

## Blue Mound Food Pantry Newsletter for January 2024

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#### Church of the Month - First Christian Blue Mound

##### Suggested Items to Donate This Month

**any kind of soup**; any kind of cereal or oatmeal; canned fruit; canned vegetables; macaroni & cheese; toilet paper; shampoo



#### General Information

- The Taylorville Food Pantry continues to share with us many food and other items. We have been getting a lot of bread and fresh vegetable items recently which our clients really enjoy!
- On December 16th 93 families were given boxes with Christmas items. Gifts were purchased for 26 families (65 children). Three are yet to be delivered.
- The Macon United Methodist Church soup contest was a big success! I think the gals slightly edged out the guys. They continue to donate other much needed food items.
- Thanks to all the churches that have really stepped up their food donations this month!
- Blue Mound and Macon Dollar General Stores continue to donate items twice weekly. We have been getting several jugs of fresh milk and juices as well as lunchmeat - even some frozen items!
- Both Dollar Generals has also been donating a large quantity of slightly out of date items. All the cereals that went into the Christmas boxes this last Saturday were from Dollar General. We also receive lots of
- I request that the church of the month send **2** volunteers on Saturdays. A 3rd volunteer that could help **outside** with the Dollar General and Taylorville Food Pantry donations would also be welcome. Come at 8:00 and leave when finished. Be prepared to work without supervision and possibly do some cleaning or sorting of plastic bags.
- 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.
- Both deliveries in January fall on holidays. The first delivery will be Wednesday, January 3rd between 1:00 and 2:00 pm. The 2nd delivery will be Tuesday, January 16th also between 1:00 and 2:00 pm. The truck is often early. Any help is most appreciated.
- The next Interchurch Council board meeting will be Saturday, January 13th at 10:30 in the Distribution Room at the pantry.
- The Stonington United Methodist Church will be hosting a dine-in or carry-out spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 3rd from 4:00 -

snack items which are good to put in our "Kid Bags".

- Blue Mound Caseys donated 6 small boxes of snack items..
- One pickup was made to the Central Illinois Food Bank in Springfield for Rotary oranges.
- Charles DeFore donated 38 pounds of deer meat.

6:00 pm. The menu is spaghetti (regular or gluten free) with homemade spaghetti sauce, lettuce salad, French bread, dessert, and drink (iced tea, water, coffee). Put this meal on your calendars! I can attest that these ladies are excellent cooks!

### **Member Churches**

**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**

**August - Meridian Church of God**

**September - Blue Mound United Methodist**

**October - Joy Assembly**

