

**GRANITE FALLS
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
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Granite Falls MN 56241
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THE ENCOUNTER
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Tuesday—Friday

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NOVEMBER

	Novembr 4, 2018	November 11, 2018	November 18, 2018	November 25, 2018
Usher	Bryan Mooney	Brian Mooney	Brian Mooney	Brian Mooney
Usher	Peggy Mooney	Peggy Mooney	Peggy Mooney	Peggy Mooney
Fellowship	Tom & Linda Bukowski	Gayle Inks	Sandy Torgerson	John & Julie Butterbrodt
Fellowship	Keith & Deb Koerlin	Pearl Lenzen	Karen Schmidt-Dill	Sharon & Dick Anderson
Liturgist	Sue Selden	Steve Zumhofe	Terry VanDerPol	Helen Stukel
Clean Up	Tammy Anderson	Spencer & Peggy Kvam	Jerry & Sheila Koepke	Gail Rohlik
Clean Down	NA	NA	NA	NA

Please have church cleaned by the listed date

DRIVERS NEEDED:

November

Please call Pearl if you are available

Our **UCC D@YD**
Director: Helen Stukel, Treasurer:
Sharon Anderson Coordinator:
Pearl Lenzen

New Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10:00 am—2:00 pm

NEW MISSION

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our Trailer of Mercy clothing drive. Your wonderful giving is so greatly appreciated. Thanks again!!



THE HEIFER PROJECT

The Heifer Project works in 25 countries and has for over 70 years. Their approach involves enhancing the capacity of vulnerable small-scale farmers, especially women, to secure their livelihoods.

Our collection of noisy offering on the third Sunday of each month goes toward buying animals to support this endeavor. In December of each year we ask the children in the congregation to pick out which animals they would like to "buy" that year. In 2017 this was 1 llama/Alpaca, 1 pig, 1 flock of Chicks and 1 Duck/Geese.

We encourage you to save your change (but we will gladly accept bills) for this monthly mission.

November Birthdays

Nov 4	Audrey Zempel Jerry Koepke
Nov 5	Bea Read
Nov 10	John (Snig) Halling
Nov 17	Cheri Fjermstad
Nov 23	Sherri Gatchell
Nov 23	Jeff Iverson
Nov 24	Jerry Gustafson
Nov 25	Peggy Mooney Butch Olson
Nov 27	Bryan Mooney
Nov 28	Linda Bukowski

November Anniversaries

Nov 10	Jerry & Sheila Koepke
Nov 13	Curt & Paula Soine
Nov 17	Duane & Deb Mead

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 4	Ruth 1:1-18, Psalm 127, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44
November 11	Ruth 3:1-5, Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44
November 18	1 Samuel 1:4-20, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10:11-14, 15-18, 19-25, Mark 13:1-8.
November 25	2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12,1318, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)

Council Minutes

September 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Council members present: John, Steve, Janie, Bea, Sharon, Peg, Spencer, Sue.

Devotions: Sharon Anderson

1. Review, Modify and Approve the Agenda Approve: Peg/Sharon/U
2. Minutes of August 8, 2018 meeting Approve: Janie/Spencer/U
3. Committee Reports:
 - A. Christian Education: Root beer floats will be served for Rally Sunday—Janie will serve. Sunday school materials are in and pictures will be stored in a red binder in the office; lessons will be downloaded for the appropriate age levels. Peg will teach this Sunday. Myracle will receive her bible this Sunday also.
 - B. Worship, Sanctuary, and Membership: not met
 - C. Building and Maintenance The serviceman from Sleepy Eye will be here this month to look at the stained glass window. The new banner of the Johnny Appleseed song has arrived and will be placed on the south wall. Steve hasn't put the swimming pool in place in the bell tower.
 - D. Stewardship: Will meet Sunday to set mission moments and find a date for a meeting to plan the fall campaign.
Memorials and Bequests: not met. Scholarship requests need to be filled out by October.
 - F. Pastor Parish Relations Committee: committee not currently active. Wider Church Happenings: none
Accept reports: Spencer/Bea/U
4. Financial Report: August was about \$3500 to the good, so YTD is \$3,747.22 up. Janie will get information on parsonage payments to Spencer so the amortization can be figured before the balloon payment comes due. Janie will also check on the wattage use that caused an increase in the utility bill. Accept: Peg/Bea/U
5. Moderator's Report: Pulpit supply is set through November. John will thank Bob Vedell for the times he's been here and let him know that we may need him again in December. Okogyeamon was drawn to the "social and environmental justice" mentioned in our ad and is interested in meeting with us and/or leading a community forum. John will ask him to come out on October 14th to preach and to have a forum at 2:00 at the church. This will be advertised in the newspaper and flyers. A short statement about the topic and bio will be needed.
6. Old Business:
 - A. West yard cleanup was completed thanks to all those who responded to John's phone calls.
 - B. Pulpit supply is set through November.
 - C. John has a possible microphone to use in the bell tower, but needs more wire. Sharon suggested an electronics store in Willmar that helped with previous microphone issues. John will investigate further.
 - D. Sunday school materials are ready.
 - E. Sharon & Helen attended the community dinner meeting. They are looking for people to be on the planning committee as well as groups to serve. We are not interested in serving again. John is interested in writing a column for the newspaper: "The View From Our Corner Church," which would speak to issues of social and environmental justice in relation to the upcoming election. He will write it and send it to the council for input so it is ready for September 30th.

