

# Urban Christian Ministries



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2017 is off and running, and we are already into the month of April. We are beginning to prepare for what we hope is a busy and fun filled summer. We will be going into the **3<sup>rd</sup> year of our LEGACY Summer Day Camp**, and we are expecting this to be the best year yet. We already have some great activities and events planned for the kids. This year's day camp will begin on **Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup>**. We have a **new program for teenage girls** starting in the very near future. You can read more on that program below. We will have our annual summer camp at **Bliss Summit Bible Camp** in Bliss, NY. Last year we had a carnival at camp and it was a huge success, so we will be expanding on that this year. There are some new activities planned as well. **Stay tuned for more information** regarding our summer programming. Our next newsletter will be dedicated to all of our summer events. **This edition of our newsletter highlights some of our wonderful volunteers, and program updates.**

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As always, I want to say **thank you** to all of **our faithful supporters and followers**. We are so thankful for each and every individual, church, and organization that has supported throughout the years. Please stay connected with us. You can follow us on our Facebook page, and we are now on Instagram as well. Go check out our **completely redesigned website at [ucmbuffalo.org](http://ucmbuffalo.org)**, and give us your feedback. Also, join our email list so you can get real time updates on the ministry. Thank you for taking the time to read through the entirety of the newsletter. **May God Bless you and your family.**

## Coming Soon!!!!

Urban Christian Ministries is pleased to announce that we will be starting a brand new mentoring program for teenage girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Dennice Barr. This program will focus on the Christian development of young ladies and tackle some of the challenges that they face on a daily basis why providing a safe environment to learn. We are very excited to get this program off and running. Follow us on our social media platforms and join our email list to stay up to date on the progress of this program.

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## LEGACY Life

Our **LEGACY** children invited their parents to attend a **Valentine's Day Party** on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2017. They decorated the walls with large paper drawings, made frosted cupcakes to take home and wrote loving valentines. To top it off, a hearty chicken dinner was enjoyed by all! **Kudos to our program coordinator Curtis Byrd!** The L.E.G.A.C.Y program is a wonderful program that runs 3-6pm, five days a week.



We want to give a heartfelt thank you to **Child Evangelism of Greater Buffalo** for sending **Joan Lindsey** to minister each week to our Legacy children. She expressed that it was truly a blessing to see **young ones accept Jesus Christ as Savior**. Joan began teaching at Urban Christian Ministries in November 2016 using Bible stories and verse memorization. Our children are great singers, so it is a joy to hear Joan leading music time. **God bless you, Joan Lindsey.**

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## Helping Hands

We were blessed to have a missions team from **Saginaw Valley State University** (Michigan) volunteer in our food and clothing pantry. The event was organized by **Will Marcy**, who is a dedicated volunteer with our **Table of Grace** meals. We would like to **thank Will** for his dedication to our ministry, and for linking us with this wonderful team. We would also like to thank the amazing men and women from SVSU for all of their hard work. **It was a pleasure to work alongside of them**



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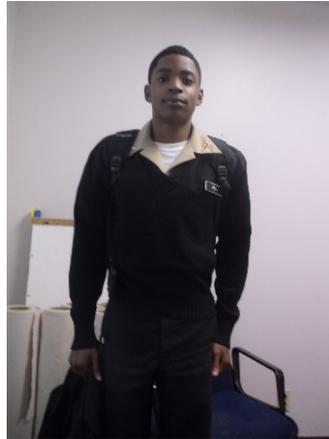
## UCM Food Pantry Extended Hours

On **Thursdays**, our food pantry is now open from **11am – 5:30pm**. Tuesday, and Friday hours remain 11:00am -2:00pm.

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## Youth Spotlight

It was exciting to interview **Isaiah Hall**, who is volunteering with our children's program. Isaiah was once one of the youth in our **Kids Club program**. I asked if he was completing necessary school hours. He replied, "No, I appreciated the many hours spent at UCM, and I want to **give back to the ministry**, and to the young people."



Isaiah is a junior at WNY Maritime Charter School, and volunteers four days each week. He plans to enlist in the Army Reserve after high school. Thank you and **God bless you, Isaiah!**

Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> was a special day for one of the young men in our **Confidence & Conditioning** program. **Christian Cowart** participated in the **Rites of Passage Celebration and Oratorical Contest** as part of the **Jack &**



**Jill of America, Inc. - Buffalo Chapter**. We are so proud of Christian's accomplishment, and we look forward to many more of these moments. **God bless you sir!**

## Table of Grace

In conjunction with the outreach ministry of **Kenmore Alliance Church**, UCM continues to offer a free community meal **every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month**. Besides a great hot meal for everyone, the ministry also offers prayer and help with other needs. If you, or a group from your church, would like to volunteer with Table of Grace, contact the UCM office and ask for Arthur. In April and May there will be two Table of Grace meals per month. **April 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**, and **May 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## A Piece of History

On January 31st, our **L.E.G.A.C.Y** after-school program participants went to hear **Dr. Bernice King**, the daughter of the late **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr** speak at Niagara University. The event was in celebration of Martin Luther King Day, and sponsored by the University's Office of Multicultural Affairs. The speech was phenomenal and Dr. King spoke about current events, politics and social justice. She wanted to provide inspiration to all those in attendance, and encouraged us all to **carry on Dr. King's legacy by doing our part**. The event was packed and was held in the University's Castellani Art Gallery. Our kids and chaperones were able to take a photo with Dr. King at the end of the event. **The kids enjoyed the event, and were happy to have this once-in-a-lifetime experience to hear Dr. Bernice King speak.**



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## Now Is a Great Time to Support Our Summer Programming

We have always prided ourselves on having **free or low cost** programming options for the community. As of today, all of our programs are free of charge except for our week long Summer Camp, and the families only pay a fraction of the actual cost. This is where we need your help. **Would you prayerfully consider a donation** to help underwrite our summer programming?

We are actively seeking donations that will help cover the cost of our summer camp.



### A donation of:

- **\$320 will cover the entire cost for the week for a family of 2!**
- **\$165 will cover the entire cost for the week for one camper!**
- **\$90 will cover the cost of the camp rental fee for one camper!**

These are just examples of what your donations can do to help. Any amount raised will be a blessing to us, and the families that we serve. Please consider a donation to UCM when budgeting for the summer.

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