

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 010810

Our prayer this day is for the many who labor on behalf of the local congregations their pastors and members in the National United Church of Christ. May they feel the support of those of us that gather to worship and serve in Jesus' name. May their efforts bring strength to the ministry we share and clarity to the vision we hold. AMEN

Last Sunday it was my pleasure to share in the service of closure for David Hartson as his ministry at the Congregational United Church of Christ of Argusville drew to a close. It was a joy to share with the members of the congregation in this service of celebration and also to be a part of the potluck dinner which followed. Our best thoughts and wishes go with David and his wife Kandi as their journey of faith continues and with the members of Argusville as they continue to look for new ways to live out their mission and message.

After Monday you will find the Pepsi Refresh Tool kit on the NPC web site www.npcucc.org. Basically it is an offer of grant support for ministries of service and outreach such as health, food and shelter, the planet, neighborhoods and education. The process is straightforward and inviting for congregations to enter into. Copies of the tool kit will be made available at Clusters as well as the web site. If you have difficulty getting to the tool kit please contact the Conference Office for more information.

It is good to be back in the office. Following our “holiday” journey to see our youngest Son and Daughter In Law in Louisiana, we came back to the Twin Cities where our oldest Son had surgery (it appears successfully – thanks for the prayers). We arrived back in Bismarck late on January 4th and returned to the office and the tasks of this ministry on January 5th. Overall the journey was relaxing and renewing.

The 2010 “Mission and Ministry Gift Form” is available on the web site www.npcucc.org under forms. You are invited to download this form, print it off and use it to help explain the gifts from your congregation. If you have difficulty retrieving the gift form from the web site, please contact the Conference Office and we will send you an ample supply.

This Sunday it will be my great pleasure to join with the members of Pierce Congregational United Church of Christ and their Pastor, Mary Peterson, in worship which will be followed by a potluck and annual meeting. It is truly a pleasure to share in praise and celebration with the members of NPC Congregations.

A reminder that information including menus and the like has been sent out regarding the Winter Retreat and Holiday Banquet. To sum up the information the Post Holiday Banquet will begin on January 24th at 6:00 pm (ct) with dinner being served at about 6:30 pm at the Green Mill Restaurant on 13th Avenue South in Fargo. The Winter Retreat will begin at 9:00 am (ct) on January 25th and 26th at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Charlene J. Smith of the National Church will be our leader. The theme for the workshop will be Evangelism in congregations of all sizes and locations. If you have not already done so, please register as soon as possible so we can make adequate arrangements. You can find a flier and registration information on the NPC web site www.npcucc.org under fliers or forms. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

Around the NPCUCC 010810 – 011710

Date	Time	Event	Location
1/10	11:00 am (mt)	CM shares in worship	Pierce Congregational
1/11	11:00 am (ct)	Central Stewardship Club (GFI)	Jamestown
1/12	10:00 am (mt)	MV Cluster	Dickinson
1/12	4:00 am (ct)	Health Care Coalition	Bismarck
1/15	11:00 am (ct)	Conference Call with UTS on Pastoral Training	-----
1/17	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Carrington