

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 020510

It is with prayers of joy and expectation that we come to this fifth Sunday of Epiphany, the beginning of UCC Women’s Week, holding in prayer the Federated (UCC/UMC) Church of Carrington. We pray that the ministry of this ecumenical parish might continue to grow in its vision and strength and that God’s grace will be with the members and their pastor, Susan Fandrich. AMEN

Last Sunday Peg and I had the privilege of being the “Guest Speakers” at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bismarck. We want to thank the members of this faith community partner for this opportunity to share a vision of religion and politics and for the warmth of their reception and their celebration.

It is time to get year book reports into the Conference Office. These reports are a vital part of our relationship with the National church. It helps them understand the needs and the joys of the Congregations of our Conference. To date we have received Year Book Reports from the following Congregations: Malcolm; Memorial, Parshall; UCC, New Town; UCC, Wishek; Hope, Page; Emmanuel, Hankinson; First Cong., Fargo; Federated, Grand Forks; First Cong. Argusville; Plymouth, Fargo; Zion, Manvel; Congregational, Valley City; UCC, Wahpeton; UCC, Flasher, United Parish, Hillsboro; First Cong., Mayville; UCC, Parshall; United Community, Beach; First UCC, Gackle; UCC, Lakota; UCC, Bismarck; First Cong., Dickinson; Union, Hankinson; St. John, Hebron, and Federated UCC/UMC, Carrington. If you have sent in your report and it is not here please contact the Conference Office to make sure that we have received it. If you have not sent it in **PLEASE** do so ASAP, since we need to send them out to the National office next week.

This coming Sunday I will be in Cleveland for a meeting of the CBCO committee. This is an organization that works on enabling congregations to develop Congregationally Based Community Outreach. It is my hope that there will be an opportunity for some of our congregations to explore this in the coming months.

If you have not already done so it is time to register for the Paul Nixon lecture on the theme of his book “I Refuse To Serve A Dying Church”. You will find a flier with information and a registration form on the conference Website www.npcucc.org under fliers.

Let us hold in prayer the Rev. DeBois Smith, the father of Darcy Borden. We pray that God's abiding grace surround him and his family at this time as he continues his stay in Mercy Hospital in Valley City. May the God whom he served for many years bring him comfort and peace at this critical time.

Around the NPCUCC 020510 – 021410

Date	Time	Event	Location
2/6	-----	CM to CBCO	Cleveland
2/7	-----	CM to CBCO	Cleveland
2/8	-----	CM to CBCO	Cleveland
2/9	10:00 am (ct)	MV Cluster	Hebron, St. John
2/10	12:00 Noon (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
2/12	7:00 pm (ct)	Conference Committees	Bismarck
2/13	9:00 am (ct)	Conference Council	Bismarck
2/14	11:00 am (ct)	CM leads worship	Independence