# PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA BLESSING BOX GUIDELINES

## NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ITEMS:

Peanut butter (plastic jar only) Canned tuna, ham, chicken, Vienna sausages Canned soups, stews, chili with pull-tops Canned vegetables, with pull-tops Canned fruit, with pull-tops (**no** single serve plastic containers) Oatmeal, Grits (single serve cups) Baby food Shelf-stable milk Beans / lentils Pasta sauce (**no** glass jars, plastic bottles or canned) Pasta One-box meals

#### **HYGIENE ITEMS:**

Shampoo/conditioner toothbrush/toothpaste Bar soap Deodorant

## TIPS FOR DONATING

Please be mindful of the Season

- In Summer nothing that would spoil easily from the heat.
- In Winter nothing that might freeze and become damaged when the temperatures are low

Please be mindful of Safety

- NO SHARPS (razors, needles, etc.)
- NO CHEMICALS (harsh or dangerous cleaners, etc.)
- NOTHING in glass containers
- NOTHING ALCOHOL or anything ILLEGAL

Please be mindful of Dates

• Please make sure that everything is in date with at least one month grace period

Please be mindful of Space

- The box is small and meant to be refilled regularly, please to do not over pack it or put large item in it
- NO donations of clothing, fresh bread or produce, please stick within the guidelines of acceptable donation items

### TIPS FOR THOSE TAKING ITEMS

Please be mindful of Sharing:

- Take what you need, but understand that the Blessing Box is meant to support food pantries, not to server as a replacement
- Please keep attempt to keep the Blessing Box as clean and organized as possible so others may find what they need.

Lastly, be Blessed... Know that the items were left here as part of Ministry and Mission of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ... Come and See what else He offers anytime we are here at PPC. We would be honored to speak with you.