
MINOT'S CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH



Minot's **Congregational United Church of Christ** celebrated 100 years of existence in the community in June of 2006. Throughout its history this church has been actively involved in the community, the conference, and in the world at large. The following is a partial list of some of the many ministries of this church both now and in the past.

Noah's Breakfast: Our church offers a weekly free breakfast to all who wish to participate. Church members organize the event and obtain needed food and members of our church and other community volunteers serve this important meal.

Methodist Food Pantry: Our church frequently provides food and monetary support for the Methodist Food Pantry.

United Campus Ministries: Our church has been actively involved with this ministry to the students of Minot State University for many years. We currently and traditionally have a member of our church as an active member of their board. We also support this vital ministry financially.

Under God's Canopy: Our church was one of several in the community to spearhead this mission to serve the children of our less fortunate community members. In addition to offering a Summer Sunday School, young people were given backpacks for school and school supplies. Each day of the event, the participants were provided a meal. We are in the process of bringing this vital ministry back to life.

Boy Scouts: Our church sponsors and provides space for a local Boy Scout Troop.

Free Blood Pressure Clinics: Nurses from our congregation perform monthly blood pressure checks for the church. In addition, these nurses have periodically visited with the sick in home settings.

Men's Club: The men of the church meet monthly during the year for fellowship and to identify projects that need their support. There is a long tradition of conducting a Good Friday Breakfast for the local community. Money raised from that event and periodic auctions is used to support the various projects identified at their monthly meetings. The most current project is to help raise funds and provide items to remodel a room at the local YWCA for interim housing for young women in need.

Women's Fellowship: Like the Men's Club, the women's circles have traditionally functioned to provide a place of fellowship for the women of the church as well as a place to identify specific needs and raise funds for their support. The women run a number of fund-raisers throughout the year, including their annual Spring Salad Luncheon as a means of raising funds. With these funds they have contributed to the local community, the church, conference and national needs. They are particularly proud of the fact that they opened and operated Minot's first community consignment thrift store, The Pilgrim Shoppe, in Minot, the proceeds of which went to support their many projects.

Choir: Our choir was an active participant in Minot's Concert of Choirs in which local church choirs ministered to each other and the community through music. We have also shared the ministry of music with other UCC congregations through Choir exchanges with the Bismarck United Church of Christ and the Sudanese church in Fargo. The choir also shared with Fargo Congregational Church on the weekend they visited the Sudanese church. Our church has been a place for Minot State University students to hone their skills as accompanists or members of our choir over the years.

Additional Involvement & Support: In addition to the above, our church provides volunteers and/or financial support for the following needs and organizations:

Charles Hall Youth Services, Minot Vocational Workshop, Dakota Boys Ranch, Second Story; Domestic Violence, Easter Seals, First District Health Unit, One Great Hour of Sharing, Veterans of the Cross, Christmas Fund, Blanket Fund.

Ecumenical Activities: Our church is deeply committed to Ecumenism. In addition to the above listed ecumenical support and services, we share special services with several local churches and assist with the organization of the annual Palm Sunday Pilgrimage. The Millennium Eve service, shared with several other local churches in 2000, was especially meaningful to the members of the Minot community.