

## UNITY IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY PROGRAMS

**(A) Financial Assistance Program:** Provides limited direct financial assistance to individuals/families in need and help to address basic necessities. Examples are rent/mortgage, groceries, medical co-pays and fuel and electric assistance. We also help with vision and hearing needs as well. Drawing on UIC's network of churches and the community, we have space to store our donated items that include large appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc. We do have household items and furniture to donate to those in need. Also, if you have items to donate, please consider us.

**(B) Adult Dental Assistance Program:** In developing a program to help make dental care affordable to low-income Nelson County residents, relationships with the Blue Ridge Medical Center's Dental Clinic in Nelson County, along with dental clinics in Charlottesville, Lynchburg and Augusta Counties have been forged. We offer assistance with fillings, extractions, cleaning, and dentures. Also services of Affordable Dentures offices in Bedford and Charlottesville help folks with their dental concerns. We also can provide transportation to dental visits.

**(C) Free Clothes Closet:** The Clothes Closet, located at Oak Hill Baptist Church in Massies Mill, is available to those families needing clothing assistance. Gently-used clothing for men, women and children are free. The Clothes Closet is open on the third Saturday morning from 8:00 – Noon and by appointment.

**(D) Volunteer/Donation Program:** UIC provides volunteers to assist other community service organizations. For example, UIC volunteers regularly pack food for the Nelson Kid Pack Program, which sends kids home with supplemental snacks for the weekend. Members also volunteer at the Nelson Food Pantries on a monthly basis. Annual fundraising efforts allow us to make a financial contribution annually to community organizations such as the Roseland Rescue Squad and the Nelson Kids Dream Foundation toy lift.

**(E) Visitation/Emergency Program:** Members visit with folk who are in need of companionship and want someone to hear their concerns. UIC envisions a plan of contacting shut-ins, disabled, or senior citizens who live alone in case of an emergency or natural disaster and providing assistance or referral to Nelson County Emergency Services. Partnering with other county agencies ensures that no one's needs are overlooked. We are here to visit with those that would like us to.

**(F) Community Fellowship Luncheons:** These free ecumenical luncheons foster unity and bring together members from twelve different churches (and anyone else interested) for fellowship and information sharing. UIC utilizes this opportunity to disseminate information to the public by sometimes having speakers. The luncheons are scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month at noon at participating churches on a rotating basis. All are welcome to attend; check with us for location.

Are you a low-income person needing help? Perhaps Unity In Community Outreach Ministry, a 501(c)3 organization, can help you! Call 434-277-8842. Email: [nelsonuic@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonuic@gmail.com)