



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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FOOD PANTRY FINANCIAL POLICY

Adopted October 23, 2024

I. MISSION

The mission of the Calvary Food Pantry is to share God's love through the gift of food. In partnership with the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and a wide variety of other organizations and volunteers, the Food Pantry distributes food weekly throughout the year.

II. DONATIONS

Donations of food and other items (including diapers and pet food) may be made by individuals or organizations at any time. Financial donations are deposited into Calvary's Food Pantry designated fund to support the ongoing ministry of the Food Pantry.

III. STEWARDSHIP

The Food Pantry designated fund will maintain a minimum balance of \$10,000, which serves as an "emergency fund" to cover urgent or unexpected expenses. Spending below this threshold must be approved by the Vision Team. If such spending is required, church leaders will work to quickly restore the emergency fund.

The Food Pantry's monthly budget will be determined by calculating a rolling average of contributions during the previous 12 months.

IV. OVERSIGHT

A Food Pantry Ministry Team will be nominated by Calvary's Lay Leadership committee and elected at Charge Conference each year. Ad-interim openings may be filled by the Vision Team. The Associate Pastor will serve as the Food Pantry Ministry Team's staff liaison and will have authority to approve food purchases and operating expenses. Vision Team approval is required for non-food operating expenses that exceed \$750.

V. REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed each year by the Vision Team.