

Brookings United Church of Christ

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Joy to the
world,
the Lord
is come!



This month's contribution to the newsletter is simple and heartfelt. In this busy season, I want simply to wish you and yours a safe and adventurous Christmas season. I use the word adventurous because I am thinking now of the poet who said that "Events are now soul-sized and our exploration is into God." The Good News of Christmas is that our exploration need not take us to distant shores or far away places. God has come to us! Joy to the World! Let earth its praises bring. Let every heart prepare Christ room. Let heaven and nature sing the wonders of God's love. (Isaac Watts, "Joy to the World").

I wish you and yours, Christmas Joy.

Pastor David

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 19

5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Friday, December 24

5:30 p.m.

Christ
our Saviour
is Born 

BUCC Council Members

Moderator:	Julie Huebner
Secretary:	Sue Hay
Treasurer:	Jeff Lee
Asst. Treasurer:	Dona Steele
Church Connect:	Kathy Apland Ruth Harper
Church Home:	Dave Huebner Tom Rosen
Church Life:	Loye Holmes Dustin Bartlett
Church Outreach:	Darlene Dokken

*O Holy
Night!*

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Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

2	Peggy Lippert
3	Susan Helvig
8	Abby Satterlee
13	Jim Wilson
16	William Kessler
18	Jeanette Brodersen
	Carol Molstad
18	Tori Deming
20	Tyson Salzman
22	Grace Bartlett
23	Kathy Apland
24	Mary Bruns
	Dustin Bartlett
26	Maggie Harper-Rogers
29	Nathan Holmes



Happy Anniversary

DECEMBER

15	Gene and Susan Helvig
28	Jerry and Carolyn Warmann
29	Dennis and Darlene Dokken

THANK YOU!!!!

A huge thank you to everyone who furnished food, worked, provided prayer support, and/or gave a monetary gift. Everyone's contribution for both the Thanksgiving Dinner and Harvest Table were greatly appreciated. Seeing the smiles makes it worth the effort! Thank you!

A special Thank You to Darlene for her dedication to and hard work in our church. We sincerely appreciate all she does.

Pastor David's Calendar

Pastor David will be in Brookings December 5 through December 13. He will be in Wichita December 14 through January 8. In case of an emergency or other pastoral needs, please contact Ann Spitzenberger at the church office, or 691-2057. Ann is a licensed pastor in the Presbyterian Church, USA.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

December 5:	Pastor David
December 12:	Pastor David and Rev. Ron McKinney
December 19:	Michael Feikema
December 26:	Tammy Dobrenski

YOUR
LOVE
IS AMAZING



POTLUCK DINNER



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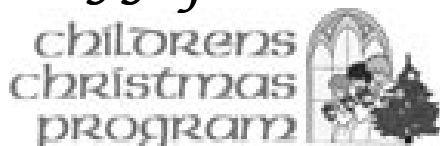
Rev. Ron McKinney will join us in worship on December 12. We will have a potluck meal following the worship. After the meal, Revs. Ron and Danelle McKinney and friends will lead us in a discussion of the Dakota 38. This December members of the McKinney family will be joining others on the ride/run to Mankato, MN to commemorate the death of 38 Native Americans on December 26, 1862. We will talk about this history and its meaning for Native Americans and non-Native Americans in today's world. Please plan to join us.

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 8:30 a.m. Interfaith Meditation
5 SECOND ADVENT SUNDAY  10:00 a.m. Worship/SS 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship	6	7	8	9	10	11 8:30 a.m. Interfaith Meditation
12 THIRD ADVENT SUNDAY   10:00 a.m. Worship/SS 11:00 a.m. Pot Luck	13 7:00 p.m. Council 	14	15 Christmas Program Practice	16	17	18 8:30 a.m. Interfaith Meditation
19 FOURTH ADVENT SUNDAY  10:00 a.m. Worship/SS 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 5:30 p.m. Children's Program	20	21	22	23	24 5:30 p.m. 	25  CHRIST IS BORN!
26 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship	27	28 4th Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. BBP Day at Dairy Queen	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 	

December 19

5:30 p.m.



PLEDGE CARDS AND SURVEYS

Please turn in your pledge cards and church survey by December 26. In order to complete the budget for 2011, we need to know how much you plan to give to the church in 2011. Thank you!

JOIN THE BUCC SINGERS!

The BUCC Singers will sing a lovely Advent piece during the service on Dec. 12th. Practice will be held at 9:30 sharp that same morning. Join us if you can. All ages and voices welcome. Ability to read music not required—just a love of singing!



BUCC SINGERS



Harmony Hill
Bison Farm



*PRAISE
GOD!*



Star Quilt
Given to BUCC by Charles Woodard



3rd Graders Receive a Bible

Come Join the Fun at BUCC!!

