

# The “E Messenger”

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Notes and Comments by Wade  
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As we begin our journey to the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ on this First Sunday of Advent, may we lift up in prayer the United Church of Christ of Wishek. We pray that God’s gracious Spirit might continue to be shared through the members of this congregation and its pastor, Tammy Toepke-Floyd.

Last Sunday was a double blessing as I had the opportunity to share in worship with the members of the United Church of Christ of Wahpeton. I want to thank them for the warmth of their fellowship during the time of worship and the meeting which followed. Peg and I also had the pleasure of sharing in the ecclesiastical council for Susan Lester at the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Jamestown. The enthusiasm and support, demonstrated by the Congregations of the Northern Plains Conference was exciting for all who were participating.

There will be a party honoring the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Vern Bader on Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 3 at the Fellowship Hall of Zion United Church of Christ in Medina (110 Water Street). As we gather let us celebrate Vern’s many years of service to the churches of the Northern Plains Conference and beyond.

I am looking forward to the quilt squares as they are arriving at the Conference Office. Each in its own unique way declaring the faith of the church it represents. If your congregation has not already sent in its quilt square I invite you to do so as quickly as possible.

The Conference financial books will be closing for 2008 on January 10<sup>th</sup> of 2009. If your congregation will have difficulty in getting your final offerings in by that time please contact the Conference Office so that we do not confuse your offerings for 2008 with those of 2009. We thank you for your cooperation and for your support of the ministries of the Northern Plains Conference United Church of Christ.

The Rite of Ordination will be celebrated for Susan Lester on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm (ct) at the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Jamestown. All Northern Plains Conference members (lay and clergy) are invited to join in this special time of praise.

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| 12/3 | ----- | Travel to Search and Call | -----    |
| 12/4 | ----- | Council of                | Orlando  |

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|      |       | Conference<br>Minister's Meeting |         |
| 12/5 | ----- | Search and Call                  | Orlando |
| 12/6 | ----- | Search and Call                  | Orlando |
| 12/7 | ----- | Search and Call                  | Orlando |