

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 042310

As we celebrate Rural Life Sunday, on this Fourth Sunday after Easter, our prayers are with the Pierce Congregational United Church of Christ of Scranton. May God’s gracious Spirit continue to empower the members of this Rural Western North Dakota Congregation and their pastor, Mary Peterson, as they embody the Spirit of the Living Christ in their ministry or service and proclamation. AMEN

The last two Sundays I was either taking part in a very special celebration or traveling back to North Dakota from having taken part in a special time. On April 11th I was in the installation service for Dr. Mary McNamara, as the president of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Dr. McNamara will be the speaker at our Annual Meeting Banquet June 12th. The event was a celebration of the ministry which lies before UTS. Then last Sunday, April 18th, I was returning from Cleveland where we celebrated the installation of Geoffrey Black as the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. The installation was our opportunity to offer our support to the wider church as we wished Geoffrey God’s blessed support in his vital ministry.

Registrations for Annual Meeting are starting to come into the Conference Office. You will find registration information and forms and fliers on the NPC web site www.npcucc.org under fliers and forms. If you have trouble accessing any of the information as to motel information, number of delegates allowed or the registration form please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

Correction from the MAY AWARE which was just emailed to the NPC congregations. The Mandaree Hidatsa Church is not currently in a pastoral search. Elise Packineau is the pastor of that congregation. I apologize for the confusion.

At the Annual Meeting Banquet on June 12th at Valley City we will be celebrating the anniversaries of the following pastors and congregations. RJ Stohler, Tammy Toepke Floyd, Janel Kolar, Keith Mills, Phyllis Hagen, Stephen Holmes, Fred Kirschenmann, Reinhold Klein, Plymouth Congregational, St. John, Union/Medora, Arickara Congregational, White Shield, Independence. We give thanks for the dedication of the pastors and congregations and we pray that God’s wisdom and grace will continue to bless and empower them. It is our hope that pastors and congregations can join us for this special time of celebration.

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NPC children and youth are encouraged to register for either the Regional Youth Event which will take place in Billings, Montana or the Conference Camp which will take place at Wesley Acres, or the youth experience at Annual Meeting. Please go to the NPC web site www.npcucc.org under forms or fliers to get information and registration forms for the Regional Youth Event or the Conference Camp, or the Annual Meeting Registration for the youth Camp during Annual Meeting. Please call the Conference Office if you have any questions.

The Clergy Compensation information booklet, titled “Supporting Our Pastors” was taken off of the website. It is now under the website tab under forms. Sorry for the confusion. Thank you for informing the Conference Office of this information.

Around the NPC 042310 – 050210

Date	Time	Event	Location
4/24	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #1	Medina
4/25	9:45 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Flasher
4/25	10:30 (mt)	CM shares in worship	Carson
4/25	4:00 pm (ct)	Spiritual Retreat	Camp of the Cross
4/26	-----	Spiritual Retreat	Camp of the Cross
4/29	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	Garrison
4/30	6:00 pm (ct)	NDHRC Strategic Planning	Fargo
5/1	-----	NDHRC Strategic Planning	Fargo
5/2	11:00 am (mt)	CM shares in worship	Dickinson