EMPTY BOWLS 2010

Thank You

The 7th Annual Brookings United Church of Christ Empty Bowls event, held on November 16, was a tremendous success, raising nearly \$9000 for Heifer International. Phyllis Cole-Dai, joined by musicians Kristi Holler and Gary Snow, led the nearly 200 people in considering the problems and solutions for world hunger.

Sincere thank you's go to everyone who worked at and contributed to the event, and to the community for various avenues of support shown toward Empty Bowls 2010.
THANK YOU ALL!!

Jim and Ruby Wilson, Empty Bowls 2010 Co Chairs



The Bowls



Phyllis—Helping Us Dream



Tammy served as the Empty Bowls 2010 Host



Empty Bowls 2010



The Children at
Empty Bowls
2010



Empty Bowls 2010



Sunday School Schedule

Dec 5th – This is the hanging of the greens day. SS will prepare some decorations. The plan is for popcorn and paper ring garland. Darlene and Kathy will be in charge of this.

Dec 12th – Play practice and decorate scenery with Jihong and Larry H.

Dec 15th – Pizza and practice in the evening. Tammy, Sue, and Darlene are in charge of this.

Dec 19th – Kids will put on Christmas play. Everybody will help.

Christmas Program Practice Schedule:

Sunday	Dec 5 th	10:00-11:00
Sunday	Dec 12 th	10:00-11:00
Wednesday	Dec 15 th	5:30 pm Pizza Party / Rehearsal 6:00-7:00 pm
Sunday	Dec 19 th	10:00-11:00
Program	Dec 19 th	5:00 pm (Soup Supper to follow program)

2011 COUNCIL

The slate of church officers for 2011 is partially filled but there is still room for you! These positions have been filled:

Council Moderator: Sue Hay
Council Secretary: Carolyn Warmann
Council Treasurer: Ann Spitzenberger

Vacancies:

Church Outreach: 2 members – responsible for evangelism, social justice, special projects

Church Life: 1 member – responsible for Christian education, spiritual life, care giving

Church Home: 1 member – responsible for building, grounds, finances

If you are interested in serving on the church council in 2011, please see Julie Huebner, Sue Hay, Dustin Bartlett, or Pastor David.

THANKSGIVING DINNER & THE HARVEST TABLE

A crowd of about 130 enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving meal on November 25. There were plenty of smiles, and tons of laughter.

On November 29 BUCC served the meal for the Harvest Table. A meal of scalloped potatoes and ham, corn, cole slaw, peaches, dessert, and bread was served to about 150.

Both of these are wonderful events! It makes one extra thankful for all we have, and all we have to give. Thanks to all who helped make both of these events possible.



BROOKINGS COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Saltine Crackers
Soups...Creamed - Chicken Noodle – Tomato – Vegetable
Chili –with or without beans
Chili Beans, Kidney Beans, Dry Beans
Tomatoes... diced, sliced, stewed, whole
Tomato Sauce
Sloppy Joe Mix or BBQ mix
Small Spaghetti Noodles
Small Egg Noodles, Egg Noodles
Mac n Cheese
Rice –a- Roni...All flavors
Pancake Mix – both large and individual
Instant Potatoes – both large and Individual
Gravy Mix – Box, mixes, can or jar
Au Gratin or scalloped boxed potatoes
Stuffing – Chix, pork, turkey, sage etc...
Pizza crust and Pizza sauce
Sugar – both 4lb and 1lb
Ketchup – mustard
Ravioli, canned spaghetti, spaghetti O's, Mac –n- Beef
Spaghetti Sauce – all types and/or sizes
Beef Stew
Mixed Veggies
Cream or whole corn
Cut green beans
Peas
Asparagus
Sweet Potatoes / Yams
Sour Kraut
Spinach
Olives
Small Canned Mushrooms
Pork and Beans – Baked Beans
Peanut Butter
Jelly / jams / preserves
Tuna / Salmon
Canned Chicken
All Canned Fruit
Cake Mixes / Brownie Mix -- Frosting
Bagged Rice / rice products
Oatmeal – Small or individual
Muffin Mix
Hamburger Helper – all kinds
Chicken Helper – all kinds
Tuna Helper – all kinds
Pasta Noodles / Rice

The food pantry must also purchase milk, eggs, meat items for families, so cash donations are also greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call me at the Food Pantry (605-692-5007) Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8am and 5pm; Thursday 8am – 12pm. You may also call me at my home 605-794-4511 or cell 605-690-5490 if these times do not work for your organization.

Amy Lacek

Brookings County Food Pantry



BBP and DQ: A Winning Combination

BBP and Dairy Queen are teaming up to raise funds to feed our community's school children who may not have enough to eat on the weekends.

Visit Dairy Queen in Brookings the fourth Tuesday of every month, 5:00-9:00 pm, and the restaurant will donate 10% of all sales proceeds to the Brookings Backpack Project.

Join us at Dairy Queen on December 28th!

Brookings BackPack Project

"Feeding hope, one child at a time"

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