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## Pastor's Reflections

I just put something on my calendar for June 2012 (thanks Ted ) and just got a "save the date" for a family wedding in August 2011 (thanks Josh & Danica). The calendar is one of the main ways that we measure time. In January at a class about the liturgical year we started off by talking about the ways that we mark time – hours, days, by birthdays and anniversaries of events such as weddings, deaths and graduations. We also use the school year and sports seasons.

Our professor, Rev. Dr. Philip Thompson commented that we "strive for order even when we're not sure what order we want" and that is why since our earliest days we have been trying to account for

our time and our use of it.

In *The Handbook of the Christian Year* authored by Hickman, Sailers, Stookey and White, they open with the statement that "Christian worship is built on the foundation of time. The way we use our time in daily life is one of the best indications of what is really important to us." That is so true!

Just take a look at your calendar – what fills up the days? The authors go on to say that "The foundation of the Christian calendar is what the New Testament calls "the Lord's day." By the end of the first century *The Lord's Day* was a familiar term for the first day of the week set aside for worship with other believers in Jesus Christ – the day we now call Sunday. How do you spend your Sundays? Does your life center around your Chris-

tian calendar or your sports calendar or your shopping schedule? On Sunday, February 6, 2011 the liturgical (Christian, church) calendar identifies the day as the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany or the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Many of our calendars say "Super Bowl." What does it say about us when we know what the later means and we celebrate it with gusto but we really don't really have a clue how Epiphany or Ordinary Time or Transfiguration Sunday (the last Sunday after Epiphany and one right before Ash Wednesday) should be observed? Take some time and think about it...and find out.

Peace, Pastor Lorah

The Women's Circles of Tulare United Church stay busy throughout the year. Pictured are Alice MacNeill, Virginia Reisdorff, Mick Otto, Donna Johnsen, Ardyce McIntyre, June Botum and Leone Schultz. They are part of the Faith Circle that meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00. Hope Circle meets the first Wednesday at 7:00. Both groups have an ongoing Bible Study or Devotion and a light lunch when they meet. If you are a woman who attends Tulare United Church you are welcome to join!



This monthly newsletter is sent to all members of Tulare United Church as well as friends that have requested to receive it. If you are receiving the newsletter and don't want to get it anymore OR if you want to read it on [www.tulareunitedchurch.com](http://www.tulareunitedchurch.com) just call or send us an email. Also, if you know someone who would like to receive the newsletter please let us know! **Remember to please keep us up to date with any new addresses or email addresses.**

### TUC BOARD MEETING JANUARY 12, 2011

The board met in the Fellowship Hall at 7 PM. Those present: Eric Knock, Erma Ames, Ivan Teveldal, Tasha Hull, Judy Wagner and Pastor Lorah Houser Jankord. Pastor Lorah opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Eric presided. The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer’s report for December were reviewed. Motion made by Tasha, seconded by Erma to approve both. Motion carried. It was agreed to renew CD 903774 for another 18 months at an interest rate of 1.3%.

Old Business: We will continue to work on updating our membership list and contacting those we have not heard from recently. An Eden Pure heater has been donated for use in the church office and southeast Sunday School room.

New Business: The board reviewed the budget proposed for 2011. Motion made by Tasha, and seconded by Ivan to approve the budget as proposed and to present it to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting. Motion carried. The Annual Meeting will be on January 23, with a potluck meal following worship, and then the business meeting. The TUC Women will be in charge of set up and serving the meal.

Pastor Lorah announced that she will be sending news articles to the Redfield Press this year outlining happenings at TUC. If you have information she can include in the articles, please let her know.

Coming Events: Jan 13-Pastor Lorah & Rich host RAMA Christmas Party at the parsonage, Jan 13 and following Thursdays-Bible Study on Revelation. Jan 14-at 1:30 the Annual Report will be put together, Jan 16-coffee & rolls, Communion. Jan 17-planning meeting for upcoming worship services. Jan 18 to 21-Pastor Lorah takes class at Sioux Falls Seminary. Jan 21 & 22-Jr. Youth Lock-in at TUC. Jan 22-Prairie Lakes Assn. Meeting in Huron. Jan 23-Annual Meeting.

No further business, motion to adjourn made by Erma, seconded by Tasha. Meeting adjourned.

