



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
August 2018

HIGH POINTS:

Hello everyone:

I'd like to start with a big THANK-YOU to the St. Philip's Vacation Bible School program for their wonderful gift of 28 pre-made personal care packets and supplies to make more. They have made a huge impact on those that have received them!

Our Mid-Year Update Meeting was held on July 25 with 9 of our 27 churches represented. Those present received an activity report and data on revenues for the first 6 months of this year. Member churches were reminded of their commitment to donated \$1 per church member or average Sunday attendance per year. The impact of partnerships that Churches United forms with other organizations on our ability to provide aid was explained. There was a time for questions and



discussion. Lunch was provided by the Executive Board.

The need for volunteers willing to donate 4 hours [or more] per month is pressing. Currently, there are only 4 of our 27 member churches who provide Churches United with a total of 5 volunteers willing to work with clients and 1 who helps with data entry. We were blessed to have an intern from Oak Hills over the summer, however, he is now back to school.

Applications for assistance have been at record numbers the past 4 months. Without additional volunteers to help, wait times will become excessive and our ability to fulfill our mission statement will be in jeopardy. Please invite your congregation to explore this ministry opportunity.

Till next month, *Wanda*

PRESENTATIONS:

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 to set up a time and venue that works for you.

Thank you, Wanda

PASTOR TO PASTOR:

The heart of Jesus calls us to be open to serving others. Thank you to our volunteers who give of their time and talent. Your congregation can experience the joy in helping others by being of service. Consider giving us the opportunity to invite your community to volunteer at Churches United.

Fr. Chuck

MONTHLY OVERVIEW - JULY 2018

Total Intakes	204	Laundry Vouchers	41	Employed/Disabled/Retired	.90
Total Cash Value		totaling	\$205.00	Unemployed	117
Distributed*	\$6,054.14	Bus Tokens	186	Initial intakes included:	
Requests Accepted.....	167	totaling.....	\$266.50	Rental assistance	19
Requests Denied	28	Other Vouchers.....		Electric shut-off notices.....	27
Request Pending	9	totaling.....	\$0.00	Propane/Natural gas shut-off notices.....	1
Rental Assistance.....	3	Clothing/Household Vouchers	32	Other assistance.....	8
totaling	\$404.00	Diapers [bundles of 10]	25	Revenues:	
Utility Assistance.....	6	Lunchables/Bottled Water	21	Member Churches:	\$1,613.96
totaling	\$1,140.14	Quilts/Blankets	6	Private Donations:	\$0.00
Other Assistance.....	2	Toiletries	58	United Way:	\$3000.00
Totaling	\$273.50	Total number of individuals		Total Revenues:	\$4,613.96
Food Vouchers	96	assisted	541	*Note that cash value distributed	
totaling	\$2,290.00	Adults	292	does not include diapers, wipes,	
Gas Vouchers.....	65	Children	249	lunchables, & water.	
totaling	\$1,475.00	Homeless.....	127		

ORANGE CARDS

The orange card that is made available to our member churches for referral purposes was recently updated. Stop by the office to pick up a few if your church needs them. Or let us know and we will get them to you.

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