

September 2025 Interchurch Food Pantry Newsletter

CHURCH OF THE MONTH (SEPTEMBER 2025) – FIRST CHRISTIAN

Suggestion item to donate – any kind of cereal or cereal bars; canned vegetables or fruit; canned soup; canned pasta; mac & cheese; shampoo; antiperspirant

Contact Information

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Volunteer Expectations

Church of the month please send **4** volunteers each Saturday. One person will lift boxes in and out of shopping carts. One person will assist people with produce and table items. Both of these volunteers will be out in any kind of weather and should dress accordingly. Two more people will sort, prep items, etc. Please park on Lewis Street on the west side of the building. You can enter through either the front or back doors. 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 are payable to Interchurch Council.

The pantry is very appreciative of all donations whether it is from the Dollar General Stores in both Macon and Blue Mound, the Blue Mound Caseys Store, from the member churches or from individuals in the communities.

We continue to need volunteers to help unload our bimonthly deliveries from the Central Illinois Food Bank. These deliveries come on the first and third Mondays of the month around 9:00 am except for holidays. We only had 6 volunteers this Monday, which was OK as the delivery was a smaller one. This coming Monday is a larger order, and I am down to only 5 volunteers at this time. Please consider coming to help if it fits in your schedule. With more help, the time goes quickly.

Our Back-to-School giveaway was a success. We served a total of 45 students this fall. Because of generous donations we still have 60 backpacks remaining that can be used for next fall.

The Jubilee Community Garden continues to provide fresh produce each Saturday. We have also received generous donations of fresh produce from area gardeners. These items are greatly appreciated by the families coming to get food each week.

The Stonington Community Garage Sales will be held on October 10th and 11th. The Stonington United Methodist Church will be serving a lunch of soup, sandwiches, desserts, and drinks on those dates.

Instead of a rummage sale they will be selling Christmas decorations.

If your church is having a luncheon, bake sale or bazaar, let me know and I will put the information in the newsletter.

The Blue Mound United Methodist Women are continuing to make T-Shirts quilts priced at \$150. You bring in your T-shirts and they will turn them into a beautiful quilt. For more information, contact them at BMUMCquilt@gmail.com.

Member Churches

September – First Christian

October – Old Stonington Baptist

November – Macon United Methodist

December – Holy Trinity Catholic

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January – Stonington United Methodist

February – Remnant Church

March – First Baptist Church – Stonington

April – Meridian Church of God

May – Blue Mound United Methodist

June – Joy Assembly