

The "E Messenger"

Notes and Comments by Wade 111210

The twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost in many of our NPC Congregations is Stewardship Sunday. It is a time for us to declare our commitment to the life and ministry of our church, at home, and beyond its walls. On this Sunday we hold in prayer one of our Rural Congregations, Ebenezer United Church of Christ near Elgin. Let us give thanks for this active rural Congregation as it continues to gather for praise, celebration, and fellowship. Our prayers are with the members of this country church and their pastor, Hazel Behrens. AMEN

Last Sunday it was my pleasure to share in worship with the members of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Reeder. I want to thank them for the opportunity to share in their service of worship and also to share with them in fellowship. May God's grace continue to be with the members of this small membership South Western North Dakota Congregation.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The third year confirmation students and their parents of the Flasher UCC/ ALC will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast at the Highway 21 Club this coming Sunday. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 am (ct) until 1:30 pm (ct). The proceeds will be used to provide clean drinking water for the village of Boyeko in the Democratic Republic of Congo. All NPC folk in the area are invited to head to Flasher for breakfast. Any who cannot make it, but would like to lend support to this vital project can send a donation to the Northern Plains Conference Office.

It is time to make plans to receive the Christmas Fund Offering. The Christmas Fund is one of the five for five all church offerings. This offering in a very special way is support for those who have served our congregations by helping pastors and their families at retirement with special support that provides security at a very special time and also by being there with special help for active pastors who are struggling through a crisis. Pastors in NPC have been helped by the proceeds of this offering. Let us generously support this vital offering.

This coming Sunday it will be my pleasure to share in worship with the members of the Twin Buttes Congregational United Church of Christ as they continue to support their pastor, Barry Zietz during his recovery from a stroke. It is my honor to be with them during this special time.

The December AWARE will be coming to each congregation this coming week. The one change is that it will be coming in two forms. There will be a two sided form for those congregations that mail it out and there will be a larger print and expanded form for congregations that send it by email. Please take a look at the various forms of the AWARE and let us know your suggestions.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
11/14	11:00 am (ct)	Cm to share in worship	Twin Buttes
11/16	6:00 pm (ct)	WebEx Workshop	-----
11/17	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	Minot
11/18	10:00 am (ct)	Fargo Cluster	Fargo/First
11/18	-----	CBCO meeting	Chicago
11/19	-----	CBCO Meeting	Chicago
11/20	-----	CBCO Meeting	Chicago
11/21	-----	CBCO Meeting	Chicago