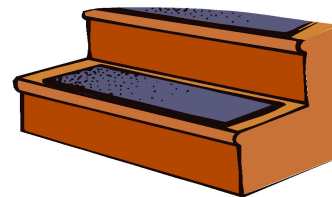


UCMAC

United Christian Ministries
of Abbeville County.



A step up to self reliance!

Emergency Assistance, Food Pantry & Free Clinic of Abbeville County

Spring 2017

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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.**

Board of Directors

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You're Invited

UCMAC Annual Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, March 2

Hosted by Shady Grove A.M.E. Church
at Main Street United Methodist Church
300 North Main St, Abbeville

Annual Delegate Meeting 6:15 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Recognition of Volunteers after Dinner

Please leave message at 366-6525, option 4, to RSVP.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for our Food Pantries



**Volunteers are the Key
to UCMAC's Success**

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Just to be sure that I don't forget to do this, please let me take a moment to correct a mistake in our last newsletter. I want to thank Betty White and Francine Patterson for hosting our delegate meeting in Lowndesville in September. We had a wonderful evening and were so graciously welcomed to the Lowndesville Baptist Church by these ladies.

Now, here we are in February getting ready for another Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Is it just me getting older or does time really fly by when you're busy? Probably a good combination of both in my case! I always enjoy our annual get-together. I get to see so many people that work really hard to make UCMAC successful that I don't get to see at any other time. We are such a blessed group of volunteers in God's Army. We get to do good things for our community, spend time with other Christian folks and have a great time doing it!

It's time to say good bye to some long term board members that have been with us for almost six years now. We've gotten to know them well and will miss seeing them at meetings and activities. Ken Tinsley, who came onto our board when the Calhoun Falls Community Food Pantry combined with UCMAC, Marilyn Little from the Sharon UMC and June Prince, from Grace UMC will all be rotating off the board. I want to thank each of them for their dedication and hard work these past few years. A lot of good things have happened to UCMAC during the time that they served and they helped make them happen.

We are looking forward to some big events this year with a possible expansion of our Emergency Assistance office and administration spaces. With God's help and direction, we'll keep trying to do our best to minister to the Abbeville County community.

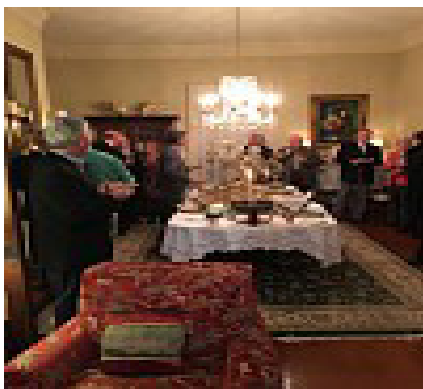
See you at the meeting!

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

Can You Feel It Getting Better?

It's been my observation that Christians seem to have some trouble with trouble. We want our troubles to be fixed at high noon. We want our troubles to surrender on the courthouse steps and face the consequences of their actions where we can feel justified that they got what they deserve for interrupting our daily lives. If our ultimate goal is to be rid of trouble however it shouldn't matter if it leaves out of the front or the back door- if it leaves in the morning or if takes the midnight train- just go trouble- please and thank you.

The good news of a bad world is that it is already getting better. The same way that good times don't last always, neither does trouble. Embrace the positive aspects of your negative environment. You read that correctly- even in the worst spots that life has to offer, good is there, opportunities to learn are there, power is there and it is up to us to extract all of the best out of all of the worst that we are offered. I want you to join me in worship this week. I really, really want you to join me in the Heart of Abbeville at St. James at 11:00 every Sunday but if you can't, covenant with me to worship somewhere- go and thank God for what he has done in your life, thank Him for what He is doing in your life, and make a statement of faith to thank Him for what He will do in your life tomorrow and tomorrow's tomorrow. I can't make Christian guarantees but it has been my experience that when we come before God sick with a worshipful spirit- he will heal us. When we come before God broken from life's troubles and travails- he will mend us. When we have lack in our lives- God will fill it according to His riches in glory and it has been my experience that we don't leave His presence the same way- or in the same bind that we came.

