



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 2018

HIGH POINTS

The month of December was an exciting time for the staff of Churches United.

In addition to the 23 Tubs of Love that we were able to distribute, there were many anonymous gifts, special gifts from our member churches and individuals, and one very large donation of toys from United Way that arrived after they had already held their gifts for kids event.

The United Way donation allowed us to provide needy parents with a "free" shopping experience during the week prior to Christmas.

There were two donations that really touched hearts. The first was a gift of 15 bags of groceries made by a previous client for the

purpose of creating shelf stable sack lunches for the homeless.

The second was a gift of a small mountain of "shoebox care packages" that were made specifically for homeless men, women, and children by a woman who had been distributing them on her own [along with another small mountain of materials to make more].

Our volunteers used the extra groceries from the above donation and from the "giving tree" to make additional sack lunches.

All this generosity led to many a tear of joy from both clients and volunteers.

Thank you to all who gave!

Till next month, *Wanda*



This little bundle was collected by a child and was one of the many special gifts donated to Churches United during the Christmas Season.

PASTOR TO PASTOR:

It is time for our Annual Meeting and it is important that our member churches be represented as we plan for the year ahead. Please mark your calendar.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Fr. Chuck Huck

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
At Mt. Zion Church, 414 Lincoln Ave SE, Bemidji

MONTHLY OVERVIEW - DECEMBER 2017

Total Intakes	79	Bus Tokens	98
Total Cash Value		totaling	\$147.00
Distributed*	\$2058.20	Other Vouchers	2
Requests Accepted	72	totaling	\$322.70
Requests Denied	7	Clothing Vouchers	22
Request Pending	0	Diapers [bundles of 10]	14
Rental Assistance	0	Lunchables/Bottled Water	10
totaling	\$0.00	Quilts/Blankets	7
Utility Assistance	1	Toiletries	7
totaling	\$203.50	Total number of individuals	
Food Vouchers	33	assisted	204
totaling	\$860.00	Adults	100
Gas Vouchers	22	Children	104
totaling	\$480.00	Homeless	35
Laundry Vouchers	9	Employed	16
totaling	\$45.00	Unemployed/Disabled	63

Initial intakes included:

Eviction notices	5
Electric shut-off notices	0
Propane/Natural gas shut-off notices	2
Homeless requesting deposit assistance	3

Revenues:

Member Churches:.....	\$1,208.58
Private Donations:.....	\$1,025.00
Other:	0
Total Revenues:	\$2,233.58

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

CHURCH PRESENTATIONS:

As the Director of Churches United, I am available to make presentations about Churches United and the work that we do. Please call me at 218-444-1380 to set up a time that works for your church or organization.

Thank you, Wanda

Current Needs

- Travel size deodorants
- Men's razors and shaving cream
- Alcohol free mouthwash
- Gloves for men & women