



## Mission Statement

Churches United is a nonprofit organization of Bemidji area churches lead by the Spirit of Christ to work together to meet the emergency needs of homeless and low-income people in a prayerful way.

**"Welcoming the Stranger as Jesus"**

Monthly Newsletter

October 2018

## HIGH POINTS:

At the end of August, I attended the Oak Hills Student Outreach Fair where I had the opportunity to visit with various students about volunteering at Church United. Two students, Cori M. and Christie N. are each volunteering 3 hours per week for 10 weeks.

Cori has been working with clients, helping around the office, and assisting with processing donations.

Christie has been working on giving the Churches United webpage a much needed facelift. Links to the United Way Mission Monday Video and a Paul Bunyan Broadcasting Podcast are both available. A Facebook Page is being developed and will be linked to the webpage soon. Expect additional improvements in the near future. Please take some time to check it out, the address is bemidjcu.org.

The Fall Update Meeting was rescheduled for November 1. Information from that meeting and the 3rd Quarter report will be in the November Newsletter.

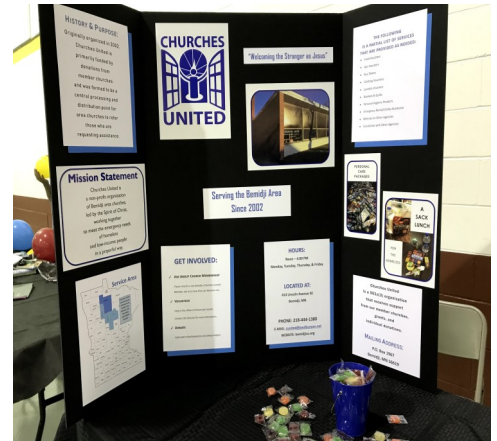
Till next month, *Wanda*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Churches United needs volunteers willing to work in the office 4 hours per month [or more]. To learn more contact Wanda at 444-1380.

### Current Needs

- Snack items to go into sack lunches
- Travel size deodorant
- Full sized shampoo, conditioner, bar soap



*A new display board was made for Student Outreach Fair.*

### PASTOR TO PASTOR:

As Christians we can loudly proclaim: Life is better with an attitude of gratitude... Blessings to all...

Fr. Chuck

## MONTHLY OVERVIEW - SEPTEMBER 2018

<b>Total Intakes</b> .....	<b>161</b>	Laundry Vouchers .....	18	Employed/Disabled/Retired .	57
<b>Total Cash Value</b>		totaling .....	\$90.00	Unemployed .....	115
<b>Distributed*</b> .....	<b>\$2,651.95</b>	Bus Tokens .....	92	<b>Initial intakes included:</b>	
Requests Accepted.....	119	totaling.....	\$138.00	Rental assistance .....	9
Requests Denied .....	45	Other Vouchers.....	0	Electric shut-off notices.....	29
Request Pending .....	2	totaling.....	\$0.00	Propane/Natural gas shut-off notices.....	3
Rental Assistance.....	1	Clothing Vouchers .....	20	Other assistance.....	5
totaling .....	\$0.00	Diapers [bundles of 10] .....	12	<b>Revenues:</b>	
Utility Assistance.....	5	Lunchables/Bottled Water ....	12	Member Churches: ....	\$5,094.52
totaling .....	\$543.28	Quilts/Blankets .....	11	Private Donations: .....	\$0.00
Other Assistance.....	0	Toiletries .....	60	Other:.....	\$0.00
Totaling .....	\$0.00	<b>Total number of individuals</b>		<b>Total Revenues: .....</b>	<b>\$5,094.52</b>
Food Vouchers .....	61	<b>assisted</b> .....	<b>427</b>	*Note that cash value distributed	does not include diapers, wipes,
totaling .....	\$1,010.00	Adults .....	236	lunchables, & water.	
Gas Vouchers.....	45	Children .....	191		
totaling .....	\$760.00	Homeless.....	64		

### PRESENTATIONS:

I am currently scheduling presentations for 2018.

If your church would like me to do a short address to your board or congregation, please contact me at 218-444-1380 or email [cunited@paulbunyan.net](mailto:cunited@paulbunyan.net) to set up a time and venue that works for you.

Thank you, Wanda

Office Hours: noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
414 Lincoln Ave SE, Bemidji, MN

Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 1967  
Bemidji, MN 56619