The family of Bruce MacNeill wants to thank everyone for remembering him on his 85th birthday. He received many cards, and enjoyed hearing from family and friends as well as the many trips down memory lane that were shared. Thanks, Alice, Lynn, Jeanette, Deanne, Brian and Colleen.



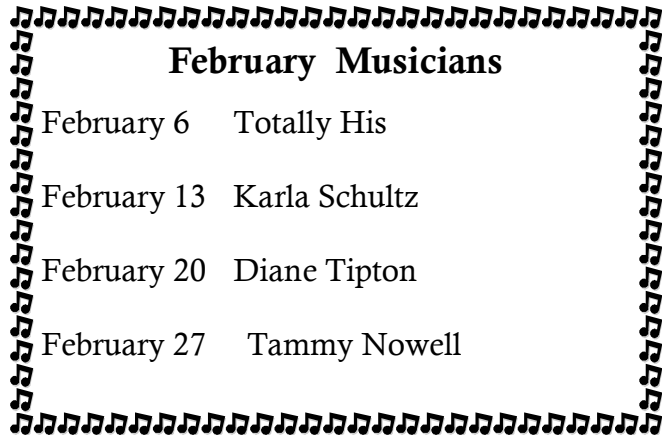
excerpts from Thank You notes — they are on the bulletin board: From Bailey Kopplin - “It is always nice to get mail. It made me feel special to be remembered while going through that tough time (finals week.)

From Jen Jungwirth - “It was much appreciated and very thoughtful of you all! Thanks again and I hope all is well back home. “

From Shane Gross - “I look forward to seeing everyone at church when I come home for the weekend.

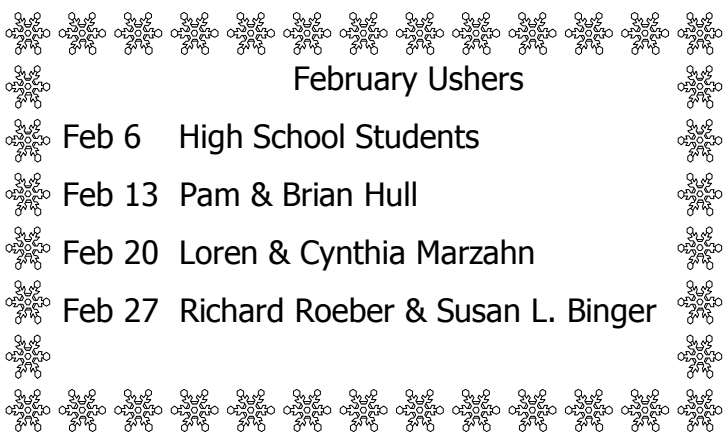
We also had many verbal thanks for the cards/gift cards sent to our college students before Christmas.

**If you are assigned to usher, video record or candle light and can not be there that Sunday please find someone to switch with you and take your place and let the church office (596-4156) know so we can correct the bulletin. Thank you. We count on your participation!**



#### February Musicians

- February 6 Totally His
- February 13 Karla Schultz
- February 20 Diane Tipton
- February 27 Tammy Nowell



#### February Ushers

- Feb 6 High School Students
- Feb 13 Pam & Brian Hull
- Feb 20 Loren & Cynthia Marzahn
- Feb 27 Richard Roeber & Susan L. Binger



Shared by a friend at Lake-side Assisted Living,  
**“A closed mouth gathers no foot.”** Isn’t that the truth!

**Open House Wedding Shower**  
 For Lacey & Brandon Stahl  
 February 26, 2011 10:00am  
 Hitchcock UMC

**Quilt Class**  
**Machine Appliqué**  
**Spring Banner**  
 Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
 8:30 am  
 Tulare United Church  
 \$20 Registration Fee  
 Contact Sheryl Kloss  
 to Register  
 605-460-1023

**“Scrap Camp”**  
 Saturday, February 19, 2011  
 8 am—midnight  
 Hitchcock UMC  
 Breakfast, dinner, supper, drinks, snacks,  
 goodie bags and a lot of fun.  
 \$35.00  
 Fundraiser sponsored by the Hitchcock  
 UMC Sunday School to help raise money  
 for camp kids this summer.  
 Contact Lisa Haigh at 596-4309  
 to reserve your spot.

**WELCOME  
 PRECIOUS  
 BABIES:**  
*RaeAnna Jean Knock*  
 daughter of  
 Eric & Roxanne  
 Knock and sister to  
 Rylee. Local grand-  
 parents are Judy &  
 Rick Wagner. She was  
 born 12-22-10.

