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MISCELLANEOUS

COMING EVENTS

PRAYERS FOR...

SOMETHING TO PONDER

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST
...MEDICINE

Sunday, June 19

JOINT WORSHIP AT MOORHEAD UCC - 10 a.m.

We are invited to join our Moorhead UCC (406 8th St S)



neighbors at 10 a.m.

for a joint worship,
with **Rev. Steve Giddens preaching.**

Please bring your own Communion elements. There will be a potluck afterward, with people being asked to bring a food item

to share - just drop it off in the downstairs kitchen before worship. There will also be a zoom option for worship. Here is the

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83969298239?pwd=cC90a1d5amI0RFMvNlpsSmtQM3lZUT09> Meeting ID: 839 6929 8239;
Passcode: WORSHIP

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PASTORAL CARE AFTER PASTOR KEVIN'S RETIREMENT

We are grateful that **Rev. Steve Giddens** has agreed to be available for pastoral care needs starting July 1 and continuing until an Interim Pastor is called. Here is his contact info: (701) 730-7657; steve@revgiddens.com. Thanks for sharing your compassion and expertise, Steve!



PREACHING SCHEDULE AFTER PASTOR KEVIN'S RETIREMENT

Scott Webster, Member in Discernment from People's UCC, will be preaching July 3, 10, & 31. Jae Utke, a seminary student from our church, will be preaching all of August. And our Office Manager, Bonnie Fischer, is working on getting the other Sundays covered into September. People will be well-fed spiritually!



DESIGNATED CONFERENCE MINISTER

On behalf of the NPCUCC Conference Council, I am delighted to announce that the Conference Council has voted unanimously to hire Deborah Blood as our Designated Conference Minister through 2025. We have been blessed by her presence over the last year+, as she has brought her extensive experience in

conference ministry, her deep and rich faith commitment and spirituality, lively curiosity, a listening ear to God and to the people of our conference. She has a yearning to forge ahead into new visions for who God might be calling us to be as a conference, as churches, and individuals each on a spiritual journey. In the aftermath of Keith Mills' death in February 2021, Deborah has not only kept the ship afloat in those tumultuous seas of shock and grief, but she has carefully and persistently built relationships throughout the conference, such that the "rowing crew" has found new energy and new hands to power our way forward through whatever continuing storms we may confront.

Deborah cannot do this awesome work alone, and she will need continuing input and **action** along the way, everyone rowing together as God's Spirit provides the oomph. You'll be hearing more about upcoming listening/greeting sessions once a new Conference Council Chair is elected, likely in the near future. And Deborah will be happy to be in conversation through whatever communication media work best. The future of the Northern Plains Conference is looking up!

Finally, as Jo and I prepare to move to Apple Valley, MN next month, I am grateful to have been able to help in this time of transition, and the Northern Plains Conference UCC will always have a special place in both our hearts.

Blessings,

Kevin Cassiday-Maloney, outgoing Conference Council Chair

COMING EVENTS

Every Wednesday we gather from 2-3:30 p.m. at church and via Zoom

(<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/189332169>) **for Bible Study** on the coming Sunday's lectionary scriptures.

We meet every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for Zoom Meditation

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89226623346>). We do a 20-minute sit, and we share in mutual spiritual

encouragement and lively discussion. Spread the word!



Waldo Finds Himself

Please Join Us

Farewell send off for Pastor Kevin and Jo



First Congregational UCC

1101 17th Avenue S. Fargo

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Potluck meal immediately following the service at 11:30 a.m. Main meal will be provided, please bring side dishes to share. A short program will begin at noon. Please RSVP the church office 701-232-8985 by June 20.

PRAYERS FOR...

(Please let us know of any specific prayer concerns or thanks you may want to share.)

We pray for **Jean Wimpheimer** as she continues addressing health concerns. May she be supported by our prayers and love and by God's grace!



We pray for **Pastor Kevin's extended family** as Kevin and Jo officiate a Celebration of Life this Saturday in Woodstock IL for their nephew, Josh Stollendorf, who died from COVID at age 32 last spring. May God bring healing to all in their grief and loss!

We pray for **all who are suffering during the current inflation and economic downturn**. We have some resources available at church to help. May we all work for a more just and equitable economy!

We continue to pray for **the people of Ukraine and all who are affected by the war going on there**. May God's Spirit bring courage and some kind of just resolution to this awful violence. And may we all do our best to be active peacemakers as we can!

Thanksgiving for **the opportunity and responsibility to vote**. May we all do our best to be informed and actively working for justice and equity for everyone! And may God inspire all those in elected office to think beyond themselves and the immediate future.

Thanksgiving for **about 20 people attending last Saturday's UCC Picnic in the Park**. It is good to work together as many congregations living out our progressive Christian calling!

Thanksgiving for a new **bench purchased by the family in memory of Paul and Mary Ruliffson**, who came to our church from Mapleton. We are grateful for their presence in church as they were able and for their prayers and good faith! Thanks to Carolyn Stenseth and Women's Fellowship for purchasing and putting the bench together!



SOMETHING TO PONDER

June 10

“... The new does not appear from a collection of the elements of the old which are still alive. When the new comes the old must disappear. ‘Remember not the former things, neither consider the things of old’, says the prophet. ‘Behold, all things are become new’, says the apostle. Out of the death of the old the new arises. The new is created not out of the old, not out of the best of the old, but out of the *death* of the old. It is not the old which creates the new. That which creates the new is that which is beyond old and beyond new, the Eternal.”

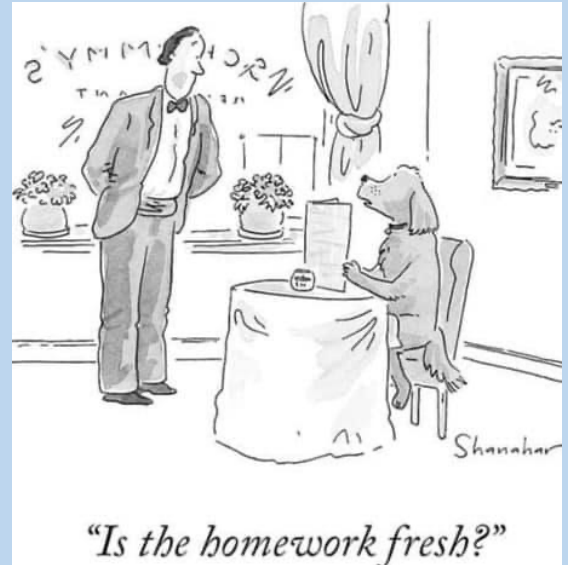
The Shaking of the Foundations by Paul Tillich

Real growth is when you start checking and correcting yourself. Instead of blaming others, you take your power back by being responsible for your life.

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"It's a beautiful day, so I'm going to sit outside with my book and think about everything else I should be doing."



"Is the homework fresh?"



We got our tickets for tonight!!

