

The "E Messenger"

Notes and Comments by Wade 062411

As we gather to worship on this Summer Sunday, let us hold in prayer the one and only class 2 Congregation in the Northern Plains Conference. Barrie Congregational Church is located near Walcott. May God's blessed Spirit continue to embrace the members of this rural congregation. AMEN

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in the 25th anniversary celebration of the Filipino United Community Church of Winnipeg. We thank them for the opportunity to share in this exciting celebration as together we gave thanks for God's grace that has empowered the past and for the assurance that such grace will be a guide in the future.

Below you will find some information you may find helpful for yourself or for others. Thanks to our disaster coordinator, Lindy Holt, the National Disaster Coordinator Florence Coppola, and Church World Service there are resources for a time such as this. The following web sites may be helpful should you or a friend be dealing directly with flood.

<http://www.nd.gov/des/nd-flood-info/>

Disasters such as the flooding that we are experiencing in many parts of North Dakota are a call for us to the aid of our brothers and sisters. This is a good time for congregations to begin to pull together response teams that could in the future help to clean up homes that have been flooded. While such teams will not be needed right now the time will soon be coming. There is also a growing need for health and clean up kits. Congregations can make the kits themselves and either keep some of them locally for use in their or neighboring communities or send them to Church World Service, You will find a description of the kits by going to <www.Churchworldservice.org> tab kits. But I would suggest that if you are planning on sending kits on it would be better stewardship to send money. You can send this directly to Church World Service or you can send it to the Conference Office and we will forward it for you. CWS can assemble the kits cheaper than we can and when they do it they do not have to pay shipping which is quite costly.

For the present let us hold our brothers and sisters that are undergoing floods in prayer. Let us remember the folk in Minot and Bismarck and surrounding areas. Let us also prepare to embrace them with our support when that time comes. For any who have to move ahead of a disaster the following check list may be helpful.

DISASTER DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

DO NOT RISK YOUR LIFE TO COLLECT THESE ITEMS AT THE LAST MINUTE.

Gather them in advance in case you must leave your home because of a flood or other disaster. Keep them safe and with you in a waterproof container.

- **Identification.** Driver's license, passport, photo (I), green card, visa, etc; recent photos of you and your family.
- **Medical.** Medications, current prescription bottles, inhalers, oxygen, shot records, blood type cards, eyeglasses, etc. for you and your family. Make a list of medication needs and doctors for each of you. Keep with the medications.
- **Proof of address.** Deed, lease, recent utility bill to prove your address so that you can apply for benefits. These also may be needed so that you can return to your home if law enforcement blocks entry to the disaster area.
- **Insurance.** Life, medical, vehicle, tenant, homeowner and other property insurance policies; medical, Medicaid, Medicare cards for you and your family.
- **Legal documents.** Birth certificates, adoption papers, child' custody documents, orders of protection, divorce decrees, wills, powers of attorney, etc.
- **Cash and banking items.** Cash; credit, debit and ATM cards; checkbooks, bankbooks, account documents; deeds and leases; mortgage and other loan documents. Remember, ATM machines will not work and electronic transfers will not be possible if there is no electricity. You will need cash.
- **Pets. Tag your pets.** Prescriptions, shot records, pet photos.
- **Cell phones and chargers, address and phone books** to contact family and friends. Keep phones fully charged.
- **Bills.** List of your bills (with account numbers) and mailing address for each.
- **Other important items.** Keys, recent pay stub, Social Security card, veteran's or military (I), food stamp and other benefit eligibility documents, etc.
- **Recent pictures of your home.** Whether you own or rent, take photos before the flood or other disaster of all areas, inside and outside, of your home and property, including basement, garage, barns, outbuildings, yard, etc. Get the photos developed immediately with date stamps. Keep them in your waterproof container.
- **Personal Items.** Family photos and precious items that cannot be replaced.

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This is a special reminder to all NPC youth that the time has come to register for Youth Camp at Camp of the Cross. Please check the NPC web site for registration and information. www.npcucc.org . After you go to the web site you can type "youth camp" or "camp registration" in the search area, scroll down through the pictures and you will find the informational flier and registration forms.

Around the NPCUCC 062411 – 070311

Date	Time	Event	Location
6/24	5:30 pm (ct)	Multiple Paths Gathering	Valley City
6/25	9:00 am (ct)	Multiple Paths Gathering	Valley City
6/25	-----	Schemmel's On Vacation	-----
6/26	-----	Schemmel's on	-----

		Vacation	
6/29	-----	GS travel Day	To Tampa
6/30	9:00 am (ET)	Council of Conference Ministers	Tampa
7/1	-----	General Synod	Tampa
7/2	-----	General Synod	Tampa
7/3	-----	General Synod	Tampa