UNITED CRESCENT HILL MINISTRIES
1805 S. Ste. Street, 40206

NEWSLETTER

so full of thanks

We could just about fill this newsletter managing all the people we want to thank for their support of United Crescent Hill Ministries. From the residents of our hearts in this season of thanks, accept our overflowing gratitude.

We broke all our records for Give for Good gifts. So we need to start out with a cheer: To all the great a-holler or sing-- We ought to beg each one a beer.

But we suspect that some might total the tea, and others say we're wasting their dough. And there's not enough beer to thank all who gave shoes - Another blessing to fully...and so

Thanks to all those - though we're still counting shoes. And we don't know what money we made. And we're still not done thanking our generous friends for the gifts that blew their giftbox for waived.

When gee. food assistance fell into the cropper (Please forgive me this colorful phrase)

You came out by the scores with cans of green beans Chef Hernandez, soup, tuna and filets.

And you still are anything to help feed your neighbors, Though times may not have met those in need, 'Cause you know, above all, that community matters, And we all stand together - guaranteed.

And let's not forget Dominion Christian's largesse And Holy Spirit School's supper gift, So that folks have turkeys and Christ-y dishes galore For a Thanksgiving Holiday lift.

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Join us Nov. 23 to recognize those who have served UCHM

Join us 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23, at our 130 S. State Street facility, to reward the founding supporters of UCHM who have shared their time and talent with the 31-year-old organization.

This year we invited the second group of four to be the Hearts of Hands honoree roll.

- Greg Bush is a long-time volunteer with Meals on Wheels and coordinates breads to UCHM's work.
- the Rev. Gordon Sellhirt is pastor emeritus at Grace Immanuel United Church. UCHM co-founder and early board president.
- Ursuline Sisters of Louisville have volunteered nearly 40 years in countless ways and also frequently served on the UCHM board.
- The late Hazel Grissom, a longtime supporter, was instrumental in landing UCHM's current State Street location.

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And St. Stark's Episcopal twinned with Crescent Hill Baptist, and threw us a bash in September A Dish-ly with names and music and fun You can bet we will remember!

Do you know David Green? He's a heck of a mu! He painted a mural at the pantry. And Karen Phillips, with her gardening skills, Made pretty a garden once sparsely.

So the whole pantry hosts more uplift by far When our pals at Clean Kentucky come by... Bringing sweetwicked produce that would have been waste but instead goes to neighbors nearby.

**For bringing it to many shore for our thee drives, thanks to the Kroger stores at Westport Road and Holiday Manor, also Board of Brook on English Station Road. St. Leonard and Holy Spirit Catholic churches, St. John Baptist Church, Saint Aloysius in Anchorage, and the UCHM Mahjong players, Alex, a big thanks to Sparky Sabin, Charlie G's Hair Studio on Breeanderee, and residents of Donaldson Springs subdivision for hosting food drive for the pantry. Forgive me if I've left anyone out.*

Speaking at the gathering will be Greg Bush, retired pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, who wrote about UCHM for his doctoral thesis. He is co-founder of Louisville's Habitat for Humanity.

Last year's honorees as our first Hearts of Hands were Patty Featherstone, Sue Gentry, Ian Lamb and Cinderly Sellhirt.

A reception with refreshments will follow the recognition ceremony.

It's a fab service that we can't live without And we're grateful; they deserve a big mention. So don't United We Stand as we give sincere thanks; And Thomas Jefferson approves mention.

When our kitchen work kaput and caused quite a mess, Both were there and relieved all our tension. And don't forget Wills Klein, which fixed our back doors, And Koeneen Fire & Security and their prevention. And there are so many more* that deserve our applause, It strains my skills to find rhymes. But we thank one and all for their generous gifts And may you be rewarded one million times. ✧

502-893-0346

Help us make the *Christmas Connection!*

Last year, through your generosity, UCHM was able to make Christmas memories for some 200 children. We'd like to be able to do that again this year, and hope to sponsor a child's Christmas, we're asking for donations of $150.

That money provides a child with a $100 gift card from Amazon or Walmart and a $50 Kroger gift card to make the family's holiday complete.

Participating children must live in the 40206 zip code and cannot have received Christmas donations from other organizations.

Deadline for drop-off is December 5.

To donate, scan the QR code below or go to https://bit.ly/UCHMdonate, or send a check to UCHM, 130 S. State St., Louisville, Ky., 40206. ✧

Do Good PLAY MAH JONG

Join our monthly Mahjong Night, 5-9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10, and have fun while you're doing good. Yep, it's true. It'll play at UCHM, 130 S. State St., just off Frankfort Avenue, you'll help support our many services with your $3 admission.

