

The "E Messenger"

Notes and Comments by Wade
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It is with grateful prayer that we reflect upon the ecumenical ministry of the Lakota United church of Christ. We pray that this vital small town congregation might continue to experience the guiding touch of God's divine Spirit as through its members and pastor, Sue Kana-Mackey, it continues to be a channel of God's grace and hope.

Last Sunday, along with NPCUCC members attending the Annual Meeting I had the faith experience of being challenged by the 800 pound gorilla in the room to get beyond my fear and follow God's vision for the Conference and its congregations. I want to thank David Roehl, and Enno Limvere for their creative call to faithfulness.

All NPCUCC pastors and lay leaders are invited to make plans to attend the workshop entitled "God Is Still Speaking – Do Not Be Afraid", which will feature Charlene J. Smith as its primary presenter. Registration forms are on the Web Site or you are invited to call the Conference Office. The Conference is covering the cost of program and food and is asking each participant to cover costs of transportation. Attendees at the workshop are asked to prepare by reading Paul Nixon's book "I Refuse To Lead a Dying Church" and Martha Grace Reese's book "Unbinding the Gospel". If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office. For more information and a registration form please check the NPCUCC website <[npcucc.org/fliers /God Is Still Speaking Do Not Be Afraid](http://npcucc.org/fliers/God%20Is%20Still%20Speaking%20Do%20Not%20Be%20Afraid) Flier or Registration Form.

Let us celebrate what with God's help we are able to do together. At the Annual Meeting over 50 hygiene kits were assembled to be sent to Church World Service for distribution and extra parts will be distributed by First Congregational to the homeless shelters of Fargo. What a joy it is when in the fellowship of God's Spirit we can assemble that which will be a source of health and hope to brothers and sisters in need.

This Sunday it will be my pleasure to worship with the members of First Congregational United church of Christ of Jamestown and their pastor Susan Lester. Look forward to this opportunity to join with brothers and sisters in the faith from Jamestown as together we celebrate Father's Day.

The recent tornadoes and Floods that have caused so much damage through out the Mid West have prompted the National Church to ask for a special appeal. \$200,000 has been committed to the recovery effort. These funds will be there for assistance and support in those times when the residents need support to get through the day and then to get on their feet. Please check the July Aware which will be coming out next week for more information.

NPCUCC pastors are invited to send to the Conference Office the names and contact information for their Women's Guild/Fellowship chairs. This information will be helpful as our Women's Committee is busy getting the word out about its Fall Retreat.

Please watch for the July AWARE which will be placed on the Web Site and also sent via email (and US mail where email does not work) to your addresses.

Around the NPCUCC 061308 – 062208

Date	Time	Event	Location
6/15	10:00 am (ct)	CM in worship	Jamestown
6/16	10:00 am (ct)	Global Ministries Gathering	Bismarck
6/16	2:00 pm (ct)	Financial Development Gathering	Bismarck
6/16	7:00 pm (ct)	Conference Leadership Gathering	Bismarck
6/17	12:00 Noon (ct)	Conference Leadership Gathering	Fargo
6/21	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #2	-----
6/22	8:30 am (ct)	100 th Anniversary Celebration	New Salem/Bethel