

# The "E Messenger"

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## Notes and Comments by Wade 100810

On this Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Access Awareness Sunday, as we prayerfully explore the call to make our churches and communities accessible to all regardless of physical challenges. Let us hold in prayer one of our Reservation Congregations that is exploring ways to address this vital issue, the United Church of Christ of New Town. We celebrate the renewing ministry of congregational life and community support which is taking place within this community for faith as we pray for its members and pastor, Marilyn Kennedy Levine. AMEN

Last Sunday, Peg and I were enjoying the beauty of God's Cathedral along the North Shore of Lake Superior. We are grateful for the opportunity to again experience the beauty of this special place.

NPCUCC lay members and pastors are reminded to mark October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm (mt) on their calendars. That is the date and time for the Installation service of Janel Kolar as the pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Dickinson. Let us gather together to celebrate this special event in the life of the Conference Community.

This coming Sunday, October 10, it will be my pleasure to share with the members of the United Church of Christ of Grand Forks in a special celebration of the Twenty Fifth Year of Rev. Keith Mills Ordination. I look forward to this time of celebrating the past and looking forward to the future.

Preparations are underway for the Fall Youth Rally in Wishek. Mansanhko Banda, story teller and drummer will be our special guest. Van transportation will be provided from Fargo and Minot. Please check the NPCUCC web site for information and registration forms. The registration fee is \$50. All NPC youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come. The theme for the rally is Psalm 95: *"Come let us sing for joy to God; Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."* If you have questions do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

Pastors have received an invitation to nominate youth for the National Youth Event Committee. Please take a moment and look over the information that has been sent to you.

The weekend of October 15 – 17 we are invited to celebrate Children’s Sabbath. This is a special time to recognize the special gift our children are to our homes, churches and communities, and the responsibility we have to provide safe and enriching homes, communities and churches. For more information, please download the Children’s Sabbath Manual which can be found on the Children’s Defense Fund Web Site, <[childrensdefense.org](http://childrensdefense.org)>, if you have more questions; please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
10/10	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Grand Forks
10/14	10:30 am (ct)	Financial summit	Bismarck
10/15	7:00 pm (ct)	Conference Committees	Carrington
10/16	9:00 am (ct)	Conference Council	Carrington
10/17	-----	Children’s Sabbath	-----
10/17	9:30 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	New town
10/17	11:30 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Parshall/Memorial