



## 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  
March 2018

## FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS & HUNGRY



Thanks to the generosity of one of our volunteers, and a Thrivent Grant that she was able to apply for,



the snacks that Churches United has been handing out to the hungry and homeless has been expanded to a REAL meal!

## HIGH POINTS

One of the questions that is asked frequently at Churches United is "How can I help?"

Some of the churches that I have visited have a box [or basket] in their entrance just for collecting donations for Churches United. Once in awhile someone brings the donations to our office. These in-kind donations are vital to the work that we do in the community.

If a your church has such a box, you can help by dropping items in that can be used by our clients.

If your church does not have a donation box, maybe you can get one started.

Items that are useful are soaps, shampoos, conditioner, lotions, deodorants, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, gloves [especially for adults], dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, diapers, wipes, combs, towels, wash cloths, tissues, socks, hand sanitizers, and goodies for the sack lunches.

Till next month, *Wanda*

### PASTOR TO PASTOR:

The economy is moving forward... company earnings are up... slight rise in wages... yet the needs for the services of Churches United are also up... A person would think the needs would be down... Thanks for your assistance... Alleluia to the Easter Season a time of Hope...

Fr. Chuck Huck

## Current Needs

- Coat tree for the volunteers
- Larger clear plastic bins for winter gear

### 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

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## MONTHLY OVERVIEW - FEBRUARY 2018

<b>Total Intakes</b> .....	<b>96</b>	Laundry Vouchers .....	24	Employed/Disabled/Retired	.35
<b>Total Cash Value</b>		totaling .....	\$120.00	Unemployed .....	73
<b>Distributed*</b> .....	<b>\$3,337.90</b>	Bus Tokens .....	81	<b>Initial intakes included:</b>	
Requests Accepted .....	84	totaling .....	\$121.50	Rental assistance .....	12
Requests Denied .....	16	Other Vouchers .....	0	Electric shut-off notices .....	3
Request Pending .....	3	totaling .....	\$0.00	Propane/Natural gas shut-off notices .....	6
Rental Assistance .....	2	Clothing Vouchers .....	13	Other assistance .....	5
totaling .....	\$400.00	Diapers [bundles of 10] .....	13	<b>Revenues:</b>	
Utility Assistance .....	3	Lunchables/Bottled Water .....	15	Member Churches: ....	\$2,509.34
totaling .....	\$556.38	Quilts/Blankets .....	6	Private Donations: .....	0
Other Assistance .....	3	Toiletries .....	28	Other: .....	0
Totaling .....	\$635.02	<b>Total number of individuals</b>		<b>Total Revenues: .....</b>	<b>\$2,509.34</b>
Food Vouchers .....	39	<b>assisted</b> .....	<b>205</b>	*Note that cash value distributed	does not include diapers, wipes, lunchables, & water.
totaling .....	\$875.00	Adults .....	127		
Gas Vouchers .....	29	Children .....	78		
totaling .....	\$630.00	Homeless .....	35		