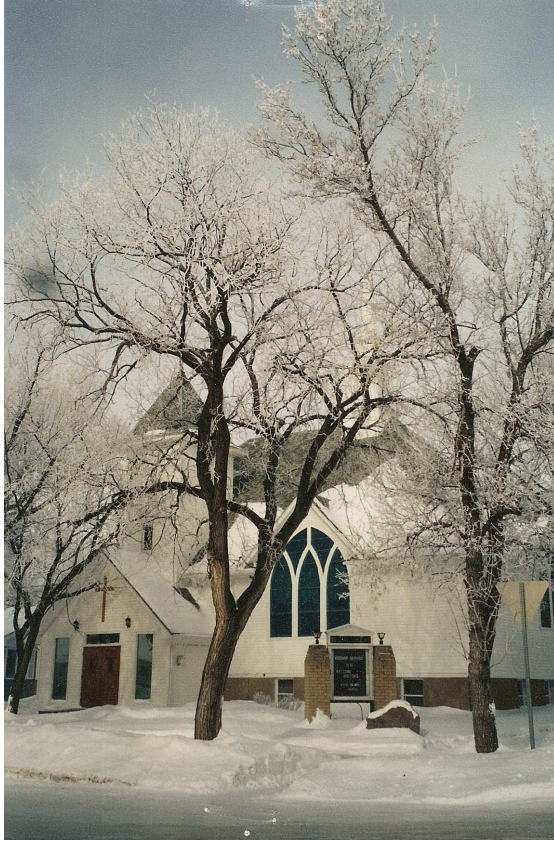


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# GARRISON FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Incorporated in 1905

“Peter do you love me?” Jesus asked of his beloved disciple

“Yes, Lord, you know I love you,” Peter answered, pleading to have his feelings of love accepted by Jesus. “Then, said Jesus, “Feed my sheep.”

That, in one brief poignant dialogue, is the very mission of the First Congregational Church, UCC, in Garrison, North Dakota. We are called into a relationship of love, divine love. This love is then made visible to the degree that together we share the joys, the burdens, the hopes of each of our journeys through this life.

We are here to help each other up when we stumble, and when needed to carry each other in our hearts when we can no longer carry on. We are here to laugh together, to share each others joys in that ongoing celebration of life’s journey. As with any family we are called to be a family in Christ. When one of us is in pain, we share the burden of that pain. Joy in one of us is joy for all of us. And like a family, even conflict, our commitment grounds us in peace and resolution.

Our mission is simply to love each other through the power of our Lord’s divine love. And, as we grow in this love we shall reach out, beyond our church, our community, into the greater world of faith, and support others on their journey as well.

“Peter, do you love me?”