

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 031910

It is our prayer, this Fifth Sunday of Lent that God's grace and spirit continue to enrich the creative ministry of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ of Fargo. May God's blessed presence be the source of vision and hope for the members of this Eastern North Dakota Congregation and their pastor, Aaron Roberts, as they focus on meeting the challenges of ministry in the 21st Century. AMEN

Last Sunday Peg and I shared in worship and fellowship with the members of the Filipino United Community Church in Winnipeg. We want to thank them for the opportunity to share in their exciting worship and for the fellowship that followed as we lunched our way through a council meeting. May God's richest blessing continue to be with the members of this most northerly congregation.

Beginning Monday the registration forms for the 2010 Annual Meeting June 11 – 13 in Valley City will be up on the web site. Please check www.npcucc.org under forms and fliers for an informational flier and the registration forms.

As we prepare for the 2010 Annual Meeting the Church and Ministry Committee invites all NPC Congregations and members to submit candidates for the upcoming Medallion Award. This special award is an opportunity to honor those of the NPC who have distinguished themselves in service through their Congregation, Conference and National church. Each year up to three people can be recognized for this special award. The nomination forms for the Medallion Award can be found on the NPC web site www.npcucc.org under forms.

As we prepare for the 2010 Annual Meeting we are looking forward to unveiling another Conference Quilt. The last one was an exciting statement of the faith of many of the congregations that are a part of our family. It is our hope that another quilt will again provide the statement of faith of the congregations. Quilt squares and instructions can be received by calling the Conference Office.

The Conference Council has organized a Spiritual Retreat on April 25 and 26, 2010 at the Camp of the Cross Camp outside of Garrison. This is a time for pastors and lay leaders for spiritual development and private meditation. The flier and registration form is on the www.npcucc.org website under the forms tab. The cost is \$48.00 for a semi-private room or \$37.00 for a dorm style room. These prices include three meals for the Retreat. If you have any questions, please contact the Conference Office.

We are in the process of developing WebEx as a part of the Conference wide communication. So that we can all use it more easily, Pastors are invited to share in special WebEx get acquainted events which will take place April 6 at 10:30 am (ct) and April 8 at 5:00 pm (ct). To fully participate it will be necessary for each computer that logs on to have a microphone, speakers and camera. It will also be necessary to have a high-speed connection or an auxiliary drive. You will be sent log in information prior to the events. Please contact the Conference Office if you have questions.

All NPC pastors and members are invited to join in the installation Service for Teresa Heupel as the pastor of Emmanuel United Church of Christ of Hankinson. The Installation Service will begin at 4:00 pm (ct) and will be followed by a fellowship meal.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
3/21	10:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Hankinson/Emmanuel
3/21	4:00 pm (ct)	Installation for Teresa Heupel	Hankinson/Emmanuel
3/23	5:15 pm (ct)	Solo Conference Ministers WebEx meeting	-----
3/24	12:30 pm (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
3/25	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	Minot
3/28	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in Worship	Independence/Mandaree