

**GRANITE FALLS
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
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Granite Falls MN 56241
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THE ENCOUNTER
March 2019 Issue #3**

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MARCH

Responsibility					
	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Usher	Bea Read	Bea Read	Bea Read	Bea Read	Bea Read
Usher	John Butterbrodt	John Butterbrodt	John Butterbrodt	John Butterbrodt	John Butterbrodt
Fellowship	John/Karen Hal-ling	Diane Bakker	Sharon/Dick An-der-son	Rob/Janie Ator	Darrell/Hazel Carter
Fellowship	John/Julie Butter-brodt	Bev Nordang	Pearl Lenzen	Stan/Nellie Kompelien	Chad VanOverBeke
Liturgist	Sharon Anderson	Sue Selden	Steve Zumhofe	Helen Stukel	Sharon Anderson
Clean Up	Dick/Sharon An-der-son	John/Julie Butter-brodt	Joel/Diane Beninga	Pearl Lenzen	Gail Rohlik
Clean Down	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik

Please have the church cleaned by the listed date.

THANK YOU DRIVERS IN February

Cindy and Cheri Fjermestad, Gayle Inks, , John Butterbrodt, Lynne Holmstrom, Pearl Lenzen, Joel Benninga, Dan Maiden, Sharon Anderson

DuWayne & LaVonne Koenen,, Amanda & Brad Hall

Your service is greatly appreciated!

Our **UCC D@YD**

**Director: Helen Stukel, Treasurer: Sharon Anderson Coordi-
nator:
Pearl Lenzen**

CIRCLE OF STONES



WHEN: Wednesday March 27 7:00 pm

WHERE: Home Of LaVonne Koenen
98 Pleasant St

WHO: Women of the church and friends

WHAT: Bring a Bible, any translation.
Studying The Book of 1 Corinthians

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.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 3	Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36
March 10	Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2,9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13
March 17	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35
March 24	Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9
March 31	Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March Birthdays

March 1	Jordan Rustin
March 5	Jordan Gaffaney Josh Beninga
March 8	Darrell Zieske
March 9	Marty Bergman
March 10	Carle Kling
March 11	Zach Koepke
March 13	Kristina Ellingoe Ricks
March 15	Jennie Bardwell
March 21	Katie Kvam
March 22	Bill Krinke
March 25	Paula Soine
March 26	Sharon Olson
March 29	Sally Thoma
March 30	Ron Bergman



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.



March Calendar

Sunday	March 3	Worship	9:00 am
		Mort Meyenburg Preaching	
		Choir Practice	10:30 am
Tues	March 5	MardiGras/Meatball	
		Dinner	4:30-6:30 pm
Sunday	March 10	Worship	9:00 am
		Allen Gislason Preaching	
		Choir Practice	10:30 am
Wed	March 13	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Sunday	March 17	Worship	9:00 am
		Noisy Offering	
		Choir Practice	10:30 am
Sunday	March 24	Worship	9:00 am
		Choir Practice	10:30 am
		Allen Gislason Preaching	
Sunday	March 31	Worship	9:00 am
		Choir Practice	

36th Annual
MEATBALL

Fundraiser

with **CAJUN** option

FAT TUESDAY

March 5, 2019

4:30—6:30 p.m.

(or when food is gone)

Snow Date: March 7,

Granite Falls UCC

210 9th Avenue

(please use East or North entrance)

320-564-2442



MENU

Meatballs Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Coleslaw Corn

Homemade Pie or Dessert

OR

Jambalaya

Cornbread/Honey Butter

Coleslaw Corn

Homemade Pie or Dessert

\$10 Adults

\$5 under 12

Take-out and in

town delivery

available.

Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)
Council Agenda
January 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Devotions: Steve

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Moderator John Butterbrodt. Council members present: Janie, John, Peggy, Sharon, Spencer, Steve, Sue.

