



## Blue Mound Food Pantry Newsletter for March 2024

### Church of the Month - Macon United Methodist

#### 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.
- The numbers have dropped since the holidays - partly due to weather conditions. When it is really cold outside, we do not have a table to choose items from.
- The Stonington United Methodist Church asked for donations of soup from their congregation on "Souper Bowl Sunday". We received 4 boxes
- 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. I will definitely need a volunteer to help outside on March 23rd when we distribute the

of assorted soups from their collection.

- Thank you to all our supporting churches for your donations of food, clothing, money, service as well as your prayers.
- Blue Mound Caseys have been donating items that are slightly out of date. They also donate items that they are not longer carrying.
- 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 and eggs - even some frozen items!
- Both Dollar Generals has also been donating slightly out of date items. We have gotten a lot of staple items as well as snacks.
- We are again receiving large quantities of free USDA items from the Central Illinois Food Bank.
- I attended a workshop at the Central Illinois Food Bank in Springfield to learn how to use an iPad to register the clients (now called neighbors) each week. This will start when I feel comfortable with the process and the weather gets warmer.
- 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.
- Easter is coming up quickly as it is at the end of the month of March this year. We will be giving out boxes of items for Easter on Saturday, March 23rd so that there is time to thaw out the meat. I am in need of several items which need to be here by March 16th so I can start packing the boxes. Items needed are as follows: **box potatoes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin), cake mix, frosting, pie fillings, jello, puddings, egg noodles, and items to bake with.**
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#### Member Churches

2024

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

November - First Christian - Blue Mound

December - Old Stonington Baptist



