



UCMAC

P. O. Box 502
Abbeville, SC 29620

Spring 2024 Edition

1 Samuel 12:24 NIV

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

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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
416 Main Street
**Lowndesville Residents Only*
Harold Campbell 378-2569
Can receive food every 4 weeks

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United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County

A non-profit organization made up of member and supporting churches in Abbeville County



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

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United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County

Board of Directors

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VOLUNTEERS are a TREAT to work with!

ANNUAL MEETING AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Thursday March 7, 2024

Little Mountain Presbyterian Church
3836 Hwy 28 N, Abbeville
Annual Meeting at 6:15 Dinner at 7:00
Recognition of Volunteers after Dinner



RSVP to 366-6525 option 4

Please bring a non-perishable food item or a bag of dog or cat food for our Food Pantries.

CONGRATULATIONS TAQUEL! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR SUCCESS!



Above Left: Ruth Bacon, Director of Emergency Assistance with Taquel Coleman, new graduate as a Pharmacy Technician.

We first met Taquel Coleman when she came to UCMAC asking for assistance with tuition for a CNA Certification course. Taquel is a single mom raising 2 boys. We helped her find a certification course that would enable her to better support herself and her 2 boys and that was a Pharmacy Technician Certification. With a donation from Freshwater Coast Community Fund and UCMAC her tuition was paid. Taquel excelled and graduated first in her class with top honors and was a speaker at her graduation. She was offered a job with CVS before she even graduated and is now working at the Abbeville CVS as a Pharmacy Tech.

Well Done, Taquel, Best Wishes!!!

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

One of the greatest gifts that God has given you is your imagination. When you were a child, before computers, you had to use your imagination while playing. It was always amazing how a bedroom could turn into a different country, restaurant, hospital, army base, or even a sporting arena. Through your imagination you could go on great adventures. However, there is a big difference between the world of your imagination and the real world. In the real world you can't buy everything you want and not everything ends in a *happily ever after*. In the real world seeking forgiveness is difficult and tears don't dry so easily. Heartache, grief, pain, and death are all a part of the real world. The real world can be a tough place to live. How can a person find joy and peace in the real world? John 16:33 states, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." Jesus says that you will have tribulation in this world. But Jesus also says that His Followers can have peace during those times of trials and tribulations that are found in the real world. Jesus has overcome a world full of tribulation, trial, temptation, sin, sorrow, suffering, evil, and injustice. As a believer in Christ, since Jesus has overcome the world so can you. The only way you can conquer and overcome the world and have peace during times of tribulation is by putting your faith and trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

I would like to close with Romans 8:31-39 which states, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the daylong; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Christ name,
Pastor Chris Sullivan
 First Baptist of Abbeville
 Hebrews 4:12

Church Leaders

Please Utilize these Resources Available to Churches

The UCMAC website www.ucmac.net now has a page called **CHURCH RESOURCES** with links to the following:

- > a poster to print for your church bulletin board
- > a bulletin insert titled "Get Involved"
- > a sheet to use in a church newsletter
- > a sheet that is a quick resource for all the programs UCMAC offers.

UCMAC NEEDS YOUR HELP

Requests for help are growing and donations are decreasing. We are aware that everyone is having to "tighten their belts" in this uncertain economy. So can you imagine how this is affecting UCMAC clients?

In 2022 Emergency Assistance served 202 clients and spent \$76,192. In 2023 we served 363 and spent \$132,085 and we are turning away many each week that we cannot serve.

We ask that both individuals and Churches consider donating if you have not done so in a while and begin a regular scheduled donation if possible. We do appreciate our devoted Donors who continue to support UCMAC on a regular basis and thank you for your dedication.

Also, keep UCMAC in your prayers as we endeavor every day to do the Lord's work of caring for our less fortunate brothers and sisters on behalf of our Member Churches.

Please Donate

UCMAC NUMBERS as of 12/31/23

Food Pantries

Food boxes distributed 2,955
 Donated food value \$47,346
 Food purchased \$26,529
 Pounds food distributed 73,875

Free Clinic

Rx Purchased 1,423
 Clinic visits 185 Dental Visits 17 (Valued @ \$6,213)
 \$\$ spent \$21,131

Emergency Assistance

Clients seen 363
 Housing assistance 82
 Utility assistance 173
 Other assistance 79
\$\$ spent \$132,085

Other Assistance Provided \$15,555

Bags of Blessings \$5,000
 School Hygiene Products \$1,380
 Heaters for cold weather \$1,070.
 Building 6 Ramps with Christian Men's group \$3,906
 Co-Sponsored Pastor Appreciation Dinner \$3,200
 Abbeville County Adult Education Support \$1,000

Donations/Grants/Income Received \$184,579

Churches \$46,177
 Individuals, Groups, organizations, other \$102,555
 Grants \$28,982.
 Fundraisers \$6,865.

Administrative Expenses \$24,155 (13% of Income)

Capital Improvements \$4,392

Volunteer hours in 2023 6,947

Give A Meaningful Gift

Consider a donation to UCMAC to honor or remember someone special in your life. Your gift will provide assistance to so many in need during these difficult times.

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.

Gifts given to Honor

Senator Billy Garrett	Dr. Chris Oxendine
Senator Mike Gambrell	by
Honorable Dr. Craig Gagnon	Dr. Chris Ceraldi
by	June, Jane & Carolin Ann
Dr. William Rogers	by
	Buddy & Jeannie Agan
Riley & Carolin Ann McLane	
June & Rayford Prince	Mike Shirley
by	by
Jane Agan & Ed Evans	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde McKaba
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Gene & Grady Butler	by
Hannah Lind & Mel Dias	Bob & Edna Faggart
by	Rufus & Mary Sherard
Ruth & Dave Bacon	by
	Chateau Sherard
Riley & Carolin Ann McLane	
Jane Agan & Ed Evans	Deborah Ann S. Foster
by	by
June & Rayford Prince	Linda Jackson

Memorial Gifts

James Hesson, Jr.
 by
 AHS Class of 1966

Do you want to expand your church's Missions Outreach? Join UCMAC in reaching out and providing care to local citizens in crisis. Become a UCMAC Member Church and let us be your hands & feet in the Local Mission Field.