

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 112009

As the church year draws to a close and we anticipate Thanksgiving let us take a moment and gratefully lift up the parish of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Hebron and First Congregational United Church of Christ of Glen Ullin and their pastor Marcy Dawson. It is our prayer that God’s blessing and Spirit might continue to bring new life and hope to these rural congregations as God’s Holy Spirit flows through them.

Last week it was my pleasure to join in worship with the members of the Wishek United Church of Christ and their pastor, Tammy Toepke Floyd. Peg and I want to thank them for the joy of sharing in their worship and also the fellowship dinner which followed. We celebrate the ministry of this Southern North Dakota Congregation and wish them God’s blessed presence and care as they look to the coming year.

Guided by the Mission and Outreach Committee the Conference Council has launched a statewide ad campaign for Advent. This evangelism effort consists of a series of 30-second ads on the morning and afternoon program beginning the first Monday of Advent. There will be two 30-second ads on the morning and afternoon show in addition to 104 10 – 15 second ads on KFGO. The Ads can be heard on KFYZ (550) out of Bismarck, KCGB (910) out of Minot and KFGO (790) out of Fargo. The ads will be an invitation to people to come home to the United Church of Christ this Holy time. Congregations are invited to host newspaper or local radio ads that will compliment and focus this message on their congregation. Texts of these ads can be found on the NPC UCC web site www.npcucc.org under forms. Suggested copy for print ads can be received from the Conference by emailing or calling the Office. The Conference Council is inviting each NPC Congregation to help offset the cost of these ads by making a \$100 contribution. Checks should be mailed to the Conference Office and identified as Advent Ad Campaign support.

The Clergy Holiday Gathering has been set for January 24th in Fargo. This is the first night of the recently Rescheduled Evangelism Retreat with Charlene J. Smith. All NPC Pastors and Spouses are invited to join us for a special time of celebration as we gather at a yet to be designated location for fellowship and sharing. As you prepare to attend the Evangelism Retreat January 24 – 26 (please check the NPCUCC website for an informative flier www.npcucc.org under flier). As you register for the Retreat, (please do so that we know how many to prepare meals for) please note if you plan to attend the holiday gathering.

This Sunday it will be my great pleasure to join in worship with the members of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Reeder. I look forward to the opportunity to share with them in worship and celebration.

The December AWARE was sent via email (when possible) this Friday, November 20th. If you did not receive it please contact the Conference Office. You are invited to copy this monthly Conference Newsletter and share it with your congregation so they might be better informed of the life and ministry of the Wider Church.

Around the NPCUCC 112009 – 112909f

Date	Time	Event	Location
11/21	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #4	Bismarck
11/22	8:30 am (mt)	CM shares in Worship	Reeder
11/23	12:00 Noon (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
11/23	4:30 pm (ct)	CHYS Finance Comm.	Bismarck
11/23	5:00 pm (ct)	CHYS Board	Bismarck
11/24	12:00 Noon (ct)	Progressive Faith Network	Bismarck
11/26	-----	Thanksgiving	-----