

The "E Messenger"

Notes and comments by Wade 041511

In this prayer we ask that God's blessing be with Hope United Church of Christ of Streeter. We pray that God's love continue to embrace this small membership congregation as it seeks to continue to meet the spiritual needs of its members. We ask that God bless Hope United Church of Christ of Streeter, its members and its pastor, Zach Dey. AMEN

The information about the 2011 Northern Plains Conference Annual Meeting can be found on the NPC Web Site www.npcucc.org under the church news tab, or type in the search area Annual Meeting. You will find the descriptive flier, with hotel information, a registration form, and an explanation from the Northern Plains Conference bylaws of the number of delegates congregations are invited to bring to the Meeting. Copies of the flier, bylaw statement and registration form are also being sent out via email. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

Work is underway to prepare for the upcoming Summer Youth Camp at Camp of the Cross. The NPCUCC Camp will be held July 24 – 28 and is open to Youth ages 8 – 18. Co Directors, Carleton and Dorothy (Darcy) Borden are still ready to welcome both male and female camp counselors. We are truly ready for an exciting NPCUCC Camping experience.

As a recent letter explained the Northern Plains Conference has entered into a special relationship with Camp of the Cross. This relationship in effect makes Northern Plains Conference a member of the community that is supporting and surrounding Camp of the Cross. One aspect of being part of that community is that the rates our youth pay for a camp is reduced. We are excited about this new phase in our Conference Camping journey and we look forward to future opportunities to share with others in Camp of the Cross as we develop our camping and outdoor ministry experience. One part of that relationship is that we would take a yearly offering for Camp of the Cross. This year Camp Sunday will be May 1st. We invite all Northern Plains Conference Congregations to help support our Conference Camping program by receiving this special offering for Camp of the Cross. This money would go directly to the camp to help off- set the costs of maintaining the camp and the camping experience. Please receive this offering and send it to the Conference Office labeled Camp of the Cross Offering. You will find a special Camp Sunday bulletin insert included in this emailing as an attachment. You will also be able to find the bulletin insert on the NPCUCC Website www.npcucc.org, under the Church News tab.

Peg and I will be on “vacation” from Wednesday April 20th until Sunday April 24th. We will be in Rochester, Minnesota where Peg will have an operation on Good Friday, April 22nd. If all goes well we are hoping to be on our way back to North Dakota on Easter Sunday. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Should you wish to contact the Conference Office please call Wade’s Cell (701 471 3278).

This Sunday Peg and I will be joining the members of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Fargo and their pastor, Kevin Cassidy Maloney for worship. We look forward to this time of fellowship and praise.

As we share in this “Most Holy Week” of the year, we do so mindful that this is a special time for each of us to take a spiritual journey. A journey of repentance, renewal and reform. Let us each take this opportunity to place our lives before the Cross, and then let us be assured that the empty tomb is God’s declaration that nothing in our life journey can separate us from the abiding love of God. May we go forth from that tomb embraced by the reforming, renewing Spirit of the ever living Christ.

Around the NPCUCC 041511 - 042411

	Time	Event	Location
4/16	11:00 am (mt)	ALWL #4	Dickinson
4/17	10:30 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	First Cong UCC. Fargo
4/19	12:00 Noon	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
4/20	-----	CM on Vacation	-----
4/21	-----	CM on Vacation	-----
4/22	-----	CM on Vacation	-----
4/23	-----	CM on Vacation	-----
4/24	-----	CM on Vacation	-----