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Pastor's Reflections

As we watch and hear through Face book, internet stories and television about our neighbors who are grieving, homeless, injured and unemployed due to tornados and flooding we often ask "God, why?" Using a resource published by the United Methodist Church a small group met on Tuesday, May 31 in Fellowship Hall and discussed natural disasters and the feelings that we experience as Christians when our neighbors are in chaos. What should be our response? Sometimes the need seems so overwhelming—and that's where the church can help. Throughout this newsletter you'll find ways to assist others through Tulare United Church and the mission branches of our denominations—UMCOR, OCWM and also Church World Services. Many people want to help but are limited by home obligations and physical limitations so we use the church to allow us to do mission in places that we can't go on our own. Our donations of time and money

do make a difference. Our attention this week has turned toward Pierre, where the SD Conference of the United Church of Christ was scheduled to meet from June 3-5 but due to the flooding the location has been changed to Chamberlain and shortened to one day. We'll be taking emergency buckets with us to donate. Please pray for all those on the "front lines" of preparation for and recovery from natural disasters.

Peace, Pastor Lorah

Tulare United Church will be a "drop-off" point for items for emergency buckets throughout the summer. Any of the items listed below may be left in the container in the entry of the church and at the end of the summer additional supplies will be purchased to make each bucket as directed. Financial donations are also encouraged for delivery costs and to purchase additional supplies.

To assemble an Emergency Clean-up Bucket: need:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- One pair work gloves
- 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)



Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles. Be sure to send only new materials. Place all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

**TUC BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 2011**

The TUC Board met in the Fellowship Hall at 8 PM. Those present: Erma Ames, Ivan Teveldal, Eric Knock, Dan Bottum, Judy Wagner, and Pastor Lorah Houser Jankord. Absent: Diana Erickson, Tasha Hull. Pastor Lorah opened the meeting with prayer.

The secretary and treasurer’s reports were reviewed. Motion by Ivan, seconded by Erma, to approve both reports, motion carried.

Old Business: Ivan stated that Larry Hoekman removed concrete that was left from the old garage, and Tom Tomsha will haul in some black dirt to fill in the hole. Then Ivan will plan some grass. Thank you to everyone who helped with getting the garage removed!

We talked again about constructing a concrete drainage gutter on the south side of the parking lot. Ivan will check with the town board about when street work might be done this summer, and who the engineer is for town projects. Pastor Lorah stated she had talked to Scott Domke about spraying the church and parsonage lawn for dandelions. We received two bids for electrical work for more lighting in the southeast Sunday School room, as well as outlets in the entry way, and can lights with dimmer switches for the Fellowship Hall. Motion was made by Erma, seconded by Ivan, to wait for the bid from Jessen ‘s , but if it is not lower than Gruenwald Electric, then we will proceed with the work and hire Gruenwald Electric. Their bid was \$1,970. After further discussion, motion carried.

We received a thank-you from Superior Lamp for our business, and a gift card to Target.

New Business: Ivan stated that he would be sharing Glenda’s collection of organ music with the musicians of our church.

Diana Erickson will be moving to Salem this fall, a replacement on the church board will be needed. If anyone is interested in serving the remainder of her term, please contact Pastor Lorah or any board member.

Brent Vernon, a ventriloquist and gospel singer, may be coming in July to put on a concert. He would take a free will offering. An anonymous donor has given \$500 to the campership fund, to be used for transportation expenses for people going to camp this summer. Thank You!

Pastor Lorah would like to purchase a chalice, pitcher and plate to be used during Communion Services. She had a couple pictures of sets she liked, and was given the OK to purchase a set, using memorial money. She also announced that Emma Jankord and Shane Binger had received \$2000 scholarships, and Kailee Koester had received \$1000 from the UCC Scholarship Fund.

We received word from the UCC Health Benefits Plan that we would be receiving a one month premium credit (on Pastor Lorah’s health ins.) due to investment returns to the plan that were greater than expected. This is a savings of \$674.25 for us.

Calendar of Coming Events: Pastor Lorah is taking a Pastoral Care & Counseling Class online until June 13 with calls to the professor on Thursdays. May 29-Jr Youth to Prairie Retreat for a work day. VBS-May 31 to June 3. June 5-VBS Program during worship. June 2-5 Pastor Lorah to Pierre for UCC Conference Meeting. June 8-11 UMC Conference Meeting in Watertown. June 10-12-Sr. Youth to Habitat for Humanity in Sioux Falls. June 13 to 17-Pastor Lorah to Women’s Camp at Placerville. June 19-Communion, Father’s Day, Baptism. Clyde Binger committal service at 3 PM. June 22-TUC Board meets at 7 PM at Parsonage for potluck supper with families. No further business, motion by Dan to adjourn, seconded by Erma. Judy Wagner, Sec.

