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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 ☞

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 12, 2017</b>		
	9:30 a.m.	Choir practice	
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Coffee	(Nugent Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School	(Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	Confirmation	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 16, 2017</b>		
	10:00 a.m.	Visitation Ministry Team Leads Worship	(Bridgeview Estates)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 19, 2017</b>		
	9:30 a.m.	Choir practice	
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Coffee	(Nugent Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School	(Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	Church Council	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 26, 2017</b>		
	9:30 a.m.	Choir practice	
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Coffee	(Nugent Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School	(Sanctuary)

\*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!**

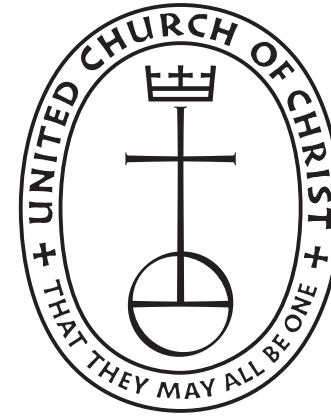
## ☞ In Our Prayers ☞

At Home: Ron, Garland, Doris J., Kathy M., Harve B.

West Fargo: Meryl, Riley Moorhead: Hulda

Sheyenne Care Center (Valley City): Lois B., Jerry & Pat Langemo

*\*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*

**February 12, 2017**

*Order of Morning Worship ~ Dr. David Hartson, Presiding  
February 12, 2017 10:30 o'clock*

**Prelude**

**Introit: "Come Share the Spirit" .....CSS 1**

**Carrying the Light of Christ into Worship**

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgment of Territory**

Since time immemorial, First People's lives and spirituality have been connected to this land

**We acknowledge the Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota and the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe**

**We acknowledge and give thanks for their stewardship  
May we live with respect and gratitude on this land**

**Call To Worship**

Liturgist Let deference for the laws be breathed by every mother and father  
To the babes that prattle on their laps

People **Let it be taught in the schools, seminaries  
And in the colleges  
Let it be written in primers, spelling books  
and in almanacs**

Liturgist Let it be preached from the pulpits  
Proclaimed in legislative halls  
And enforced in the courts of justice

People **Let it become the political religion  
Of the nation**

*-Abraham Lincoln*

**\*Hymn: "For the Healing of the Nations" ..... Black 576**

**Prayer of the Beloved Community**

**May peace triumph over discord here  
Generous giving over avarice**

**Reference over contempt**

**Speech with truthful words over lying utterances  
May the Righteous Order gain the victory**

*-Avesta Yasna 60:5*

**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.**

**Choir Anthem/Artistic Rendition**

**Children's Message**

**Scriptures: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37**

**Sermon Discussion**

**Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" ..... Black 505**

**Prayer and Share Time**

**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:**

**May fanaticism and religious bigotry be unknown  
all humanity enter the bond of brother and sisterhood  
Souls consort in perfect agreement  
The nations of earth at last hoist the banner of truth  
And the religions of the world enter  
The divine temple of oneness  
For the foundations of the heavenly religions  
Are one reality**

*-Abdu'l Baha*

**\*Hymn: "O For a World" ..... Black 575**

**Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

**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.