

Brewerton Community Food Pantry

Our church is proud to be the home of the Brewerton Community Food Pantry, which is sponsored in cooperation with the 4 local area churches and the Food Bank of Central New York.

The mission of the Brewerton Community Food Pantry is to provide a variety of food items – breakfast, lunch and dinner items; the equivalent of a 7-day supply for each member of the family, for families in need. In addition to food items, we provide household and personal care items, based on availability. The volunteers who serve the food pantry are made up of members of the local area churches, who range in age from middle & high school students to senior citizens. The pantry receives the support of the Food Bank of Central New York in the form of Food & Equipment Grants. The Food Bank is our primary source of food. We receive food deliveries twice each month on average. We also receive generous support from the churches, as well as local businesses, community groups and individuals in the form of food and financial donations. We operate solely through donations and the support of the Food Bank of CNY. Currently, we serve between 12 to 16 families each week, averaging 50 to 60 families or 160 to 170 individuals each month. In addition to providing monthly food allocations to local families, the food pantry (along with the area churches) also provide holiday food baskets at Easter and Thanksgiving. We work with St. Agnes at Christmas to assist with their Christmas Food Basket project. In August & September, we provide a variety of school supplies to our clients.

Clients are required to complete an informational form with names, dates of birth and ages of each family member as well as contact information such as address & phone number. Proof of address is required when completing the form to ensure that the client is a Brewerton resident. Those clients living outside the Brewerton area receive assistance, but are referred to a pantry in their geographic area for future requests. All information is kept confidential and is used only for reporting purposes to the Food Bank of Central New York. We work with clients to determine the types of food items that are the best fit for the client and his/her family members. In addition, we provide contact information for local & government agencies that might be a source of assistance, such as: WIC, Food Stamps, HEAP, etc. Forms are kept on file for a year and must be updated each year. We welcome clients to use the food pantry once per month as the need exists. In order to ensure food quantities are sufficient to meet the need, we must limit the food pantry's use to once per month.

We welcome volunteers to join our pantry team. We deeply appreciate the support of our generous community and encourage groups to organize food drives to help ensure our shelves are well-stocked throughout the year. TOGETHER we can make a DIFFERENCE in the lives of MANY!