June Musicians	
June 5	Diane Tipton
June 12	Karla Schultz
June 19	Diane Tipton
June 26	Tammy Nowell

Ushers & Candlelighters for June	
June 5	Tom Tomsha and Rick Binger
June 12	Tyler & Jennifer Burton
June 19	Larry & Tami Hoekman
June 26	Jim & LaDonna Frankenstein

If you are unable to usher and candle light when scheduled please find someone to take your place and let us know at the church office (596-4156) .

Sioux Falls Diversity Council presents

Falls Park - Sioux Falls, SD

4th Annual
Juneteenth
 Celebration

Thursday June 16th
 5-9pm

Free Soul Food Provided By
 Whisk and Chop
 +
 Free Kids Activity Zone

Performances By

David Jones - Music for All Occasions
Flame On Gospel
Lost Artists - Spoken Word
BalleRaena Studios
Michael Kang - Youth Rapper

“ JUNETEENTH is a landmark in history, a celebration of freedom and the end of slavery in America. JUNETEENTH commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. We look forward to seeing you and your loved ones at Falls Park to join in the festivities. ”

Visit Us At www.facebook.com/JuneteenthSF or call (605) 549-5675

Prairie lakes/Dakota Association
 Mission and Learning Trip
 July 21-24, 2011

Goals: 1.) To build a relationship between the churches of the Prairie lakes Assn. and the Dakota Assn. in the SD Conference
 2.) to engage in work project(s) to help the Green grass church

Objectives: 1.) to gather 8-12 youth and 8-12 adults to make the trip
 2.) to learn about life on the reservation and how it affects those who live on it
 3.) to participate in a pow-wow
 4.) to help Green grass church by putting on siding on the north side of the church as well as other small projects.
 5.) to raise \$1,500 to pay for Green Grass projects.

Tulare United Church can help by donations of money, prayers and volunteers. Let Pastor Lorah know of your interest.



www.tulareunitedchurch.com click on “calendar” on the left side of the home page to see what’s going on at Tulare United Church. If the event is underlined on the calendar it means there is more information available by clicking on the event. Set www.tulareunitedchurch.com as your home page!

Saturday
8—3

July 23-24, 2011
2nd Annual

Sunday
12—3

TUC Rummage Sale

HELP! We need help from the TUC Congregation—to **donate** items for the rummage sale, to **organize and set up** the rummage after the rummage sale. There is a entryway. Please make sure all to be presented to the public. We available for everyone. Come treasures to take home with you! weekend include a poker run/fund Watch the sign and Redfield Press



sale and to **pack and clean up** sign-up sheet available in the donated items are clean and ready guarantee there will be something check out the fun and find some Other activities in Tulare that raising event, meal and dance. for more details!



Strengthen the Church is one of the 5 for 5 offerings encouraged by the UCC. It is a special offering taken on Pentecost Sunday. This money is used to renew churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation—especially among women and people of color. We will receive this special offering on **June 12, 2011**

Be renewed and refreshed by Women of Faith. Join us August 12-13, 2011 in Omaha, NE. Wendi Owens (472-0139 and Patrice Wilson (472-1153) are group leaders for our area. The cost for travel, some food, accommodations and tickets to the event is \$300. It is a fun and uplifting time! "God loves us more than we know. He gives us more than we can ask or dream. He's unrestrained... excessive... Over the Top.



Have you remembered Tulare United Church in your will? If you haven't—please think and pray about it. Both the United Church of Christ and the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation have many services and resources available.

Thank you notes from Taylor Jens, and Pyne Lenocker are on the bulletin board. Take a look.

This newsletter is a ministry of Tulare United Church. If you no longer wish to receive it or know of someone who would like to hear our news please let us know! Also, let the church office know if your address (email or regular mail) changes so we can continue to send you a newsletter.

College students - let us know your address as soon as you have it. **Thanks!** All donations to support this ministry are gladly accepted.

Want to do something for someone else? Join us when we go to Sioux Falls to work with Habitat for Humanity. The group leaves on Friday, June 10 and returns Sunday, July 12. Saturday will be the "mission" part of the trip and Sunday after worship, the group will head to Wild Water West for some fun. Call Susan Binger 472-3597 or Bekah Ihnen 596-4362. We need men and women to go as workers and as chaperones. This trip is funded by the mission fund and Senior Youth Group.



"Change for Camp" There is still time to sign up for camp -check out the options in the entry.

The change in the offering plate goes to provide camperships of 40% of the cost of camp and this year we had a generous donation of \$500 to help with travel expenses to camp.. The camp fund was started by memorials for Melissa Tennant because of her belief that all of us benefit from attending church camp beyond the fun time. Campers we know about so far include: Pastor Lorah to

Women's Camp, Molly Koester to Crossroads, Brad Jankord (counseling) Crossroads, Emma Jankord (counseling) Seekers





Before ↑ Kyle Kohnen from the TUC Junior Youth Group gets the trees out from under the deck and After ↓ shows off his muddy clothes.



