



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
September 2018

HIGH POINTS:

Hello everyone:

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since I became the Director here at Churches United. The time has flown by.

I would like to say "Thank you" to the Churches United team: Volunteers, Member Churches, and Executive Board that make this ministry possible.

It would be impossible for me to do my job as director without the volunteers that work in the front office greeting and interviewing clients, doing data entry, and keep our backroom neat and orderly.

The continued monetary and in-kind support of our Member Churches is what makes fulfilling our Mission Statement possible.

The Executive Board donates time monthly and as needed providing oversight, guidance, and support to our staff and myself.

This past year has been an interesting challenge at times, but also a very enjoyable and satisfying time of service to our community.

Till next month,
Wanda

Current Needs

- Items for sack lunches
- Travel size lotion, shampoo, & conditioner
- Adult size quilts

PASTOR TO PASTOR:

"What would you do, if I sang out of tune? Would you get up and walk out on me? Lend me your ear and I'll sing you a song. I will try not to sing out of key." As I hear Joe Cocker sing that song, I always picture the open credits for "The Wonder Years" television show. It was a nostalgic look back on the Sixties but what if we can make today, "The Wonder Years." What if we can make today a little bit better for us and someone else? We can!! Giving of ourselves, our time and our possessions is a great way to help a neighbor. Contact Churches United to see if we can all give a little help to our friends.

Pastor Pete Warren

FALL UPDATE MEETING

Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

At Mt. Zion Church, 414 Lincoln Ave SE, Bemidji

MONTHLY OVERVIEW - AUGUST 2018

Total Intakes	177	Laundry Vouchers	31	Employed/Disabled/Retired .	51
Total Cash Value		totaling	\$155.00	Unemployed	131
Distributed*	\$5,539.17	Bus Tokens	111	Initial intakes included:	
Requests Accepted.....	141	totaling.....	\$154.50	Rental assistance	19
Requests Denied	29	Other Vouchers.....	2	Electric shut-off notices.....	32
Request Pending	5	totaling.....	\$92.00	Propane/Natural gas shut-off notices.....	0
Rental Assistance.....	4	Clothing Vouchers	21	Other assistance.....	5
totaling	\$455.00	Diapers [bundles of 10]	12	Revenues:	
Utility Assistance.....	8	Lunchables/Bottled Water	13	Member Churches:	\$744.22
totaling	\$1,317.67	Quilts/Blankets	8	Private Donations:	0
Other Assistance.....	1	Toiletries	38	Other:.....	0
Totaling	\$200.00	Total number of individuals		Total Revenues:	\$744.22
Food Vouchers	81	assisted	481	*Note that cash value distributed	
totaling	\$1,965.00	Adults	241	does not include diapers, wipes,	
Gas Vouchers.....	55	Children	240	lunchables, & water.	
totaling	\$1,200.00	Homeless.....	28		

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

Thank you, Wanda

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