

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 030609

May God’s gracious wisdom continue to embrace the Eastern North Dakota Congregation of the United Church of Christ Congregational of Argusville. We pray for the members of this community of faith as God’s ever-present grace empowers them to be a community of healing and hope. We pray that God’s Spirit continue to be with their pastor, David Hartson.

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in worship with the members of Hope Congregational United Church of Christ of Granville and the Congregational United Church of Christ of Minot and their pastor Frank Picard. We want to thank them for this opportunity to join them in worship, celebration and fellowship as we pray that God’s grace continue to be with them and to embolden their ministry in the future.

Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead for daylight saving time. In the wee hours of Sunday morning the clocks are set ahead one hour, which basically means that you lose one hour of sleep.

This coming week we will be holding the following Covenant Gathering; 3/9 @ Hebron, First Congregational, 6:00 pm (ct): 3/10 @ Hillsboro, 7:00 pm (ct): 3/12 @ New Town, 6:00 pm (ct): The remaining Covenant Gatherings are 3/16 @ Garrison, 6:00 pm and 3/23 @ Medina with dinner beginning at 5:30 and the program beginning at 6:00 pm (ct). The Covenant Gatherings focus on the place and the options for congregations to receive support through planned giving (wills) as well as a general discussion of stewardship in the life of a congregation.

Pastors (this includes ALWL and Licensed as well as ordained) who have not already done so are invited to register for the upcoming Post Lenten Retreat which will be held at Maryvale near Valley City, April 26 – 28. The retreat featuring Luther Snow will begin with dinner at 5:30 on Sunday, April 26 and will conclude following lunch April 28th. The cost for NPCUCC folk for lodging and dinner is \$70 and there is scholarship assistance available. Please check out the flier and the registration form you can find on the web site at www.npcucc.org/flier/form.

Do not forget to lift up in prayer as well as with informative comment the All Church One Great Hour of Sharing Offering which is scheduled to be received March 22nd. The materials have

already been mailed, but if you have not received them or need more please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

As we celebrate the wonders of God’s Creation and dedicate ourselves to being stewards of its many blessings you are invited to purchase shopping bags that are made available through the Mission and Outreach Committee of the NPCUCC. The red bags have printed on one side “In God’s world no person or thing should be thrown away” and on the other side is the comma with “God Is Still Speaking” and the national website address. The bags can be purchased in bulk by congregations for \$2.50 each. There are also smaller bags available for \$1.00. If you are interested and would like to see examples please contact the Conference Office.

Around the NPCUCC 030609 – 031509

Date	Time	Event	Location
3/6	1:00 pm (ct)	NPCUCC Executive Committee	Conference Call
3/7	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #1	Jamestown
3/8	9:30 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Wishek
3/9	6:00 pm (ct)	Covenant Gathering	Hebron/First Cong
3/10	10:00 am (ct)	MV Cluster	Dickinson
3/10	7:00 pm (ct)	Covenant Gathering	Hillsboro
3/12	12:00 Noon	NDHRC/ Development	Fargo
3/12	6:00 pm (ct)	Covenant Gathering	New Town
3/15	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Twin Buttes