

The "E Messenger"

Notes and Comments by Wade

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We ask that God's gracious Spirit continue to embrace the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Dickinson. May the Spirit of God empower this Western North Dakota town to be a beacon of hope and promise all can follow. We pray that God's vision be their vision and that God's will be their courage as we hold the members and their pastor, Janel Kolar in our prayers. AMEN

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of joining with the members of Pierce Congregational United Church of Christ and their pastor, Mary Peterson in a celebration of their 100th anniversary. Their celebration was truly a reflection of the fellowship that they share and the Divine Spirit that empowers them.

Sunday through Thursday of the past week the Northern Plains Conference Youth Camp was held at Camp of the Cross. By all standards it was a life changing experience. The surroundings were beautiful, the time shared was meaningful and the overall experience was rich. We thank the youth and their families for being present to make this time of sharing and growth possible. A special word of thanks goes to those who took time from their busy lives to make a camp experience like this possible. A special word of thanks to the following: Conference Camp and Youth Co Director Carleton Borden, Imagination Camp Director, Tammy Toepke Floyd, Counselor Jessica Tuhy, Junior Counselor, Alexis Brandner and Tyler-Toepke Floyd, Possibilities Camp Director, Marilyn Kennedy Levine, Registration Director, Chris Lenning, Sailing Adventure Leaders Kathy and Stephen Holmes, Arts and Craft Directors Leola Allen and Ernie Conry. Our gratitude goes to this team for their dedication. Thanks to them, the 2011 NPC Youth Camp was a special time for all who participated.

Two very special emails are being sent out from the NPC Disaster Coordinator, Lindy Holt. They deal with the challenges and opportunities to support with our time, our effort, and our finances our brothers and sisters in Minot as they clean out and begin to rebuild following the devastating flood. I invite you to please read the calls carefully and respond faithfully.

This Sunday Peg and I will have the pleasure of sharing in worship at the Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Medora. We celebrate the very special ministry of this tourist town congregation that serves the needs of the stranger who comes through the door.

Anyone who would like to lend a helping hand to the Disaster Ministry Program through the Northern Plains Conference, are requested to make cookies, bars, etc. for the program. We will freeze the donations to be distributed to the different locations for our

many disasters that are occurring around the State. If you can freeze your donations ahead of time, this will help in the entire process. Please bring your donations to the Conference Office, 1200 East Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, North Dakota. We will distribute the cookies and bars, etc. where they are needed. If you have any questions, please contact the Conference Office at 701-255-1104.

Around the NPCUCC 072911 – 080711

Date	Time	Event	Location
7/31	10:30 am (mt)	Cm shares in worship	Union Congregational UCC, Medora
8/2	1:30 pm (ct):	Minot Area Unmet Needs Committee	Minot
8/2	3:00 pm (ct)	Conference Call with Geoffrey Black	-----
8/4	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	Garrison
8/7	9:00 am (ct)	CM joins in worship	Granville
8/7	11:00 am (ct)	CM joins in worship	Minot