

NEED TO USE THE FOOD PANTRY?

It's okay. That is what it's for.

We all need a little help sometimes. Please don't feel awkward about needing a little help at this time. Seniors, young families, students, we are all in this adventure of life together.

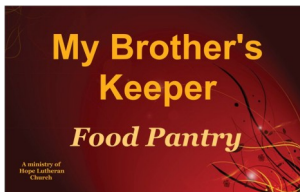
The sharing of food through **My Brother's Keeper - Food Pantry** is intended to help out families and individuals that for many various reasons have found themselves with an issue of food insecurity.

This program is intended to be a short term assistance for local people in need. The local social services are able to assist with further programs and opportunities.

More info about hosting food drives, volunteering, and a direct communication box can all be found on our church web site:

www.hope-lcms.org

Where are we located?



Look for this sign on the side entrance of Hope Church

HOW / WHEN / WHERE ?

WHERE

Hope Lutheran Church

62 Dog Lane Mansfield, CT 06268

860-429-5409

HOW

MBK Appointments: Our guests are referred through the local social services.

After a referral from Town Human Services, guests can schedule a shopping appointment



*If someone needs to shop, first call:
Mansfield Human Services 860-429-0262*

For more info email:

mbkfoodpantry-mbk@yahoo.com

Shopping: Guests shop from the available groceries on our shelves during their own scheduled appointment. The # of bags depends on need and size of family.

Walk-In First Time Visit: If someone is in need of food, *walk-in visits are allowed* for first time guests. After that visit it is then best if guests are connected to all services available through local social services. agencies.

WHAT

The Food Pantry helps with non-perishable food groceries and health care items. We are not able to assist with oil, rent, or utility bills.

Every Tuesday 10—12am

WHEN

Appointments: 10:00-11:45am

First time *walk-in visits* will be served between appointments

MY
BROTHER'S
KEEPER
FOOD
PANTRY



*Helping each other
in times of need*

A MINISTRY OF
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

STORRS-MANSFIELD

THOUGHTS ON FOOD PANTRIES

Hunger is a community issue

Are people hungry right here in my own neighborhood? Am I comfortable with that? Can I do something to help?

Hunger is a Spiritual Issue

Serving and caring are natural parts of a sincere faith walk. We are asked to be aware of each others needs and to be our brothers' and sister' keeper.

Hunger is an issue I can be involved with.

Some problems can seem overwhelming and I can ask "What can just one person do?" But, really there are many, many things one person can do. I just need to take the step to team up with others and find ways to make a difference right here in my community!

OUR GOAL IS SIMPLY... "TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED"
OUR HOPE IS THAT THESE SERVICES WILL EXPAND
AND FURTHER INVOLVE OUR COMMUNITY IN HELP-
ING CARE FOR EACH OTHER MORE AND MORE!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help touch lives right here in your own community. **Here are some ways**

(1) Host a Food Drive :

You can organize a food drive and then bring the items to *Hope*. This is a great way to help because it gives lots of people an opportunity to be involved and keeps the food shelves stocked.

Our biggest need!

(2) You can... Donate \$

You can help us stock the shelves by directly donating funds. Donated funds are used solely to restock the shelves. Donations can be mailed to *Hope* and checks can be made out to: **My Brother's Keeper Food Pantry.**

(3) Be an "on-site" volunteer during hours of operation

These volunteers help monitor during the session and then assist guests as needed.

(4) Spread the Word! Do you know someone in need of help, or someone that wants to volunteer? Let them know about *My Brother's Keeper*. Also, please spread the word to local organizations and clubs about hosting food drives.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Every Tuesday

10-12 am

Appointments: 10:00-11:45 am

If you haven't connected with social services yet, but still need food, then a first time walk-in: visit is allowed. You can shop between appointments.

ABOUT HOSTING A FOOD DRIVE

Any local groups or "teams" that can host a **food drive** is a big help to the program.

We can supply you with posters and brochures to help the success of your food drive.



Items needed: We accept non-perishable food. Some of the most preferred are; **boxed cereals, juices, boxed milk, canned foods, canned meat, peanut butter, and coffee.** Also, health care items are very helpful **TP, paper towels, soaps, shampoo, dental care, and lotions**

Contact us: Please contact through the web "communication box" to coordinate a drop off time for the collected items.

(we don't serve dented or outdated products)