

Church offering discounted food Aims to help struggling families, but program open to all

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DOVER — St. John the Theologian Church has entered into a new partnership with Angel Food Ministries to provide roughly half-price food to local families.

"Starting this week we will be able to take orders online or at our church for pick-up, and it's roughly half the cost of traditional supermarket prices," Deacon Troy Brackett said at a July vestry meeting.

The partnership offers families a chance to stretch their food budgets without having to sacrifice quality.

Angel Food Ministries is a national organization. Through the partnership, for less than \$30 per month, a family can order a box full of the same type of food available at a grocery store.

There are no income requirements to qualify for the program; everyone is able to take advantage of the savings.

"We are making sure that food from the Angel Food Ministries is available to anyone in the area that would like to save money on their grocery bill," said Michael McKinnon of St. John's Evangelism Committee.

The church already has seen most of the church's current parishioners buy food through the program and expects to serve more than 100 families before the end of summer.

"We were just amazed at how terrific this food was when we first reviewed the products, especially considering what inexpensive food used to look like. We pay for the food in advance, so all you have to do is pick up your box of food," said McKinnon.

Orders are placed online at the church's website, <http://www.mdne.org/stjohns/stjohnsacc.htm>.

"It's a good deal whether you're recently unemployed or just looking to save money," said McKinnon, "but there are infrastructure costs associated with supporting this program and we are going to reach out to local businesses for donations to help offset these costs, and to help provide food to everyone that we can."

Donations for the food program can be sent to St. John the Theologian Church at 294 Dover Point Road, Dover, NH 03820, or contact Deacon Troy Brackett or Michael McKinnon at 603-505-8788 for more information. For more information on Angel Food Ministries, visit www.angelfoodministries.com.



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