

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 040210

This Easter Sunday as we celebrate God’s declaration of hope which invites all to walk in the fullness of our Creator’s embracing grace, let us hold in prayer the ministry of the United Parish of Hillsboro(UCC/UMC). May God’s rich blessing continue to embrace the creative ecumenical ministry of this community of faith. We pray for God’s care to continue to be with the members of this Congregation and their pastor, Pete Young.

Last Sunday Peg and I had the privilege of sharing in worship with the members of the Independence Congregational Church. It was truly our pleasure to be a part of their Palm Sunday service of praise and to celebrate with them the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pastors have been sent an invitation to be a part of two WebEx gatherings. The first one will be at 10:30 am on Tuesday, April 6th and the second will be on Thursday, April 8th at 5:00 pm. The WebEx announcement should have everything you need to get connected to the electronic gathering. If you have any questions before we connect, please give the Conference Office or my Cell phone a call (cell – 701 471 3278) or if questions come up; during the call please use the number in the invitation and connect so that we can help you get things worked through. The purpose of these calls is to get acquainted with WebEx and to use it most effectively. Twenty-five people can be on line at a time so it is our hope that with two calls everyone would have a chance to experience using WebEx. If you have not received the invitation to WebEx please give the Conference Office a call or email the Office and we will make sure one is sent to you.

I am grateful for the responses we have had to our call for volunteers at the Annual Meeting. I would ask that if there is anyone in your congregations, who would be up for leading some attendees on one on one-computer workshops, helping facilitate a WebEx gathering with a workshop leader in Cleveland and assisting people in designing some Congregational web pages, please Contact the Conference Office.

This Sunday as we gather on this most special day, may we not only revisit the wonder of Jesus resurrection but may there be a renewal and rebirth in our life. May the Spirit of the Living Christ bring to us a newness of life, and sustain within us the hope that so often is attacked. May it empower us to build bridges over valleys of confusion as we hold out a hand of support to those that are lost. Peg and I wish each of you a blessed Easter that is filled with joy and praise not only this coming Sunday but whose light and joy radiate through the coming months.

Any congregations that have not already sent a quilt square into the Conference to be a part of the second Conference quilt. Please contact the Conference Office if you need one and one will be sent to you.

Around the NPCUCC 040210 – 041110

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|------|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 4/2 | ----- | Good Friday | ----- |
| 4/3 | ----- | Holy Saturday | ----- |
| 4/4 | ----- | Easter | ----- |
| 4/6 | 10:30 am (ct) | WebEx try out | Your Computer invitation sent out |
| 4/8 | 5:00 pm (ct) | WebEx try out | Your Computer Invitation sent out |
| 4/11 | 3:00 pm (ct) | Installation of Dr. Mary McNamara as president | UTS in the Twin Cities |