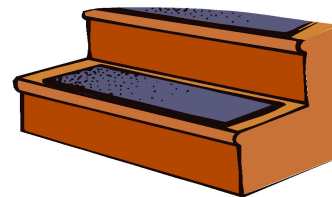


# UCMAC

United Christian Ministries  
of Abbeville County.



A step up to self reliance!

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

**WINTER 2016**

## UCMAC

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*Crisis Ministry Director*

**Mike Shirley**

*Food Pantry Director*

**Connie Normand**

*Free Clinic Director*

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*Newsletter Editor*

## 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.**

### ***Board of Directors***

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## From the Desk of the Executive Director



### UCMAC Church Delegates Learn How They Can Help us Help Others



The UCMAC Board of Directors would like to thank our Church Delegates for participating in the meeting on September 29. Eighteen UCMAC delegates and ministers from churches all over Abbeville County met at the Lowndesville Baptist Church to enjoy a meal and attend an informational meeting to assist in better performing the duties of a delegate.

Executive Director Ruth Bacon distributed folders to each delegate with in-depth information about all three of the ministries within UCMAC. She explained that while we reach many people in need in our county, there are others out there that don't know about the services UCMAC offers and don't know how to reach us. It is our hope that by getting our message out to our member church families through their Delegates, we can extend our reach and find those in need of help. By telling our church families how UCMAC can help, they can help us to help others.

After introducing June Prince, Crisis Ministry Director, Connie Normand, Free Clinic Director and Mike Shirley, Food Pantry Director, a question and answer session was held with a lively discussion that lasted nearly an hour! Delegates and ministers left with a greater understanding of what we do at UCMAC and how we can help those in need in their community.

Many thanks to Lowndesville Baptist Church, Betty White and Lena New, our hostesses, for our meal and welcoming us to their beautiful community!

If any Church Delegates were unable to attend and have not received an informational packet, you may contact Ruth Bacon to request a packet for your church.

*Ruth Bacon*  
*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. \*  
 Fairfield Baptist  
 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  
 Willington Presbyterian

\* Member churches with agreements on file



## Pastor's Corner

The holiday season has begun, in fact stores began to reset for Christmas in the middle of October. For Lowndesville there is the Community Thanksgiving Service on the Wednesday night. Then the Thanksgiving meal must be prepared and finally the meal with family and friends. The next day is Black Friday, many will get up early, and head out to the stores to begin their Christmas shopping. In the rush, there will be those who remind us, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." There will others who share, "Wise Men Still Seek Him." Both truths are what Christmas is about, and are ways to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the world. However, have these truths become platitudes, or cliché? Have we really, considered the meaning of Christmas and Jesus' coming? Churches tell the story of the baby born in a manger, the angels message to the shepherds and their going to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child, and the Wise Men coming from the East following the star to see the new born king. These Christmas narratives are found in Matthew and Luke and are certainly truths to be shared during the Christmas season.

The Apostle John shares the coming of Christ in a way which is often overlooked at Christmas. He states, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1, NASB95) In John's Gospel the Christmas stories begins with the Word of God being with Him from the beginning and the Word was God. The Word has always existed. John declares, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14, NASB95) John tells of the birth by revealing the Word became flesh and dwelt among men. He, the Word, was the only begotten from the Father. John says nothing about Mary or Joseph. He did not tell the manger narrative or the narratives of the angels and shepherds, nor of the Wise Men, God became flesh in the person of the Word. John reveals the Word, stating, "For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ." (John 1:17, NASB95) Jesus Christ, the Word of God, came full of grace and truth.

Why did He come? "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16, NASB95) He came because God loved humankind so much, He was willing to come in the person of Jesus Christ to save those who believe in Him. Eternal life is not a future event, but an experience for all who believe, the moment they believe, and continues forever.

Christmas is a love story. It is about the love of God for His creation. It is a time for believers to share His love story not only in words but in our deeds. Let us give to those who are in need and give thanks to "God for His indescribable gift," the Lord Jesus. (2 Corinthians 9:15)

*Fred Griggs, Pastor*  
 Lowndesville Baptist Church

## Give A Special Christmas 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

## Memorial Gifts

### Chad Barber

by

Abbeville Soil & Water Conservation District

Gus & Melissa Taylor

Hunters Creek Senior Men's Golf Association

Co-Workers at CSX Railroad

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen

Shannon Risner

Frank Love

Connie Daniels

Gene & Grady Butler

Stan & Susan Keaton

### Nickie Ceraldi

by

Myra Keith

### Dewey Goin

by

Ann & Franklin Pursley

### Geneva Norman Calhoun

by

Co-Workers at CSX Railroad

## Food Pantry



The food pantry continues to be blessed with a full cupboard to distribute to our clients. Our food boxes are filled each week thanks to the local churches, individuals, groups, and our volunteers.

We have had lots of can goods delivered from food drives at Sage Automotive- Sharon Plant and Abbeville Plant. Westwood Elementary School and Thermafex have on going food drives.

We just renewed our partnership with Golden Harvest, a non-profit member of Feeding America. We have had local distribution of peaches, watermelons, and cantaloupe recently to provide additional product to our clients and community. This is in addition to our regular food orders where we get food and other grocery items at a reduced price to make our dollars go further. Their mission is the same as ours at UCMAC. We want to provide quality food to those in need. **Golden Harvest is planning a food distribution, open to the public, on MONDAY, Dec.12 from 10-12N at Main Street UMC.**

We have 685 clients in our current database (2015-16) with another 200 inactive (2013-14) at our pantry in Abbeville. We average serving 60 boxes per week which includes Calhoun Falls.

### Financials Year to Date thru 9/30/16

Food Pantries	Free Clinic
Food boxes distr. 2305	Rx Purchased 1694
Food purchased \$15,182	Clinic Visits 299
Value food distr. \$57,625	\$\$ Spent - \$23,170
Crisis	
Clients Seen 278	
Housing Assist. 42	
Utility Assist. 146	
Other Assist. 14	
\$\$ spent \$49,090	
Donations/Grants	Administrative
Received	Expenses
\$112,284	\$11,077



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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

### Crisis Ministry

864-366-6525

www.UCMAC.net

ucmac@wctel.net

### Mailing Address

P.O. Box 502  
 Abbeville, SC 29620



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### Free Clinic

864-366-0365

864-366-6526 Fax

ucmacfmc@hotmail.com



### CRISIS MINISTRY

Thursday Morning  
 9:30 am Sign-In

**First Come-First Served**

*Check phone message at  
 366-6525 for the paperwork  
 you must bring.*

### FREE CLINIC

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.

### UCMAC New Location 101 Center Street

#### Directions

At the intersection of Thomson Circle and Hwy 72, turn toward the hospital. Turn left just past the Abbeville Nursing Home.

### FOOD PANTRY

#### Abbeville

Fridays

9:30 - 11:45 am

Main Street United

Methodist Church

300 North Main St.

**Can receive food every 6 weeks**

#### 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**