# The Pantry Door

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## The Coordinator's Corner.

Here's some really good news. The Homer Food Pantry is once again preparing to-go meals each Monday. The meals will first be offered to volunteers as a Food Pantry lunch program and the remaining to-go boxes will be offered to walk-through clients. At the end of the day on Monday, any remaining boxes will be placed in The Freedge.

*Dennis Weidler*

On another note, several businesses have contacted us about providing back to school items, winter coats and a canned food drive for Halloween called Trick or Eat. We'll see what develops but there are some very community minded businesses out there!

## A Special Thanks...

...to all the fishermen and women who have called about donating recently caught fish to the Homer Food Pantry.

And, to all those busy cleaning out the freezer to make room for this season's catch.

Thank you to ALL!

## Welcome To The Freedge.

What may appear to be an average refrigerator tucked under the portico at the Homer United Methodist Church is something a bit more. It is in reality a new addition to the Homer Food Pantry we call The Freedge. It's a free access community refrigerator. At the end of each Food Pantry Monday, there are often a few produce items remaining. In the Freedge they go. We are planning to prepare a few to-go meals each Monday. If there are any remaining, in the Freedge they go. Local restaurants and farmers are encouraged to place packaged food items and locally grown produce into the Freedge. It is available on a first come, first served basis.

*The Freedge*

What began in Great Britain to serve small communities has been picked up in Anchorage and many other locations. Thanks to Laura McBride, The Freedge has become a reality in Homer.

## Getting To Know You: Elliot Shepard

With a resumption to normal operations, many familiar faces are making their appearance again at the Food Pantry. One is Elliot Shepard. Elliot has been volunteering each Monday he is available since 2018. Covid restrictions put a stop to his services, but he has been a regular, smiling face since things opened up.

When not volunteering, Elliot really enjoys fishing, riding his bike, playing pickleball and playing computer games.

*Tonya McGee, Tama Otcheck and Elliot Shepard serving earlier this month.*

Elliot is joined by his grandmother, Tama Otcheck and she is joined by a 27 year volunteer, Tonya McGee.

It is really gratifying to see so many committed servants each Monday at The Food Pantry.

*Providing food and emergency assistance, with compassion, to those seeking our services.*

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