

The “E Messenger”

Notes and comments by Wade 121109

Our prayers of gratitude and celebration are with the members of the United Church of Christ of Wishek and their pastor, Tammy Toepke-Floyd. May God’s blessed Spirit continue to speak to them of God’s vision and hope for all. We give thanks that the light of God’s hope illumines this small town congregation.

Last Sunday, Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in worship with the members of the United Church of Christ of Lakota. We wish to thank the members of this Northern North Dakota Congregation for the joy of their worship and the warmth of their fellowship.

This is a reminder that the Conference financial books will be closing on January 10th. If you have need for this time to be extended please contact the Conference Office.

Guided by the Mission and Outreach Committee of the NPC Conference Council has launched a statewide Ad campaign for Advent. This Evangelism Effort consists of a series of 30-second Ads on the morning and afternoon program beginning the first Monday of Advent. There will be two 30-second Ads on the morning and afternoon shows in addition to 104 10 – 15 second Ads on KFGO. The Ads can be heard on KFYZ (550) out of Bismarck, KCGB (910) out of Minot, and KFGO (790) out of Fargo. The Ads will be an invitation to people to come home to the United Church of Christ this Holy time. Congregations are invited to host newspaper or local radio ads that will compliment and focus this message on their setting. Texts of these Ads can be found on the NPCUCC web site www.npcucc.org under forms. Suggested copy for print Ads can be received from the Conference by emailing or calling the Office. The Conference Council is inviting each NPC congregation to help offset the cost of these Ads by making a \$100 contribution. Checks should be mailed to the Conference Office and identified as Advent Ad Campaign support.

The Clergy Holiday Gathering has been set for January 24th in Fargo. This is the first night of the recently rescheduled Evangelism Retreat with Charlene J. Smith. All NPC pastors and spouses are invited to join us for a special time of celebration as we gather at a yet to be designated location for fellowship and sharing. As you prepare to attend the Evangelism Retreat January 24 – 26 (please check the NPCUCC website for an informative flier www.npcucc.org under flier). As you register for the Retreat, please note if you plan to attend the holiday gathering.

I invite you to lift up the Christmas Fund Offering for 2009. This five for five offering is a special time for us to say thank you for those who have been spiritual leaders in our congregations over the years, this offering is to be received on December 20th. If you have any questions about how the offering is used or about its distribution, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

This Sunday it will be my pleasure to join in worship with the members of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Independence. As we will gather in Mandaree to celebrate God's grace and love on this third Sunday of Advent.

Around the NPCUCC 121109 - 122009

Date	Time	Event	Location
12/13	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in Worship	Independence/Mandaree
12/14	10:00 am (ct)	CUE Call	-----
12/15	9:30 m (ct)	NDCC Executive Committee	Video Conference
12/15	3:30 pm (ct)	CAIM CALL	Conference Call
12/16	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	Minot
12/16	4:30 pm (ct)	NDHRC Board	Conference Call
12/17	10:00 am (ct)	Fargo Cluster	Fargo/ United Campus Ministry, 1239 12 th St. N, behind Bison Turf
12/18	-----	CM on vacation	Office closed calls transferred to cell phones