

The "E Messenger"

Notes and Comments by Wade
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Most gracious God we pray for healing and renewal as we hold in prayer the Mandaree Hidatsa Church located on the Ft. Berthold Reservation. May the healing of God's grace and the vision of God's wisdom empower them to walk faithfully into the promised land of tomorrow? We pray for the members of this faith community and their pastor, Elise Packineau. In the name of our Redeemer Jesus the Christ. AMEN

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in worship at First Fargo UCC. We wish to thank them for the opportunity to share in meaningful worship, and for the fellowship which followed. May God's continued blessing be with the members of this historic congregation and their pastor, Kevin Cassidy Maloney?

This Sunday, Sept, 11, 2011 marks the 10th anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center in New York. This tragic event took the lives of so many and shook the consciousness of all of us. As we move past this 10th anniversary may we go forth with vigilance and not vengeance, with a vision of hope that overcomes retaliation, and an embrace of our brothers and sisters in the human family that excludes no one. Let the events of 9/11 not be an excuse to hate all who are Islamic (or Muslim), but rather a call to grow in our understanding of each other's spiritual customs practices. May our faith and not our fear be our guide! For more information and helpful resources please go to the UCC web site www.ucc.org and type "9/11 remembrance" in the search area, there you will find listed resources and helps.

All members of the NPC family are invited to reach out to our brothers and sisters in who are digging out of the flooding of the past summer. I am grateful for the money and the volunteer support we have received thus far and I encourage all who have not already done so to take this opportunity to respond. Let our responses be carried not only in the words of our faith but the actions of our committed lives.

The Neighbors in Need all church offering is scheduled to be received on World Communion Sunday, October 2nd, 2011. This offering empowers your church on all levels to be a voice for understanding, compassion and grace. It gives the church the means to stand with the forgotten and ignored and to embrace the fallen. Let us not miss the opportunity through this offering to reach out in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus the Christ. All congregations should have received the introductory packets.

There is still time for NPC women to register for the Annual Women's Retreat which will be held at the Abby in Richardton next weekend, September 16 – 18. Helpful

information and registration forms can be found on the NPC web site www.npcucc.org under "Church News". Charlene J. Smith of the National Church will be the presenter.

All NPC congregations are invited to join in the special Stewardship workshop, featuring Kate Huey, at Bismarck UCC on Sept. 30 and October 1st. This will be an excellent opportunity for participants to look for clarity as they guide their congregations along the path of growth in personal and communal stewardship. Any who have questions are invited to please contact the Conference Office.

The Conference Minister will be attending the meeting of the Council for Theological Education in Cleveland from Saturday pm until Tuesday am (flying back to ND on Tuesday afternoon). If there is a need to contact the CM please do not hesitate to call the Conference Cell which can be reached at 701 471 3278.

Around the NPCUCC 090911 – 091811

Date	Time	Event	Location
9/10	-----	Council for Theological Education	Cleveland
9/11	-----	CTE	Cleveland
9/12	-----	CTE	Cleveland
9/13	-----	CTE	Cleveland
9/14	12:00 Noon (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
9/15	10:00 am (ct)	Fargo Cluster	Fargo/Plymouth
9/16	4:00 pm (mt)	Women's Retreat	Richardton
9/17	-----	Women's Retreat	Richardton
9/18	-----	Women's Retreat	Richardton