
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC OF HETTINGER

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF REEDER

Reeder-Hettinger Parish

These two churches are located in the Southwestern corner of North Dakota. Both of them were the first churches to be established in their towns, and will be celebrating 100 year anniversaries in 2007, in Hettinger, and 2008 in Reeder. They have a consistent history of providing service and leadership to their communities and the UCC.

It has been nearly fifty years since the Reeder Church brought the ecumenical community together for the first local observance of World Day of Prayer. They continue to do this along with an ecumenical Thanksgiving and Good Friday service each year.

The women's fellowship has been making quilts in recent years. When a quilt is finished it is donated to the Charles Hall Youth Home.

The Hettinger church has a fifty + year history of providing fellowship opportunities for the community along with leadership in the civic arena. Historically, many of the town and county's elected officials have been or are currently members of this congregation.

Both churches have an interest in nurturing young people, especially seminarians who have just completed their studies. They are unable to count the number of ordinations that have occurred in their churches. They ordained one of the first "clergy couples" many years ago and the way they said it was "way back in the days when women ministers were hardly ever seen", but that didn't matter to them. They are a group of faithful people, open-minded and young in spirit, waiting to see what God has planned for the second century of their existence.