# SNAP BENEFITS + FAITH

**Feeding the Community Together** 

Puget Sound Foursquare



### WHAT ARE SNAP BENEFITS?

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, is a federal program that helps individuals and families access nutritious food.

Who Qualifies: Low-income individuals, families, seniors, and people with disabilities.

What It Provides: Monthly funds to purchase groceries at participating stores.

How It Helps: Reduces food insecurity and allows families to focus on other essential needs.

Learn more or apply: USDA SNAP Benefits Website

#### **SNAP HISTORY**

The food stamp program started in 1961 and was made permanent law in 1964 under President Lyndon B. Johnson. The purpose was to help low-income households buy food and strengthen nutrition.

#### **WHY THIS MATTERS**

Roughly 1 in 8 Americans (42 million) rely on SNAP each month. A program disruption means families, kids, seniors, people with disabilities, face real hunger. This isn't just policy, these are people made in the image of God.

#### **FACTS**

Who relies on SNAP action do you focus on?



Children 0-17 Adults



Seniors 60+

Find more details about the latest data collection on the <u>USDA Website</u>.

### WHY SHOULD THE CHURCH CARE?

Hunger is not simply a personal issue, but a community issue. When government safety nets fail, the church has both a responsibility + an opportunity.

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

God Provides for All:
"He gives food to every creature."
Psalm 136:25

Share with Those in Need: "If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness."

Isaiah 58:10

Food is a Gift, Not a Burden:
"So whether you eat or drink
or whatever you do, do it all
for the glory of God."
1 Corinthians 10:31

#### **HOW CAN YOU TAKE ACTION?**

Take part in our love offering on November 16th as we raise funds to gift to a local food assistance program.

Find food banks and other food assistance programs at the <u>Pierce County Website: Food Banks</u>