

# The "E Messenger"

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## Notes and Comments by Wade

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On this World Wide Communion Sunday as we gather to celebrate the unity of all God's people let us hold in prayer that United Church of Christ of New Town. May the God of goodness and hope continue to bless this blended congregation that it might ever continue to proclaim by its ministry the vision of God's multi cultural, multi racial, multinational family. Our prayers are with the members of this congregation and their pastor, Marilyn Kennedy Levine. AMEN

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in worship with the members of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and their interim Pastor, JoBeth Marshall. We want to thank them for the joy of sharing with them in worship and the fellowship which followed.

**The Children's Defense Fund** has invited us to celebrate the **Children's Sabbath on October 9<sup>th</sup>**. This date is not set in stone, and if it does not work well for your congregation please move it to one that works better. The Children's Sabbath is a time to give thanks to God for the promise of youth and young people in our midst and for the blessing that children are to all of us as they call us to share our faith. We are encouraged to be mindful that our children are the first mission front for all of us. If you would like to get more information including helpful worship and other materials about the Children's Sabbath you are invited to call 865 457 6466 or the Conference Office.

Quarterly financial statements will be sent to the NPC congregations in the coming week. You are invited to look them over carefully and let the Conference Office know if you have any questions.

At the September Cluster gatherings Pastors were handed surveys relating to the union talks that are currently taking place between the South Dakota Conference and the Northern Plains Conference. Pastors that have these surveys but have not sent them into the Conference office are invited to do so as quickly as possible so their findings can be part of upcoming meetings. Any who have not received a copy of the survey but would like to get one are invited to contact the Conference Office as soon as possible.

Our prayers are with **Marilyn Blackman**, the wife of **Tim Blackman**, pastor of First United Church of Christ of Gackle. May God's blessing continue to be with her as she continues to grow in strength following a time of hospitalization in Fargo.

This coming Sunday it will be my pleasure to join the members of the United Church of Christ of Wahpeton and their pastor, Ken Adams in worship. Peg and I are looking forward to sharing in their service of praise and worship and in the fellowship which will follow.

This coming Sunday we will be receiving the Neighbors in **Need All Church Offering**. This special Offering reaches out to brothers and sisters across the United Church of Christ and beyond with support and care at the most special of times. This is one of those offerings that make a difference in the lives of people. Please be generous.

**Exercise Your Faith** is the theme for the Fall Youth Rally to be held at Bismarck/Mandan UCC. All NPC youth are invited to share in the well thought out and lead program. For more information please go to the NPC website [www.npcucc.org](http://www.npcucc.org) and type "Fall Youth Rally" into the search area. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call the Conference Office.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
9/30	5:30 pm (ct)	Stewardship Workshop featuring Kate Huey	Bismarck
10/1	9:00 am (ct)	Stewardship Workshop	Bismarck
10/2	9:30 am (ct)	CM present in worship	Wahpeton
10/9	8:30 am (mt)	CM shares in worship	Reeder