

The “E Messenger”

Notes and comments by Wade 120409

We give thanks for the Holy Spirit that brings the gift of new life to each of us and to the congregations that gather in the name of Jesus the Christ. In particular we celebrate the new life that is coming to the United Church of Christ of Wahpeton as it continues its search for pastoral leadership. May God’s divine blessing be with the members of this Eastern North Dakota Congregation and their Acting pastor, Ken Adams at this special time in their life.

Last Sunday it was my pleasure on behalf of the Church and Ministry Committee to install Dawn Archer as the pastor of “Pastoral Care and Education Director” at Bismarck United Church of Christ. I want to thank the members of Bismarck Church for their warm reception as we celebrated the completion of their search process.

Guided by the Mission and Outreach committee, 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 programs beginning the first Monday of Advent. There will be two 30-second ads on the morning and afternoon show 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.

This Sunday it will be my pleasure to join in worship with the members of the Lakota United Church of Christ and their pastor, the Rev. Sue Kana Mackey. Peg and I look forward to this time of fellowship and celebration as we continue on the Advent journey.

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.

Around the NPCUCC 120409 – 121309

Date	Time	Event	Location
12/6	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Lakota
12/8	10:00 am (ct)	MV Cluster	Bismarck
12/9	10:00 am (ct)	Annual Meeting Planning	Valley City
12/9	12:00 noon (ct)	NDHRC Development	Fargo
12/10	12:00 Noon (ct)	Progressive Faith Network	Bismarck
12/13	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Independence at Mandaree