wheelbarrows, where two canoes and a row boat were loaded and continued the journey via the Snohomish River.

The water leg ended at Cady Park where people power (using bikes, wagons and strollers) moved the veggies the 1.8 miles up the hill to the Food Bank. Bailey's contributed produce as well, and representatives of the local Home Depot picked 103 lbs. of blueberries at the Blueberry Blossom Farm and transported the fruit to the Food Bank.

A total contribution of 541 pounds of fresh produce resulted, thanks to the incredible efforts of more than 50 people, including 17 folks from the community! All were grateful for a lovely sunny day for the journey. Thank you to all who helped make this event a success!!



Fr. Mark in Action

~Moving Plant Event photos by Jim and Kati Anderson~



Just about finished with the produce delivery!



Crew of Volunteers from St. John's and the Community

## **Moving Planet – Snohomish: Farm to Food Bank** (Continued)

The Snohomish Community Food Bank currently serves 230-250 families each week. The number of families being served is up 35% due to the current economic situation. On holidays the number of families served soars to more than 320. The Snohomish Community Food Bank is thankful for the generosity of St. John's and the Snohomish community for their financial support and contributions of goods and fresh produce.