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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>August 20, 2017</b>		
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship	(Fireside Room)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 27, 2017</b>		
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Candace leading Bring a joyful or humorous reading to share	(Fireside Room)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 3, 2017</b>		
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion	(Fireside Room)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 8, 2017</b>		
	4 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Rummage Sale	(Fellowship Hall)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 9, 2017</b>		
	9 a.m. - 12 noon	Rummage Sale	(Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 10, 2017</b>		
	9>30 a.m.	Diaconate Meeting	
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship	(Fireside Room)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 20, 2017</b>		
	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Harvest Supper	(Fellowship Hall)

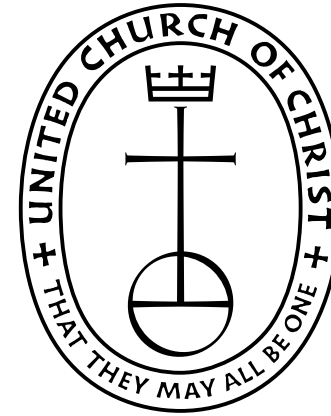
## SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 CHUCK WAGON DINNER

**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 L.

*\*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*

**August 20, 2017**

*Order of Morning Worship ~ Pastor David Hartson, Presiding  
August 20, 2017 10:30 o'clock*

Prelude

Carrying the Light of Christ into Worship

Welcome

Continuing Acts of the Apostles

Announcements, Birthdays & Special Occasions

Acknowledgment of Territory

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

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

Call To Worship

Liturgist      People find themselves, to their great astonishment  
Suddenly existing

**People      After thousands of years of non-existence  
They live for a little while**

Liturgist      And then, again, comes an equally long period of time  
When they must exist no more

**People      Their hearts rebel against this  
And feel that it cannot be true**

*-Arthur Schopenhauer  
"The Vanity of Existence"*

\*Hymn: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" .....CSS 7

Prayer of the Beloved Community

**Judaism does not accept the idea  
Of vicarious atonement**

**We only can atone for our own sins**

**And are responsible for our own actions**

*-Rabbi Rosen  
"The Christian and the Pharisee"*

**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:      Hebrews 9:11-18, 22

Sermon

Hymn: "I Believe" .....CSS 46

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:

**Science cannot answer the deepest questions**

**As soon as you ask**

**"Why is there something rather than nothing?"**

**You have gone beyond science**

*-Alan Sandage  
The father of modern astromomy*

\*Hymn: "When the Saints Go Marching In" ..... CSS 20

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.