

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade

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We pray that God’s guiding hand be with the NPCUCC youth and advisors as they join with youth from across the country at the National Youth Event held July 24 – 28 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee. May their time together be an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth as they share their faith, their dreams and their fears. Including travel time the NPCUCC youth will be participating in this event from July 23 to July 31.

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in the centennial service with the members of Flasher United Church of Christ and their pastor Dale Carmen. Peg and I wish to thank Flasher UCC for the warmth of their fellowship during the worship service, the fellowship which followed and the Anniversary program that concluded the afternoon of celebration.

This coming Sunday I will have the pleasure of joining Rev. Kunz and Rev, Wacker along with other members of Bethel UCC as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of this rural North Dakota Congregation. The grace and charm of its setting depicts the warmth that has been found for a century within its doors and among its people. The service will not only be the 100th anniversary for Bethel UCC but also the last regularly scheduled service. While Bethel will remain active it will no longer hold regular Sunday worship services. Let us celebrate 100 years of vital ministry in an often challenging setting. May Gods blessed Spirit and care be with the members as they reflect on the many ways that God has blessed them and that they have been a blessing to others. May God’s care and love continue to be with them as they look for opportunities to service in Jesus name in the future.

Let us unite as we celebrate the members and pastor, Gaylund Olson, of St. John Church in Hebron, North Dakota the 100th anniversary of their sanctuary. This

peaceful structure has been a place of worship for many generations. Let us unite in wishing them well during their very special time.

Those who have not already done so are invited to register for the pastor’s workshop August 22 – 23. The theme for this workshop is “God Is Still Speaking, Do Not be Afraid”. Housing is available but it is necessary to register through the Northern Plains Conference. Please let us know that you and members of your congregation are going to participate in this special event by calling or emailing the Conference Office. The Conference is providing the program and meals for the participants of the workshop, leaving each congregation to cover mileage and lodging.

Date	Time	Event	Location
7/18	12:00 Noon (ct)	NDHRC Development	Fargo
7/19	12:00 Noon (ct)	Lunch with Licensed Pastors interested in going to seminary	Bismarck
7/20	10:30 am (ct)	Commemorative service for St. John Hebron as it celebrates the 100 th anniversary of the sanctuary	Hebron
7/20	2:30 pm (ct)	100 th anniversary for Bethel UCC located in rural New Salem, N	Rural New Salem
7/23	4:30 0m	ND Human Rights board/	-----
7/23	-----	Youth Leave for National Youth Event	-----
7/24	-----	National Youth Event	-----
7/25	-----	NYE	-----
7/25 – 31	-----	NYE	