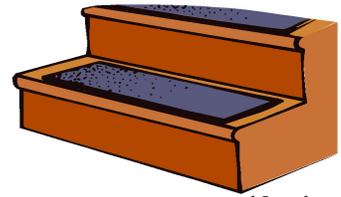


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United Christian Ministries
of Abbeville County.



A step up to self reliance!

The Crisis Ministry , Food Pantry & Free Clinic of Abbeville County

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United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County

is a non-profit organization made up of member and supporting churches in Abbeville County dedicated to showing the love of God through helping families in crisis remain or become self-reliant. UCMAC could not care for Abbeville County citizens in crisis without the regular support of our member churches. **Become a New Member Church today.**

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How UCMAC Assists First Steps Families

Abbeville County First Steps provides services to families with children prenatal up to five years old in Abbeville County to promote school readiness. Services include home visitation programs, parenting groups, developmental screenings, and connecting families with community resources.

United Christian Ministries has been a great partner throughout the years for food, rent, and utility assistance for families in crisis, as well as with the free medical clinic to meet families' health care needs.

Through a partnership with First Steps and UCMAC, many homeless families have had a place to stay for a night, and have received items such as a box of food or baby formula for a newborn. UCMAC has also partnered with First Steps to apply for grant funding to reach more families, as well as, to provided assistance with home repairs for families with disabilities, elderly families, or families with very young children in crisis.

Specific Examples of Requests for Assistance

> We have a family that attends our program services, and the mother is only 16 and is expecting a baby in the next few weeks. They need assistance with their power bill, and stated they have not asked for assistance in a couple of years. I think their power is being turned off today. Do they need to wait and come on Thursday? **UCMAC called APU so that the power would not be cut off and then we paid a power bill.**

> A family in the community, have a grandchild who has cerebral palsy, he is only 2 years old. She contacted me for her son and daughter-in-law who have a lot of medical bills, because their grandson has now started having seizures. Would she just need to come by on Thursday, or would she need to setup an appointment to talk with you all. She asked me about purchasing a wheel chair, and about making the house more wheel chair accessible. I thought you all may know about more resources related to this. **UCMAC made referrals to other organizations that may be able to help them.**

> A mother and her children have been living in their car. **UCMAC referred them to Abbeville Housing Authority for an apartment and paid for several nights in a motel.**

UCMAC is a great partner for First Steps and has been a blessing to families in Abbeville County. Thank you so much.

Angela Pruitt, MA
Executive Director

Supporting Churches

Abbeville/Mt. Carmel A.R.P.*
Abbeville Pentecostal Holiness
Abbeville Presbyterian*
Bells United Methodist*
Bethlehem A.R.P.*
Beulah Baptist
Calhoun Falls Church of God*
Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness*
Calhoun Falls Presbyterian*
Calhoun Falls United Methodist*
Campfield Baptist*
Cold Spring Chapel*
Cold Springs Mennonite
Due West A.R.P.*
First Baptist, Abbeville*
First Baptist, Calhoun Falls*
First Creek Baptist, Iva
Glovers AME, Calhoun Falls*
Grace Chapel AME*
Grace United Methodist*
Greenville Presbyterian, Donalds*
Lighthouse Ministries
Little Mountain Presbyterian*
Lowndesville Baptist*
Main Street United Methodist*
Midway Baptist
Mount Olive Church of God Holiness, C.F.*
Mt. Olive Baptist*
Mt. Pleasant Baptist
New Faith Presbyterian
New Hope Presbyterian*
New Life Worship Center
Northside Baptist, Calhoun Falls*
Providence Presbyterian, Lowndesville
Rice Memorial Baptist, Greenwood
Sacred Heart Catholic*
Sharon United Methodist*
Smyrna United Methodist, Lowndesville*
Springfield Baptist, Calhoun Falls*
Solid Rock Community, Calhoun Falls*
Southside Baptist*
The Renaissance Church, Due West*
Trinity Episcopal*
Upper Long Cane Presbyterian*
Warrenton Presbyterian
Wilmington Presbyterian

* Member churches with agreements on file



Please keep the people of Baton Rouge, LA in your prayers as they recover from the devastation of all the flooding.

Pastor's Corner

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Before his Passion, Jesus prayed that his disciples may be one so that the world may believe. Among the many steeples and various styles of worship in our congregations, UCMAC allows us to celebrate our diversity by bringing us together in faithful service. In a day and time where labels separate us into categories on the basis race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, gender expression, genetic information, disability, marital and veteran status, I am thankful that the Christian Ministries of Abbeville County are UNITED in showing forth the praises of God, who has called us out of darkness into light. This light shines through the work at the food pantries, free medical clinic, and crisis ministry, where dedicated volunteers give until it helps.

