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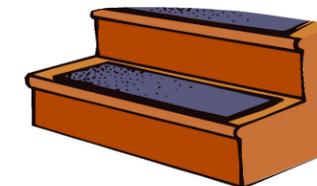
Fall 2017 Edition

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A step up to self reliance!

Emergency Assistance, Food Pantry & Free Clinic of Abbeville County

Fall 2017

From the Desk of the Executive Director

My favorite time of year has rolled around again, cooler weather and football! We always seem to have a renewed energy level and a lighter step! With school back in session, there are school clothes and school supplies to purchase, so our clients often need more help. I always thought that the month of December with the holidays was our most expensive month, but once we had children in school, there was no question that August was the month we had to spend the most money! Because of this there will be a greater need for help in our Emergency Assistance Ministry. We anticipate funding from Emergency Food and Shelter (Government Program) and Duke Energy, but there is always a heavy draw on funds this time of year for Emergency Assistance. Please remember us in your prayers!

The UCMAC Food Pantry in Abbeville has made a few changes in the past month. We have gone back to distributing food to our families on a once every four week schedule instead of every six weeks and will continue to do this as long as our funds allow. Participation is up a bit and we have had extra produce and commodities over the summer months for our folks, so things are going well. The Calhoun Falls Food Pantry continues to distribute boxes of food twice a month. Mike Shirley and his crew and Marion Tinsley and her crew in Calhoun Falls, work very hard to put everything together each week and make sure that our boxes are overflowing for our clients. From trips to Golden Harvest in Anderson to pick up commodities, to Ingle's to buy necessary items, to organizing donated items, to storing and packing the boxes and finally distributing them to clients, these are big operations that take a combined 152 man-hours each month. Many thanks to our hard working volunteers!

The Free Medical Clinic is seeing patients each week for prescription refills and appointments, as well as, qualifying on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 4:00 and conducting full clinic hours from 5:00 until all patients are seen. I came out here one Tuesday night and the parking lot was completely filled and cars were parked along the road. Connie Normand, our Clinic Director said they saw 21 patients that night! We originally thought that 10 patients were the most we could handle in one clinic session, but we have a great system and wonderful volunteers who have stretched our capacity beyond what we could have imagined. Our medical community here in Abbeville County, AAMC and our UCMAC clinic volunteers have made it possible for us to reach folks who have no medical care and provide them a medical home. God is good!!

As you can see, we are ten years along as the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County and, day by day, doing God's work in our community. We are grateful for His blessings on our efforts and will continue to try to show God's love to all. God Bless!

Ruth Bacon, Executive Director

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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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Free Medical Clinic

864-366-0365

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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
 Willington Presbyterian

* Member churches with agreements on file

Pastor's Corner

Hello, Abbeville County!

I am delighted to be able to share with you a "new comer's" perspective of UCMAC. I came to Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church as their pastor on Mother's Day of this year. During my first week, I was told about the wonderful work the local United Christian Ministry is doing in the county- so I just had to go "see for myself". I went to a nice building where the medical clinic and emergency assistance house their offices. It was thrilling to hear about doctors and nurses donating their time for those who cannot afford health care. The medical clinic has a well organized schedule - intakes on Tuesday with the free clinic following at 5 pm. The emergency assistance program meets at the same facility on a "first come, first served" basis every Thursday. There are volunteers available to answer questions and check in the clients and the atmosphere is warm and friendly.

Looking over the list of "supporting churches" in the newsletter, I was impressed with the ecumenical nature of the giving- a wide array of denominations participate- giving of their time, talents, and resources to help the needy of this community. My heart is for the hungry- perhaps because I have been a farmer for forty years- so I found my own spot volunteering in the ministry at the food pantry- located in the basement of the Main Street UMC in Abbeville- there clients receive boxes of food on Friday mornings as often as every fourth week. The more donations the ministry receives, the more often food can be distributed. It is a delight to work with the tireless teams that gather in our Lord's name to tend to the needs of those less fortunate.

Remember UCMAC when you consider giving to a worthwhile cause. Their dollars are wisely spent and widely appreciated in Abbeville County.

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Vikki Brogdon

Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church

Galatians 5:14 (NRSV) "For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ***'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'***"

ANGEL TREE APPLICATIONS

Angel Tree is a community wide program that provides Christmas presents for low-income children in Abbeville County. UCMAC assists this program by taking applications from families requesting Angel Tree assistance.

Angel Tree applications will be taken every Thursday in October, beginning October 5th and running through October 26th at the UCMAC office at 101 Center Street. Applicants need to sign in by 9:30am.

No applications will be accepted after October 26th.

Gifts given to Honor

Dr. Heidi Rodillo

by
 Nurse Red Hatters
Armena Ellis
 by
 Mary Alice Hall

Memorial Gifts

Tim Thomas

by
 Abbeville High School
 Class of 1974

Susie Mae Crawford

by
 Friends and Co-Workers
 at CSX Railroad

Theodore S. Beardsley

by
 Lenora Jane Beardsley

Thank You!

UCMAC would like to recognize and say thank you to the Medical Staff that volunteer their valuable time serving at the Free Medical Clinic.

Dr. Chris Oxendine, Med. Dir.
 Dr. Alanna Angel
 Dr. Blake Hodges
 Dr. Allen Kolb
 Dr. Jerry Lanza
 Dr. Trey Moore
 Dr. Robert Todd
 Dr. Keith Scott
 Rebecca Botts, PA
 Kayla Tavernier, PA
 Dawn Hershberger, CFNP

The Registered Nurses and other volunteers that assist the Medical Staff in serving the less fortunate residents of Abbeville County are also greatly appreciated for their service to the Free Medical Clinic,

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.

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.

Robert "Skinny" Dixon has been a wonderful Friend to UCMAC this summer, cutting the grass and caring for the yard. We can't thank you enough for your generous contribution to UCMAC.

UCMAC #'s as of 7/31/17

Food Pantries

Food boxes distr. 1778

Food purchased \$13,166

Value food distr. \$44,450

Free Clinic

Rx Purchased 1462

Clinic Visits 256

\$\$ Spent - \$18,348

Emergency Assistance

Clients seen 229

Housing assistance 32

Utility assistance 121

Other assistance 32

\$\$ spent \$45,495

Donations/Grants

Received

\$103,523

Administrative

Expenses

\$10,964