

**GRANITE FALLS
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
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THE ENCOUNTER
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MAY

| Responsibility | | | | | |
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| | May 5 | May 12 | May 19 | May 26 | |
| Usher | Pearl Lenzen | Pearl Lenzen | Pearl Lenzen | Pearl Lenzen | |
| Usher | Bea Read | Bea Read | Bea Read | Bea Read | |
| Fellowship | Tammy Anderson | Bill/Sue Krinke | Babe Gatchell | Paul Ledford | |
| Fellowship | Ron/Marty Bergman | Brian/Peggy Mooney | Jerry/Sheila Koepke | Sue Selden | |
| Liturgist | Sue Selden | Steve Zumhofe | Helen Stukel | Sharon Anderson | |
| Clean Up | Sharon Anderson | Sue Selden | Rob/Janie Ator | 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 two special events:
Neighbors United Food Shelf Benefit Concert featuring
Building Bridges Choir Directed by Jan Lerohl and *Take Note*
A Cappella Chorus Directed by Dr. Anna DeGraff **Sunday**
May 19 3:30 p.m. Granite Falls Lutheran Church 350 9th Ave.
Free Will Offering and Community Dinner at 5:00 downstairs
Following.

Take Note A Cappella Chorus under the direction of Dr. Anna
 Degraff *presents "Dedicated to the Ones we Love"*. **Satur-**
day May 18 3:30pm at New Life Church, 605 9th Avenue,
Clarkfield Refreshments after concert. Tickets \$5

CIRCLE OF STONES



WHEN: Wednesday May 22 7:00 pm

WHERE: Home Of Peggy Kvam
410 7th Ave

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

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| May 5 | Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19 |
| May 12 | Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 |
| May 19 | Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35 |
| May 26 | Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, |

May Birthdays

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| May 2 | Sheila Koepke |
| May 5 | Greg Holmstrom |
| May 25 | May Peterson |
| May 27 | Laura Butterbrodt |
| May 30 | Nolan Zumhofe |



May Anniversaries

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| May 3 | Dick & Sharon Anderson |
| May 27 | Keith & Deb Koerlin |

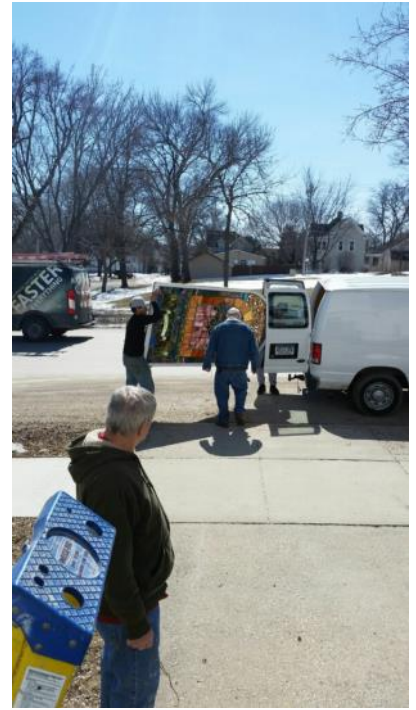
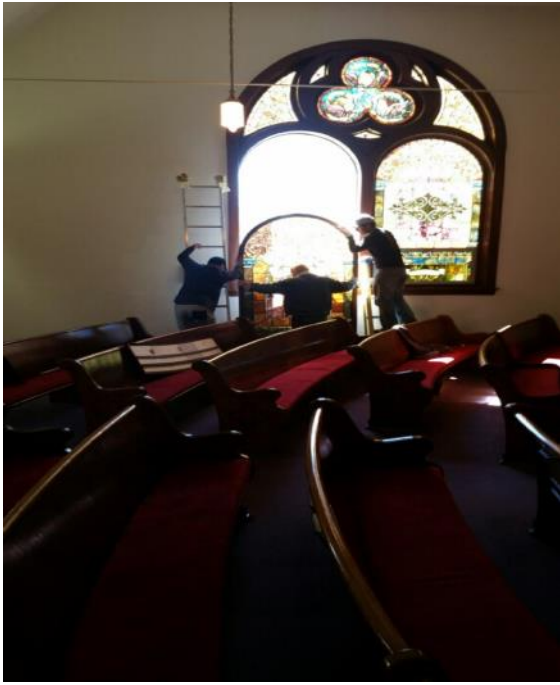




