

# The “E Messenger”

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## Notes and Comments by Wade 050710

On the Sixth Sunday after Easter as we celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home, we hold in prayer the First Congregational United church of Christ of Fargo. We celebrate the ministry of this faith family as they continue to reach out to the greater Fargo area with ministries of service and praise. Our prayers are with the members of this historic congregation and their pastor, Kevin Cassiday-Maloney. AMEN

Last Sunday Peg and I were double blessed as we shared in two worship services. We began the morning in the South West with the Congregational United Church of Christ of Reeder. We want to thank them for the opportunity to share in the warmth of their service and the fellowship which followed. Then later in the morning we had the privilege of sharing in worship with the members of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Dickinson. We wish to thank the members of this Western North Dakota Congregation and their pastor, Janel Kolar for the opportunity to share with them in praise and celebration.

It is time to make plans to attend the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Northern Plains Conference in Valley City. You will find an informational flier and a registration form on the Conference Web Site ([www.npcucc.org](http://www.npcucc.org) under Forms and Fliers). Please copy the registration form off and mail it into the Conference Office as soon as possible. You are also encouraged to make your room reservation at a Valley City Motel as soon as possible.

As we are collecting quilt squares for a 2<sup>nd</sup> NPC Statement of Hope quilt we are looking for a group or an individual that could assemble the squares into a quilt. If you know of someone that could do that please contact the Conference Office.

Soon it will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is Pentecost. It is the time when we celebrate the empowerment of the church by the living presence of God’s Spirit. It is also the day set aside to receive the “Strengthen the Church Offering”. This offering is an opportunity to join together to empower the congregations of the United Church of Christ that they might become ever stronger declarations of God’s abiding presence and grace. One of the special gifts of this offering is that one- half of the money-raised remains in the Conference. The Conference Council has designated the money from this offering that remains within the Conference to be used for Church Renewal and Revitalization work.

All NPC members are invited to join with the members of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ of Fargo in celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this coming

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to consult the May AWARE for a more complete schedule of activities. The Anniversary celebration for the congregation will take place this Sunday beginning at 10:30 am (ct) followed by a dinner. Let us unite in wishing the members of this congregation well as they commit to the next century of ministry in Jesus' name.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> at Plymouth Congregational UCC in Fargo there will be a special service honoring the ministry of Aaron Roberts. It will be a time to thank Aaron for his service and wish him well as he moves on to his next call.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
5/7	1:00 pm (ct)	NDCC Executive Committee	Bismarck
5/9	10:30 am (ct)	125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Fargo/Plymouth
5/11	10:00 am (ct)	MV Cluster	Flasher
5/15	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #2	Bismarck