

## The 2012 Calendar of Prayer

### Northern Plains Conference United Church of Christ

- January 1** As we look down the corridor of 2012 it is with gratitude in our hearts that we give voice to prayer of gratitude. Let us thank our Creator for the assurance that our journey through the next 12 months will be in the presence and partnership of God. May our bond with God grow stronger as together we engage in all of life. AMEN
- January 8** May we hold in prayer our Covenant Partner the National Church. May the staff of the Church House in Cleveland and the Center in Washington DC and the Franklinton Center in North Carolina continue to be guided by the grace and wisdom of the living Christ. May the National UCC be a guide for the ministry of each of our congregations as we gather in praise and fellowship. AMEN
- January 15** Our prayers this Sunday are with the Congregational Lutheran Church of Gardner, North Dakota. We pray that the ecumenical vision that called this historic congregation to embrace a new and daring ministry may continue to guide the members of this congregation throughout the year 2012 and beyond. AMEN
- January 22** Our prayers for this Winter Sunday are with the members of Zion United Church of Christ of Manvel and The United Church of Christ of Grand Forks. May God continue to guide them as together they support each other in the vital ministry they are called to carry out. Our prayers are with the members of this Northern Plains Parish and their pastor, Keith Mills. AMEN
- January 29** As the next year unfolds before us we hold in prayer the Horizon Parish and the congregations that comprise it.; May God, in God's great wisdom continue to be a source of vision and courage as this ecumenically creative congregation seeks to live its future fully. Our prayers are with the members of the congregations of this rural parish and their called pastor, Rose Trenbeath. AMEN
- February 5** As we begin "Women's Week" celebration we lift up in prayer; the Federated (UCC/UMC) Congregation of Carrington. We pray that God's grace continue to embrace the membership of this Central North Dakota Community of Faith as they continue to be a center of hope and praise. May God's blessed Spirit be with the members of this Congregation and their pastor, Susan Fandrich. AMEN

**February 12** On this Racial Justice Sunday may our prayers be for the members and pastor of the United Church of Hope. We pray that this small membership congregation continue to be a pillar of strength as they guide their community into the unknown and often frightening tomorrow. May God's blessed Spirit be with this congregation as they gather to worship in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus the Christ. AMEN

**February 19** As we gather on Transfiguration Sunday, let us hold in prayer the United Community Church of Beech. May this congregation located on the Western Edge of the Conference continue to be a community of hope amid a changing and often frightening world. We pray that God's grace and love continue to be with the members of this ecumenical congregation and their pastor, Warren Maxted. AMEN

**February 26** As we gather in praise and prayer on this Church Vocations Sunday (Seminary Sunday) let us hold in prayer the seven seminaries affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Our united prayers for God's continued guidance and wisdom go to Andover Newton, Bangor, Chicago, Eden, Lancaster, Pacific School of Religion, and United Theological Seminaries. May God's Spirit continue to empower these historic centers to be the communities of learning and exploration from which the United Church of Christ receives guidance and direction. AMEN