



Chebeague UMC and Chebundance!

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A Note to our Abiding Shoppers at the Food Pantry,

It certainly has been a year to remember. Starting with the uncertainty and a touch of fear surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic to the now possibility of new hope. It seemed at times there might not be an end to all that we have done or not done this year. Our group of amazing volunteers saw the need in the community and answered the call to figure out a way to help. Our main goal was to keep our island friends and neighbors safe and on island as much as possible. Keeping the need for traveling to the mainland at the barest minimum, we opened up the pantry to all on the island. It has been a joy to not only provide the healthy food choices but more importantly offering a time of connection for all who crossed our threshold. We saw as many as 54 “families” on our biggest week and no less than 25 on a given week. Through the sunny, rainy, snow and icy days we kept it all going like a fine oiled machine. The team has truly loved knowing we were helping people physically and emotionally.

At this time of new hope we have decided to start to cut down on the number of days that we will be opened to the public. With the new CDC recommendations and the availability of the vaccine comes the possibility of getting to town without as many worries as well as opening the parish house building to other organizations and groups. We are also looking to the opening of Chuck’s Farm and the new farm stand/cafe at the Corson’s (Jenn and Chip) to be super food suppliers to the island community this summer.

Starting after Easter, We will be open bi-weekly: 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, and 5/23. Beginning in June, we will be open on the 3rd Sunday of the month through the summer. We sure will look forward to continuing the connection we have with each and everyone of you. If in the meantime you need assistance please do not hesitate to call Denise 207-838-6107, Polly 207-233-8382, Kendra 207-239-2442, or Kel 814-876-6792. This means if you need food ordered, gift card or any other needs just give us a call. Thank you all for spending the last year with us connecting on many levels.

Sincerely,

The Food Pantry Team