

# The "E Messenger"

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## Notes and Comments by Wade 121710

As we prepare to receive the Christmas Fund Offering which enables the National Church to respond to the special needs of active and retired clergy, let us on this Sunday before Christmas hold in prayer Parshall United Church of Christ. May this Congregation continue to be a source of hope as it seeks to reach out to its members and to those beyond its doors. We hold in prayer the members of Parshall United Church of Christ and their pastor, Chris Lenning. AMEN

Last Sunday Peg and I enjoyed the opportunity to worship with the members of Salem United Church of Christ, New Salem. It was our pleasure to share with them in their time of praise and worship as well as the fellowship which followed. We thank the members of Salem UCC and their pastor, Ron Hildahl for this special time.

Pastors, (Licensed and ordained) and ALWL's are encouraged to mark their calendars and make plans to share in the NPC Lenten Retreat which will take place April 3 – 5, 2011 in Jamestown. Lodging information will be forthcoming soon after the New Year. The program will take place at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Jamestown. The presenter for the Lenten Retreat will be the Rev. Jennifer Kottler, the Director of Policy and Advocacy at Sojourners. She will be focusing the discussion on the topic, "The Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". We will begin with registration on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm (ct) at Jamestown UCC and will conclude on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> with Communion just before noon. Please watch the "E Messenger" and the "AWARE" for more information including lodging options, agendas and costs. You will find a bio for Rev. Kottler on the NPCUCC Web Site [www.npcucc.org](http://www.npcucc.org) in the "Church News" section.

This Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm (ct) Kathy Holms will be installed as the pastor for the Arickara Congregational United Church of Christ in White Shield. All NPC pastors and Lay leaders are invited to make plans to share in this special service.

Please let this be a reminder that the Conference Financial Books for 2010 will be closing on December 31, 2010. Contributions that you would like to have counted for 2010 need to be into the Conference Office by that time. If you have difficulty or questions please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office (701 255 1104).

As we receive the Christmas Offering for 2010 let us take a moment to reflect on the many faithful church leaders who have touched our lives. May our contribution to this vital 5 for 5 offering be a declaration of our gratitude for the way and the means by which God's grace has touched us through these caring servants who gave of them self in Jesus' name.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
12/17	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Valley City
12/18	11:00 am (mt)	ALWL #1	Dickinson
12/19	2:00 pm (ct)	Installation Service	White Shield
12/21	10:00 am (ct)	WebEx Camp Meeting	-----
12/22	12:00 Noon (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
12/24	-----	Christmas Eve	-----
12/25	-----	Christmas Day	-----
12/26	-----	CM Begins Vacation	-----