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Garden Area Catholic Churches hosted a Mobile Pantry in May and will do so again in June. Credit: Feeding America West Michigan

## 13 Mobile Food Pantries Headed to Upper Peninsula in June

*Comstock Park, Michigan — May 25, 2016* — This June, [Feeding America West Michigan](#) plans to send 13 Mobile Food Pantries to communities across the Upper Peninsula. The distributions will provide 202,500 pounds of food, or 170,000 meals, to people in need.

That's a 47 percent increase from May and more than double the amount distributed via Mobile Pantry in June 2015. The increase is part of [Feeding America West Michigan's new hunger-relief strategy](#) in the Upper Peninsula.

"We're not going anywhere," said CEO Ken Estelle. "As long as there's a need for food, we'll be right here doing our best to meet it."

"Our goal is for everyone in the Upper Peninsula to have access to good, healthy food at all times."

In addition to its Mobile Pantry distributions, Feeding America West Michigan hopes to provide as much as 200,000 pounds of food to local partner agencies across the Upper Peninsula in June.

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Feeding America West Michigan's Mobile Pantries are intended for people with difficulty accessing enough food for themselves or their families. While no proof of income is required at the distributions, clients will be asked to sign a statement affirming that they are in need.

If you would like to fund a Mobile Pantry in your community, call programs manager Ryan VanMaldegen at 616-389-6360.

**Mobile Pantry Dates for June 2016**

June 2

VFW Post #4573, 310 Bank Street, Ishpeming, 10 a.m.

Salvation Army Thrift Store, 220 Osborn Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie, 11 a.m.

June 4

Trinity UMC, 808 Carpenter, Iron Mountain, 8 a.m.

June 8

Luce County Community Center, 103 W Helen Street, Newberry, 2 p.m.

June 9

Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds, North Lake Street, Manistique, 10 a.m.

June 10

Garden Area Catholic Churches, 6411 State Street, Garden, 10 a.m.

June 15

St. Ignace UMC, 615 W US 2, St. Ignace, 11 a.m.

June 16

Abundant Life Mission Center, 1406 10th Ave, Menominee, 10 a.m.

June 17

UP State Fairgrounds, 2401 12th Ave North, Escanaba, 10:30 a.m.

June 22

Chatham, location TBD, 10 a.m.

June 23

Community Center, N14911 Hannahville B-1 Rd, Hannahville Indian Community, 10 a.m.

June 29

Webster Elementary, 1213 North 19th Street, Escanaba, 1:30 p.m.

June 30

Salvation Army Thrift Store, 220 Osborn Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie, 10 a.m.

Note: All times EST.

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**About Feeding America West Michigan.** Serving local families in need since 1981, Feeding America West Michigan reclaims safe surplus food from farmers, manufacturers, distributors and retailers. We distribute that food through a network of more than 1,100 food pantries, youth programs, and other hunger-relief agencies in 40 counties from the Indiana border through the Upper Peninsula. Each year, an estimated 492,100 people receive food from Feeding America West Michigan. For more information, visit [FeedWM.org](http://FeedWM.org).