1. Review, Modify and Approve the Agenda: Add 9D—Pastoral interest, 9E—Signatories for checking account. Approve as modified: Peggy/Spencer/U
2. Minutes of December 12, 2018, meeting: Approve: Janie/Spencer/U
3. Committee Reports:
 - Christian Education: Confirmation met with Kaylia Vavricka and Samone Farris.
 - Worship, Sanctuary, and Membership: not met
 - Building and Maintenance: Keith thinks we can get a new mechanism for the front door. True Value looked at the dishwasher and thinks the problem was the pressure release valve. We need to run it through a rinse cycle before turning the heater on. Peggy will run a load through to make sure it is working before the meatball dinner. The lock on the downstairs door won't stay open. Steve will look at it.
 - Stewardship: January mission emphasis is Justice & Witness and February will be food shelf. Steve asked for suggestions for a new committee member.
 - Memorials and Bequests: not met
 - Pastor Parish Relations Committee: Not Currently Active
 - Wider Church Happenings: UCC issued a paper on the border security issue.
 - Accept reports: Peggy/Steve/U
4. Financial Report: We ended the year with \$5,893.49 to the good and \$6559 for OCWM. There is about \$9,100 in the checking account. Janie will leave for Guam in June or July. Tammy is willing to go over the books—Janie will meet with her. Janie will gather information for the Yearbook Report, and then give it to Karen to enter. Approve: Spencer/Sharon/U
5. Moderator's Report:
 - John sent a thank you to Okogyeamon and let Bob Vedell know we may need to call on him again.
 - Christmas Eve Service had a nice turnout.
 - Thank you to Peggy, Sharon, Helen and Steve for Sunday's service.
 - Update on correspondence with Terese.
6. Old Business:
 - Church Bell: Special wire is needed for the microphone—John will continue to work on it.
7. New Business:
 - January Annual Meeting: Reports need to be turned in. John will send out a letter of reminder about the annual meeting and Terese's visit. An agenda item will be added to authorize the council to offer a contract to Terese.
 - Housing: An ad will be placed in the paper seeking housing options.
 - Pulpit Supply: John tried to call Mort Myenburg, who was suggested by Allen, but hasn't reached her yet. Communion will be the 2nd Sunday of the month with Allen. Bob Vedell and Karen Schmidt-Dill will be called as needed.
 - Pastoral Interest: A letter and resume was received from Felicia Faldet. John will respond and find out the level of her interest.
 - Signatories to Checking Account: A motion was made to authorize Janie Ator and John Butterbrodt as checking account signatories and remove all others currently listed. Spencer/Peggy/U
8. Church Use Requests: Prairie Arts Chorale will have a board meeting here on January 20th.
9. Devotions for Next Meeting: February 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM: Spencer.
10. Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer: Spencer/Peggy

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE 2019

Jan. 6	Keith/Deb Koerlin	June 30	Jeff/Sheila VanOverBeke
	Helen Stukel	July 7	Bea Read
Jan. 13	Joel/Diane Beninga	July 14	John/Julie Butterbrodt
	Meredith Leiser	July 21	Diane Bakker
Jan. 20	Jerry/Sheila Koepke	July 28	Sharon/Dick Anderson
	Babe Gatchell	Aug. 4	Bev Nordang
Jan. 27	Bryan/Peggy Mooney	Aug. 11	Stan/Nellie Kompelien
	Paul Ledford	Aug. 18	John/Karen Halling
Feb. 3	Ray/Sharon Olson	Aug. 25	Cindy/Cheri Fjermestad
	Jeff/Sheila VanOverbeke		RESTART TWO SERVERS
Feb. 10	Greg/Lynn Holmstrom	Sept. 1	Pearl Lenzen
	Gayle Inks		Gayle Inks
Feb. 17	Sue Selden	Sept. 8	Sandy Torgerson
	Sandy Torgerson		Sally Thoma
Feb. 24	Cindy/Cheri Fjermestad	Sept. 15	Wayne Kling
	Bea Read		Bill/Sue Krinke
Mar. 3	John/Karen Halling	Sept. 22	Chad VanOverBeke
	John/Julie Butterbrodt		Darrell/Hazel Carter
Mar. 10	Diane Bakker	Sept. 29	Dennis/Konnie Holtz
	Bev Nordang		Steve/Vicki Zumhofe
Mar. 17	Sharon/Dick Anderson	Oct. 6	Tammy Anderson
	Pearl Lenzen		Ron/Marty Bergman
Mar. 24	Stan/Nellie Kompelien	Oct. 13	DuWayne/Lavonne Koenen
	Rob/Janie Ator		Keith/Deb Koerlin
Mar. 31	Darrell/Hazel Carter	Oct. 20	Jerry/Sheila Koepke
	Chad VanOverBeke		Babe Gatchell
Apr. 7	DuWayne/Lavonne Koenen	Oct. 27	Joel/Diane Beninga
	Wayne Kling		Sandy Torgerson
Apr. 14	Steve/Vicki Zumhofe	Nov. 3	Helen Stukel
	Sally Thoma		Meredith Leiser
Apr. 21	Helen Stukel	Nov. 10	Bryan/Peggy Mooney
	Spencer/Peggy Kvam		Paul Ledford
Apr. 28	Dennis/Konnie Holtz	Nov. 17	Ray/Sharon Olson
	Meredith Leiser		Diane Bakker
May 5	Tammy Anderson	Nov. 24	Sue Selden
	Ron/Marty Bergman		Jeff/Sheila VanOverBeke
May 12	Bill/Sue Krinke	Dec. 1	Bea Read
	Bryan/Peggy Mooney		Cindy/Cheri Fjermestad
May 19	Jerry/Sheila Koepke	Dec. 8	Sharon/Dick Anderson
	Babe Gatchell		John/Karen Halling
May 26	Paul Ledford	Dec. 15	Pearl Lenzen
	Sue Selden		Gayle Inks
		Dec. 22	John/Julie Butterbrodt
			Bev Nordang
	JUNE-JULY-AUGUST (ONE SERVER)	Dec. 29	Stan/Nellie Kompelien
June 2	Rob/Janie Ator		Darrell/Hazel Carter
June 9	Keith/Deb Koerlin		
June 16	Joel/Diane Beninga		
June 23	Ray/Sharon Olson		

Please bring two dozen treats on your assigned Sunday. If you are unable to serve Fellowship, please find a substitute and notify the church office. Thank you!