**...Sweet Holy Spirit
 Sweet Heavenly Dove
 Stay Right Here With Us
 Filling Us With Your Love
 And For These Blessings
 We Lift Our Hearts In Praise
 Without A Doubt, We'll Know
 That We Have Been Revived
 When We Shall Leave This Place...**

God's Best be With You Always,

Rev. Sterling J. Dowling
 St. James AME Church

A Successful Free Medical Clinic Fund Raiser

Betty and Tom Grantham opened their home during the holiday season for a wonderful Wine Tasting gala to honor the memory of Glen Teachey and Rob Roth. 100% of the proceeds went to the Free Clinic with the Grantham's donating all the wine and hors d'oeuvres. A donation of \$4800 was received by the Free Medical Clinic. Thank you Betty and Tom.

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.

Gifts given to Honor

Bob Faggart

by

Carlie Thomason

Susanne Greene

by

Emilie & Huck Simpson

Karl & Meredith Osmus

by

Rich & Dale Osmus

June Agan Prince

Jane Agan

Carolyn Ann Agan McLane

by

Buddy and Jeannie Agan

Mike Shirley

Nancy Barlow

by

Clyde and Leslie McKaba

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Lomax

Sarah Lynne & Lamar Williams

Mr. & Mrs. Tige Howie

by

Ruth & Dave Bacon

Jane Agan & Ed Evans

Carolyn Ann & Riley McLane

by

June & Rayford Prince

Carolyn Ann & Riley McLane

by

James & Deidra McLane

Mary B. Sherard

by

Calvert Sherard

Memorial Gifts

Robert Eleazer

Martha Jean Lollis Arnold

by

Dr. & Mrs. James Gettys

Glenn Teachey

Rob Roth

by

Betty & Tom Grantham

John Edward Hollingsworth

by

Abbeville High School

Class of 1964

Tim Thomas

by

Lorraine & Robert Edwards

Bob Hagen Insurance Agency

Leo Chapman

by

Edward C. Evans

Gifts to Honor Cont.

June Prince

by

Janet Vandiver

Alan, Tonya & Mariel Hughes

Dr. Jonathan Phipps

by

ACSD Administration Team

Rich Osmus

by

Dr. Chris Ceraldi

Conway Shirley

by

Mrs. Barbara Choiniere



Food Pantry

A BIG THANKS

to 101 Wings Restaurant who held its **1st Annual Cook-Off** and raised \$2600 plus several boxes of food for the UCMAC Food Pantry. Drop by and say thank you to Diane Johnson, Owner, and purchase one of the left over T-shirts from the cook-off for \$10. Also, go by and have lunch or supper at 101 Wings.

The Amazing Support with **Food Drives** by the following groups, organizations and businesses is greatly appreciated by the Food Pantry. We could not serve all the people we do without the following support:

Dollar Tree	Sage Automotive- Sharon Plant
Relay for Life	Calhoun Falls Post Office
Post Office Letter Carriers	John C. Calhoun Elementary School
Little River Electric Trust	Calhoun Falls Charter School
Erskine College	
Westwood Elementary School	
Long Cane Elementary School	
Wendy's Dance Academy	
Sage Automotive- Abbeville Plant	

Financials thru 12/31/16

Food Pantries

Food boxes distr. 3083
Food purchased \$22,633
Value food distr. \$77,075

Free Clinic

Rx Purchased 2229
Clinic Visits 394
\$\$ Spent - \$30,324

Emergency Assistance

Clients Seen 363
Housing Assist. 54
Utility Assist. 193
Other Assist. 25
\$\$ spent \$67,273

Donations/Grants Received

\$212,474

Administrative Expenses

\$17,623

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Want to learn about UCMAC?
 Need a Program
 for Your Organization?

To schedule a speaker for your group contact
 Ruth Bacon, Executive Director, at 366-6525.

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>Emergency Assistance 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 Medical Clinic 864-366-0365 864-366-6526 Fax ucmacfmc@hotmail.com</p>
<p>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Thursday Morning 9:30 am Sign-In First Come-First Served <i>Check phone message at 366-6525 for the paperwork you must bring.</i></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>

UCMAC 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.