

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 061909

Our prayers this Sunday are with the Union Congregational United Church of Christ of Hankinson. We pray for God's continued care and guidance for this small membership congregation as it seeks to discern its future. As we look forward we ask God's blessing for its members and its pastor, Phyllis Hagen.

Last Sunday it was my pleasure to join with the members and guests of the South Dakota Conference as they met in Huron, SD for their Annual Meeting. I want to thank the many members of our neighbor to the south for their warm reception. It was good to visit with the members of the Conference and the members of the congregation Peg and I served in the mid 70's (Springfield Congregational United Church of Christ).

Peg and I will be going to General Synod leaving June 24th and returning July 2nd, (we will be remaining an extra day to complete some meetings). We will be taking computers and having email contact, so do not hesitate to drop us a note (the Conference addresses will work). We will also have our cell phones along, (Peg) 701 226 1196 and (Wade) 701 471 3278. In addition the Conference Phone will be forwarded to one of the cell phones. We look forward to representing the Northern Plains Conference at the General Synod and to hearing from you while we are there. Your Delegates at General Synod are, Lindy Holt, Karen Hartman and Jared Zimmerman.

If you have not already made your donation to the Schemmels participation in the Riverwalk at General Synod, but want to, we will need your donation very soon. If you want to make a donation to this effort please let the Conference Office know by the end of June 23rd. The funds collected through this go to the Church Vitality Ministry of the national church. Charlene J. Smith who spoke at our Annual Meeting and who has lead a number of workshops in the Conference and will be leading another one in November is a part of that ministry.

This Sunday it will be our pleasure to join in worship with the members of Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Hankinson. We look forward to sharing in the warmth of their fellowship and their worship as together we will gather in praise in the name of our Redeemer.

Let us not forget to register for the Stewardship in the 21st Century workshop which will be held at Valley City July 31 – August 1. The gathering will begin with dinner at 5:30 pm (ct) on July 31 and will conclude by 4:00 pm (ct) on August 1st. Please check the flier and registration forms you will find on the Conference Web Site www.npcucc.org for more information.

If you have not already heard about it, let me introduce you to **82-4-2010**. The NPCUCC 2010 budget has a shortfall in it. This is a call to off set that shortfall by the end of 2009. We are looking for 82 donations of \$100 by the end of December of this year. How did we get to the number 82, well Jesus called 12 disciples to follow him and Jesus sent 70 out into the communities to share the message. That means that Jesus called 82 to share the good news. So we believe Jesus is calling us to be in ministry in our communities and homes. Therefore, we are looking for 82 to answer the call for 2010 that together we might support the ministry to which we have already been called. We want to thank those who have already given to this vital fund.

Around the NPCUCC 061909 - 062809

Date	Time	Event	Location
6/21	10:00 am(ct)	CM Leads Worship	Emmanuel, Hankinson
6/22	1:00 pm (ct)	Exec. Comm, NDCC	Bismarck
6/23	12:00 Noon (ct)	NDHRC Development	Fargo
6/24	-----	Fly to General Synod	Grand Rapids, Mich
6/24	6:00 pm (et)	West Central Regional	Grand Rapids
6/25	9:00 am (et)	Council of Conference Minister's	Grand Rapids
6/25	12:00 Noon (et)	Moderator's Meeting	Grand Rapids
6/26	12:00 Noon (et)	Rural and Small Church Workshop Leaders	Grand Rapids
6/27	6:30 am (et)	Riverwalk	Grand Rapids
6/27	12:00 Noon (et)	Honored Lay Women's luncheon	Grand Rapids
6/27	3:30 pm (ct)	Small and Rural Church workshop	Grand Rapids