

# The "E Messenger"

## Notes and Comments by Wade

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Our prayers are with the Northern Plains Conference United Church of Christ, its members, congregations and staff as they gather for their Annual Meeting at the Congregational United Church of Christ of Minot. May the Divine wisdom of the Creator call forth a new vision and be a guide along the way to grace filled ministry.

Last Sunday it was my great pleasure to join with the members of Zion United Church of Christ of Medina as they gratefully thanked Karl and Jean Limvere for 10 years of dedication and service. The Tenth Anniversary celebration was a time for friends to gather and united in appreciative joy and celebration.

As we begin I would invite any who have not already done so to make plans to head north and join us in Minot for a very special time together. The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting is a grand celebration of God's Holy Spirit at work in our midst. I am looking forward to seeing you and talking with you there,

Our heartfelt prayers ask that God's gracious Spirit enfold Hazel and Steve Behrens as they recover in the hospital from a car accident Wednesday evening. Hazel is the pastor of the Ebenezer United Church of Christ located outside of Elgin. May God's healing presence bring strength and hope to Steve and Hazel at this critical time.

For any that have not already done so, I would invite you to remember to support the Strengthen the Church Offering which was received last Sunday (Pentecost). This vital offering provides much needed support for the development of existing congregations as well as the planting of new congregations. It is also the only offering for which 50% remains in the conference for work with congregations. If you were not able to be part of this offering last Sunday please take this opportunity to reach out through your support to congregations across the Conference and the wider United Church of Christ.

This coming Tuesday is the last chance to get a \$20 early bird discount on NPCUCC Summer Camp at Wesley Acres. This year the camp will again be at Wesley Acres July 26 - 30<sup>th</sup>. You will find a descriptive flier and registration forms on the NPCUCC web site [www.npcucc.org](http://www.npcucc.org). Please go to the heading

“FLIER” or “FORM” for more information. Please contact the Conference Office if you have any questions about the upcoming Camping experience.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
6/5	9:00 am (ct)	Conference Council	Minot/ International Inn
6/5	2:00 pm (ct)	Church and Ministry Committee	Minot/International Inn
6/5	3:30 pm (ct)	Annual Meeting	Minot/Congregational UCC
6/6	-----	Annual Meeting	Minot
6/7	7:30 am (ct)	Annual Meeting	Minot
6/9	12:00 Noon	Progressive Faith Network	Bismarck
6/9	2:00 pm (ct)	CBCO Conference Call	-----
6/10	-----	Aware Articles are Due at Conf. Office	-----
6/13	-----	NPCUCC CM attend SD Annual Meeting	Huron, SD
6/14	-----	NPCUCC CM Attend SD Annual Meeting	Huron, SD