



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Bethany Presbyterian Church, located at **100 West Venango St, Mercer PA 16137** is pleased to announce that we have been approved by The Mercer County Food Bank as their first member agency food pantry in Mercer, PA.

If you or others you know are facing food insecurity in Mercer PA, we are here to help. Bethany Church is "blessed to be a blessing" to the Mercer community.

We are dedicated to the well-being of individuals and families in need. The mission of Bethany's food pantry is to provide supplemental food to individuals and families who are currently experiencing food insecurity, and to raise awareness of hunger throughout Mercer, PA.

Through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)** is available to all individuals and families living within the Mercer School District who are eligible for TEFAP.

The following is a **List of Townships/Borough in the Mercer School District** that are eligible for TEFAP at Bethany Church:

- Coolspring Township
- East Lackawannock Township
- Findley Township
- Jefferson Township
- Mercer Borough

To see if you qualify and are eligible for food assistance, please choose one of the following options:

1. If you have access to a computer, go to <https://mercercountyfoodbank.org/> and click on the "Get Help" tab. Print out the TEFAP form, and the Proxy form if you will be picking up food for someone else. Follow the instructions to fill it out, sign it, and submit it to the Bethany Church office by mail or hand delivery.
2. Stop by the church office, pick up a copy of the TEFAP form, and the Proxy form if you will be picking up food for someone else. Take it home to fill out and then submit it to the Bethany Church office by mail or hand delivery.
3. If you need assistance filling out the TEFAP form, and Proxy form if applicable, pantry volunteers will be available at Bethany Church on February 12, 14, and 16 from 11am to 12pm to help you.

If you can't make any of the above dates for help, please call the church office at (724) 662-4340 to set an appointment with a food pantry volunteer who will help you fill it out.

PLEASE NOTE: Whether your TEFAP form, and Proxy Form if applicable, is submitted by mail or in person, **a copy of your PA driver's license or PA ID must be included with your completed TEFAP form (s).**

All TEFAP forms must be received by mail or hand delivered to the Bethany Church office NO LATER THAN February 21, 2024. The church office is open M-F from 8am to 12pm.

Bethany's food pantry will only supply food through our scheduled distribution program. **The Bethany Food Pantry plans to open in June 2024 and will begin serving all eligible TEFAP individuals and families on the fourth Saturday of each month from 1-3pm.**

NOTE: The Mercer County Food Bank requires their new member agency food pantries to submit all properly filled out TEFAP forms to their office no later than March 1st in order for those pantries to be eligible to purchase and pick up food from their warehouse beginning June 1st.

We are eagerly looking forward to our first food distribution day on June 22, 2024.