

NEA Timber Rattlers Tailgate Party and Baseball game scheduled for August 11th

Please mark your calendars for the annual Northeast Association social event. This year the Division on Wider Church Ministries will secure a large tent to be erected at our tailgate party site that will provide shade for those who prefer or need it. The food will be served beginning at 4:00 p.m. with the baseball game against the West Michigan Whitecaps starting at 6:35 p.m. More information with a registration form will be supplied in early summer.

Prayers

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the Reverend Dr. Reinhard Ulrich, retired dean and professor of religion and philosophy at Lakeland College. Dr. Ulrich taught hundreds of laity and clergy over the years. He was active in the Northeast Association, preaching in our churches and serving as an interim minister on numerous occasions. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Margaret Johnston as well as his children and grandchildren here in the United States and his relatives in Germany. Reinhard's funeral took place at Salem UCC, Plymouth, January 16th, with the Reverends Boda-Mercer, James Hoppert and Frederick Trost leading worship.

Our prayers go out to Darlene Fritz, the spouse of Pastor Tom Fritz (St. John's UCC, Appleton) as she continues to deal with cancer.

Installation services scheduled

Members of the Northeast Association are encouraged to attend the following installation services:

The Reverend Edit Boda-Mercer will be installed as the Associate Pastor at Salem UCC, Plymouth, Sunday, February 25th, 3:00 p.m. Clergy are invited to wear vestments with red stoles. A reception will be served following the service.

The Reverend Gregory Smith will be installed as the Pastor at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Oshkosh, Sunday, March 18^h, 4:00 p.m. Clergy are invited to wear robes with red stoles. Following the service a meal will be served.

Joan Shiels, an In-Care Student of the Northeast Association, will be ordained and then installed as Associate Pastor at Hope United Church of Christ, Sturgeon Bay, Sunday, April 15th, 3:00 p.m.

Vacation

Association Minister Art Wille will be on vacation from February 10th through the 18th. For assistance during this time, please contact Association Secretary Mary Martin.

Please mark these events on your calendar:

A stewardship event entitled: **Transforming Your Church Budget From Red to Black**, sponsored by the Church and Ministry Division of the Northeast Association will be held in the Laun Center, Lakeland College, 2:30 to 7:15 p.m., Sunday, March 11th.

Please see the flier previously sent for registration form and details, or contact mary@neaucc.org for a form.

The annual meeting of the Northeast Wisconsin Association will take place at Our Saviour's UCC, Ripon, Saturday, April 21st.

The "Still Speaking" Churches of the Fox Cities are planning a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the UCC, in the Chapel of Lawrence University on College Avenue, Appleton, 6:00 p.m., Sunday, June 17th (Father's Day). All churches of the Northeast Association are invited to attend and fill the large chapel. In addition to a speaker, plans are in the works for a large choir and perhaps a large handbell choir composed of musicians from our churches in the Fox Cities and beyond.

General Synod 26 will take place in Hartford, CT., June 22-26th. Visitors are invited to attend and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UCC.

Please visit www.ucc.org for more information.

The annual meeting of the Wisconsin Conference UCC, will be held at the Green Lake Conference Center, June 8-10. The preacher on Friday night, June 8th will be the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Sr. Pastor at Trinity UCC, Chicago. Visitors are welcome.