

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 091809

One of the historic congregations located on the Ft. Berthold Reservation is the Arickara Congregational United Church of Christ of White Shield. We pray that God’s gracious Spirit would continue to be with the members and their pastor, Spencer Wilkinson, as they face the challenges of congregational life on the Reservation. It is our hope that this congregation might continue to be a community of healing and hope

Last Sunday it was my pleasure to share in worship with the members of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Mott. I would to thank them for this opportunity to share with them in worship and to share in the warmth of their fellowship.

Several class opportunities for ordained and lay pastors are being provided through the Academy of Vital Christianity which is presented by United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. There are currently several classes scheduled, two of which will be in North Dakota. If you would like to learn more about this project please check out the flier you will find on the NPCUCC Web Site www.npcucc.org under fliers. The Church and Ministry Committee have made some scholarships available especially for lay pastors who are interested in taking the classes.

The 2009/2010 version of “Supporting our Pastors” the suggested salary ranges for NPCUCC pastors can be found on the web site www.npcucc.org under the “E Messenger” heading. If you have questions about this document please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office (701 255 1104).

Earlier this Summer Jim Moos, pastor of Bismarck United Church of Christ was on a trip to East Timor to visit the leaders of that church and also to visit the mission project that the foundation he has formed and the NPCYCC have been supporting. We are glad to welcome Jim back to Northern Plains Conference and to receive his report of the ministry that is taking place in this distant country. Jim’s article describing what he found in East Timor can be found on our web site www.npcucc.org under E Messenger”.

This Sunday it will be my pleasure to share in worship with the members of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Dickinson. I want to thank the members of this congregation and their pastor, Kathleen Chesnut, for this opportunity to join them n worship and praise.

Fliers and Registration forms for the Fall Youth Rally can be obtained from the Conference Office or can be found on the NPCUCC web site www.npcucc.org under fliers and forms. The Fall Youth Rally will be held October 22nd through noon on Saturday, October 24th at the Congregational United Church of Christ of Jamestown. The theme for this year's rally is "To Boldly Go Where Christ Calls Us." All NPCUCC youth 5th grade through high school are invited to attend.

Plans are underway for the special Evangelism Workshop which will be staffed by Charlene J. Smith of the National church. The workshop will be held at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ of Fargo and will be held Nov. 13 and 14. The event will begin with dinner on the evening of the 13th and will end at about 4:00 pm (ct) on the 14th. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Super 8 Motel in Fargo but they will only be held until October 23rd. The Conference is providing the program and the meals and we are asking the congregations to support the lodging and the travel. For more information and registration forms please check the NPCUCC web site <npcucc.org> under fliers or forms. (It is important that all who participate register so we know how many to anticipate especially for meals.)

We are having a nice registration for the Annual Women's Retreat which will be held at the Abby in Richardton Sept 25 – 27. . There is still time for any who wish to register to do so for more information including the theme and speakers please check the NPCUCC web site < www.npcucc.org> under fliers and forms, or call the Conference Office.

The service project for the Women's Retreat this year is assembling Hygiene, Baby and Disaster Relief Kits for Church World Service. Congregations are invited to collect items that are part of these kits and get them to the Retreat Site or the Conference Office so they can become part of the assembled kits. The information about the makeup of the various kits can be found on the NPCUCC web site www.npcucc.org under fliers. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

Around the NPCUCC 091809 – 092709

Date	Time	Event	Location
9/18	10:30 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Valley City
9/19	12:00 Noon – 8:00 pm (ct)	Gospel Fest	Parshall Memorial
9/20	10:30 (mt)	CM shares in worship	Dickinson
9/21	9:30 am (ct)	NDCC Board	Jamestown
9/22	12:30 Noon (ct)	Progressive Faith Network	Bismarck
9/23	12:00 Noon (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
9/25	4:30 pm (ct)	Women's Retreat	Richardton
9/26	-----	Women's Retreat	Richardton
9/27	---	Women's Retreat	Richardton

9/27	8:30 am (mt)	CM shares in worship	Elgin
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