

The “E Messenger”

Notes and comments by Wade 032610

This Palm Sunday as we seek guidance from the message of Our Redeemer’s courageous and faithful entrance into Jerusalem, and as we give thanks that through Jesus’ Passion we have been called to receive the fullness of God’s redemptive love into our lives. We hold in prayer the ministry of the members of Salem United Church of Christ and their pastor, Ron Hildahl. May God’s grace continue to embrace them as their beacon of faith shines brightly on the Western North Dakota Prairie.

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing a day with the members of Emmanuel United Church of Christ of Hankinson and their pastor, Teresa Heupel. It was our pleasure to be part of the morning service of worship and also to share in the installation service for Teresa as the pastor of Emmanuel. May God’s richest blessing continue to be with this Eastern North Dakota Congregation.

As we prepare for the Upcoming Annual Meeting we are looking for several volunteers. We are in need of several folk that have special skills in working with computers. This would include running power point during the meeting and helping facilitate workshops and support for individuals during the meeting. If there is someone in your Congregations that might be interested in sharing their skills with the Conference please contact the Conference Office. Then we are looking for someone to help; us out by running the UCC Store. For the last few years RJ Stohler has done this so well, but unfortunately he will not be able to join us for this Annual Meeting. If you know of someone who would be able to do this, please contact the Conference Office.

A special word of thanks and celebration to pastors (UCC and Other Communion) who participated in the Paul Nixon lecture, by all standards it was a grand event. There were 65 participants from across North Dakota. Since this was the first time the North Dakota Conference of Churches had ventured into the area of hosting Clergy Continuing Education, I am grateful for the turnout and for the willingness of the NDCC to step into this area. For those that participated and for those that could not make it, if you have some suggestions for future programs please contact the Conference Office.

This Sunday it will be my pleasure to share in worship with the members of the Independence Congregational United Church of Christ as we gather at the Sr. Citizens Center in Mandaree. I am looking forward to sharing with them in the Palm Sunday service.

Any Congregations that are still interested in doing a quilt square for the second NPC quilt are invited to contact the Conference Office for white cloth squares and instructions.

Youth are reminded to register for the Regional Youth Event to be held in Billings, Montana July 5 – 10. This is a very special time for fellowship within the youth of the Conference and beyond. Friendships that have been made during times such as these may well continue for a lifetime. The informational flier and registration for this event and the other Summer youth activities can be found on the NPCUCC web site www.npcucc.org under forms.

The Church and Ministry Committee are receiving nominations for the Medallion Award. The criteria for this award and the nomination form can be found on the NPC Web Site www.npcucc.org under forms.

Around the NPCUCC 032610 – 040410

Date	Time	Event	Location
3/28	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Independence/Mandaree
3/30	6:00 pm (ct)	Press Conference celebrating the passage of Health Care Reform	Bismarck/Double Wood
4/1	-----	Maundy Thursday	-----
4/2	-----	Good Friday	-----
4/3	-----	Holy Saturday	-----
4/4	-----	Easter	-----