

The “E Messenger”

Do to the Conference Office main computer crashing last week; this E Messenger is coming to you late.

NOTES AND COMMENTS BY WADE

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MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD BE WITH THE MAYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR SECOND CENTURY OF MINISTRY IN THE NAME OF OUR REDEEMER, JESUS THE CHRIST. WE PRAY THAT GOD’S DIVINE WISDOM CONTINUE TO BE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THIS EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA COLLEGE TOWN CONGREGATION AS THEY SEEK TO DISCERN GOD’S WILL FOR THEM AND THEIR PASTOR, ETHELIND (LINDY) HOLT.

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in the 100th anniversary celebration of Malcolm Congregational United Church of Christ. We want to thank them for the opportunity to take part in their worship celebration and to join with them in the fellowship which followed. May God’s grace and spirit be with them as they look to the next century of service in Jesus’ name.

Watch the email (or US mail) for the September issue of the AWARE which will be sent out towards the end of next week. It has a number of articles about crucial programs for all NPCUCC congregations and their members.

If you have not already done so there is still time to register for the Pastor’s workshop with Charlene J. Smith August 2 and 23. The workshop is titled “God Is Still Speaking ---Do Not Be Afraid”. The Conference is covering the cost of the program and meals and each participant is asked to pay for lodging and transportation. Please call the Conference Office if you want to attend so that we are prepared for meals and so that we can make housing arrangements.

Mission Ambassadors Training will take place during the month of September. Mission Ambassadors are lay members who are trained to carry the message of the great work OCWM and our mission projects do for the church in the name of Jesus the Christ. We are seeking at least one lay member from each congregation to receive this training. The training dates and locations are September 13 beginning at 11:00 am (ct) at Bismarck, September 18, 6:00 pm (ct) at Carrington and September 20, 11:00 am (ct) at Mayville.

There will be Boundary Training for ordained and licensed pastors September 6th at Valley City and September 27th at Bismarck. Both will begin at 10:30 am (ct) and

should be concluded by 3:00 pm (ct). Please notify the Conference Office if you are planning to attend so that we are prepared.

One addition for the Men's Fellowship Outing, August 27th, the tailgate party will take place at 5:00 pm (ct) in the parking lot of Plymouth Congregational UCC and all will go to the Red Hawks game from there.

It is time for all NPCUCC women to make plans to attend the State Women's Retreat October 10 - 12. For information and registration forms please check the NPCUCC web site at [www.npcucc.org/fliers or forms](http://www.npcucc.org/fliers%20or%20forms). You can also check the September AWARE which will be coming out next week for more information.

This Sunday it will be my pleasure to join in worship with the members of the Congregational Church of Reeder. I look forward to this opportunity to share with them in worship and celebration and to join them in exploring ways they can continue to be a community of praise and service in the years ahead.

Date	Time	Event	Location
8/15	-----	New Church Development	Atlanta
8/17	8:30 am (mt)	CM shares in worship	Reeder
8/19	12:00 Noon (ct)	Annual Meeting Planning (2009)	Minot
8/21	12:00 Noon (ct)	NDHRC Development	Fargo
8/21	6:00 pm (ct)	Fargo Cluster	Lindenwood Park
8/22	6:00 pm (ct)	Pastor's workshop	Medina
8/23	-----	Pastor's workshop	Medina