

The "E Messenger"

Notes and Comments by Wade 120211

We give thanks for the ministry of the members of the United Church of Christ of Wishek and their pastor, Tammy Toepke-Floyd. It is our prayer that God's gracious Spirit might continue to embrace this South Eastern North Dakota Congregation as they share in praise and service in the name of Jesus the Christ. We pray that in Jesus' name the United Church of Christ of Wishek might continue to be a beacon of hope and promise. AMEN

Last Sunday found Peg and me arriving at the home of our Son, Brice and his wife, Kira who are living on base at Ft. Polk, LA. Our arrival marked the conclusion of a 1500 mile journey which began on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The following Monday we packed up a number of items to bring back to ND where they will be moving upon his release from the Army. We arrived back in Bismarck on Thursday night at about 10:30 p.m. having deposited some of Brice and Kira's stuff at our other sons' garage in Jamestown. Fortunately the trip was uneventful. Many thanks to the many who held us in prayer. Your special thoughts have been appreciated.

Let us not forget that the special Christmas Fund, Veterans of the Cross offering will be received on December 18. This very important offering is an opportunity for all to give our help and support to those who have given so much of themselves. Though your offering, help can be given to pastors at the time of their retirement and also at special critical times during their active ministry. Please be generous, it makes a real difference.

The Conference Financial books will be closing on December 31, 2011. Due to the demands of the computer system which we use to keep the Conference's financial records we cannot hold the books open into the next calendar year. Money received after the 12/31/11 date will be credited to the coming year. Please feel free to contact the Conference Office if you have questions.

We are still looking for Northern Plains Conference pastors and lay leaders who would be interested in signing up for the on line conversation with Kate Huey. All who would be interested will have to let the Conference Office know by December 9th so that we can set up a link. The WebEx conversation with Kate Huey will be on Dec. 12th at 6:00 pm (ct). If you would like to have a practice run before the actual conversation please let the Conference Office know and one will be set up.

Our prayers seeking God's care and comfort are focused on the members of Hope United Church of Christ of Streeter as they prepare for the service of closure on Dec. 11th. May God's care and grace be with them at this critical moment. As we hold these

members of the Northern Plains Conference family in our prayers let us remember that the closure of a congregation is not the end of the ministry of their faith family, for their impact will continue for generations through those lives that their ministry has touched. For that which God begins does not end when doors are closed but goes on through eternity.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
12/5	4:00 pm (ct)	SDC/NPC Conversation	Watertown
12/6	9:00 am (ct)	SDC/NPC Conversation	Watertown
12/8	10:00 am (ct)	MV Cluster	Bismarck
12/9	5:30 pm (ct)	Multiple Paths	Valley City
12/10	9:00 am (ct)	Multiple Paths	Valley City
12/11	9:00 am (ct)	Closure Service	Streeter