*Adelynne June Ihnen*  
 was born to Nick &  
 Bekah Ihnen on Janu-  
 ary 13, 2011. Her local  
 grandparents are Ken  
 & Penny and great  
 grandma Mary Lou.

*Ryan Lee Parish* is the  
 son of Kayla Haigh  
 and Lee Parish was  
 born January 7, 2011.  
 Grandparents are Lisa  
 & Randy Haigh and  
 great grandparents  
 are Clayton & Sheryl  
 Kloss and Ellen Kay &  
 Ed Haigh.

Hope Circle Minutes January 5, 2011  
 Cynthia Marzahn called the meeting to order. Everyone was asked to share on New Year’s resolution or something interesting that hap-  
 pened during the holidays. The profits from Ray Ernster’s CD’s were  
 discussed. New music stands were purchased with some of he money.  
 A thank-you was read by Judy from Ray. A potluck will be served at  
 the Annual Meeting on January 23. Soup suppers will be served dur-  
 ing Lent. Both Circles will work together on march 9 and 16 and  
 April 13. Lesson 9 was studied. Robin Buchholz served a nice lunch.  
 Pastor Lorah closed with prayer. Diana Erickson, Sec.

Candlelighters  
 Feb 6 Cassidy Johnson & Wyatt Johnson  
 Feb 13 Kennedy Tomsha & Ally Binger  
 Feb 20 Kordel Kohnen & Kole Kohnen  
 Feb 27 Bailey Binger & Ashlyn Otto

Video Recorders  
 Feb 6 Josh Bonebright  
 Feb 13 Dillon Koester  
 Feb 20 Pyne Lenocker  
 Feb 27 Chase Jungwirth

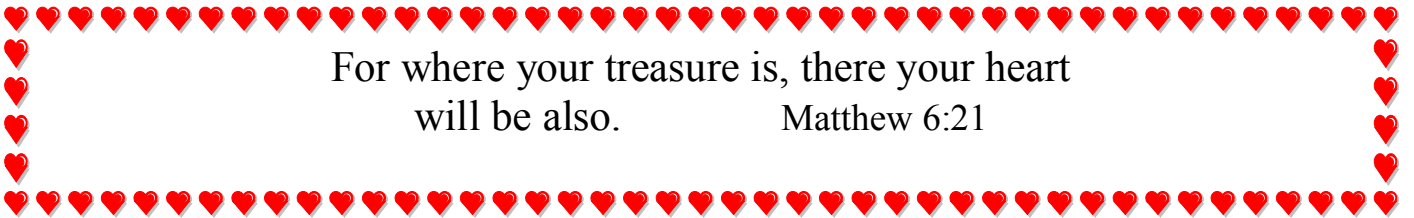
**In case of  
 inclement  
 weather please  
 check the web  
 site for service  
 and activity  
 cancellation.**

73 “giving units” ( households ) give annually to TUC. Here’s the breakdown for 2010:

- 3 gave \$ 1 - \$ 50
- 4 gave \$ 51 - \$ 100
- 10 gave \$ 101 - \$ 300
- 11 gave \$ 301 - \$ 500
- 13 gave \$ 501 - \$ 700
- 6 gave \$ 701 - \$ 1000
- 5 gave \$ 1001 - \$ 1200
- 5 gave \$ 1201 - \$ 1500
- 7 gave \$ 1501 - \$ 2000
- 4 gave \$ 2001 - \$ 2500
- 3 gave \$ 2501 - \$ 3500
- 1 gave \$ 3501 - \$ 4500
- 1 gave \$ 4501—\$ 4700

If you haven’t thought about what you give to TUC in relation to what you spend on other things maybe it is time you do.

