



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
January 2019



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HIGH POINTS:

The high point of December is always Christmas. This year, you partnered with Churches United to provide blessings through the distribution of 19 Tubs of Love. A rather large donation of toys from the United Way allowed for free "shopping" for families who had missed the Gifts for Kids program. In addition, two families in need were "adopted" by anonymous benefactors. Items from the St. Philip's "Giving Tree" and other donations from member churches will continue to bless those in need over the next few months. Thank you to all who were so very generous during the holiday season.

Churches United now has a Facebook page. Please check it out, "Like" it, and "Share" it. Posts related to Churches United's work, needs, news, etc. will be made there, as well as information and posts from partner agencies/organizations that may be of interest to our membership, community, and friends in need.

A part of my job that I love is sharing about the work that we all do through Churches United. 2019 started out with the opportunity to give three "Temple Talks" at the Calvary Lutheran Church. There is also one scheduled in February at the New Salem Lutheran Church.

Please contact me if your church or group would like me to give a brief presentation about this important ministry we all participate in.

Till next month,
Wanda

PASTOR TO PASTOR:

It has been a pleasure to serve Churches United on the Executive Board. We are a great organization that meets the needs of the homeless and those in emergency situations. Please consider becoming involved through time, talent and treasure...

Fr. Chuck

ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Please send your Churches United Representative

The Agenda Includes: Election of Officers & 2018 Re-cap

MONTHLY OVERVIEW - DECEMBER 2018

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| Total Intakes | 85 | Laundry Vouchers | 7 | Employed/Disabled/Retired . | 40 |
| Total Cash Value | | totaling | \$35.00 | Unemployed | 48 |
| Distributed* | \$1,360.00 | Bus Tokens | 70 | Initial intakes included: | |
| Requests Accepted..... | 78 | totaling..... | \$100.00 | Rental assistance | 5 |
| Requests Denied | 7 | Other Vouchers..... | 0 | Electric shut-off notices..... | 1 |
| Request Pending | 1 | totaling..... | \$0.00 | Propane/Natural gas shut-off notices..... | 0 |
| Rental Assistance..... | 30 | Clothing Vouchers | 6 | Other assistance..... | 5 |
| totaling | \$0.00 | Diapers [bundles of 10] | 7 | Revenues: | |
| Utility Assistance..... | 0 | Lunchables/Bottled Water | 14 | Member Churches: | \$7,661.90 |
| totaling | \$0.00 | Quilts/Blankets | 50 | Private Donations: | \$1,025.00 |
| Other Assistance..... | 3 | Toiletries | 48 | Grants & Other:..... | \$0.00 |
| Totaling | \$0.00 | Total number of individuals | | Total Revenues: | \$8,686.90 |
| Food Vouchers | 34 | assisted | 276 | *Note that cash value distributed | does not include diapers, wipes, lunchables, & water. |
| totaling | \$760.00 | Adults | 146 | | |
| Gas Vouchers..... | 22 | Children | 130 | | |
| totaling | \$465.00 | Homeless..... | 46 | | |

Current Needs

- Travel size Kleenex or tissue
- Full size shampoo & conditioner
- Chapstick or lip balm
- Travel size shampoo & lotion

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