

The "E Messenger"

Notes and Comments by Wade 070408

In this Independence Day Weekend we holed in prayer the rural congregation, Bethel United Church of Christ of rural New Salem. We ask that God's abiding care be with this community of faith as they prepare for their closing service and 100th anniversary celebration at 2:30 pm (ct) July 20th. May God's blessed Spirit be with the members of this congregation and their pastors, Duane Wacker and Bernie Kunz.

This past Sunday it was my pleasure to share in worship with colleagues Conference Ministers from across the country, who were gathered in retreat outside of Orlando, Florida. I appreciated this time of prayer and meditation as we explored the call and embrace of God's Spirit in our lives.

This is a reminder that in the registration packets for the Annual Meeting there was a quilt square and a page describing the project. The quilt square (white cloth) is an invitation for each congregation to share your faith in word or design on the square that can then become part of a much larger quilt exhibit that will be part of the 46th Annual Meeting in Minot. If you have any questions or need another quilt square please contact the Conference Office. We ask that the completed quilt squares be mailed into the Conference Office by the 15th of January so they can be assembled into the final product by the time of the 09 Annual Meeting.

May our prayers of support be with Margaret (Peg) and Wade Schemmel and their families as they mourn the passing of Peg's brother. Services for Gene Newcomb will be held at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery Friday, July 11th. The Conference Office will be closed the 10th and 11th of July but calls will be forwarded and received by Peg's cell phone, 701-226-1196.

All NPCUCC members and pastors are invited to share in some special celebrations across the Conference. July 13th will be the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Christ at Flasher. Services will begin at 10:30 am (ct) followed by a dinner and then a program of memories and music at 1:30 pm. July 20th there will be a commemorative service beginning at 10:30 am (ct) at St. John Church, Hebron, marking the 100th anniversary of the building. All are invited to come and share in this special celebration. At 2:30 pm (ct) at Bethel United Church of Christ, south of New Salem, there will be a special service which will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the congregation and also a service of closure. This will be the last formal service for the members of this historic congregation. Let us take these opportunities to share in the lives of our brothers and sisters in the NPCUCC.

Around the NPCUCC 070408 – 071308

Date	Time	Event	Location
7/4	-----	Independence Day	-----
7/5	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #2	Garrison
7/6	8:30 am (ct)	CM Leads worship	New Salem
7/8	12:00 Noon (ct)	Evangelism Task Force	Jamestown
7/10	10:00 am (ct)	Health Care Colloborative	Mandaree
7/13	10:30 am (ct)	Centennial Service	Flasher