

The "E Messenger"

Notes and Comments by Wade 090310

Let us give thanks this Christian Education Sunday for the ministry of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Valley City. We are grateful for their many efforts as hosts of the 2010 Annual Meeting and celebrate with them as they are the NPC Amistad Church for this year. May God's Living Spirit continue to be with the members of this historic Congregation and their pastors, Carleton and Dorothy (Darcy) Borden.

Last Sunday it was our great pleasure to join the members of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Jamestown as they gathered for worship. Peg and I wish to thank Pastor Susan Lester and all who gathered that day for the fellowship of praise and celebration during worship and for the fellowship of coffee and conversation which followed.

Next Sunday have the privilege of celebrating two services of installation. The first will be the installation of JoBeth Marshall as the Intentional Interim at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Fargo. This service will begin at 10:30 am (ct). This will be followed by the installation service for Dorothy (Darcy) Borden as the pastor for the Congregational United Church of Christ of Argusville. This service will begin at 4:00 pm (ct). I would invite you to mark your calendars and make plans to share in these special services of worship.

I would also invite you to make plans to attend the installation service for Rose Trenbeath as the pastor for the Horizon Parish. This special service of celebration will take place September 26th, beginning at 10:00 am (mt) at the Fair Building in Carson.

There is still time to register for the Shaping Prairie Hospitality workshop which will take place at Jamestown, September 10 – 11. This is the first of a series of gatherings (the next five will be on WebEx) that will engage congregations in a process of church development and growth. Pastors and lay leaders are invite to make plans to attend this vital gathering. Registration will begin at 5:30 pm (ct) on the 10th and the gathering will conclude at 3:00 pm (ct) on the 11th. It is important that you register for this gathering so that we know how many to plan meals for. Registration forms and an informational flier can be found on the NPOC Web Site www.npcucc.org under the church news tab or by contacting the Conference Office.

All NPC women are invited to make plans to share in the NPC Women's Retreat which will be held at Camp of The Cross, September 17 – 19. This is a very special gathering. Information fliers and registration forms can be found on the NPC Web Site www.npcucc.org under Church News tab or the Archive Tab or by contacting the Conference Office.

Around the NPCUCC 090310 – 091210

Date	Time	Event	Location
9/4	10:30 am (ct)	ALWL #4	Bismarck
9/5	10:30 am (mt)	CM shares in worship	Medora
9/6	-----	Labor Day	-----
9/9	12:00 Noon (ct)	Progressive Clergy	Bismarck
9/10 – 9/11	5:30 pm (ct) (10) 9:00 am (ct) (11)	Shaping Prairie Hospitality	Jamestown
9/12	10:30 am (ct)	Installation Service for JoBeth Marshall	Fargo/Plymouth
9/12	4:00 pm (ct)	Installation Service for Dorothy Borden	Argusville