

The “E Messenger

Notes and comments by Wade 012910

As we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Epiphany, Health and Human Services Sunday, we hold in prayer the Horizon Parish that special union of five congregations from Lutheran and UCC background that come together to be one parish and unite in one ministry. We hold in prayer the members of Emmaus United Church of Christ of Carson, Flasher United Church of Christ of Flasher, Bethesda ELCA of Leith, St. John ELCA of Carson and ALCL-ELCA of Flasher and their recently called pastor, Rose Trenbeath. AMEN

The threat of severe weather called for the cancelation of the Annual Meeting at Hillsboro last Sunday. Unfortunately Peg and I were not able to join them for their worship and fellowship. We are looking forward to a future opportunity to get together.

If you have not already done so, please complete the 2009 year book reports which have been mailed to the pastor of each congregation and forward them to the Conference Office as soon as possible. We have to mail them into the National church by the end of next week. If you need extra time please contact the Conference Office and give us head's up.

This Sunday it will be my pleasure to share in the Sunday worship of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Bismarck. Peg and I are looking forward to this opportunity to join with a congregation that shares with us so many socially responsible expressions of the faith.

Last week necessity was the mother of invention for the NPC. Because of weather we were not able to have a retreat we had been planning for some time. Rather than try to reschedule it or to cancel it, we turned to technology and found what might be an interesting alternative for other gatherings. We had a webinar that given all the circumstances was rather well attended. I would be interested in your thoughts about continuing to develop this form of conference wide communication. Even if you were not part of that gathering I would appreciate your thoughts as to the possibly of developing that form of contact within the Conference. The service that we used (was for that session a free trial) would cost us about \$50 per month.

Area clergy and church staff are invited to Clergy Day 2010 to meet local military chaplains and learn about valuable resources that are available to help meet needs of military members and their families in our congregations. There will also be a presentation on military chaplains and how ministers can pursue this call to serve. Continental breakfast will be served. The Clergy Day will be held February 18, from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1143 26th St. Bismarck, ND. For

more information please check out the flier found on our website at www.npcucc.org under fliers.

Around the NPCUCC 012910 – 020710

Date	Time	Event	Location
1/31	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Unitarian Universalist/Bismarck
2/1	11:00 am (ct)	Climate Change Conference Call	-----
2/2	1:30 pm (ct)	Stewardship Club	Jamestown
2/2	4:30 pm (ct)	NDHRC Development	Fargo
2/6	-----	CM at CBCO planning meeting	Cleveland
2/7	-----	CM at CBCO Planning	Cleveland