

## **The Chesapeake City Ecumenical Food Pantry Guidelines**

Our food pantry has been established to serve the Community of Chesapeake City and the surrounding area. Our intent is to aid families in times of need, by providing a food box and daily care products as they are available to us. Our pantry is stocked through the generous hearts of our member congregations and local organizations.

We do not have financial guidelines. If GOD has lead you here, than you are in need and we hope to be able to serve you. That being said, we operate within a limited service area, and the following guidelines have been set by our General Board.

**Our established service area is Frenchtown Road, Elkton, MD south to the Bohemia River. Other areas are served by the Help Center (Elkton, MD), Immaculate Conception (Elkton, MD), Ray of Hope (Port Deposit), Tabitha's Pantry (Charlestown, MD), Good Shepherd Parish (Perryville, MD) and St. Mary Anne's (North East, MD), Faith in Action (Earleville & south of).**

Please honor our need to set the guidelines as published below:

**SENIORS:** Anyone aged 62 and over, regardless of where you reside, may visit our pantry once every 30 days. You will be asked to present identification, which is confidential to our records and allows us to track who is being served.

**FAMILIES WITHIN OUR ESTABLISHED SERVICE AREA:** Families who reside from Frenchtown Road, Elkton, MD south to the Bohemia River may visit our pantry once every 30 days. You will be asked to present identification which is confidential to our records and allows us to track who is being served.

**FAMILIES OUTSIDE OUR SERVICE AREA:** You may visit our pantry **once every 90 days**. You will be asked to present identification for the purpose of tracking who is being served. Please note a list of additional pantries is provided at the top of this notice. You are encouraged to contact these service centers for their hours of operation and any program requirements.

Our boxes will vary in content, depending on what is available in stock. Our boxes provided about 5 days worth of meals for a family of 4. We provide non-perishable foods only, and cannot pack boxes specific to family size or dietary needs.

Blessings and May GOD keep you safe in HIS arms....Deborah Forsythe, President