



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
December 2017

HIGH POINTS

Thanks to the generous support of our member churches, Churches United has been able to grow your ministry to our community.

The past three months have been an exciting time for Churches United.

With your help, a total of seven families received rental assistance. Of these families three had children, two were elderly, two had been homeless, and two had temporary health problems that had prevented them from working and caused them to get behind on their bills.

The utility assistance that Churches United provided these past three months kept the lights on in nine homes and the gas on in

three. A total of twelve families received help, seven of these have children, and three were elderly.

The lives of 42 individuals, including 17 children were impacted through the rental and utility assistance and your support of Churches United.

When combined with the various vouchers for food, gas, laundry, and bus tokens that were provided by Churches United, our combined ministry helped over 1,000 people with a combined distribution of just slightly over \$9,000 in the past three months.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Till next month, *Wanda*

PASTOR TO PASTOR:

At the start of the New Year it is good to look back and tell God thanks for the blessings received. Churches United is a blessing: for the clients because they get emergency needs met, for the member churches because combined resources go further, are given to many more people, in a more direct manner, and for the wonderful staff because they get to live out the Gospel message of helping others. As Churches, we know and understand God will not be outdone in generosity. Thank you for joining together and sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure to aid those in need.

Fr. Chuck Huck



Merry Christmas

TUBS OF LOVE:

Churches United was blessed to participate in this wonderful program. A total of 23 Tubs of Love will be distributed to families in need during the week prior to Christmas.

Current Needs:

Gloves, Mittens, Hats for men and women are a constant need. Currently we have one hat for men and no decent winter gloves.

ORANGE CARDS:

The Orange Cards have been updated to include information on S.O.S. and Ruby's Pantry. They may be picked up from our office during normal business hours: Noon - 4:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

MONTHLY OVERVIEW - NOVEMBER 2017

Total Intakes	109	Bus Tokens	52
Total Cash Value		totaling	\$78.00
Distributed*	\$2143.00	Clothing Vouchers	32
Requests Accepted.....	88	Diapers [<i>bundles of 10</i>]	9
Requests Denied	21	Lunchables/Bottled Water	36
Request Pending	0	Quilts/Blankets	17
Rental Assistance	1	Pillows.....	11
totaling	\$200.00	Toiletries	17
Utility Assistance.....	0	Total number of individuals	
totaling	\$0	assisted	283
Food Vouchers	42	Adults	154
totaling	\$975.00	Children	129
Gas Vouchers.....	40	Homeless	46
totaling	\$775.00	Employed.....	25
Laundry Vouchers	23	Unemployed/Disabled	84
totaling	\$115.00		

Initial intakes included:

Eviction notices.....	3
Electric shut-off notices.....	1
Propane/Natural gas shut-off notices.....	0
Homeless requesting deposit assistance.....	0

Revenues:

Member Churches:	\$4,825.22
Private Donations:	\$150.00
Other:.....	0

Total Revenues: **\$4,975.22**

*Note that cash value distributed does not include diapers, wipes, lunchables, & water.