

The "E Messenger"

Notes and Comments by Wade 082710

We rejoice this Sunday as we celebrate the ministry and mission of Emmanuel United Church of Christ of Hankinson. We pray that God's continued Spirit of renewal and promise be present in the ministry of this Eastern North Dakota Congregation. May God's gracious Spirit be with the members of Emmanuel United Church of Christ and their recently called pastor, Teresa Heupel Buckhaus.

This coming Sunday it will be my pleasure in sharing worship with the members of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Jamestown, and their pastor, Susan Lester. I look forward to this opportunity to experience their praise and their fellowship.

Time to register for the Women's Retreat, September 17 – 19 at Camp of the Cross near Garrison. Registration forms and an informative flier can be found on the NPC Web Site www.npcucc.org under Church News and Registration. They are also attached to this email.

"Shaping Prairie Hospitality" is the name of the series of workshops that will be presented September 10 – 11 at Jamestown. Pastors and lay leaders are invited to attend. The first and last of the workshops will be in person and the five workshop times in between will be on WebEx. Please take time to register soon so we can make plans (for things like food). The Flier and registration form can be found on the NPC Web Site www.npcucc.org under Church News and Registration. They are also attached to this email.

We in the Northern Plains Conference will have the honor of celebrating several installation services in the month of September. Please mark the following dates and times on your calendar and make plans to attend. September 12, 10:30 am (ct) the installation for JoBeth Marshall as the Intentional Interim for Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ of Fargo; September 12, at 4:00 pm (ct) the installation service for Dorothy (Darcy) Borden as the pastor for the United Church of Christ Congregational of Argusville, September 26th the installation for Rose Trenbeath as the pastor for the Horizon Parish. This ecumenical service will take place at 10:00 am (mt) at the Fair Building in Carson. I look forward to sharing in these special times with you as we come together to support one another.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS: Words of celebration, thanksgiving and praise go to Rose Trenbeath (soon to be installed pastor of the Ecumenical Horizon Parish), who

was ordained on August 19th at Faith Lutheran in Bismarck. May God's blessing continue to be with her as she goes forth in the ministry to which God has called her. Congratulations go to Carleton Borden, pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Valley City on being selected to participate in the "Target 2030 Initiative" of the National Church. Carleton has just been informed at a meeting in Cleveland that he and 14 others from across the US will share in this leadership development program the scope of which extends for 10 years.

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| Date | Time | Event | Location |
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| 8/29 | 9:30 am (ct) | CM present in worship | Jamestown |
| 9/4 | 11:00 am (ct) | ALWL #4 | Bismarck |
| 9/5 | 10:30 am (mt) | CM shares in worship | Medora |