

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 031210

As we receive the “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, let us lift up in prayer the members of Bismarck United Church of Christ and their pastors, James Moos and Dawn Archer. May God continue to bless their ministry of outreach as they guide our mission to the Protestant Church of East Timor and as they share in the ministry of support and proclamation of the Northern Plains Conference.
AMEN

Last Sunday Peg and I had the privilege of sharing in worship and fellowship with the Arickara Congregational United Church of Christ of White Shield. We want to thank them for the warm reception we received during the service of worship and the fellowship which followed.

This is the Sunday that we receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This special offering is a call to all of us to reach out to brothers and sisters in the family of God with the support and help so vital for the well -being of the church. One Great Hour of Sharing empowers us to touch with the holy love of God’s grace those that are across town and across the planet. Please be generous as you give your offering to this vital ministry.

I would like to remind pastors and congregations of the “Still Speaking Magazine” which will debut the end of April. This oversized full color magazine will include articles and promotional materials for the life of the church. The quarterly publication can be purchased for \$29 before July 1 and \$39 after. It can be ordered on the website of the national church at: www.ucc.org/magazine.

As the Conference is moving into the use of WebEx communications, we are inviting pastors and other congregational members to take advantage of a practice test session either 10:30 am (ct) April 6 or 5:00 pm (ct) April 8. Connecting links will be sent out for both. If you or any member of your congregation has a question please do not hesitate to call the Conference Office.

The April AWARE will be coming to you next week. I would invite you to take advantage of the articles and the calendar which is included.

Quilt squares are again being shared with the NPC congregations. Last year we were blessed with enough completed squares, each carrying a faith statement on behalf of the congregations, to make a complete quilt with several left over. We are hoping to complete at least one additional quilt this year. The squares are available through the Conference Office and will also be taken to the Cluster gatherings. We are hoping to have the completed quilt squares in the Conference Office by the end of April.

This is a final reminder for all that would like to take advantage of the Paul Nixon Lecture, March 22 – 23, which is sponsored by the North Dakota Conference of Churches. The lecture will take place at the Quality Inn in Jamestown. The registration cost is \$40 plus lodging and some meals. In addition to the lecture the registration fee will cover the cost of a banquet on Monday evening and a concert by Chuck Suche. Registration forms can be found on the NPCUCC website www.npcucc.org under forms.

All NPC pastors and lay leaders are invited to join in the installation service for Teresa Heupel as the pastor for Emmanuel United Church of Christ of Hankinson. The service will start at 4:00 pm (ct) and will be followed by a time of fellowship.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
3/14	10:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Winnipeg
3/15	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Valley City
3/15	3:00 pm (ct)	Finance Committee	Medina
3/17	2:00 pm (ct)	M & O Committee WebEx meeting	-----
3/18	10:00 am (ct)	Fargo Cluster	Fargo/Plymouth
3/21	10:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Hankinson/Emmanuel
3/21	4:00 pm (ct)	Installation Service	Hankinson/Emmanuel