

Blue Mound Food Pantry Newsletter for August 2023

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Church of the Month - Remnant Church

Suggested Items to Donate This Month

vegetable, chicken noodle and tomato soups; any kind of cereal or oatmeal; canned fruit; macaroni & cheese; toilet paper; dish liquid



General Information

- The Taylorville Food Pantry continues to share with us many food and other items. These are free to us and are excess to them (more than they can distribute themselves.) They have been filling up the entire back of my Enclave almost every week!
- The Jubilee Community Garden in Blue Mound continues to deliver garden produce. Volunteers are needed- not just for garden work, but also to stain boxes and the shed. If you have questions, call Laurie Leuenberger at 217-820-7733. We also welcome any excess produce from area gardeners. The Jubilee Garden will be hosting an "Open Garden" after the parade at the Blue Mound Fall Festival until 2:00 pm.
- Jeff Martin and Gary Niemeyer donated fresh sweet corn for the last 2 weeks.
- Shannon Houser donated 7 cases of canned goods.
- Elwin United Methodist Church donated a grocery cart overflowing with cereal, soup, etc.
- The Decatur Caterpillar Union delivered a donation check of \$920. What a blessing!
- I request that the church of the month send **3** volunteers on Saturdays. Come at 8:00 and leave when finished. Be prepared to work without supervision and possibly do some cleaning or sorting of plastic bags. **The 3rd volunteer needs to be prepared to be outside at a table under the tree that offers garden produce and extra items from the Taylorville food pantry.**
- A donation of \$200 from the church of the month is requested to help share in the cost of rent, electricity, and pest control. Checks made payable to Interchurch Council.
- The Blue Mound Fall Festival will be August 3rd through the 5th. Some of our supporting churches will have fund raising food booths. The Remnant Church Praise and Worship Band will be performing on the main stage on Saturday the 5th at 7:00 pm.
- The Stonington Holy Trinity Catholic Church will be hosting their 64th Annual Steak Dinner or Sunday, August 6th. A char-broiled steak dinner will be \$20 per person and a hamburger dinner will be \$14 per person. A kid's dinner of hamburger

- Thank you to all churches and individuals who have been donating food and money to the pantry. With rising prices and increased number of clients we are using our resources at a faster pace. A special thank you to the Saturday volunteers who have been doing some cleaning along with their other tasks. Also thanks to volunteers who cover for our regulars and delivery workers when they need to be gone.
 - Due to a storm, the power went out in Blue Mound about 12:45 pm on Thursday, June 29th and did not come back on until about 11:00 pm. Friday, June 30th. The walk-in cooler was empty at the time. We were able to save all the frozen items, as most were in the walk-in freezer or freezers that were full.
- and chips is available for \$5. They will be serving in their air-conditioned hall from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Other goodies and kid games are available.
- The Back to School program is set for the first 2 Saturdays in August - the 5th and the 12th. We will be giving each student who attends the Meridian School District or lives in the Stonington Area a \$20 gift card for Walmart, a backpack, a box of kleenex, a tooth kit, and choice of any school supplies that have been donated to us. Last year we served 39 students. We have several new families in the area. At present we have only 30 backpacks. Donations of backpacks would be greatly appreciated.

Member Churches

2023

August - Remnant Church

September - First Baptist

October - Meridian Church of God

November - Blue Mound United Methodist

December - Joy Assembly

2024

January - First Christian - Blue Mound

February - Old Stonington Baptist

March - Macon United Methodist

April - Zion Chapel United Methodist

May - Holy Trinity Catholic

June - Stonington United Methodist



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