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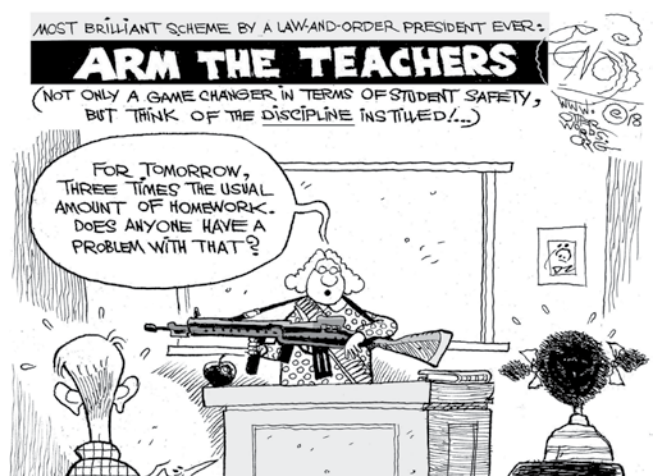
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Pastor Rose Franks of Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church delivers a sack lunch to Paul Joseph as part of a feeding and clothing drive for the homeless.

Feeding the Hungry

Church helps by fixing hundreds of sandwiches

The Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church congregation in northeast Portland is upping the ante when it comes to their assistance feeding and clothing the homeless.

Under the leadership of Pastor Rose Franks, church volunteers have been able to increase the number of lunches they prepare each month to ease hunger from their shelter-less neighbors, from 50 lunch sacks, to up to 200 bags, in

addition to occasional socks, hats, gloves, and coats.

Since December 2015, church members have been meeting every fourth Saturday of the month to prepare and deliver the meals to homeless areas around town.

“After so many years of watching homeless and hungry people outside in our community it was time now to stop talking and watching and act,” said Janette Rucker,

pastor assistant. “Our goal is end the homelessness.”

In the future, the church wishes to increase its monthly outreach to once a week, also on Saturdays.

To inquire about the Hughes Memorial homeless outreach program, visit the church at 111 N.E. Failing St. or get in touch with Pastor Franks at 503-200-0846, or visit hughesmemorialumc.org for more information.



Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church volunteers prepare sandwiches every fourth Saturday of the month for donations to the homeless. The northeast Portland church hopes to expand the effort to as much as weekly in the future.

Portland Teams Play for State

Four Portland schools are competing for a state championship in basketball this week with the Oregon 6A tournaments for boys and girls being held at the University of Portland in north Portland.

On the boys' side, defending champion Jefferson (24-3) will face off against Jesuit (21-5) on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. The Dem-

ocrats will be without star player, junior guard Marcus Tsohonis, because of a broken finger he sustained in a playoff win last Saturday against Grants Pass.

Lincoln (12-5) will face off against Southridge (23-3) at 6:30 p.m. Thursday; and Grant (22-4) will follow the contest with an 8:15 p.m. matchup against West

Salem (18-7). On the girls' side, Benson (21-5) faces Tigard (23-3) on Wednesday at 8:15 p.m.

Quarterfinal and final games will be played Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10. All games will be carried live by the Oregon School Activities Association. Visit osaa.org/media to view the streams and broadcasts.