



Community United Methodist Church of Maryland City
300 Brock Bridge Road
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Anne Arundel County Food and Resources Bank

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Community United Methodist Church of Laurel, Maryland for the last four years has been collaborating with you to serve individuals and families via a pantry distributing food to those in need on a monthly basis.

The relationship has been positive, we thank you for the support and training that you have provided. When we have had concerns you have addressed them in a proficient manner.

Since the time we began as a pantry, we have met with state and local representatives and managed to adhere to the guidelines set forth by both food banks.

This has been a most difficult task. Our building lies in a flood plain and at one point due to flooding the church lost all of our appliances. We worked diligently to ensure we were following the guidelines appropriately. We've stored food in areas that other members use as office space, so that items would be in a locked facility.

During the past four years we have never served 30 families. Generally, we were serving approximately 20-22 families. Last year it was at the lower end.

This week the food boxes we had under lock and key (3), had to be discarded. This just brought to light that we are trying to do something for our community, but our building space is inadequate and the pantry is inconveniencing other parishioners since we need to use office space for storage.

The people that have been assisting with the food bank all believed that there was a need here and the pantry would grow exponentially. This has not happened. We do have some people that come regularly, and in need and are very appreciative of this pantry.

We will continue the pantry for the month of July, and let all who come know that the pantry will not be opened after July 30th.

We will post that on the signage in front of our building with your phone number. If you receive requests from citizens hopefully you will be able to find another church or community organization to offer assistance in this area of Anne Arundel County.

Again, our church regrets having to close and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Linda Gamble, Coordinator

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