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 of Abbeville County  
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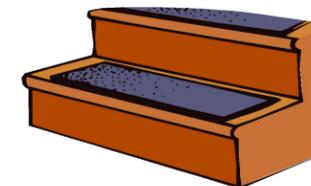
Summer Edition

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A step up to self reliance!

Emergency Assistance, Food Pantry & Free Clinic of Abbeville County

Summer 2017

UCMAC

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Free Medical Clinic Director

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Paul Jackson

Rich Osmus

Pat Hodge

### Meet the New Board Members

This is always a bitter sweet time for UCMAC. On one hand we get to welcome new board members and on the other we have to say good bye to others who have served tirelessly for several years. Those who are leaving the board are Ken Tinsley, Marilyn Little, and June Prince. Fortunately, we are not actually saying bye to them as they all serve as UCMAC volunteers in other roles. Ken with the Calhoun Falls Community Food Pantry, Marilyn will become Archivist and secretary to the board and June heads up Emergency Assistance.

Now meet the new board members:

**Pat Hodge** is almost a life long resident who for many years owned and operated Hodge Frozed Food. He is married to Dena Seigler and they have 3 children. Pat is a member of New Hope Presbyterian where he has served as Elder and Trustee. He has served our community in many capacities over the years on boards of directors of Abbeville First Bank and Habitat. He is also a Funeral Director with Harris Funeral Home.

**Paul Jackson** grew up in Alabama and now lives in Due West with his wife Susan. He has served 30 years in full time pastoral ministry in a variety of roles. He holds a PhD in Religious Studies and teaches most weeks at the Church at the Renaissance in Due West. Paul is also very involved in the Due West community as editor of the Village Observer. He also is a speaker, writer and church consultant.

**Rich Osmus** moved to Abbeville in 2009 as Administrator for Abbeville Area Medical Center. He and his wife Dale have 4 children and they attend Abbeville Presbyterian Church. Rich served in the USAF as a medical service corp officer and has spent his working career in health care administration in Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina. He has been active in Habitat and Rotary.

### 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

Nancy Barlow, Chairman  
 Ernest Ruddock, Vice-Chairman  
 Henry Green, Secretary  
 Cindy Price, Treasurer

#### Board Members

Louise Aikens  
 Pat Hodge  
 Paul Jackson  
 Brian (BJ) Johnson  
 Mark Meyers  
 Rich Osmus  
 Betty White  
 Thelma Woody  
 Riley McLane, Chairman Emeritus

### Free Medical Clinic

864-366-0365

864-366-6526 Fax

ucmacfmc@hotmail.com

### FOOD PANTRY

#### Abbeville

Fridays

9:30 - 11:45 am

Main Street United

Methodist Church

300 North Main St.

Can receive food every 4 weeks

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#### 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

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### 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.

### Emergency Assistance

864-366-6525

www.UCMAC.net

ucmac@wctel.net

### Mailing Address

P.O. Box 502

Abbeville, SC 29620

### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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, 5:00pm Sign-in

Tuesday appointments begin at 5:30 pm. Please arrive prior to your appointment time to be seen by the doctor.

## 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 A.M.E., Calhoun Falls\*
- Grace Chapel A.M.E.\*
- 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

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

I was introduced to UCMAC by an old worn out shopping cart with wobbly wheels and pre-schoolers from my congregation coming down the isles of church with plastic bags weighed down with cans of tuna fish and beans. Some of the bags were so full that the smaller children could barely lift the bags into the shopping cart. The unspoken rule in our church is that after three unsuccessful tries to hoist the bag into the cart, an adult or older youth may step in to assist.

This ritual takes place monthly in the congregation I serve, Abbeville Presbyterian Church, a proud supporter of UCMAC. I watch with delight each month this ritual of sharing...sharing with our neighbors who live on the margins day in and day out. The recipients of these canned goods depend on our generosity. Without our contributions, hungry mouths go unfed. Without our contributions, tomorrow may be a day of forced fasting for them.

The churches of Abbeville unite in response to Jesus' teaching regarding the least of these in Matthew 25. "Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or naked and clothe you? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you? And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.'"

All of us in Abbeville are grateful for the on-going ministry of UCMAC. What a vital ministry and witness to the love and generosity of God.

With gratitude and thanksgiving,

**Greg Henley**

Pastor, Abbeville Presbyterian Church

### Achieving UCMAC's Mission of Providing a Step Up

We feel that the very best money that the UCMAC Emergency Assistance Ministry spends is the money for GED testing fees for a client. Getting their GED can be life changing for them - it improves their chance of getting a good job and also getting their GED improves their self-esteem. We have recently had 2 clients achieve this goal and 1 more who is in the process of completing her GED. In the past we have had a client continue her education after earning her GED.

Paying for GED testing fees is truly providing a Step Up and UCMAC is happy to be able to provide this for some of our clients.

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*A Great Big Thank You to UCMAC's generous donors Franklin and Ann Pursley and also to Heather Hite Stone. It is difficult to express how thankful UCMAC is for your generosity.*

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The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina has awarded UCMAC a grant of \$1500 to allow us to continue Emergency Assistance to those in crisis in Abbeville County. God is a wonderful provider for UCMAC and those who need us.

### Gifts given to Honor

**Shirley Emden**  
by  
Fran Strickland  
**All the Free Clinic Volunteers**  
by  
Dr. Chris Oxendine  
**Carolyn Ann & Riley McLane**  
**Armena Ellis**  
**Millen Ellis**  
by  
Dr. & Mrs. Randy Ruble

### Memorial Gifts

**Chad Barber**  
by  
Barbara Galloway  
**Samuel Gilliam, Sr**  
by  
Abbeville County Forestry Land Owners  
Gene & Grady Butler  
Mary & Rufus Sherard  
Robert Hawthorne  
**Steven Richardson**  
by  
Friends & Co-Workers at CSX Railroad  
by  
Brotherhood of Locomotive  
Engineers & Trainmen



## Food Pantry

The Food Pantries would like to thank all the many churches and their members who are so generous with food pantry donations. The churches with assigned foods make it possible to keep the food boxes well stocked with the designated and necessary items.

We are in need of a Tuna church and also a corn church. If you would like to make it easy for your members to donate just a particular item please contact the director of the Food Pantries, Mike Shirley at 379-2386.

UCMAC Food Pantries would like to thank the Letter Carriers of Abbeville and Calhoun Falls for a very successful food drive. Abbeville collected 4500 lbs. and Calhoun Falls 600 lbs.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Acknowledge to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

### Have you noticed the name change from Crisis to Emergency Assistance?

You may have noticed we are no longer using the term "Crisis Ministry." Because so many people did not seem to understand exactly what services the Crisis Ministry provided, it was decided to change the name to "Emergency Assistance." This term better describes the service that is provided.

### UCMAC #'s as of 4/30/17

Food Pantries	Free Clinic
Food boxes distr. 964	Rx Purchased 819
Food purchased \$7,514	Clinic Visits 147
Value food distr. \$24,100	\$\$ Spent - \$12,381

### Emergency Assistance

Clients seen 158  
Housing assistance 19  
Utility assistance 84  
Other assistance 25  
\$\$ spent \$29,903.

Donations/Grants Received	Administrative Expenses
\$78,804	\$8,015