
The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade

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Let us hold in prayer the Salem United Church of Christ of New Salem as they, along with their recently called “Acting” pastor, Ron Hildahl, continue to be a community of hope and celebration. May they continue to bring visions of hope to the community of New Salem as they declare their commitment to radical hospitality.

As we gather this day we hold in prayer our brothers and sisters across North Dakota and Minnesota who are experiencing flooding. To all those in the Fargo area as well as other parts of the region who are watching the water levels and wondering if their homes and business are in danger may you be assured that you are in our prayers now and on through the time of recovery. We look forward to praying not only with our minds and mouths but with our hands. Let us share with you as we seek to experience anew the resurrection. If you have special concerns or fears, do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office. I would also invite you to be in touch with the NPCUCC disaster coordinator, Lindy Holt who can be reached at 701 430 0727.

Last Sunday it was my pleasure to join with the members of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Valley City along with their pastors, Carl and Darcy Borden, as they celebrated the assuring presence of God’s gracious love and care. It was a joy to share with them in the fellowship of worship.

As we prepare to reach out to brothers and sisters across the NPCUCC that are threatened by the rising waters with our resources, let us also be prepared to respond personally. NPCUCC congregations are invited to begin to identify those members and friends who would be interested, willing and able to go to a location where there was flooding and help with cleanup and rebuilding. At this time we would be identifying interested and able persons who would give of their time, energy and talent. It will more than likely be several days (weeks) before such help is needed but when it is needed it will be so very important that it is available. Please check your calendars to see what days and times would work the best for you and then wait for the call for volunteers.

Let us not forget to register for the Post Lenten Retreat featuring Luther Snow. You can find information and registration forms for it on the NPCUCC web site at <http://npcucc.org/form> and <http://npcucc.org/flier>. If you have difficulty accessing the information please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office and they will be sent to you. In addition to the flier and registration form you can find the agenda for the event at <http://npcucc.org/flier>.

It is time to register for the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Northern Plains conference United Church of Christ. The Annual Meeting will be held June 5 – 7 at Minot North Dakota. Please check the flier found at <http://npcucc.org/flier> and registration form found at <http://npcucc.org/form> to help you make your preparations to attend the meeting.

As we stand together facing the flood waters, I would invite you to read an article that has been emailed to you separately entitled “**STRENGTHENING YOUR EMOTIONAL WELL BEING AHEAD OF THE FLOOD**” YOU MAY FIND THE INFORMATION FOUND THEREIN TO BE HELPFUL AS YOU REACH OUT IN SUPPORT.

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3/29	5:00 PM (CT)	WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL	DES MOINES
3/30	-----	WCR	DES MOINES
3/31	-----	WCR	DES MOINES
3/31	11:00 AM (CT)	NDHRC CONF CALL	-----
4/2	12:00 NOON (CT)	PROGRESSIVE FAITH NETWORK	BISMARCK
4/5	11:00 AM (CT)	CM SHARES IN WORSHIP	CARRINGTON