

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 042409

We pray that the God of all grace and love would be with the members of Pierce Congregational Church and their pastor, Mary Peterson as they continue to be a light on the western prairie of North Dakota. We pray that their community of faith might be aglow with the warmth of God’s Spirit that is alive within them.

Last Sunday Peg and I had the privilege of worshipping with the members of Emmanuel United Church of Christ of Hankinson. We wish to thank them for their warm reception as we gathered in praise and celebration and for the fellowship which followed.

Clean up kits are available for those who would need them. They have been provided through Church World Service and can be found by calling the NPCUCC Disaster Coordinator, Lindy Holt at 701 430 0727.

This coming Sunday I will have the pleasure of joining with the members of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Valley City in worship as they return to their “normal” worship schedule following the flooding and its complications. As we hold all who have suffered from this trying time in prayer we pray for the Valley City victims and ask that God’s redeeming grace and care be with them. Special words of prayer are with Carleton and Darcy Borden pastors of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Valley City.

Anyone who would like to take a more active role in the recovery is invited to give thought to becoming a “Case Manager”. There is special training available as well as support from a number of agencies. Case Managers would receive mileage and would be covered for other expenses. If any are interested they are invited to contact the Conference Office 701 255 1104.

As we approach the recovery stage of the flooding we are preparing to call up the volunteers who are willing to go to communities and help with the clean up. Congregations are invited to collect the names of those that would be willing to go to a recovery site and join in the effort to get things back on track. When congregations

have lists of volunteers they are invited to contact the Conference Office that we might more effectively coordinate our efforts.

Chaplain Jerry Rhyne of the National UCC Disaster Ministries will be in the Northern Plains Conference from Saturday through Wednesday. Any who are interested in talking to him are invited to contact the Conference Office at 701 255 1104.

One of the events of General Synod is the Riverside Walk for New and Renewing Churches which is sponsored by the Congregational Vitality and Discipleship Minister Team. Peg and Wade Schemmel will be taking part in this walk. If you would like to make a contribution which will be turned in on June 27th, 2009 at 6:30 a.m., please send your donation to the Conference Office labeled, "Riverside Walk". All contributions will be donated to the New Church Challenge Endowment Fund.

Around the NPCUCC 042409 – 050309

Date	Time	Event	Location
4/24	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Medina
4/26	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Valley City
4/26	5:00 pm (ct)	Post Lenten Retreat	Jamestown
4/27	-----	Post Lenten Retreat	Jamestown
4/28	-----	Post Lenten Retreat	Jamestown
4/30	12:00 Noon	Progressive Faith Network	Bismarck
5/2	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #2	Jamestown
5/3	9:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	New Salem
5/3	1:10	CM to DC	----