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Serving followers of Jesus Christ in Valley City since 1881. Voted to join the United Church of Christ in 1960.

☪ Schedule ☪

Sunday	September 11, 2016		
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Coffee	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship w/ Communion	(Fireside Room)
	11:30 a.m.	Board of Christian Education	
		Meeting with Confirmation Parents & Students	
Wednesday	September 14, 2016		
	1:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship	(Fellowship Hall)
	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Harvest Soup Supper	(Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	September 18, 2016		
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Coffee	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship	(Fireside Room)
	11:30 a.m.	Church Council	(Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	September 21, 2016		
	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Homemade Bread & Salad Luncheon \$6.00	(First Congregational Church 201 2nd St SE Jamestown, ND)

Candace is collecting composting materials for the church garden.
Use a container to bring to church each Sunday with the following materials:
Coffee grounds, tea leaves, eggshells, fruit & veggie peelings.
PLEASE DO NOT PUT IN ANY TYPE OF PROTEIN OR DAIRY ITEMS.
Thank You

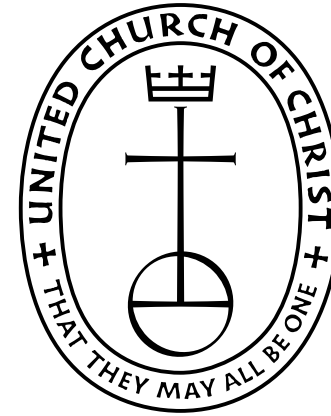
*NOTE: If anyone has information for the website, please let
Connie and/or Alex Reiten know so they can make revisions or additions.

Remember our church's food drive!

☪ In Our Prayers ☪

At Home: Ron, Garland, Doris J., Kathy M., Harve B.
West Fargo: Meryl, Riley Moorhead: Hulda
Sheyenne Care Center (Valley City): Lois B.

Please tell our minister if you wish to have someone added to this list.



Congregational United Church of Christ

Changing Lives: That is Our Church's Wider Ministry



*This is your church
No matter who you are, where you are on life's journey,
or what defines you –*

*This is your church
If you are abundantly welcoming, radically inclusive,
and theologically courageous –*

*This is your church
If you want to understand your faith not only with your heart
but also with your mind –*

*This is your church
If you want to come in and join the others who are on their journey to the
Beloved Community of the People of God –*

*Welcome Home!
This is your Church*

September 11, 2016

*Order of Morning Worship ~ Dr. David Hartson, Presiding
September 11, 2016 10:30 o'clock*

Prelude
Introit
Carrying the Light of Christ into Worship
Welcome
Continuing Acts of the Apostles
Birthday & Special Occasions Church Bank **

* Call to Worship

Liturgist And I thought over again
My small adventures

People **As with a shore wind I drifted out in my kayak
And thought I was in danger**

Liturgist My fears
Those small ones that I thought so big

People **For all the vital things
That I thought so big**

Liturgist And yet, there is only one great thing
The only thing

People **To live and see
In huts and on journeys
The great day that dawns
And the light that fills the world**

-Inuit Song

*Hymn: "In Christ There is no East or West" **B394**

Prayer of the Beloved Community

The northern autumn cycles back again
as herds of wild leaves stampede down the paved canyons
losing their fierce freedom as they pile up
in the cul-de-sacs of the urban plains

Lovely trees lose their summer solar panels,
and stand nude against the greying sky
straining toward the sun as if to say,
"I will never give up!"

The air loses its summer gentleness
and takes on a windy sharpness
that blows the warmth from your skin
and reminds you of your mortality

Wild V's of quick migrations
flap their way to warmer climates
leaving only little grey wrens
to caretake the forgotten land

Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Fall time can trick you into thinking
that all the safety and comfort of your time
is gone and you are left with your courage
snatched away by that old devil dis

Fear not, you timid and frightened summer souls
Your grasp of the cycle of life is limited
by your need for safety and warmth
and forgotten is the truth of the universe

Deep in the hearts of the now black trees
and stored in the DNA of the faded greenery
Remembered in the hearts of all living things
Is the certainty of the inevitable spring

-David Hartson

Choir Anthem/Artistic Rendition

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Sermon/Discussion

Hymn: "Come Share the Spirit" CSS 1

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayers

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us to Pray: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.*

Offertory

* **Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication:

**Does one really have to fret
About enlightenment
No matter what road I travel
I am going home**

-Shinsho

*Hymn: "God's Eye is on the Sparrow" **B475**

Carrying the Light of Christ out into the World

Benediction

Please participate, as you wish, in "Passing of the Peace" following the worship service.

Postlude +You are encouraged to continue a spirit of worship during the Postlude+

***Please rise if able.**

Black ~ The New Century Hymnal. **Monies raised in the Birthday and Special Occasions Church Bank go towards the Congregational United Church Scholarship Fund. This Scholarship is for members of our church going to college.