

The "E Messenger"

Notes and Comments by Wade 080610

This eleventh Sunday after Pentecost our prayers are with the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Dickinson. We pray that this Congregation continues to be a community of hope and renewal in the midst of Western North Dakota. Our prayers are with the members of this Congregation and their recently called acting pastor, Janel Kolar. AMEN

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of joining Carleton and Darcy Borden and Ken Adams in the closing worship of the Justice and Witness Training we had been attending in Billings, MT. This worship time was the conclusion of a very exciting and informative process that we had been fortunate enough to participate in. It is our hope to share the information received during this time in the not too distant future.

As we make our plans for the remainder of the Summer let us not forget the special presentation at Zion United Church of Christ of Medina. Fred Kirschenmann, whom many of us know, will be sharing his new book "Cultivating and Ecological Conscience" as part of Zion's series entitled, "Dialogues in the Faith Community". This event is sponsored by the "Foundation for Agricultural and Rural Resources Management and Sustainability" (Farrms), a Medina based Non Profit organization. This event will take place at 7:00 pm (ct) at Zion UCC, 110 Water Street, Medina, North Dakota. A Freewill offering will be received for FARRMS. All NPC pastors and lay members are invited to attend. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the Conference Office.

There is a new flier on the NPC Web Site www.npcucc.org under "church news", that helps to explain how a "Gift Annuity" works. This flier can be down loaded and shared with the leadership or the general membership of your congregation or pre printed copies can be received through the national church. Should any congregation wish there is also a power point presentation that the Conference Office can bring to your church that covers Gift Annuities and many other forms of designated support. .

All NPC women are invited to make plans to attend the NPC Fall Women's Retreat which will take place at Camp of the Cross near Garrison, September 17 – 19. The theme for this presentation is the "Images of Mary". The informative flier and registration information can be found on the NPCUCC Web Site under "Church Stuff" and "Registration".

There is still time to fill out a registration form and share in the Annual Fund event for Charles Hall Youth Services entitled Footin It For Fun. This special event is a time to get some good exercise, enjoy the out of doors, see the Bismarck Zoo and help to raise some much needed money for the continuing ministry of CHYS. If you are not into

walking but would like to lend your support you will find forms for that on the NPC Web Site under church stuff or you can send a donation to the Conference Office for two of the local congregations that are fielding teams (Salem UCC, New Salem or Bismarck UCC, Bismarck). We will be so happy to forward your donation to the congregation of your choice. If you would like to donate directly to the congregations you will find their addresses in the Leaders Guide which is on the Web Site. You are also invite to make your donation directly to CHYS. Please call the Conference Office if we can be of any help.

Do not forget to make plans to attend the Evangelism Workshop entitled. "Shaping Prairie Hospitality" which will be lead by Charlene J. Smith. Charlene is no stranger to many of us in the NPC and will be sharing in a face to face gathering on September 10 – 11 in Jamestown at the UCC. This will be followed by WebEx based presentations which will again be followed up with a face to face gathering. NPC pastors and lay members are invited to share in this special event. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Quality Inn, 507 25th Street South West, in Jamestown. These rooms will be held until August 27th. There will be a registration form and flier on the NPCUCC website, under "Church News" and "Registration". Please contact the Conference Office if you have any questions.

NPC youth are invited to make plans to share in a very special Fall Youth Rally which will take place in Wishek at the UCC Church, 320 South 4th Street, October 21 – 23. Masanhko Banda, story teller and drummer from Malawi will be the special guest presenter. Mr. Banda has lead many youth gatherings and promises to bring joy, laughter, excitement and inspiration to ours. Jr. and Sr. High youth are invited to make plans to attend this uplifting event. Please check the NPCUCC web Site www.npcucc.org under"Church News" for more helpful information. Registration forms will be on the NPCUCC website under "Registration".

Beginning next week Peg and Wade Schemmel will be on vacation (August 11 – 19). During that time the phone for the Conference Office will roll over to their cell phones and e mails sent to Wade, schemmel@npcucc.org will be checked. If you have any questions during that time you can call the Conference phone, 701 255 1104 or Peg's cell 701 226 1196 or Wade's cell, 701 471 3278.

Around the NPCUCC 080610 – 081510

Date	Time	Event	Location
8/6	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Valley City
8/7	10:30 am (ct)	Multiple Paths	Bismarck
8/8	10:30 am (ct)	CM in worship	Fargo
8/11 – 8/19	_-----	CM on vacation	-----