Weekly Giving if the Percentage Is (Rounded to the nearest dollar)								
Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$8,000	\$667	\$154	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$23.00
12,000	1,000	231	5.00	9.00	14.00	18.00	23.00	35.00
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101.00
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115.00
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130.00
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144.00
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115.00	173.00
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115.00	144.00	216.00
100,000	8,333	1,923	38.00	77.00	115.00	154.00	192.00	288.00


  
 For where your treasure is, there your heart  
 will be also. Matthew 6:21

**As a church that is parts of two denominations (United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church) we have almost double the opportunity for “special offerings” such as “One Great Hour of Sharing” and “Neighbors in Need”. We also support local groups such as the Family Crisis Center and the Good Samaritan Center. Thank you for supporting Tulare United Church with your tithe and also for your generosity when asked to give to other groups—that’s part of our mission as a church.**

**Remember our Students**

Members of Tulare United Church in college... please keep them in your prayers: Megan Binger, Aimee Lenocker, Tanner Binger, Emma Jankord, Bailey Kopplin, Sam Domke, Patrick Artz, Taylor Jens, Kailee Koester, Steph Binger, Karen Rose, Shane Gross, Dan Ames and Jason Frankenstein. Jennifer Jungwirth and Tasha Hull are both working on their Masters degree.



Our “Journey’s through Revelation” Bible Study Continues on Thursdays at 1:30. This week we asked ourselves, “If John of Patmos has written to TUC what would he say?”

The underlined names with the symbol C will be the co-chairmen until we have gone through all four groups. Everyone will have a chance to chair the group they are in. If we have forgotten anyone or you have any questions or comments, please call Elsie Brooker at 596-4290. (please charge \$0.25/ paper plate setting)

#### Committee One

Erma Ames  
 Kristi Artz  
 Arnie Ameson  
Tony-Shelly Binger C  
 Wayne-Doreen Binger  
 Dwight-Ann Bottum  
 Rich Bottum  
 Leroy-Elsie Brooker\_  
 Kenny-Dar Buchholz  
Brett-Robin Jens C  
 Dayton-Darlys Kloss  
 Galen-Deanna Koester  
 Ray-Ardyce McIntyre  
 Jan Murphy  
 George-Jean Semmler  
 Casey-Candace Stoner  
 Ivan Teveldal  
 Rick-Judy Wagner  
 Dawn Woodward  
 Richard Roeber  
 Eric-Roxanne Knock  
 Loren-Linda Igo  
 John Nowell  
 Travis Koester  
 McKinzie Binger  
 Tasha Hull

#### Committee Two

Chad-Kristie Binger  
 Clyde Binger  
 Susan L. Binger  
 Rolla-Elaine Binger  
 Tony-Susan M. Binger  
 Don Bottum  
 John-Robin Buchholz  
 Janelle Domke  
 Barry-Susan Sires  
 Karla Schultz  
 Tim-Jodi Jungwirth  
Kathy Kohnen C  
 Sandi McNeill  
 Loren-Cynthia Marzahn  
 Rick Binger  
 LaDean-Dwayne Stoner  
 Reese-Elly Jo Wagner  
Josh-Kasey Nowell C  
 Jason-Kristi Fliehe  
 Sandra Wagner  
 Rich-Pastor Lorah Jankord  
 Paul Domke  
 Jeremy Nowell  
 Cody Marzahn  
 Beth Fliehe  
 Tyler Jungwirth

#### Committee Three

Curt-Della Benning  
 Randy Binger  
 Rex-Sherry Binger  
 Dan-Barb Bottum  
 Ray Ernster  
Jim-LaDonna Frankenstein C  
 Lee-Ulla Gatzke  
 Diane Johnson  
 Donna Johnsen  
 Clayton-Sheryl Kloss  
 Milt-Dorothy Kopplin  
 Ron-Deb Kopplin  
 Bryan- Barb Lenocker  
 Warren-Carolyn Lewis  
 Roger-Helen McIntyre  
 Tammy Nowell  
 Bill Otto  
 Virginia Reisdorff  
Doug-Diane Tipton C  
 Linda Tomsha  
 Todd Koester  
 Tyler-Jen Burton  
 JT Woodward  
 Nick Bottum  
 Matt Frankenstein  
 Travis Kohnen

#### Committee Four

Paula Ames  
Dave-Becky Brooker C  
 Peg Brooker  
 Randy-Mary Buchholz  
 Scott-Shelly Domke  
 Barry-Diana Erickson  
 Larry-Tami Hoekman  
 Brian-Pam Hull  
 Ramona Schultz  
 Mick Otto  
 David Otto  
 Lynne Schultz  
 Leone Schultz  
 Robert Schultz  
 Linda Smith  
 Tom Tomsha  
 Mildred Tubandt  
 June Bottum  
Jon-Katie Jones C  
 Shauna Woodward  
 Bruce-Alice MacNeill  
 Dustin Otto  
 Tom Schultz  
 Austin Binger  
 Sally Hofius  
 Ramsey Hoifus  
 Nick Kopplin

WORK GROUPS are used to organize and work at church events such as funerals. It is part of your opportunity as a member of Tulare United Church to contribute your time as well as financially.

