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Deep Roots Farm in Albany supplies the fresh organic produce for the Farm Fresh Buying Club inside Holy Redeemer Church. The effort to bring healthy foods to members of the community is the result of support from Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership and Holy Redeemer Parish.

From the Farm to the Congregation

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throughout the communities. While the majority of tables are located at religious sites on Sundays, she explained there is also a table on Friday at a local Mosque.

"The farmers we try to work with are either new or immigrant farmers

as a way to help promote what they market base to work with," said Caldwell.

She said cooking and food preservation classes, offered at a discounted price for members, will also take place this summer for anyone in foodandfaith@emoregon.org or call the general public.

One farmer's table will be held at are doing and give them a bigger Holy Redeemer church on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., and pick up for the buying club is held on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. through October.

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Michelle Obama's High Marks on World Stage

Africa visit warmly received

(AP) -- After more than two years as America's first lady, Michelle Obama won't say she's hit her stride.

Her recent performance on a good will mission to Africa, including an



First lady Michelle Obama and daughter Malia listen to their guide during a safari in Madikwe Game Reserve in South Africa. (AP photo)

emotionally rousing speech about youth leadership and a packed itinerary that rivaled her husband's traveling schedules, said otherwise.

On her second overseas business trip without the president, and to the black motherland, America's first black first lady was warmly received everywhere she went, often with song and to the point of almost being moved to tears.

She spoke passionately about her causes, tickled and danced with some of the youngest Africans, and sat with presidents and first ladies, including Nelson Mandela, South Africa's former president and a hero of the anti-apartheid movement.

She held 20 public events in five days, landed on newspaper front pages and was fashionably dressed, as usual, including outfits with an African connection.

In between all that, Mrs. Obama squeezed in dinner with gal-pal Oprah Winfrey, who was in South Africa for unrelated business.

It was the first lady's biggest moment on the world stage.

She was reluctant to grade herself, telling reporters that it embarrasses her to "talk about my stride and being on my game." But she does realize her power as first lady and says it's a timestamped opportunity that she doesn't want to waste.

