

# The “E Messenger”

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Notes and Comments by Wade  
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May the Spirit of God continue to excite the vision of the members of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ of Fargo and their pastor, Aaron Roberts. We pray that God’s Divine presence be with them as they celebrate the addition of their parking lot and the expanded vision of ministry which guides them. We pray that God’s care embrace them with new hope and strength.

Last Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in worship with the members of Twin Buttes Congregational United Church of Christ, and their pastor Barry Zietz. We are grateful for the joy of their worship and the fellowship which followed.

This Sunday many of our NPCUCC Congregations have received the One Great Hour of Sharing “All Church Offering. This is truly an opportunity for the members of our congregations to reach out beyond the limits of our homes and communities and touch another life with a message of hope and understanding. Lives are changed because of what is done because of the strength of this offering. Any who have not already participated in the OGHS offering are invited to do so in the weeks to come.

It is time to register for the upcoming Annual Meeting of the NPCUCC June 5 – 7 at Minot. The theme for this annual gathering is “Celebrating the Joy of Being Bold Disciples”. You will find information for the Annual Meeting and registration forms on the NPCUCC website, for information check [www.npcucc.org/flier](http://www.npcucc.org/flier) and for a registration forms please go to [www.npcucc.org/form](http://www.npcucc.org/form)>.

Soon we will be gathering for the NPCUCC Post Lenten Retreat at Maryvale. The retreat begins on April 26<sup>th</sup> with registration and dinner and will conclude on Tuesday following noon lunch. Luther Snow, author of “The Power of Asset Mapping” and “The Organization of Hope” will be our guest presenter. The agenda for this event can be found on the NPCUCC website at [www.npcucc.org/event](http://www.npcucc.org/event). For more information and registration forms please check [www.npcucc.org/form](http://www.npcucc.org/form). If you have questions do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

Congratulations go out to Marcy Dawson, pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Hebron and Glen Ullin and the birth of their grandson, Conner Ray Andrews to their daughter Andrea and son in law Jeremy. Because of past medical history this is a special blessing for which we join Marcy, her husband Kelly, and Andrea and Jeremy in giving thanks.

By email you have received a special message from our NPCUCC Disaster Coordinator, Lindy Holt. Please take seriously the message that is contained within. The NPCUCC disaster ministry is a part of the state VOAD readiness program. There is a very good possibility that many areas of the Conference will be affected by severe flooding. Please let Rev. Holt (Lindy) know what is going on in your area, that we might coordinate an effective response. If you have questions or would like to share information from your area, you are invited to contact the Conference Office.

This coming Monday afternoon, the Central Cluster will hold its monthly gathering at 3:30 pm (ct) at Zion United Church of Christ of Medina. The gathering has been rescheduled due to winter storms. Following that meeting there will be a light dinner as we prepare for the Covenant Gathering which will focus on stewardship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and in particular the writing of wills. The Covenant Gathering at Hillsboro is yet to be rescheduled.

This past Sunday it was my pleasure to join in worship with the members of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Valley City and their pastors, Carl and Darcy Borden. It was a pleasure to share with them in the fellowship of their service of praise and celebration.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
3/21	6:30 pm (ct)	CHYS Spring Fling	Bismarck
3/22	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Valley City
3/23	3:30 pm (ct)	Central Cluster	Medina
3/23	5:30/6:00 pm (ct)	Light dinner/Covenant Gathering	Medina
3/25	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	Garrison
3/25	4:30 pm (ct)	NDHRC Board	Fargo
3/26	3:00 pm (ct)	Forum on Children's Health/children's Sabbath	Grand Forks
3/29	5:00 pm (ct)	West Central Regional Meeting	Des Moines, IA