

The "E Messenger"
Notes and comments by Wade
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We pray that God's guiding and empowering embrace be with the members of Union Congregational United Church of Christ of Hankinson. May the Spirit of the Living Christ be an assurance to this and other small membership congregations that God's call to ministry is always accompanied by God's empowerment for ministry. We pray that the divine presence continue to be with the members of this Eastern North Dakota Congregation and their pastor, Phyllis Hagen.

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of joining the members of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Jamestown and their pastor, Susan Lester in worship. I want to thank them for the meaningful worship and for the Father's Day Fellowship which followed.

If you have not already done so the Tent of Hope is traveling about the NPCUCC. This is an opportunity to highlight the struggle of the people of Darfur in their native home and as they come as refugees to North Dakota. You are encouraged to welcome the Tent to your congregations and invite people to paint it on Sunday and receive donations for the people of Darfur. If you have questions, please contact the Conference Office.

There is a \$200,000 request to assist our brothers and sisters in the Midwest who have been hit by severe flooding. This money will help to clean-up, house displaced, and provides support for folk who find themselves without a home or business during this time. You are also invited to collect for Church World Service (CWS) cleanup kits. The value of each clean up kit is \$50 and it costs \$3 to deliver it. Your support for this vital and urgent concern can be channeled through the Conference Office.

As I process the 2008 Annual Meeting I am encouraged by the energy of HOPE that was present among the participants. Hope among the people must be present if the Northern Plains Conference is to embrace the future to which it is being called. I am eager to share and multiply that hope as we continue to live out God's call through Jesus the Christ in the years ahead.

This Sunday it will be my pleasure to join with the members of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Reeder and their pastor, Ilo Madden as the congregation celebrates its one hundredth anniversary. I pray that God's grace embraces all who share in this special day with wisdom and hope.

Let us unite in joyous prayer as we celebrate with the members of Federated UMC/UCC Congregation of Carrington their 100th anniversary on June 28 - 29. May God's richest blessing be with them and their pastor, Susan Fandrich.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
6/21	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #! (second class)	Bismarck
6/22	8:30 am (mt)	100 th Anniversary Celebration	Reeder
6/25	12:00 Noon (ct)	NDHRD Development	Fargo
6/27	-----	CM Retreat	Orlando
6/28	11:00 (ct) – 5:00 pm (ct)	Open House in honor of Centennial	Carrington
6/28	-----	CM on Retreat	Orlando
6/29	2:00 pm (ct)	Organ Concert	Carrington
6/29	-----	Cm Retreat	Orlando