



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Take what you need. Give when you can.

Why are we “installing” a Little Food Pantry?

HTLC has a 75-year legacy of providing, without exception, to those in need. This new addition to our community will directly support our neighbors who are suffering from food insecurities.

Who is Little Food Pantry for?

- For those who want and/or need to give.
- For those not easily able to meet everyday food and personal needs.
- For a hungry kid after school or a home cook who forgot to buy beans.

Little Food Pantry is for everyone.

How does our Little Food Pantry differ from other food pantries, like the one we support at Knox Presbyterian?

- Our Little Food Pantry is small, limiting its quantity and variety. Bricks-and-mortar food pantries are better at meeting pervasive need.
- Our Pantry is a neighborhood safety net.
- Our Pantry is a reminder of our neighbors’ need that creates a neighborhood space for exercising compassion, trust, and mutual aid.

How did we determine the location?

Safety first! As recommended by other Little Food Pantry participants, our location chosen is safe, away from high traffic areas, yet accessible by car with little impact on local traffic and clear of easements and aprons between the sidewalk and the street. It is easily seen as you enter the Fellowship Hall or the Nursery School.

How did we determine the size of our Little Food Pantry?

There are no hard and fast rules for size or shape. The clean, earthlike qualities of the natural wood and the circle of stained glass that surrounds us during worship was the inspiration for the design.

How do we stock the Little Food Pantry?

Those who wish to contribute may do so at their discretion when convenient. Anyone is free to take and give. If demand outpaces supply, empty shelves are problematic only if no

one is contributing. If we feel it needs some extra help, we'll organize a basket for contributing and locate it in the Narthex. Please note that irregular supply is an effective control keeping both consumption and traffic manageable. Irregular supply minimizes loitering, as well.

What should we stock?

Generally, canned vegetables and proteins, personal care items, and paper goods go fast. We will start out with food only and progress to other items, if needed. Inside, the pantry will include a list of items for those who wish to give.

How will we promote the Little Food Pantry?

Except for an occasional shout out in our Sunday Bulletin, we won't. The Pantry is meant to be organic in its nature. Give when and what you can.

How will our Little Food Pantry be monitored?

The Tedesco family will monitor for expired foods, cans bulging and leaking, especially during extreme temperatures. Providing general cleaning, if needed. The Pantry will be examined regularly to be sure the structure is safe and in good repair.