

**GRANITE FALLS
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
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THE ENCOUNTER
April 2019 Issue #4**

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APRIL

Responsibility					
	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	
Usher	Steve Zumhofe	Steve Zumhofe	Steve Zumhofe	Steve Zumhofe	
Usher	Vicki Zumhofe	Vicki Zumhofe	Vicki Zumhofe	Vicki Zumhofe	
Fellowship	DuWayne/LaVonne Koenen	Steve/Vicki Zumhofe	Helen Stukel	Denis/Konnie Holtz	
Fellowship	Wayne Kling	Sally Thoma	Spencer/Peggy Kvam	Meredith Leiser	
Liturgist	Sue Selden	Steve Zumhofe	Helen Stukel	Sharon Anderson	
Clean Up	Bryan/Peggy Mooney	John/Karen Halling	Bea Read	Gail Rohlik	
Clean Down	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	

Please have the church cleaned by the listed date.

We have been invited to a special presentation on Kent Hunter's book "Who Broke My Church?". Proven strategies for renewal and revival in the Christian Church will be shared. It will be held at Wang Lutheran Church on Sunday April 28, 2019 with Pastor Brad Larson.

The Schedule is as follows: 2:00-3:00 pm—Session 1, 3:00-3:30 pm Coffee Break, 3:30-4:30 pm Session 2. 4:30 pm Soup & Sandwich Meal (no Charge).

Together, we look forward to learning ways to share God's Word with others!

Check the bulletin board at Church for directions to the church.

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

April 7	Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
April 14	Palm Sunday Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 * Luke 19:28-40, Isaiah 50:4-9a * Psalm 31:9-16 * Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 23:1-49
April 21	Easter Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-8
April 28	Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29 John 20:19-31

April Birthdays

April 1	Charlotte Zumhofe
April 3	Sandy Torgerson
April 22	Ray Olson
April 24	Rob Ator
April 26	Sharon Anderson



April Anniversaries

April 12	Bryan & Peggy Mooney
April 14	Spencer & Peggy Kvam
April 29	Rich and Sue Rollins



Check the May Newsletter for some fun pictures of the goings on here at the church!

APRIL

April Calendar

Sunday	April 7	Worship	9:00 am
		Choir Practice	10:30 am
Wed	April 10	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Sunday	April 14	Worship	9:00 am
		Palm Sunday	
		Allen Gislason Preaching	
		Choir Practice	10:30 am
Sunday	April 21	Worship	9:00 am
		Easter Sunday	
		Noisy Offering	
		Choir Practice	10:30 am
Wed	April 24	Circle of Stones	7:00 pm
Sunday	April 28	Worship	9:00 am
		Randy Moe Preaching	
		Choir Practice	10:30 am

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.

**Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)
Council Minutes
February 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

Devotions: Spencer

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

1. Review, Modify and Approve the Agenda: Add 7E—Review & correct 2019 duties list; 7F—Request for transfer; 7G—Yearbook data; 7H—Approve election results & appoint committee members. Approved as modified: Spencer/Bea/U
2. Minutes of January 8, 2018, meeting: Approved: Peggy/Steve/U
3. Committee Reports:
 - Christian Education: not met
 - Worship, Sanctuary, and Membership: not met
 - Building and Maintenance: Steve & DuWayne shampooed some areas of the carpet upstairs & will do basement after the meatball dinner. Some members have volunteered to get the entry ceiling sheet rocked & painted in the spring if there are no leaks from the bell tower. A new pressure release valve was installed in the dishwasher for \$335.06. John has been doing most of the snow shoveling--Dennis, Steve and Spencer are available to call for help. Steve will make more keys for the two offices.
 - Stewardship: February mission emphasis is food shelf.
 - Memorials & Bequests: Welcomed Konnie Holtz and set up meeting dates for the year.
 - Pastor Parish Relations Committee: Not Currently Active
 - Wider Church Happenings: MN Conference group was down at Back Bay Mission.
- Accept reports: Spencer/Sharon/U
4. Financial Report: We were short \$347.88 in January. \$8,000 was received from Jeanette & Curt Olson Foundation. Approve: Peggy/Bea/U
5. Moderator's Report:
 - The annual meeting went well, but better flow is needed on the reports. Terese Tomanek sent an email declining the position as part-time pastor. John has doubts whether Felicia Faldet would want only a half-time position.
6. Old Business:
 - Signatories: In addition to checking and savings accounts, the Women's Fellowship and Christian Ed accounts need to have current signatories. Motion: On account # 8248 to have Janie Ator and Sharon Anderson as signatories and on Christian Education account to have Janie Ator and Tammy Anderson as signatories, removing any others listed. Spencer/Peggy/U
 - Church bell: John received no response from Pyle to his email.
7. New Business:
 - A. Resignation: Jeff Iverson tendered his resignation as choir director as of May 19, 2019. Motion to accept: Dennis/Steve/U. Janie will check with Ann Hanson to find out if she'd be interested in the choir director's position come fall.
 - B. Meatball dinner: Letters have gone out for monetary donations and pies. \$250 received from Thrivent.
 - C. John will check with Felicia Faldet about the possibility of her doing pulpit supply some Sunday.
 - D. Pulpit Supply: Mort Myenburg will do March 3 and John will do this Sunday. March 17 & 31 are open. In Lent we will only do a Maundy Thursday service.
 - E. Duties lists: Karen requested updates to Fellowship, Cleaning, Liturgist and Usher lists for 2019.
 - F. Transfer: Karen Schmidt-Dill has requested a transfer to Montevideo Congregational Church. Transfer approved: Spencer/Janie/U
 - G. Yearbook: Janie will get the data entered this week.
 - Motion to approve elected members and appoint new committee members from annual meeting: Spencer/Steve/U
8. Church Use Requests: Peggy Mooney requested fellowship hall for Saturday, February 23rd, for a baby shower for Calvin & Nicki. Approved: Peggy/Spencer/U
9. Devotions for Next Meeting: March 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM: John. The meeting may have to be moved to a different night as John may have a class conflict.
10. Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer: Peggy/Spencer/U