

# The "E Messenger"

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## Notes and Comments by Wade 112610

As we begin the Advent journey let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive afresh the message of God's abiding love and care for all and may we rededicate ourselves to sharing that message through our words and our actions. On this Sunday we hold in prayer the members of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Jamestown and their pastor, Susan Lester. We pray that God's grace continue to bring hope and renewal to this Central North Dakota community of faith. AMEN

This will be a special Sunday, I will have the opportunity to join the members of Bismarck United Church of Christ in worship. That is right it is one of those unusual Sundays when Peg and I will be in our "home" congregation on a Sunday morning. We look forward to sharing in worship with the members of the Bismarck United Church of Christ and to greeting pastors, Jim Moss and Dawn Archer.

As the Advent journey begins let us claim the luxury of time to prepare our hearts and spirits to celebrate with new vigor and enthusiasm the birth of the Christ Child. Let us take the time to prepare our souls to receive that wondrous message of which the angelic choir did sing, that we might truly experience the joy and new life which it would bring. The challenge we have as people of faith is to live counter cultural and not follow the consumer driven hype and run head long into Christ only to toss it aside on December 26 with only our credit card statement as a reminder. Let us visit again the prophetic messages, and take the time to prepare our homes and spirits that we might again see the star, view Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus and join the hosts of Heaven in singing hosanna.

This is a reminder to congregations that the Conference Financial books will close on December 31, 2010. All money received after that date will be recorded for 2011. If this causes you a hardship please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

As we look to the coming year, 2011, I have many open Sundays that are available for me to be with the congregations of the NPC. One of our goals is for the Conference Minister to visit each congregation of the Conference during each year. I would invite you to check your calendars to see if there is a Sunday that would work best for you.

Around the NPCUCC 112610 - 120510

Date	Time	Event	Location
11/29	10:00 am (ct)	MV Cluster	Hebron/St. John
12/1	-----	Search and Call	Tampa

12/2	-----	Search and Call	Tampa
12/3	-----	Search and Call	Tampa
12/4	-----	Search and Call	Tampa
12/5	-----	Search and Call	Tampa