



**UCMAC**

P. O. Box 502  
Abbeville, SC 29620

Spring 2023 Edition

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**Emergency Assistance**

864-366-6525  
www.UCMAC.net  
ucmac@wctel.net

**Mailing Address**

P.O. Box 502  
Abbeville, SC 29620

**United Christian Ministries  
of Abbeville County**



**UCMAC Location  
101 Center Street**

**Free Medical Clinic**

864-366-0365  
864-828-0987 Cell  
864-366-6526 Fax  
ucmacfmc@wctel.net

**FREE MEDICAL 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.

**FOOD PANTRY**

*Must meet eligibility guidelines*

**Abbeville  
Fridays**

9:30 - 11:45 am  
Main Street United  
Methodist Church  
300 North Main St.  
Mike Shirley 379-1233  
**Can receive food every 4 weeks**

**Calhoun Falls\***

1st and 3rd Thursdays  
3 - 5 pm  
403 N. Washington St.  
Next to City Hall  
*\*Calhoun Falls Residents Only*  
Jane Hayes 934-6292  
**Can receive food every 4 weeks**

**Lowndesville\***

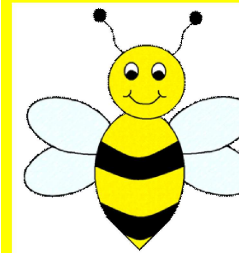
3rd Wednesdays  
9:30 - 11:30 am  
Lowndesville Pentecostal  
Holiness Church, 215 Depot St.  
*\*Lowndesville Residents Only*  
Harold Campbell 378-2569  
**Can receive food every 4 weeks**

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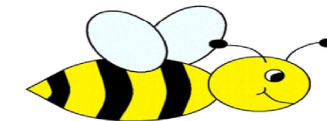


Emergency Assistance, Food Pantries & Free Medical Clinic of Abbeville County

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**UCMAC**



**Come  with us as we celebrate  
our 15th anniversary**

**Annual Meeting and  
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

Thursday, March 2, 2023

**Haigler Street Church of Christ**  
284 Taylor Town Road, Abbeville

**Annual Delegate Meeting at 6:15  
Dinner at 7:00**

**Recognition of Volunteers after dinner**

**Please RSVP  
Call 366-6525 option #4, leave message**



Please bring non-perishable food items or  
a bag of dog food for our Food Pantries



**UCMAC Delegates and Volunteers are the backbone of the  
UCMAC Ministry. We look forward to seeing everyone on  
March 2 so we can express to you how very special you all are for  
the service you provide to those we serve in Abbeville County.**

United Christian Ministries  
of Abbeville County  
is a non-profit organization made  
up of member and supporting  
churches in Abbeville County.

**Board of Directors**

Riley McLane, Chairman  
Pat Hodge, Vice-Chairman  
Henry Green, Secretary  
Cindy Price, Treasurer

**Board Members**

Ruth Bacon  
Faye Crocker  
Selena Goodwin-Hay  
Bill Lesesne  
Mark Meyers  
Kenneth Tinsley

**Volunteer UCMAC Staff**

William Boone  
*Executive Director*  
**Vacant -Volunteer Needed**  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Jane Agan  
*Financial Director*  
Marilyn Little  
*Archivist*  
June Prince  
*Emergency Assistance Director*  
Ruth Bacon  
*Emergency Assistance Interim Dir.*  
Mike Shirley  
*Food Pantry Director*  
Jane Hayes  
*Calhoun Falls Food Coordinator*  
Harold Campbell  
*Lowndesville Food Coordinator*  
Connie Normand  
*Free Medical Clinic Director*  
Dr. Chris Oxendine  
*Free Clinic Medical Director*  
Gene Butler  
*Free Clinic Volunteer Coordinator*  
Sally Cooke  
*Donation Acknowledgements*  
Ann Davis  
*Newsletter Editor*

## Supporting Churches

Abbeville ARPC\*  
 Abbeville Pentecostal Holiness  
 Abbeville Presbyterian \*  
 Bells United Methodist \*  
 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 ARP. \*  
 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 \*  
 Haigler Street Church of Christ  
 Kingdom Life Training Center  
 Lake Russell Baptist  
 Lighthouse Ministries  
 Little Mountain Presbyterian \*  
 Lowndesville Baptist \*  
 Main Street United Methodist \*  
 Midway Baptist  
 Mount Olive Church of God Holiness, C.F.\*  
 Mt. Calvary Baptist  
 Mt. Olive Baptist \*  
 Mt. Pleasant Baptist\*  
 New Faith Presbyterian\*  
 New Hope Baptist, Due West  
 New Hope Presbyterian \*  
 New Life Worship Center  
 Northside Baptist, Calhoun Falls \*  
 Providence Presbyterian, Lowndesville\*  
 Rice Memorial Baptist, Greenwood  
 Sacred Heart Catholic \*  
 Shady Grove AME  
 Sharon United Methodist \*  
 Smyrna United Methodist, Lowndesville  
 Springfield Baptist, Calhoun Falls \*  
 Solid Rock Community, Calhoun Falls \*  
 Southside Baptist \*  
 St. James AME  
 St. Paul AME  
 The Renaissance Church, Due West \*  
 Trinity Episcopal \*  
 Upper Long Cane Presbyterian \*  
 Warrenton Presbyterian  
 Willington Presbyterian  
 \* Member churches with agreements on file

## Pastor's Corner

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- 1 Corinthians 13:13

"I will greet this day with love in my heart". This is how author Og Mandino begins scroll number two in his best-selling book "The Greatest Salesman in the World".

