

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA to be used for programs that address "housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." The donor's primary concern is to help ameliorate poverty. ABCUSA will distribute grants of up to \$5,000 semi-annually as long as the generosity of this donor continues. A panel will select recipients largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to directly assist persons in poverty. Ministries must be in relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Delphi Falls United Church Youth  
Affiliation with ABCUSA Our church is one of your members  
Address Delphi Falls United Church - 2251 Oran Delphi Road  
Manlius NY 13104  
Phone (315) 696-8413 (pastor) Federal Tax ID# 16-1294725  
Contact person Pastor James Austin email pastorjfa@gmail.com

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)

4. Total cost of the project \$ 1000.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$ 1000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) we have no other sources

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) Martha L. Ryan Date February 24 2013

Printed Name/Title Martha L. Ryan / Youth leader

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent to:  
Mission Resource Development  
American Baptist Churches USA  
P.O. Box 851  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851



Dear ABCUSA,

Our small rural church is struggling. Sadly, our children's ministries are more of an outreach, or mission, considering few of the students' families are actively involved in the Delphi Falls United Church. The tiny village is home to many children whose families dwell in both financial and spiritual poverty. We are applying for a Matthew 25 grant in the amount of \$1000.00. If selected to receive a grant, the funds would be used to revive our unique and highly successful Vacation Bible School program. We implemented this program for five years, but with the rising cost of the program, it was discontinued two summers ago. Children approach me often, asking when we're going to bring it back.



I'll briefly outline our past VBS experience and hopefully you'll get a feel for how it worked and why it had such a positive impact on the children that attended. Our VBS was set up like a mini church camp. We utilized a cabin site at a local County Park, which was our base for the 3 or 4 day program. The first afternoon and evening was set aside for our youth group, who acted as "junior leaders." We provided training for the kids giving them a sense of unity and purpose. The program included getting a school bus to transport the students to a couple of off-site activities, and although the driver was a volunteer, the cost of the bus jumped from 45¢ a mile to \$2.00 a mile, ~~the~~ cabin site that had been \$45.00 per night is now \$95.00 each night. Each year, we came up with a Bible story or theme from a specific scripture passage, then tailored all of the activities around that main passage. We include music, art, outdoor activities, and Bible lessons. The camp atmosphere with shared meals and nightly campfires was an experience that many of the kids have never forgotten. Every attendee of our "Fruits of The Spirit" VBS, can still recite the fruits because of a song we performed at our closing, when all the church members bring a dish-to-pass and we have church in the woods on Sunday morning.

Poverty is a word so overused in recent years, I feel many of us have become numb to the real thing. The effects of broken homes, poor choices made by adults, and a lack of hope for a bright future are robbing many young children of becoming all that God meant for them to be. Doesn't God's Word address every type of poverty known to mankind, offering the same solution for all? The greatest work we can do to address poverty is to be salt and light in a darkening world. By giving children a better understanding of who Christ was, is, and will be, we are equipping them to overcome the poverty that ensnares them. I believe the most important tool a child can be given is a working knowledge of what a relationship with our Savior, Jesus, can do for them. Given that one tool, lives can be lifted from poverty to promise, not temporarily but for eternity. Thank you for considering our request.

In His service,

Martha Ryan / youth leader



CONSTITUTION  
Delphi Falls United Church  
1990

Article I            The Name

The name of the church shall be the Delphi Falls United Church of Delphi Falls, New York as incorporated under the laws in the State of New York.

Article II           Affiliation

The Delphi Falls United Church shall continue the historic relationship with the American Baptist Churches USA ~~and with the United Methodist Church.~~ *(we are no longer affiliated with the UMC)*

Article III          Objectives

The objectives of the Delphi Falls United Church of Delphi Falls, New York shall be:

- to maintain public worship
- to provide opportunity for Christian Education
- to encourage Christian Witnessing
- to serve those in need
- to develop Christian character
- to share in the extension of God's Kingdom

Article IV          The Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our savior, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines, to give it a sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel to all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our families and acquaintances;

To walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly and sisterly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

**EXPENSES**

Bibles and Gifts	300.00	150.00	-150.00
Building and Maintenance	692.34	1,000.00	307.66
Building Insurance	2,225.00	2,100.00	-125.00
Cemetery Fund	0.00	100.00	100.00
Christian Ed, Supplies & Equipmnt	0.00	250.00	250.00
Continuing Education	0.00	300.00	300.00
Disability Benefits- Methodist	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	1,286.09	1,700.00	413.91
Fuel Oil	4,036.28	5,000.00	963.72
Housing Allowance	15,295.00	15,295.00	0.00
Medical Benefit Reimbursement	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
Misc	152.20	700.00	547.80
MMBB Retirement	3,521.74	2,890.00	-631.74
Music, Organ, Worship	200.87	250.00	49.13
Office Supplies	664.52	1,000.00	335.48
Pulpit Supply	0.00	200.00	200.00
Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Social Security Offset	1,629.08	1,630.00	0.92
Workmen's Comp-Methodist	190.00	300.00	110.00
Youth Ministry	342.00	0.00	-342.00
Youth Scholarship	0.00	300.00	300.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>38,335.12</b>	<b>40,965.00</b>	<b>2,629.88</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-38,335.12</b>	<b>-40,965.00</b>	<b>2,629.88</b>

**Account Balances - As of 12/31/2012**

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Account	12/31/2012 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Building Fund	12,267.43
M&T Checking Account	2,407.06
M&T Savings Account	3,830.41
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>18,504.90</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>18,504.90</b>