

# The “E Messenger”

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Notes and Comments by Wade

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The Gospel lesson for the lectionary this Sunday, Matthew 25:14 – 30, calls on us to use faithfully the gifts that God has given to us. We prayerfully and gratefully give thanks for the gifts of God present within the membership of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Jamestown and their pastor, Susan Lester. May the Spirit of a bountiful God continue to be released through the ministry of this congregation.

Last Sunday, Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in worship with the members of Parshall United Church of Christ and their pastor, Chris Lenning. We want to thank them for the opportunity to share in the joy of worship and the warmth of the fellowship which followed.

All NPCUCC members (lay and clergy) are invited to make plans to attend the ecclesiastical council for Susan Lester which will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm (ct) at Jamestown. Let us gather to support Susan as she continues on the path to ordination.

Quilt squares are coming into the Conference Office. Each one of them is special and tells a special story about the faith of the congregation they represent. If you have not already sent in your quilt square, I encourage you to do so soon so we can begin to make plans for its inclusion in the Conference Quilt which will be unveiled at the 09 Annual Meeting in Minot.

This coming Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> it will be my pleasure to join in worship with the members of the First United Church of Christ of Gackle and their pastor, Tim

Blackman. I look forward to this time of sharing as together we unite in praise as we celebrate God's grace.

As we prepare for the Winter programming for the Conference, we are asking for help from the NPCUCC pastors. Please send us a list of your congregational leaders for 09. While some of these leaders may not be elected until your annual meeting in 09 we invite you to send in whom you can so that we can begin to make contact.

Several days ago you received several questionnaires. One was asking about whom in your congregation made decisions pertaining to OCWM. If you have not already done so please fill it out and forward this survey to the Conference Office. The second survey was asking the nature and type of internet connection that your congregation had. The information from this survey will be helpful as we discuss the possibility of Conference Wide Internet Meetings. This recently developed technology holds the possibility of greatly expanding the opportunities for sharing of personal and professional information within the Conference.

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| Date  | Time          | Event                   | Location |
|-------|---------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 11/14 | 9:00 am (ct)  | CHARIS Executive Comm./ | Fargo    |
| 11/14 | 10:30 am (ct) | CHARIS Board            | Fargo    |
| 11/14 | 6:00 pm (ct)  | YC Class                | Bismarck |
| 11/15 | 9:00 am (ct)  | YC Class                | Bismarck |
| 11/16 | 9:30 am (ct)  | CM shares in worship    | Gackle   |
| 11/18 | 10:00 am (ct) | Bismarck Conference     | -----    |

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|       |                 | Conference Call                            |                |
| 11/18 | 12:00 Noon (ct) | NDHRC<br>Development<br>Comm.              | Fargo          |
| 11/19 | 11:00 am (ct)   | Minot Cluster                              | Garrison       |
| 11/19 | 4:30 pm (ct)    | NDHRC Board<br>Conf. Call                  | -----          |
| 11/20 | 10:00 am (ct)   | Fargo Cluster                              | Fargo/Plymouth |
| 11/21 | 10:00 am (ct)   | Wilson Health Care                         | Minot          |
| 11/21 | 6:00 pm (ct)    | Alternate Paths to<br>ordination gathering | Bismarck       |
| 11/22 | 9:00 am (ct)    | Alternate Paths to<br>Ordination           | Bismarck       |
| 11/22 | 9:00 am (ct)    | YC –<br>Preaching/Worship                  | Fargo/Plymouth |
| 11/23 | 10:30 am (ct)   | CM shares in<br>worship                    | Wahpeton       |

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4:00 pm (ct) Ecc. Council

Susan Lester

Jamestown