

CHURCH OF THE MONTH – BLUE MOUND UNITED METHODIST

Suggestion item to donate – any kind of cereal or cereal bars; **canned soup (chicken noodle and vegetable beef)**; mac and cheese; shampoo; antiperspirant, TOILET PAPER

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Volunteer Expectations

Church of the month please send **4** volunteers each Saturday. One person will pack boxes. One person will assist people with produce and table items in the new Bonus Room. This person is essential as Karen is trying to sign in families online as they come to get food. Two more people will sort, prep items, and possibly pack boxes for the next week. We are now located at our new location at 305 N. Bolls Street. Please enter through the **exit** on Power Street and park along the fence facing Bolls Street. ***Do not park on the street*** as this will inhibit the flow of traffic into and out of the lot. A donation of \$300 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. ***Do not mail items to the physical address. Mail to PO Box 246, Blue Mound, IL 62513.***

At our quarterly board meeting on April 11, the Interchurch Council discussed a request from the Pleasant View Township to increase the rent we pay for the building from \$200 each month to \$300 each month. The rent also includes pest control which is mandated by the Department of Health. The rent has been at \$200 per month for a number of years. The board voted to pay the increase in rent to \$300 per month.

The pantry is very appreciative of all donations whether it is from the Dollar General Stores in both Macon and Blue Mound, the bread man who delivers to our Dollar General Stores, the Caseys stores in Blue Mound and Decatur, Taylorville Food Pantry, the member churches or from individuals in the communities. Because of the Caseys drinks reset, we distributed unlimited drinks for four weeks in a row! Dollar General has switched to a new bread supplier. This supplier is also donating leftover bread to us at the pantry. Dollar General just did a reset also. We received over 800 pounds of donations from the 2 stores on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Toilet paper has not been on the food list for quite some time. We are down to about a 2-week supply at this time. Until toilet paper becomes available to order, donations of toilet paper will be greatly appreciated.

Deliveries come from the Central Illinois Food Bank on the first and third Mondays of the month around 9:00 am except for holidays. Please consider coming to help if it fits in with your schedule. With more help, the time goes quickly.

The new program offering free food items that started January 5th with the Central Illinois Food Bank is still ongoing. It has greatly reduced the amount of food that we have to purchase. The number of items coming from the USDA commodities has been greatly reduced. There was no meat in April, and none is coming in May. We have plenty of meat on hand from the free program at this time.

Don't forget about our Wee Care fund! It may not be Back-so-school time or Christmas, but donations can be made to this fund at any time throughout the year. In July we will be giving away Walmart gift cards, backpacks, and donated school supplies to students whose families come to the pantry from the Meridian

School District and the Stonington area. We have 21 boy backpacks and 24 girl backpacks on hand. We also have 17 plain (black, navy, green) backpacks. This fund was severely depleted at Christmas.

The Blue Mound village rummage sales will be Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th. The Blue Mound United Methodist Church will be hosting a lunch on Friday ONLY from 11 am to 1 pm. Menu choices include hot dogs, sloppy Joes, pork burgers, chips, drinks, and desserts. They will also be selling metal-folding chairs and plastic children's chairs in 3 sizes for \$1 each. There are a limited number of 6 foot and 8-foot heavy tables for \$20. Some may be priced at \$10 if there is slight damage.

The Stonington Community Rummage Sales will be on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd. The Stonington United Methodist Church will be serving lunch both days. Their menu includes hot dogs, BBQ, pie and drinks.

The Stonington Summerfest will be June 12 – 14. The Stonington United Methodist Church will be serving the Friday evening meal at the park pavilion. That menu includes pulled pork, potatoes, and cake.

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

May – Blue Mound United Methodist

June – Joy Assembly

July – First Christian

August – Old Stonington Baptist

September – Macon United Methodist

October – Holy Trinity Catholic

November – Stonington United Methodist

December – Remnant Church

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January – First Baptist Church – Stonington

February – Meridian Church of God