

# The "E Messenger"

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## Notes and Comments by Wade 120911

It is with thanksgiving in our hearts that we lift up the ministry of Parshall United Church of Christ. We celebrate the life of this congregation as it continues its faithful journey. May the Spirit of the Living Christ continue to empower this community of faith as through its ecumenical parish ties with First Lutheran of Plaza and Shell Creek ELCA, it ministers effectively in North Central North Dakota. May God's blessed Spirit be with the Members of this Northern Plains congregation and their pastor, Chris Lenning. AMEN

This coming Sunday it will be my pleasure to join the members of Hope United Church of Christ in Streeter as they mark the closing of their congregation. Hope UCC has served for the past century as a center of Spiritual growth and hope and now comes to that time when they can no longer remain open as an institution. On behalf of the Northern Plains Conference I want to thank them for their ministry and share with them my appreciation for their ministry of caring and understanding. I would also wish to assure the members of Hope UCC that the God whose spirit has been with them for the past century does not abandon them as they move forward from this moment. God's grace and love will be with them continuing to embrace them as they go forth from this moment.

On December 18<sup>th</sup> we will be receiving the Annual All Church Christmas Fund offering. This offering (also known as the "Veterans of the Cross" offering provides vital and timely support to retired and active pastors. Support can range from help with retirement home expenses, to medical bills as well as help with special costs that come unexpectedly. I would invite each Northern Plains Conference members to be generous in support of this special five for five offering.

As the year draws to a close, I want to remind the congregations and especially the treasurers that the Conference Financial books will close as of December 31. Finances received after that time will be credited to the coming year (2012). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

This is just a reminder that the new address for the Conference Office is 204 East Reno Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58504-6471. The phone number (701 255 1104 and the email addresses (Peg-[secretary@npcucc.org](mailto:secretary@npcucc.org) and Wade-[Schemmel@npcucc.org](mailto:Schemmel@npcucc.org)) and the Northern Plains Conference Conference Web Site [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) remain the same.

The WebEx Stewardship gathering with Kate Huey that was scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until Early January of 2012. Please watch your emails for more information.

Around the NPCUCC 120911 - 121811

Date	Time	Event	Location
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
12/14	12:00 Noon (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
12/15	10:00 am (ct)	Fargo Cluster	Fargo/Plymouth
12/16	1:00 pm (ct)	Midwest Seminary Conference Call	-----
12/18	9:30 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	New Salem