

# The “E Messenger”

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Notes and Comments by Wade  
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May God’s grace continue to embrace Malcolm Congregational United Church of Christ as it being its journey into the second century of discipleship. We pray that God’s blessing be with the members of this rural congregation and their pastor, Joan DeKrey that they might continue their faithful ministry.

On Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm (ct) at Bismarck United Church of Christ there will be memorial service for Rev. Herbert Zimmerman who died following a prolonged illness. Rev. Zimmerman served congregations in Mott, Jamestown and Wishek in North Dakota and also congregations in Minnesota. Herbert’s wife Hilda can be contacted at 2007 W. Norwood Drive, Carbondale, Ill. 62901. We remember with gratitude the many ways that Rev. Zimmerman shared the message of God’s love and care, and pray God’s healing and comforting presence be with his family and friends at this special time.

As we in the Northern Plains Conference continue our commitment to lay ministry training we join with the staff of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities through their Academy of Vital Christianity. The first classes will be October 10 and November 7 at Valley City and will be taught by Richard Weis, Academic Dean of UTS. For further information please check the flier that was sent to all NPCUCC congregations and which is also on the NPCUCC web site at [www.npcucc.org](http://www.npcucc.org) under flier.

This coming Sunday it will be our great pleasure to join in worship with the members of Union Congregational United Church of Christ of Medora. We look forward to sharing in this time of celebration with the faithful members of this congregation and the many visitors who come to Medora.

We are looking for 82 who will answer to call to embrace the ministry of the Northern Plains Conference by participating in a special second mile offering aimed at off setting the potential \$8,000 shortfall that will occur in 2010. We are inviting 82 NPCUCC members to donate \$100 to the “82 – 4 – 2010” fund. The proceeds will go to the 2010 budget of the Conference. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the Conference Office.

It is time for all the women of the Northern Plains Conference to register for the annual Women’s Retreat which will be held Sept 25 – 27 at the Abby in Richardton. This is a very special time for NPCUCC women of all ages. For more information and for

registration forms please check the NPCUCC web site [www.npcucc.org](http://www.npcucc.org) under forms or call the Conference Office.

All are invited to come to Hillsboro at 6:00 pm (ct) on August 27<sup>th</sup> for a presentation on wills in the life of a congregation. This is an opportunity for members of congregations to grow in their understanding of the ways that they can use their assets to enrich the ministry of their congregation and the wider church during their lifetime and beyond. All who have questions are invited to call the Conference Office at 701 255 1105.

On Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm (ct) the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Glen Ullin will be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All are invited to come and join in this time of praise and joy as we give thanks for the ministry of this congregation and its members. May God's blessing be with the members of this congregation and their pastor, Marcy Dawson, as they continue their faith journey into the second century of service in Jesus' name.

Around the NPCUCC 082109 – 083009

Date	Time	Event	Location
8/22	10:00 am (ct)	Multiple Paths to Ordination	Bismarck
8/23	10:30 am (mt)	CM leads worship	Medora
8/26	7:00 pm (ct)	Women in Christ Conference Call	-----
8/27	6:00 pm (ct)	Wills Program	Hillsboro
8/29	11:00 am (ct)	Conference Council Strategic Planning	Medina
8/30	1:30 pm (ct)	Herb Zimmerman Memorial	Bismarck
8/30	2:00 pm (ct)	125 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	Glen Ullin