I have heard some folks say, "When the worship is over, the service begins." I hope the statement is not true. Why aren't worship and service UNITED too? Ultimately, we cannot have one without the other; the Christian life demands both. Common prayer is manifest in love.

Last year, I chose to deliver meals to several families on Christmas Day. Arriving home following Holy Communion at midnight, I was tempted to sleep in or spend the holiday with family. I seemed to identify more with Ebenezer Scrooge than jolly old St. Nicholas, until I encountered others who gave thanks to God for their dinner. These newfound sisters and brothers in Christ expressed gratitude for the hospitality offered to strangers and friends alike. Joy replaced my irritability. The carols I sang off-key while going from place to place became louder and more robust. Yes, the service had begun, but the worship was not over. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

UCMAC welcomes your generous support, for the glory of God and for the sake of the world. May the following hymn encourage you to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and to serve Him in unity, constancy and peace:

When the church of Jesus shuts its outer door,
lest the roar of traffic drown the voice of prayer:
may our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more aware
that the world we banish is our Christian care.

If our hearts are lifted where devotion soars
high above this hungry, suffering world of ours:
lest our hymns should drug us to forget its needs,
forge our Christian worship into Christian deeds.

Lest the gifts we offer, money, talents, time,
serve to salve our conscience, to our secret shame:
Lord, reprove, inspire us by the way You give;
teach us, dying Savior, how true Christians live.

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Todd Oswald, Pastor
Trinity Episcopal Church

FREE MEDICAL CLINIC NEW OFFICE HOURS ANNOUNCED

UCMAC is always seeking ways to better serve residents of Abbeville County. Effective Tuesday, September 13th, UCMAC Free Medical Clinic is pleased to announce new hours and will no longer be open on Monday afternoon. The new intake hours will be each Tuesday from 10 am to 4 pm. This change will improve access to UCMAC FMC and accommodate registration of new patients, access to request medication refills, schedule appointments, and for general information.

Clinic hours for medical care will remain on Tuesday evenings at 5 pm with a scheduled appointment.

We hope these new hours will make it more convenient for both our regular and new patients. We look forward to serving you during these new hours.

Volunteers Desperately Needed

A team of volunteers from Churches, Organizations, or the Community are needed to share lawn maintenance duties for our new location. Main jobs needed are grass cutting and weed eating.

Volunteer will need to provide the lawn mower and weed eater. Should not take more than an hour. If 2 teams came every 2 weeks that would only be an hour of your time per month. Previously, the Abbeville Area Medical Center took care of that for UCMAC. Please consider helping us keep our nice new building and grounds looking nice and neat.

CONTACT RUTH BACON AT 554-9475



Important Church Delegate Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2016

Lowndesville Baptist Church

Light meal served at 6:00 pm

All UCMAC Delegates from member churches are requested to attend this meeting at Lowndesville Baptist Church to learn how you can educate your church's congregation about the programs and services UCMAC provides to those less fortunate in our community. Each church and each member is vitally important to UCMAC, but many people still do not fully understand all the services available to those in crisis. You will be provided informational materials that can assist you in the task of educating your congregations.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 29, at 6:00 pm and please make every effort to attend. Thank you so much for your service to UCMAC and your County.

RSVP To Nancy Barlow at 366-0549 by September 20

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Mission Statement

The mission of the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County is to provide services that promote and help maintain the spiritual and physical health and welfare of qualified citizens of Abbeville County.



Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED

In an effort to be good stewards, please help us maintain current records to help with mailing costs. Please make corrections on the label and mail or email them back to us.

Name Change
 I receive more than one copy
 Address Change
 I'd like to receive this newsletter by email
 Please remove me from the mailing list

<p>Crisis Ministry 864-366-6525 www.UCMAC.net ucmac@wctel.net</p> <p>Mailing Address P.O. Box 502 Abbeville, SC 29620</p>	<p>UCMAC United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County</p> 	<p>Free Clinic 864-366-0365 864-366-6526 Fax ucmacfmc@hotmail.com</p>
<p>CRISIS MINISTRY</p> <p>Thursday Morning 9:30 am Sign-In First Come-First Served Check phone message at 366-6525 for the paperwork you must bring.</p>	<p>UCMAC New Location 101 Center Street</p> <p>Directions At the intersection of Thomson Circle and Hwy 72, turn toward the hospital. Turn left just past the Abbeville Nursing Home.</p>	<p>FOOD PANTRY</p> <p>Abbeville Fridays 9:30 - 11:45 am Main Street United Methodist Church 300 North Main St. Can receive food every 6 weeks</p>
<p>FREE CLINIC</p> <p>Tuesday, 10am-4pm intake Tuesday, 5:00 pm sign-in Tuesday appointments begin at 5:30 pm. Please arrive prior to your appointment time to be seen by the doctor.</p>	<p>Calhoun Falls* 1st and 3rd Thursdays 3 - 5 pm American Legion Bldg N. Gordon Ave. (next to Fire Dept.) *Calhoun Falls Residents Only Can receive food every 4 weeks Must meet eligibility guidelines</p>	

Give A Special Gift

Consider a donation to UCMAC to honor your loved ones and friends by giving a gift that will provide assistance to so many in need during these difficult times.

