

The “E Messenger”  
Notes and Comments by Wade  
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On this day as we celebrate Pentecost and rejoice in the abundance of the Spirit of God residing in our midst, let us give thanks for the ministry of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Fargo as they continue to celebrate the living presence of Christ in praise and service. Our prayers are with the members of this historic congregation and their pastor, Kevin Cassidy-Maloney.

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in a very special time, the ecclesiastical council for Darcy Borden. Thanks to her fine preparation and the support and guidance of her mentor, Darcy’s ecclesiastical Council was a time for faith statement and; declaration.

All NPCUCC Congregations are invited to share in the rite of ordination for Darcy Borden, which will take place at 4:00 pm (ct), May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Congregational United Church of Christ of Valley City. We look forward to this time of celebration and rejoicing as we embrace with prayer this developing ministry.

NPCUCC PASTORS who have not already done so are encouraged to send a picture and a brief bio (one page or so) to the Conference Office so that it can become part of the pastor’s display at the Annual Meeting. This celebration of the pastors of the Conference is sponsored by the women’s ministry of the Northern Plains Conference.

This coming Sunday, Pentecost/Mother’s Day, Peg and I will have the pleasure of sharing in worship with the members of the Filipino United Community Church in Winnipeg. We look forward to sharing with them in their special Pentecost service of praise.

Our prayers are with Jo and Kevin Cassidy-Maloney as they and their families mourn the passing of Jo’s father Don Cassidy. The memorial service was held on Friday at 11:00 am at Countryside Community UCC in Omaha, NE.. Kevin and Jo will be returning to Fargo on Saturday. May God’s blessed Spirit embrace them and grant them safe travel.

The United Church of Christ has issued a \$100,000 emergency appeal in response to the disaster in Myanmar (Burma). Already 22, 464 people have been confirmed dead and 41,054 are still missing. The UCC Myanmar Cyclone Fund is seeking to respond with help to the residents who must deal with this massive human toll. Unlike the United Nations and the National governments, Church World Service, through which the UCC would work is already on the ground in Myanmar which means that aid will get through to the folk for whom it is intended. Contributions are to be made to the Northern Plains Conference.

This Sunday we are invited to receive the Strengthen the Church Offering. Let us be generous as we respond to this appeal for support for the ministries of church renewal, development and evangelism.

Around the NPCUCC 050908 – 051808

Date	Time	Event	Location
5/9	10:00 am (ct)	Conference Call on Conference Sharing	
5/11	10:30 am (ct)	Cm share in worship	Winnipeg
5/11	-----	Pentecost	-----
5/12	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Jamestown
5/12	11:30 am (ct)	CHYS Appreciation Lunch	Bismarck
5/13	10:00 am (ct)	MV Cluster	New Salem
5/15	10:00 am (ct)	Fargo Cluster	Fargo/Plymouth
5/16	12:00 Noon (ct)	Development Comm.	Fargo
5/18	4:00 pm (ct)	Installation Service	Valley City