7. New Business:

A. Jeff Iverson attended to discuss plans for choir this year. Dick will probably not be singing, but Karen Halling will be here at least part time. Choir will sing 2-3 Sundays a month, depending on Jeff's availability. Current compensation is \$300/month for 9 months. Sharon made a motion, seconded by Peg, to offer \$100 per Sunday that Jeff directs choir, not to exceed \$300/month. Motion approved.

B. The sofa in the conference room will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Bea volunteered to take it to them when she has time.

C. Highway cleanup will be September 19th at 5:00 with September 23rd as the backup date. People will be invited to eat at Dallas II afterward—about 7 pm.

D. The letter is about ready to be mailed about Rick Wagner's service and the congregational meeting following it on September 30th. Any suggestions for changes need to be gotten to John soon.

John will talk with Okogyeamon about October 14th and discuss compensation, a room at the casino, and mileage.

8. Church Use Requests: Living-at-Home-Block-Nurse has stated an interest in using the fellowship area once again to prepare their roses for delivery after their fundraiser. The paperwork will be completed when they get the date and time to Karen.

9. Devotions for Next Meeting: October 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM: Peggy

10. Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 8:50. Spencer/Bea/U

The Granite Falls United Church of Christ in Granite Falls, MN, is seeking a half-time pastor to serve our congregation. In addition to regular pastoral duties, we are looking for someone to help us to become a more active voice and visible presence in our community. We aspire to become a church that advocates publicly and forcefully for social and environmental justice.

We are a small congregation (94), but we are a generous and active church. We have consistently been a 5 for 5 mission congregation. We are active in the local food shelf, have participated in Adopt a Highway since 1990, host a community Thanksgiving Eve service, and prepare an annual Fat Tuesday meal with proceeds helping to support our local missions.

Granite Falls is located in the scenic and historic Minnesota River Valley midway between two larger trade centers. We have a well-equipped 24-hour community center, a progressive local government, and a forward-looking independent community hospital, clinic, and nursing home. Our community is served by the Yellow Medicine East School District and the Granite Falls Campus of Minnesota West and Community Technical College.

Compensation is approximately \$28,000 a year for an ordained minister or one eligible for ordination. To apply, please send profile or resume to Associate Conference Minister, Rick Wagner, at rickw@uccmn.org. For more information, contact Rick at 612-871-0359.

CIRCLE OF STONES



WHEN: Wednesday November 28th 7:00 pm

WHERE: Helen Stukel's home

WHO: Women of the church and friends

WHAT: Bring a Bible, any translation.

Studying Ecclesiastes 7-8

PONDER: God's time /Human time and
Meaningful work VS difficult work



Thank You, LORD!

Whenever you can't reach anyone in the church office please call Sharon or Dick Anderson at 320-564-0964 or 320-212-2005. They will know who is on call to handle emergency situations.

November Calendar

Sunday	Nov 4	Worship	9:00 am
		Pastor Larry Olson	
		Choir Practice	10:30 am
Wed	Nov 7		
		Sanctuary, Worship, Membership	7:00 pm
Sunday	Nov 11	Worship	9:00 am
		Allen Gislason preaching	
		Choir Practice	10:30 am-
Wed	Nov 14	Council	7:00 pm
Sunday	Nov 18	Worship	9:00am
		Noisy Offering	
		Pastor Larry Olson	
		Choir Practice	10:30 am
Wed	Nov 21	Thanksgiving Service	7:00 pm
		Rev Larry Olson	
Sunday	Nov 25	Worship	9:00 am
		Allen Gislason	
		Choir Practice	10:30 am
Wed	Nov 28	Circle of Stones	7:00 pm
		Home of Helen Stukel	