

Urban Christian Ministries



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Strength in Numbers

As we near the end of 2016 I think this a good time to sit back and reflect on the year that was. As a ministry we saw a great deal of change and growth. I am completing my first year as Executive Director, and my staff are completing their first full year in their current positions. I can honestly say that we have a great staff that puts serving God above all else, and come to work ready to be a blessing to whomever walks through our doors.

We have seen our program participation numbers increase greatly, and we are able to see the growth that our young people are making. New relationships have been made with churches and organizations, and have done a number of events based upon the relationships that were built this year.

For me personally, this has been a life changing year. I have been blessed to be chosen to lead a ministry that I have grown up in, and has helped me become the person that I am today. Although things are not perfect, I feel that as a ministry **we are on the right track** and headed in the right direction. As director of UCM, I take great pride in the success and future success of this ministry. So it is my duty to ensure that I do everything within my power to make sure that this ministry continues to grow and have sustained success.

We still have more work to do; we still have more growth that needs to take place. However, I am confident that we will continue to make strides. In the near future we will begin to rebuild some of the relationships that have been lost over the years. I am a big proponent of **unity**, and I know that you need a team of people and organizations to being making meaningful change. **So as an organization we are going to be making a better effort to reach out to churches.** Working to improve our communication with them, and **to find new ways that we can work together to glorify God.** I feel that the time is now for churches and organizations to come to together to work for the kingdom of God.

One way we are looking to improve our communication is by better utilizing our **social media, and our email list.** If you are not doing so yet, **please go and like/follow our Facebook page at facebook.com/UCMBuffalo.** Also, by the time 2017 rolls around we will be on a few more social media platforms so be on the lookout. I also plan on using our email list as a way of keeping people more up to date on the happenings at UCM. **So please go to UCMbuffalo.org and click on the link that says "join our mailing list" to be added to said list.** You can also email me directly at zyris@ucmbuffalo.org to be added to our email list. Don't worry I will not be sending emails daily, it will just be periodic emails to keep you all informed. The email list and social media is key in helping us stay connected, so please follow us and join the email list.

As always, we are so thankful for all of your prayers and support over the years. In this current financial landscape we are in need of your continued support. There is no donation too big or too small, every dollar donated goes towards helping and empowering each and every person that we service. **Again, thank you for your prayers and support, and we look forward to continuing God's work in the city of Buffalo.**

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Urban Christian Ministries Impacting our Youth and Communities for Christ

Walking By Faith

Urban Christian Ministries' annual banquet was held on Friday, October 7th at Classics V Banquet Hall in Amherst, NY. Over 90 guests were in attendance to help celebrate 46 years of service for the ministry. With dynamic speakers, great entertainment, and delicious food, the event was a great success.

Frank Handley was the Master of Ceremonies. He kept the crowd laughing and entertained the whole evening. Our Office Administrator and Pantry Coordinator **Erica Dennis** performed a gospel song, while **Daycia McClam** performed a beautiful praise liturgical dance. We were very fortunate to have a brief address from **Masten District Councilman Ulysses Wingo Sr**, a stirring invocation and financial appeal from **Bishop Joseph Brinson Jr. (Covenant of Grace Fellowship Intl.)**, and an inspiring message from our main speaker **Pastor Jeff Carter (Ephesus Ministries)**. Our guest of honor was our own **Rev. Janet Stewart of El Bethel Assembly Church**. She was honored for over **30 years of service in Urban Christian Ministries' Womens Prison Ministry**. All of the guests in attendance had a wonderful time. It was a night to remember as UCM supporters, volunteers, and staff were together as one big family. It was clear after this night that Urban Christian Ministries is prepared to move ahead and to continue "Walking By Faith".



News Neediest!

Our annual **News Neediest Christmas Distribution** is right around the corner. This year's event will take place **December 20th, 21st & 22nd** at Urban Christian Ministries. We are in need of volunteers to ensure that the event runs as smoothly as possible. Please call our office to inquire. **If you, or someone you know** is in need of food for the holidays please call our office to get an application. **Donations of food, toys, coats, blankets, and toiletry items** will be graciously accepted.

We Need Your Help

UCM has been blessed to be at our current location for over 25 years. However, the building is in need of some repair and maintenance. **We need your prayers and your financial support** to help meet the needs that we have. We are currently in need of:

- Stairs repair/replacement
- New lighting
- Updated computers for our lab
- Heating system repair/replacement

Each and every day we work to help meet the needs of our community, **we are asking that you help us to meet our needs.** To God be the glory.

Come Join Us

UCM is having a **paint night fundraiser**, and we would love to have you join us for this evening of fun. The event will take place **Friday December 9th at 6pm**. The location is **74 Allen St Buffalo, NY**, which is the home of the **Paint the Town Studio**. **Tickets can be purchased at the website listed on the flyer.** Please call our office at 716-882-9472 for additional information. We look forward to seeing you.



Urban Christian Ministries
Paint Nite Fundraiser

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PAINT THE TOWN
STUDIO

74 Allen St | Buffalo | NY 14222
<http://paintthetown716.com/event-calendar/>

The People Need Your Help

UCM is seeking donations of **coats, blankets, toys, and toiletry** items to be given out through our clothing pantry and during our Christmas distribution. We are asking for new or gently used items that would **benefit low income families and individuals** in Buffalo. The drive falls on the second Saturday in December so that means there will be **Table of Grace**. So come on out and be a blessing to someone in need, and also come out to eat and fellowship. The drive will last from **11am-2pm**, and we will be serving food from **12pm-2pm** as always. **Thank you for your generous donations.**



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COAT
DRIVE

DECEMBER 10TH 2016

11am - 2pm @ 967 Jefferson Ave

UCM will be accepting new and gently used coats and jackets to be given out to low income individuals and families in Buffalo. The coats will be given out through our clothing pantry, and during our Christmas distribution in December. We thank you for your support and donations!

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Urban Christian Ministries Needs Your Support



In this issue of our newsletter you will find that a lot of new things are happening at UCM. As you see we are getting ready for another year of exciting and spiritually meaningful experience for our youth, **but we need your help.**

In order for UCM to be able to keep our programs free and affordable, we rely on generous donations from those who financially support the ministry. We are in need of your help, **the support of our faithful donors are needed now more than ever.**

The youth of today are facing many challenges on a daily basis, and UCM is doing all that we can to help them overcome these challenges. You have an opportunity to be part of what God wants to do in the lives of the young people at UCM throughout the year. **Will you please prayerfully consider a donation to Urban Christian Ministries General Fund?**

Urban Christian Ministries is a non-profit organization impacting and mentoring youth, families and the community for Christ since 1970. Your donations are tax-deductible and can be mailed to our office or made online at UCMBuffalo.org.