

Urban Christian Ministries



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If Not Us, Who? If Not Now, When?

Our children and young adults are facing challenges and adversity that many adults have not seen. We are doing all we can to change the current landscape of Buffalo's East side. There is a sense of urgency, and we do not have time to sit on the sidelines and wait for the next person to step up. UCM is here to continue to do what we can to share the Good News, and to spread the Word of our Lord and Savior. We are thankful that we have the privilege to continue to do the work that God has called us to do, and humbled that God has allowed us to work with His children.

Throughout the summer we worked with an amazing group of kids who were part of our **UCM Summer Day Camp**. We had the pleasure of working with this group for three days per week during the summer months. Now we are gearing up to finish the year even stronger than it began. We will begin to transition back to our **L.E.G.A.C.Y After School Program**. This year's program will begin the first week in October, and will be in operation Monday through Friday during the academic school year. **Applications are available**, however, space is limited.

Confidence & Conditioning continues to grow stronger and stronger. These young men are making great improvements; they are such a joy to work with. We will continue to run C&C **every Saturday at 10am, applications are available** and we are accepting young men ages 12-17.

Our **Rock the Block** event in collaboration with **Greater Refuge Temple of Christ Church** was a huge success. We had high hopes for that event, and it greatly exceeded our expectations. We are already excited and eager to begin planning next year's event. Our **Father's Day Prayer Breakfast** was also a great event. I want to thank **Pastor Jeff Carter** and the entire **Ephesus Ministries** family for hosting the event, and for going to great lengths to make sure the event was successful. UCM is continuing to build connections and relationships with churches and other organizations that share our vision.

After such a successful summer, we are now turning our attention to our annual fundraising banquet. **This year's ceremony will take place on Friday October 7th at Classic V Banquet Hall**. Tickets are available right now, **Call our office at 716-882-9472 to purchase tickets**. Seats are at a premium, so make sure you **get your tickets** as quickly as you can. We are so excited for the banquet, and to share all of the great things taking place at the ministry. We are looking forward to seeing you all there, and to fellowship with one another. It will be a night filled with fun, laughter, great food, and more importantly, sharing God's love with one another.

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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Impacting our Youth and Communities for Christ

Summer Camp 2016

Urban Christian Ministries' Summer Camp 2016 at Bliss Summit Bible Camp had 31 campers and 25 volunteers in attendance. This year we had a number of first time campers as well as first time volunteers. **Evangelist Erin Chervenak** of the Open Air Campaigners was a new addition to the camp lineup this year. She did an amazing job of bringing the daily bible lessons to life, incorporating painting and other visuals into the lessons. We were fortunate to **have JT and Alana of H2fitness** from Syracuse, NY back with us for another year. H2Fitness were in charge of the recreation activities for the week. They got the campers and volunteers up and active, everybody had so much **fun while getting healthy**. Other activities included outdoor games, campfires, camping in the woods, daily chapel time, and we even had a carnival for the campers! This year was also filled with surprises, as we had guest speakers from Buffalo such as **Pastor Frederick Gelsey, Rev Cleveland P Howell, and Rev William Coplin**. Most importantly several campers accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior upon hearing the Gospel. God moved mightily among the staff as well during devotion time, and many were blessed and refreshed. Needless to say, **UCM Summer camp 2016 was a huge SUCCESS!!**



Moving On Up!

We are pleased to announce that **100% of our program participants** have been promoted to the **next grade level!** Our kids and teens have been working so hard, and we are so proud of all that they have accomplished. We are already looking forward to the next school year, and continuing to work with these amazing young people. The **future is bright** for each and every one of them, and we know that they will go on and do amazing things in this world. **To God be the glory!**

Congratulations!

UCM Food Pantry And Clothing Closet

Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
from 11:00am -2:00pm

Please call to make clothing donations
or contact our Food Pantry Coordinator
Erica Dennis: Erica@UCMBuffalo.org

Summer Ministry



July 13th-16th **Urban
Christian Ministries
in conjunction with
Greater Refuge
Temple of Christ
Church** held an event
called **Rock the
Block**. The three day

event began with an outdoor service which was hosted by Greater Refuge Temple of Christ Church. To go along with the outdoor service, we had a **food truck night with local trucks Ricos Pinchos Place, and Flaming Fish**. Thursday and Friday consisted of Evangelism teams going out to minister to the community, and evangelized to the lost. Saturday from 12-3pm was the main event of Rock the Block. The event featured local vendors, community organizations, bounce houses, face painting, petting zoo, free food, and lots of free giveaways for children and their families. Music was provided by DJ **"Uncle Frank"** (Frank Handley) of Party Starter Entertainment in Buffalo. A brief sermon was given by **Pastor Domenico Danesi of Koinonia Church in East Rochester, NY**. We were blessed to have the **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church youth group** mission team from Rochester, MN assisting us. The event was a true success, with many of the attendees saying they enjoyed themselves. UCM would like to thank **Senior Pastor Robert L Sanders, Elder Leonard Marshall, Elder Nathan Salter, and the entire Greater Refuge Temple of Christ** family for all of the work they did planning and implementing the events. Prayerfully this is an event we can continue to build upon in the future.

Everybody Eats

Table of Grace comes to UCM with a free community meal & offers more than soup.

In conjunction with an outreach ministry of **Grace Point and Kenmore Alliance Churches**, UCM is offering a free community meal **every 2nd 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. The next two Table of Grace will be **September 10, 2016 & October 8, 2016**.

2016 Fundraising Banquet!

After a year of hiatus, UCM is pleased to announce the return of our **annual fundraising banquet** to take place of **Friday, October 7, 2016 at 6:30pm**. The banquet will be held at **Classics V**, located at 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd in Amherst NY, 14226. Ticket prices are **\$35.00 per person, \$60.00/per couple and a table of 8 for \$200.00** Tickets are available for purchase at our office. We are excited to share all of the great things taking place at the ministry, and looking forward to fellowshiping with our faithful supporters. Come out to enjoy a wonderful meal, and see where the ministry is headed. **This is an event you do not want to miss.** Call UCM at 716-882-9472 right away to purchase your tickets.



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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 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.