The author goes on to describe love as an invisible power that opens up hearts and turns enemies into friends.

Of loving others, he writes "Always will I dig for reasons to applaud; never will I scratch for excuses to gossip" (Easier said than done!). Of loving life's circumstances, he writes "I will welcome happiness for it enlarges my heart; yet I will endure sadness for it opens my soul."

Mandino opens the final paragraph of the scroll with the phrase "Most of all I will love myself." I find this to be a helpful reminder that in the busyness of serving others, it is important to care for ourselves. One African proverb states "To be able to love other people you must be able to love yourself". The Bible says to love your neighbor as yourself... not instead of yourself!

Yes, love can be expressed outwardly in many ways. Love is shown in the giving of flowers, candies and valentine's cards. In helping someone in need. In saying a silent prayer for a stranger who'll never know about it. We also demonstrate love when we accept our own flaws, forgive ourselves of past mistakes and when we take that much needed "me" time.

1 Corinthians 13 reminds us that love is more than a feeling of affection. Love is a great call to action. A call to care well for those around us and for ourselves.

*May we greet this day and every day with God's love in our hearts.*

*Stephen Bradshaw*

Minister, Haigler Street Church of Christ

## Furry Friends Food Pantry

**PLEASE MAKE A PET FOOD DONATION TODAY!**

as food prices rise it is difficult for UCMAC food pantry families to provide for themselves and it is especially hard to feed their pets too. You can help!

**Drop off Locations:**

**Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce**

or refer to the Food Pantry hours for each pantry on the back of this newsletter for drop off times or contact person.



Abbeville County  
Humane Society

If your church provides food to UCMAC, consider including dog or cat food with your donation.

If you have questions about donating food call ACHS at 828-0105.



## Did You Know that Abbeville Has a Homeless Problem?



Anthony Price, Director of Pathway House in Greenwood that deals with homelessness and Elizabeth Crocker, Coordinator of Secondary Programs with Abbeville County School District spoke to the UCMAC Board recently about the homeless problem in Abbeville County. The problem on paper as estimated by HUD and US Dept. of Education does not appear to be that bad but in reality the actual numbers are much greater. Price said, "studies tell us that homelessness is typically 6-10 times higher than what figures indicate."

Crocker stated that families do all they can to hide being homeless for fear that DSS will take their children away. Crocker's role is to try to identify these families and supply resources that will provide them safety and the ability to stay together. She has identified 42 students as homeless.

Price says he is aware of at least 61 homeless people in Abbeville County. UCMAC often serves homeless and having another resource like Pathway House to refer folks to is quite a blessing.

## UCMAC NUMBERS as of 12/31/22

Food Pantries	Free Clinic
Food boxes distributed 2513	Rx Purchased 2071
Donated food value \$53,214	Clinic visits 253
Food purchased \$9,610	Dental visits 2
Pounds food distributed 62,825	\$\$ spent \$29,722
Emergency Assistance	Donations/Grants/Income Received
Clients seen 202	\$159,092
Housing assistance 43	Administrative Expenses
Utility assistance 104	\$23,006 (14.4 % of income)
Other assistance 37	Capital Improvements
\$\$ spent \$76,192	\$4642

**Volunteer Hours 2022 - 5901**

## Give A 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.**

Donations tax deductible to the extent allowable by Federal Law.

**Honorable Dr. Craig Gagnon**

**Gifts given to Honor**

**Senator Billy Garrett**

**Senator Mike Gambrell**

by

Dr. William Rogers

**Jane Beardsley**

**Jane Land**

by

Chris & Mary Elizabeth Land

**June, Jane, & Carolin Ann**

by

Buddy & Jeannie Agan

**Riley & Carolin Ann McLane**

by

Deidra & James McLane

**Connie Normand**

**Mike Shirley**

by

Lanny & Nancy McKay

**Ruth Bacon**

by

Grady & Gene Butler

**Dr. Chris Ceraldi**

by

Rafal & Joanna Sadurski

Kristie & William Warner

**Ceraldi Painting**

by

William & Denise Hubbard

**Memorial Gifts**

**Billy Ware**

by

Joyce Malone

**Wanda Sherard**

by

Michael Sherard

**Brandon Wilson**

by

Southside Baptist Church

**Paul Radosevich, MD**

by

Dr. Chris Ceraldi

**Charlie Freeman**

by

Mrs. Ruth Freeman

**Ann C. Williams**

by

Susanne Greene

Emilie & Huck Simpson

**UCMAC could not care for Abbeville County citizens in crisis without the regular support of our member churches. Become a New Member Church today.**