THANK YOU.

If you think your name was left off the list and should be listed please contact Elsie Brooker.

THANK YOU.

(These minutes will be approved at the next Annual Meeting—January 22, 2012. Mark your calendars!)

**TUC ANNUAL MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2011**

The Annual Meeting of Tulare United Church was held on January 23, 2011 in the Fellowship Hall, following a potluck dinner. There were approximately 29 members in attendance. Chairman Eric Knock presided at the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Pastor Lorah Houser Jankord.

The agenda for the meeting was presented. Motion by Sheryl Kloss, seconded by Brian Hull to accept the agenda, motion carried. The minutes of the last annual meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by June Bottum, seconded by Rolla Binger, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The congregation was addressed by Rev. Roy Caudill, District Superintendent of Dakotas Annual Conference of the UMC. He informed us that after 2012, there would be one bishop to oversee the Dakotas Conference, and the Minnesota Conference, in an effort to reduce costs. Also, there will be a “Turnaround Bootcamp” in March, with ideas to equip local churches. Three lay members must attend with the pastor in order to register for this event. A new program called “Mission Insight” is being started, information will be forthcoming on that.

The Financial Report for 2010 was reviewed, and the budget for 2011 was presented. A motion was made by Richard Bottum to accept the financial report and to approve the 2011 budget, Erma Ames seconded the motion and it carried. Reports of the youth groups, TUC Women, and praise band were reviewed. Totally His will be participating in worship on Feb 6.

Old Business: We discussed our membership list, and will continue to update it as information becomes available. Members were urged to let Pastor Lorah know of changes within their families. Elsie Brooker continues to be chairman of the Work Group committees. She stated that Group 3 will work next, and group 4 will have new chairmen appointed. The parsonage basement project has been completed, and paid for. The small garage has been removed from the east side of the church. Other improvements done this year include fixing the sidewalk in front of the church entry way, installing a new light in the parking lot, and repairing the roof and siding around the patio doors of the parsonage. Chairman Eric expressed thanks to the many people who donated time to help complete these projects.

New Business: Linda Tomsha nominated Dan Bottum for the open position on the TUC Board. Motion by Brian Hull, seconded by Deb Kopplin, to cast a unanimous ballot for Dan, motion carried. Elsie Brooker moved we cast a unanimous ballot for June Bottum to continue as Financial Secretary. Linda Tomsha seconded the motion and it carried. Other items discussed included the need for a concrete drainage valley for the parking lot, and possible fundraisers for the coming year.

Pastor Lorah gave her report, including her wish list for “hopes and dreams” for TUC. She encouraged us all to add to the list, to keep our church growing and active in the community. She then led us in the closing prayer.

Chairman Eric thanked Pastor Lorah for her leadership, along with the Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, and members of the congregation for supporting the work of TUC the past year. Motion was made by Brian Hull, seconded by Diana Erickson, to adjourn the meeting. Judy Wagner, Sec.

What happens when several Junior High Youth are “locked in” the church for a night? You might want to ask them or their leaders Karla Schultz and Scott Domke...



**CAMP SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2011**

We'll start our “change for camp” offering again so save your coins! Dress for camp, sing camp songs and hear why church camp (for all ages) is a great way to spend part of your summer.

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**February Sundays at TUC**

**February 6**

- 8:45 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship led by Totally His with “Souper Bowl of Caring” Offering
- 11:15 Youth group leaves for Aberdeen Mission Trip to “Kids Against Hunger”

**February 13**

- 8:45 Sunday School
- 9:30 Coffee & Rolls hosted by Senior Youth
- 10:00 Worship “Teach Me to Pray”

**February 20**

- 8:45 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship with Communion

**February 27 Camp Sunday**

- 8:45 Sunday School
- 9:30 Coffee & Rolls hosted by Junior Youth
- 10:00 Worship with Guest Speakers

Tulare United Church is affiliated equally with both the United Methodist Church and United Church of Christ denominations. We are a “united” and “uniting” church. All are welcome here!



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Church Building  
Dedicated: 1999