

# The "E Messenger"

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## Notes and Comments by Wade 040111

Let our prayer be that God's grace continue to be with the United Parish of Hillsboro UCC/UMC. May the guiding presence of God's Holy Spirit be with the members of this ecumenical congregation and their pastor, Pete Young, as they continue to minister within the community of Hillsboro and beyond. May this congregation continue to draw strength from both roots of their heritage. AMEN

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in worship with the members of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Jamestown. We want to thank them for this opportunity to share in this special transitional worship service. It was our privilege to be a part of this time of fellowship and praise.

Please be mindful of the special bylaw change that is being sent to you via email. This change will be brought up for a vote at our Annual Meeting June 3 – 5 at First Congregational UCC in Fargo. As you read it over if you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call the Conference Office.

All who are interested are reminded that there is still time to make plans to attend the Lenten Retreat which will take place at First Congregational United Church of Christ of Jamestown. Jennifer Kottler, editor from Sojourners Magazine, will be the guest presenter. The Retreat will begin at 5:30 pm on Sunday and will go to 12:00 Noon on Tuesday.

Let us not forget that this Sunday is the time set aside for receiving the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. This special all church offering is one of the distinctive ways we can share the message of God's grace and hope through the world. The OGHS offering helps to support the disaster response ministry of the United Church of Christ. This offering will help to continue to support of our ministry in New Orleans, Hattie, Chili, Japan and many other areas including Devil's Lake. I would invite you to be generous the need is great.

As we anticipate sharing in General Synod in Tampa, July 1 – 5, we want to extend a special invitation to all who would be interested in being a guest. Please let the Conference Office know how we might help make that time special. General Synod is truly a time when you experience the fullness of the United Church of Christ.

Beth Begg has been nominated as the Northern Plains Conference delegate to receive the Honored Lay Woman's Award at General Synod. This is in recognition of service in various settings of the church. Beth was nominated by the Sisters in Christ Women's

Ministry Committee, the body that oversees the women's ministry of the NPC.  
Congratulations to Beth for a well deserved recognition.

Around the NPCUCC 040111 – 041011

Date	Time	Event	Location
4/1	10:00 am (ct)	NDCC Conference Call	-----
4/3	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in planning	Jamestown
4/3	5:30 pm (ct)	Lenten Retreat begins	Jamestown
4/4	9:00 am (ct)	Lenten Retreat	Jamestown
4/5	9:00 am (ct)	Lenten Retreat	Jamestown
4/7	10:00 am (mt)	MV Cluster	Dickinson
4/10	-----	West Central Regional	Minneapolis