You'll directly help the folks who come to our food pantry if, instead of $3, you donate any paper product. We are always in need of toilet paper!

Players will be served snacks and refreshments. ✧

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Sprint, Stroll, Sponsor or Support Dec. 20

The 29th annual Santa Sprint & Stroll begins at 9 am, Saturday, Dec. 20 at Degan's Fountain in Cherokee Park.

Proceeds from the 5K race help support UCHM.

Although most top-level sponsors for the race have signed on, we need one $1,000 Gold Level sponsor to round things out. Sponsors names will be featured on the T-shirts given to every race participant.

Immediately after the race, organizers will award medals to lay finishers. Santa will be on hand, and there will be donuts, bagels and refreshments, as well as drawings for gift cards and kids prizes.

Race entry is $25 through Nov. 30, then $30 through Dec. 19, and finally $35 through race day. Use the red QR code to register to run/stroll, or you can register via bit.ly/SantaSprint2025.

To donate or to be one Gold Sponsor, contact Carol Sexton at carolpsexton@gmail.com. You can also call her at (606) 875-3464. Donations are also accepted by scanning the black QR code or visiting https://bit.ly/UCHMdonate. Simply indicate that the donation is for on the webpage.

Finally, we need as people to volunteer on race day for a little more than an hour, either by serving on the course, giving out medals, or handing out refreshments.

Contact Carol Sexton to volunteer at carolpsexton@gmail.com.

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LEND A HAND!

We always need more volunteers at UCHM.

You can sign on to do the rewarding work of handing out food in our food pantry for one afternoon a week. It's satisfying to know you're making an immediate difference in someone's life.

We also need people to cover our front desk Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We have shifts open from 9 a.m. to noon and noon to 3 p.m.

60 PLUS HAPPENINGS NOVEMBER

TUESDAYS

10:15 a.m., Nov. 18: Aunt Sally's Crafts

10:30 a.m., Nov. 25: Friendsgiving!

THURSDAYS

10:15 a.m., Nov. 20: Bloc Moon Karaoke

10:30 a.m., Nov. 27: Closed! Happy Thanksgiving!

EVERY WEEK

- **Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.** Chair yoga with Arnie.
- **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.** Lunch, reservations required one week ahead.
- **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:45 a.m.** Bingo.
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UCHM will be closed: Nov. 26-30 & Dec. 22-Jan. 4

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10:30 a.m., Dec. 2: Guest speaker Bob Mueller discusses The Gentle Art of Caring

10:30 a.m., Dec. 9: Reginald E. Louis Watkins, the piano player from Buck's Restaurant in Old Louisville, comes by to entertain.

10:30 a.m., Dec. 16: Aunt Sally's Crafts and Nutrition Education.

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10:30 a.m., Dec. 4: Mellowood Musicians perform, and we celebrate October, November and December birthdays.

10:30 a.m., Dec. 11: Emily Smith from Kentucky State returns for part 3 of "Managing Stress."

10:30 a.m., Dec. 18: Holiday Party and Karaoke.

You're invited to our *Holiday Party*

Join us and Santa from 6-7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12 for our Holiday Party!

In addition to photos with St. Nick, kids (and adults) can join us making crafts and cookie decorating.

We'll be serving pizza, salad and refreshments while we celebrate the season. ✧

Parents night out!

Need a kid-free night? We're here to help. From 7:30-9:30 Friday, Dec. 31, you can drop the kids off at UCHM, 130 S. State Street, for dinner and a night of games and a movie.

The cost is $25 per child in return for a night to yourselves, knowing your children are in good hands. Children must be between the ages of 5 and 12 years old.

To sign up for one stress-free evening, call 502-893-0346 or email uchmlouky@gmail.com ✧

PANTRY NEEDS

People have been incredibly generous donating to the pantry as we faced a potential end to SNAP benefits. Although this threat appears to have faded, the numbers of people coming to the pantry has risen dramatically, with long lines every day we're open.

Reductions in other government programs will drive more people our way, especially as grocery prices rise.

So we appreciate that you continue to give to help your neighbors.

You can cross off a few items from your shopping list: peanut butter, corn, vegetable soup, peanut butter and apple sauce. We have all we need.

We need toilet paper, and hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash and deodorant.

Cooking oil, butter, eggs, baking supplies and spices are always needed, and we could use jelly.

Diapers sizes 2-6 are in demand. And it would be great to have pet food to hand out. ✧