**A Mission Trip to
Prairie Retreat on
May 29, 2011**

Left: Pastor Lorah in the weeds.

Below Middle: Emma Jankord and Karla Schultz made the Retreat “spick and span”

Below Right: Rev. Marjie & Ray Brewton, Kyle Kohnen, Karla Schultz and Emma Jankord



Prairie Retreat is a 160 acre farm with vegetable and flower gardens, trees, fields, and the prairie wind. The tame cats, dogs, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, and guinea fowl provide a preview to the abundant wildlife here. Centrally located in Eastern South Dakota, Prairie Retreat is an ideal meeting place for business or church retreats or family reunions. We provide quiet surroundings for individual, personal or group retreats. We offer a unique change for hunters and a look at real life in the Dakotas for tourists. Prairie Retreat is a place to enjoy the peaceful

natural surroundings, to rest and find spiritual renewal in the midst of today's hectic, high-pressure society. Wear casual clothing and walking shoes, and help yourself to the Spirit of God's prairie. Enjoy the "sittin' rocks" placed around the farm for meditation and reflection. (from www.prairieretreat.com) The Prairie Retreat building is the “old” Tulare Methodist Church. Still serving.

The Family Crisis Center, Inc. (472-0508)

maintains a 24 hour, 7 day a week crisis line for people in Spink, Hand and Faulk Counties. Services include: shelter in “safe homes”, legal advocacy, counseling, transportation, support groups and hope.

Romelle Fortin, Amy Akin and Penny Ihnen are available to speak to groups about the Family Crisis Center. Call them at the number above for more information.

Justin Hull, son of Terry & Connie Hull and Kelly & Lee Schaunaman and the grandson of Gordon & Nadine Hull and Jean & George Semmler and Cal Nowell, is leaving to serve in Iraq on June 12. God speed and thank you for your service.



***Support Hitchcock Senior UMYF
Fireworks Stand***

June 27-July 4

Rummage and Bake Sale

June 26—July 4

at Hitchcock UMC

Outdoor Movie Night

July 3, 2011 at the Hitchcock Ball Field



Front: Lexis Parkhurst, Whitney Mitchell, Cami Domke, Brittany Gatzke, Corina Stellmacher, Brooke Peterson, Nicole Smith
 Middle: Jordan Cole, Shane Binger, Austin Bushong, Nate Binger, Joey Mitchell
 Back: Cordell Muilenberg, Alex Roeber, Pyne Lenocker, Scott Steinheuser, Trent Peterson



Senior Recognition Sunday was held May 8, 2011. Pictured here with their youth leaders: Karla Schultz (left) and Bekah Ihnen (right) are Pyne Lenocker, Cami Domke and Shane Binger. Other Senior Youth Group leaders are Susan Binger and Nick Ihnen. The sermon featured remembrances from their mothers since it was Mother's Day.

A very special Baccalaureate Service was held on May 11, 2011 celebrating the gifts of the Hitchcock-Tulare Class of 2011. Pastors taking part in the service were: Rev. Mark Britton, Hitchcock UMC, Rev. Tim Fugman, First Congregational UCC—Redfield, Rev. Brian Wasmoen, Our Savior's Lutheran Church –Redfield and Pastor Lorah. The Totally His Praise Band, Brian Hull and Pastor Mark provided special music. Family and friends joined together in Fellowship Hall afterward for ice cream sundaes.

Scholarships Awarded

The South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ notified Tulare United Church that three scholarships have been awarded to our members attending college. Shane Binger will receive \$2,000 and will attend S.D.S.U. Kailee Koester is attending Augustana and was awarded \$1,000 and Emma Jankord will receive \$2,000 to continue at U.S.D. Congratulations!

Shane Gross has been awarded the Vernon Bau Scholarship at SDSU. Shane is an ag economics major.

Congratulations Graduates...

Dominic Hull from University of Iowa with a Masters in Chemistry. Dominic is the son of Terry & Connie Hull and Kelly & Lee Schaunaman and the grandson of Gordon & Nadine Hull and Jean & George Semmler and Cal Nowell.

CORRECTION to the May newsletter: Megan Binger graduated from SDSU with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

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*June Sundays
at TUC*

June 5 10:00 Worship with VBS Program

June 12 Pentecost Sunday
10:00 Worship
*Strengthen the Church Special
Mission Offering*

June 19 Trinity Sunday Father's Day
Coffee & Rolls
10:00 Worship with Communion
and Baptism of RaeAnna Knock
*Special Offering for UMCOR
and OGHS—Spring Storms Appeal*

June 26 10:00 Worship

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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Established: 1997
Church Building
Dedicated: 1999