

The Heavenly Food Pantry, located at the First Congregational Church on Main Street in Essex Junction, will be open to families residing in Essex, Essex Junction and Westford on Monday, January 9, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Beginning at 5:30, families arriving will be given a number and asked to wait in the sanctuary for their number to be called. They will then be registered and guided to the pantry for food. A volunteer will greet and escort them around the pantry, allowing them to make selections of their choosing. After food is gathered, it will be weighed (information for pantry use only) and another volunteer will bring the food to the family's vehicle. Shopping carts will be made available for those within walking distance of the pantry.

The Food Pantry requests that those visiting the pantry (as well as the volunteers) remain masked when the pantry is open for food distribution.

As usual, there are no income requirements to visit the food pantry and a variety of food is available to everyone; however, additional food is provided by the USDA once a month to eligible families who fall below federally mandated guidelines.

Families not able to attend the pantry may call the Church office at 878-5745 **between 9:00 a.m. and noon today or Monday** to leave contact information (name, address, phone number) so arrangements for delivery can be made. A follow up call to complete registration will take place on Monday.

Families are currently able to visit the pantry each time it is open-on the 2nd Monday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and the 4th Thursday of the month from 2:00-6:00 p.m. (except for November and December when it is the 3rd Thursday).