Memorial gifts are also a wonderful way to remember someone special in your life.

I would like to give a gift

_____ in Honor of

_____ in Memory of

Name/s _____

Acknowledge to:

Name _____

Address _____

Person/s making donation: _____

Address: _____

An acknowledgement will be sent on your behalf, if requested. You may mail donations to:
UCMAC, P.O. Box 502, Abbeville, SC 29620.
All donations are tax deductible.

New Options for Making Donations

You may make a gift with your credit card through the web site www.ucmac.net and go to the "ways to help" page.

UCMAC has an account at Edward Jones Inc. to receive donations of stock and/or other similarly traded securities. Gifting low basis shares of stock rather than selling them is a good way to avoid capital gains tax and at the same time benefit your favorite charity.

If you are interested in donating stocks or bonds call 864/366-6525 and leave a message for Jane Agan, our Financial Director.

Gifts given to Honor

Carolyn Ann McLane

by
Mabel Hemminger

Jay Scoggins
Roger Strawhorn
Terry Ricketts

by
Rose Childers

Memorial Gifts

Nancy Rigney

by
Lucille Culberth
Kristie Warner
Latressa Kennedy

Nickie Ceraldi

by
Abbeville High School
Class of 1977
Janna & Andy Davis

AAMC Staff

Lois Bell

by
Bill & Emily Lesesne

Wanda Sherard

by
Dr. Chris Ceraldi

Caroline Bishop

by
Dr. Chris Ceraldi

Lisa Norryce Edwards

by
Your CSX Co-workers

Dr. George Rosenberg

Dr. Robert Clarke

by
Drs. Heidi & Eugene Rodillo

Wilma Norris

by
Dr. Chris Ceraldi

UCMAC Food Pantries

The Calhoun Falls Community Food Pantry recently distributed approximately 500 cantelopes and approximately 1200 pounds of watermelons that were provided through Golden Harvest. In addition to the food pantry recipients, cantelopes and watermelons were provided to the nursing home, the charter school and some of the local churches.

The Calhoun Falls Community food pantry also distributes around 70 boxes of food each month.



Many thanks to the Paramedic Community Garden and to Abbeville residents who so generously supplied vegetables for UCMAC clients this summer.



UCMAC

Financials as of 6/30/16

Crisis

Clients seen 174
Housing assistance 25
Utility assistance 81
Other assistance 13
\$\$ spent \$29,318

Food Pantries

Food boxes dist 1488
Food purchased \$10,151
Value of food distributed
\$37,200

Free Clinic

Rx purchase 1122
Clinic visits 187
\$\$ spent \$15,660.

Donations/Grants Received

\$89,169.

Administrative Expenses

\$8,364

From the Desk of the Executive Director

It is difficult to believe that it's already the middle of August and that the long hot days of summer are nearly over. My favorite time of the year is just ahead! School starts again, football games begin and crisp cool mornings are just around the corner! Is it possible that this is our ninth fall season here at UCMAC and almost a full year since we moved into our beautiful new building here on Center Street? Hard to think of us in that shared office on Brooks Street with only 12 volunteers and now we have over 100! Our Free Medical Clinic even celebrated its 5th anniversary on August 11th; so many milestones in our brief history. In 2007 when we were trying to envision this small ministry we wanted to set up, we worried that we were too ambitious and that we might even be overreaching a bit. Little did we know that God had much bigger plans for us!

When I think of the tons of food that we've distributed, the hundreds of crises we've helped avert and the five hundred or so patients we've taken into our Free Clinic in our short lifetime, it nearly takes my breath away! I don't think even Rose-Marie Williams, one of our original founders who always believed this would work, could have foreseen the size and scope of our present organization! When we meet with other agencies that we work alongside and cooperate with, they are astounded at the community support that we receive, not to mention the strong and ever present financial and spiritual support we receive from our member churches. We have grown and expanded because that's what God wanted us to do! I just can't wait to see what's next!

Enjoy this beautiful fall season coming up and be thankful for all the blessings that God has given to us. I wish you peace and happiness!

Ruth Bacon
Executive Director