

Blue Mound Food Pantry Newsletter for October 2023

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Church of the Month - Meridian Church of God

Suggested Items to Donate This Month

any kind of soup; 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. Thank you to all the gardeners who have been donating fresh produce. It has been greatly appreciated by the clients.
- The Elwin United Methodist Church had a contest during the month of August to see which side of the church could donate the most boxes of macaroni & cheese. The congregations really got into the spirit and donated 304 boxes of macaroni & cheese!
- Caseys donated more energy drinks and snack items.
- The Midland Area Food Pantry in Kincaid donated excess bread items
- 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 that offers garden produce and extra items from the Taylorville food pantry. After we get a freeze and there is no garden produce, we will no longer need this extra volunteer.**
- 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.
- In early September the compressor went out in the walk-in freezer. This was repaired on September 20th costing almost \$3000. Thank you to volunteers from the First Baptist Church in Stonington who washed out the freezer while it was not working. The next week the chest freezer designated for the free USDA items went out also. I am praying that a group or individual would be willing to donate a chest freezer to replace

and some chicken wings.

- Freshly picked apples have been donated by Steve & Laurie as well as Rene & Jean Wattlelet. This has been great as the trees at the Jubilee Community Garden had NO apples at all on them this year.
- Thanks to Earl Albers for donated a small chest freezer along with a thermometer.
- 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. Thanks to volunteers who cover for our regulars and delivery workers when they need to be gone.
- Donations of fresh dairy and other items from Dollar General continue. We have received over 300 pounds of free fresh items since the last newsletter. They have also donated some slightly out of date items that they are no longer allowed to sell.
- The Meridian High School FCS Club will be holding a food drive at the October 13th home football game. If you are planning to attend, bring along some items to donated to the food pantry!

it. This is the 3rd freezer to stop working this calendar year.

- The Zion Chapel United Methodist Church congregation voted to close. Because of this I have had to rearrange the list at the bottom of the newsletter that gives the month that each church is requested to provide volunteers and a donation to help with rent and pest control. We now have 10 churches supporting the Interchurch Council and the Blue Mound Food Pantry.
- The next Interchurch Council quarterly board meeting will be Saturday, October 14th, at 10:30 at the pantry. Two items on the agenda are election of officers and review of the by-laws.
- Someone from the Central Illinois Food Bank will be coming on October 12th to do the yearly monitoring visit.
- I am starting to look forward to the upcoming holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas) and the special items I will need to pack in boxes. I will be needing more of these items: stuffing mix, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, canned milk, mashed potatoes, cake mixes, frostings, pie fillings.
- Stores are starting to put backpacks on clearance. Consider donating a backpack for us to keep on hand to distribute next school year.

Member Churches

2023

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 - Holy Trinity Catholic

May - Stonington United Methodist

June - Remnant Church

July - First Baptist - Stonington



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