



United



Christian



Ministries

An extension of the local church;
working together to meet our
neighbors' basic needs

Emergency Assistance

Since 1989, UCM has been helping residents of Pickens County (with the exception of Clemson & Central) & the Powdersville area who are in need of food, clothing & shelter assistance. For a list of services we provide, please click [here](#).

Client Service Hours

Drive-thru pantry: M,W,F 9am-12pm
Financial Assistance: M,W,F 9am-10:30am

Phone Website

864-671-1134 ucmpc.org

Mailing Address

PO Box 1774
Easley, SC 29641

Location

303 Dacusville Hwy
Easley, SC 29640

Happy New Year

Reflecting on the blessings of 2021 & looking forward to what the Lord has planned for 2022.

2021 Data

- 70+ volunteers provided over 5,700 hours of service
- 352 families received financial assistance (rent, utilities, clothing, etc.)
- 51,903 meals were provided to 2,315 families (5,767 people)
- 79 people received assistance with applying or recertifying for SNAP/ESAP (Food Stamps)

2021 Funding

- Churches (27.1%)
- Grants (23.1%)
- Individuals (19.4%)
- Businesses (13.6%)
- Fundraisers (10.1%)
- Groups (4.4%)
- Memorials/Honorariums (2.38%)

2021

New Roof

We received a new roof in March, which was made possible by a large donation from a supporting church.



Student Ministry

From sorting food in the pantry to cleaning the cardboard & trash bins, Easley Presbyterian Church's youth were a huge help in 2021.



Staff Changes

Melanie Johnson became the new executive director in June and Lacie Brown became the director of client services in July. Both ladies have a heart for ministering to those in need.



UCM Heroes Reunited

Due to COVID, we weren't able to have our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in 2020. It was so wonderful for our heroes to reunite once again.



Caring for the Carolinas

UCM was chosen as a recipient for Caring for the Carolinas in August. Thanks to WYFF, Ingles & the generous community for the opportunity to load our van with lots of groceries for our clients.



Blue Ridge Fest

We were so blessed to have been selected as 1 of only 12 charities sponsored by the 2021 Blue Ridge Fest.



2021

Pick Up Pickens

In July, our staff, volunteers & board members picked up trash along a 5 mile stretch in Easley (in the rain). Thanks to City of Easley for the opportunity to earn \$1,200 by keeping our county clean.



6-25 Pantry Project

Every summer our pantry tends to dwindle. Our 6-25 Pantry Project is a spin off of our Reverse Advent Calendar (6 months after Christmas). Easley First Baptist Church's "Believing God" Sunday School Class & Arial Baptist Church helped replenish our pantry this summer.



Retail Rescue

We are privileged to partner with retail stores that care so much about the community. We received almost 16,000 pounds of food from Publix (Easley) and over 2,000 pounds from Aldi (Easley) in 2021!



School Supplies

We had several large donations of school supplies. Thanks especially to Publix (Easley) & United Way, KeyMark, Easley First Baptist Church & the Ruthies Sunday School Class at Rock Springs. These school supplies were given to 12 schools to disperse to their students in need.



Food Lion Partnership

We were awarded a \$1,500 Food Lion charitable grant in November allowing us to purchase food in an effort to help eliminate hunger in our community.



Food Share

We partnered with FoodShare Pickens County and Feed & Seed in September. This partnership allows our clients to use their SNAP dollars to purchase affordable fruits and vegetables.



Feet for Heat

We far exceeded our Feet for Heat goal this year thanks to Cornell Dubilier, 31 other sponsors and 130 participants! The profit from this annual race is used to help our neighbors in need with their winter heating costs.



Holiday Food Drive Highlights

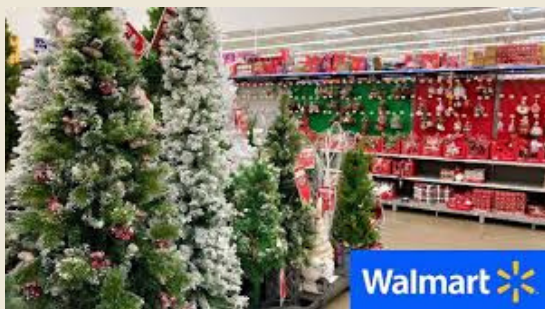
School Food Drives: Forest Acres, Ambler, Powersville Middle, Pickens High & Powersville High.

Community Food Drives: Easley Library, Blue Ridge Bank, Girl Scout Troop 1289, Community Chiropractic, Clemson Nutrition Mentoring Program, Clemson Eye & Arial Baptist Church



Christmas Tree Donations

Wal-Mart store #644 in Anderson donated several artificial Christmas trees that were given to some of our clients who couldn't afford one.



Christmas Dinner Boxes

Thanks to the generosity of individuals and groups in our community, as well as AIM, Second Harvest Food Bank & the Pickens Save-a-Lot, we were able to provide 288 families with a Christmas Dinner Box that included the items below plus a ham or turkey and a blanket.



1st Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater & Cookie Exchange

Our volunteers & staff enjoyed showing off their creative baking skills & tacky attire.



Christmas Luncheon

Our staff, volunteers & board members enjoyed our annual Christmas luncheon at Cafe Connections.



How Can You Help?

2022

Year Round

Follow us on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#).

Collect grocery bags for our pantry.

Donate gently used or new clothes, shoes & coats.

Volunteer

Contribute to our [pantry needs](#).

Shop on [Amazon](#) and [WalMart.com](#)

Make United Christian Ministries your [Amazon Charity of Choice](#) so when you shop, UCM receives a portion of the sales.

Make a tax-deductible donation that can be made in honor or memory of a loved one.

Seasonally

Donate [school supplies](#) in July.

Donate 20 inch box fans from May-August.

Participate in our [6-25 Pantry Project](#) in June.

Participate in our [Reverse Advent Calendar Pantry Project](#) in December.

Donate items for our [Christmas Dinner Boxes](#) in November.

