

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC * United Church of Christ, Congregational

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Corner of Second Avenue and Main Street

CITY, TOWN Fort Pierre

---NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
No. 2

STATE South Dakota

--- VICINITY OF
CODE
046

COUNTY
Stanley

CODE
117

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME United Church of Christ

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Fort Pierre

--- VICINITY OF

STATE
South Dakota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTER OF DEEDS, ETC. Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER Stanley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Fort Pierre

STATE
South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE 1977

---FEDERAL STATE ---COUNTY ---LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Historical Preservation Center

CITY, TOWN Vermillion

STATE
South Dakota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fort Pierre United Church of Christ, Congregational, was constructed in 1908-1909 at a cost of some \$12,000. It is rectangular in shape and has a hipped roof. A square tower set into the corner of the facade is the building's prominent feature. The pointed arch windows, the square corner tower and bichromatic appearance resulting from the use of brick with contrasting stone foundation and trim suggest generally High Victorian Gothic architecture although the facade gable treatment hints of Greek Revival detail. The church is built of locally made brick from the Fort Pierre brick yard on a foundation of Hot Springs sandstone. The church has fifteen finely-executed stained glass windows. With the exception of boarding up the belfry and painting the brick, the original appearance of the structure has been preserved.

After the 1952 flood filled the basement of the present church to a depth of 30½ inches, extensive repairs and redecoration were undertaken. At the present time the church building is severely deteriorated due to age and structural defects that may prove too costly to repair. Plans have been drawn for a new church building, and the future of the present structure is uncertain.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1908-1909

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, the United Church of Christ is significant as the only example of High Victorian Gothic architecture in Fort Pierre. As in the case of several other local buildings, the Congregational Church represents an outstanding local adaptation of a particular style of architecture to meet the needs of what was in 1908, still a frontier community. The church also represents a somewhat late appearance of this particular style. Elsewhere to the east of South Dakota the style's popularity reached its peak during the 1870's and 1880's.

Historically, the history of the Fort Pierre Congregational Church dates back to about 1890 when the First Congregational Church of Christ of Fort Pierre was organized following the establishment of a Sunday school in an old dance hall. The famous Congregational missionary, Dr. Alfred L. Riggs, participated in the dedication of the first church in 1891. A contemporary newspaper account reported the event as follows:

The new Congregational Church was the scene of interesting ceremonies on Sunday evening. The edifice was dedicated to the worship of God by the Rev. Wiard of Mitchell, assisted by the Rev. Oakey of Pierre, Rev. Philo Hitchcock of Willow Lake, Rev. L. M. Daley of Home Missions and Rev. George L. Bates, resident pastor. The building is neat and attractive and situated on a big bluff of Deadwood Street and commands a beautiful view of the Missouri River for miles north and south and of the verdant valley without limit. The edifice is a credit to Fort Pierre and is the first English church to be dedicated in the late ceded lands.¹

This present church replaces an earlier frame structure that was constructed in 1891 on a small hill where the new Stanley County Courthouse now stands. In 1899 this frame church was moved to the site of the present church at the corner of Second and Main. After the present church was constructed, the old church building was used for Sunday school classes and as a community social hall. In 1925 it was sold to Mrs. Alma Richman for \$425 and the building was moved to Main Street to become the office for the FORT PIERRE TIMES. It now houses a gun shop.

In 1958 the Congregation joined with the Evangelical and Reformed Church to form the United Church of Christ. In 1960 the name was officially changed to the Congregational United Church of Christ of Fort Pierre.

1. FORT PIERRE TIMES, May 19, 1891.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PRAIRIE PROGRESS IN WEST CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA, Historical Society of Stanley County, 1968.
 BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL, Fort Pierre, South Dakota, 1971.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES None Available

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 B

 C

 D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude $44^{\circ} 21' 13''$
 Longitude $100^{\circ} 22' 34.29''$

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lawrence J. Sommer, Assoc. AIP

ORGANIZATION Planning & Historic Preservation Consultant to the Fort Pierre Community Development Department DATE 1977

STREET & NUMBER 407A Alworth Building TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Duluth, Minnesota STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Acting Director Historical Preservation Center

DATE Sept 21/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: William J. Somerly
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
William D. Cole
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12/26/77
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 11-8-77

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Fort Pierre, South Dakota

Latitude 44⁰ 21' 14"
Longitude 100⁰ 22' ~~39~~ 29