

The E Messenger

Notes and Comments by Wade 111910

May this Thanksgiving Sunday be a time for us to gather in gratitude for the many channels through which God's blessing embraces. Let us give thanks for a grace that is without end and a hope that continues to burn brightly in our hearts, our homes and our congregations. We in the NPC give thanks for the ministry of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Hebron and Glen Ullin. We pray that these Congregations may continue to be a community wherein the love of God is shared and the hope of God is felt. Our prayers are with the members of these Congregations and their pastor, Marcy Dawson. AMEN

Last Sunday it was my pleasure to share in worship with the members of Twin Buttes Congregational United Church of Christ. I thank them for the opportunity to share in their service of worship and for the fellowship which followed. Our prayers continue to be with Barry Zietz, Pastor of Twin Buttes Congregational UCC as his recovery from a stroke continues.

We have been working on our web site <npcucc.org>, and one of our primary goal has been that it be easy to find what you are looking for. Our recommendation is that you use the "search" which is found on the upper right corner of the screen. Then type in the name of the item that you are looking for, and then click "go". You will be taken directly to the site you wish. You can also search through the various headings but you may find that more time consuming.

COMMENT

As we prepare to gather in Thanksgiving I invite us to take a page from our Hebrew Brothers and Sisters and make our Thanksgiving a declaration of our belief that the God that Continues to Speak continues to be a part of the world we are living in and the one we will be living in. Our Hebrew Brothers and Sisters (those Old Testament folk), gave thanks regularly for what God had done and for what they believed God would be doing in the future.; Their Thanksgiving was a statement that God would continue to create new worlds and new lives. That God will continue to enrich our words with a holy vision and our actions with a divine grace. I therefore give thanks for the ministries we have had, for the ones that we have and also for the ministry that God will empower through us in the future. I give thanks for the ministries of healing, hope, compassion and understanding by which we together will pass on the great gift of hope that God has given to us. My friends have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 24th it will be my pleasure to join with the pastors of the Fargo area in an annual UCC Thanksgiving Service. I look forward to joining with them, the members of their congregations, and guests in humbly thanking God for a love upon which eternity is founded.

The Ft. Berthold Cluster meeting has been cancelled for November 23, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact the Conference Office at 701-255-1104.

The AWARE is Available in Two Versions: Starting with the December 2010 issue, the NPC AWARE will come forth in two versions. There will be one that as before will be held to two pages and may have a smaller print size to accommodate that limitation. This is especially helpful to Congregations that mail it out via the US mail. Then there will be a second version of the AWARE which will be an expanded version and sporting a larger font. This version will serve Congregations that send out the AWARE via email. Please let the Conference Office know how this works for you.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
11/19	-----	CBCO	Chicago
11/20	-----	CBCO	Chicago
11/21	-----	CBCO	Chicago
11/22	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Jamestown
11/23	12:00 Noon	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town, cancelled
11/24	7:00 pm (ct)	Fargo Area Thanksgiving Service	Moorhead
11/25	-----	Thanksgiving	-----