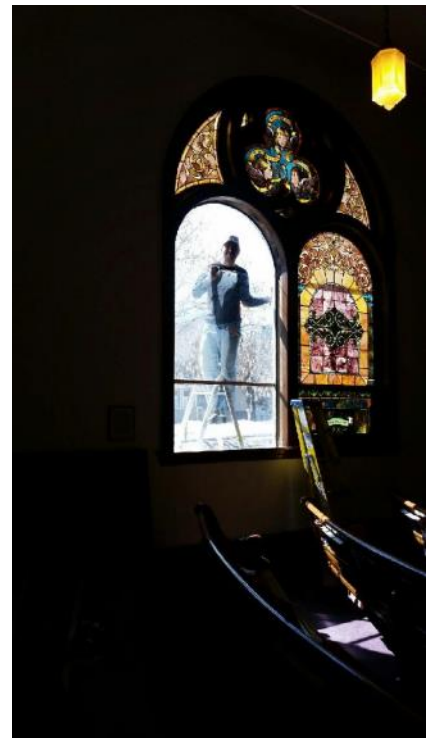
May Calendar

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| Wed | May 1 | Worship, Sanct Membership Christian Ed | 5:00pm 7:00pm |
| Sunday | May 5 | Worship Rev Larry Olson Choir Practice | 9:00am 10:30am |
| Wed | May 8 | Hwy Cleanup Dinner at Dallas | 5:00pm |
| Thurs | May 9 | Council Meeting | 7:00pm |
| Sunday | May 12 | Communion Allen Gislason Choir Practice | 9:00am 10:30am |
| Sunday | May 19 | Worship Allen Gislason Choir Practice Jeff's Last Sunday | 9:00am 10:30am |
| Wed | May 22 | Circle of Stones Home of Peggy Kvam | 7:00pm |
| Sunday | May 26 | Worship J D Haas | 9:00am |

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.



It was an exciting day when the stain glass window was removed to go and be fixed. Sharon Anderson was here to take pictures so you can see how it went. It will be even more exciting when it is replaced but in the meantime we have lots of light in the Sanctuary



Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)

Council Minutes

March 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Devotions: John

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 6D—Stained glass window, 7G—Highway Cleanup, 7H—Kitchen faucets. Approved as modified Peggy/Dennis/U
2. Minutes of February 13, 2018, meeting: 3C—correct spelling of DuWayne, 3E—add Konnie’s last name, 7A—add “as choir director.” Approved as amended: Steve/Bea/U
3. Committee Reports:
 - Christian Education: They have some concern on Sunday School attendance and are finding a cheaper, more leader-friendly option for new materials to use.
 - Worship, Sanctuary, and Membership: They talked about if they could do anything to help in finding a new pastor, but that is up to the council. Helen got the OGHS calendars and boxes. Peggy will help them prepare materials to be used on Maundy Thursday, like last year.
 - Building and Maintenance: The dishwasher held up through the meatball dinner.
 - Stewardship: March mission emphasis is OGHS.
 - Memorials & Bequests: They will meet in April. Sharon asked about what we have done with the Jeanette & Curt Olson Foundation proceeds and whether we should be donating some of that money. It could be used toward the stained glass window and new pastor expenses.
 - Pastor Parish Relations Committee: Not Currently Active
 - Wider Church Happenings: Pilgrim Point Camp is being sold. The proceeds will fund other programs. Some of the Fellowship money had been going to Pilgrim Point. It should be put on the agenda later in the year to discuss how to divide the Fellowship funds. Accept reports: Sharon/Peggy/U
4. Financial Report: We were short \$575.70 in February. The income from March is already better. Approve: Peggy/Dennis/
5. Moderator’s Report:

It was good to see people coming to our church for the meatball dinner. John will keep soldiering on with Pulpit Supply.
6. Old Business: Janie is the bank’s “control person” for our accounts. She still needs to sign the new form as a signatory on all of the Granite Falls Bank accounts. Janie will check with Tammy Anderson to see if the Christian Ed account is at Citizens Bank. John sent Jeff Iverson a thank you for his service as choir director.

Church bell: John has still received no response from Pyle to his email. Steve will take over on getting a mike wired to hear the bell better.
7. New Business:
 - A. John will be attending the Conference Annual Meeting June 7 & 8 and invited anyone else interested to attend also.
 - B. Chamber of Commerce: We will renew our membership, paid for by Memorials & Bequests.
 - C. Becoming a Creation Justice Church: There is an environmental emphasis to this that fits with us. The Conference would like to see good participation. John will find out more at the Annual Meeting.
 - D. Calling List: Changes were suggested to the list and Janie will send out a revised copy.
 - E. Meatball Dinner Proceeds: Peggy acknowledged the Confirmation students who did the bulletin boards downstairs and in the conference room. There was \$2,577.21 in profit. It was decided to send a letter to the editor thanking everyone for their help in reaching this amount—Sue will write the letter. A motion was made to donate \$1,000 for Granite Falls Health’s new van, \$500 for the Food Shelf, with the remainder going into the general fund for now. Peggy/Spencer/U
 - F. Pulpit Supply: March 31 and April 7 need filling yet, assuming Allen will still do April 14 and 28. Rosanna Walker will be asked if she is willing to do the Easter service. Larry Olson will be back May 1 and is willing to fill in again. John will check with Mort Myenburg about doing a service again. Bob Vedell could also be contacted again if needed. Felecia Faldet did not respond to any emails, so she will be dropped from consideration. Peggy asked about using Pastor-Parish committee to help with Pulpit Supply, but John is willing to continue this himself. Randy Moe has requested a meeting with Council members to find out about our openings. Those who are free will meet with him at 10 am on March 30th.
 - G. Highway Cleanup: This is usually done around Earth Day, April 22nd. We will wait until next month to schedule a date.
 - H. Kitchen Faucets: Dennis had Ims Plumbing look at the faucets—they’ve been repaired many times and need to be replaced. They gave an estimate of \$485 for 2 faucets and installation. Bisbee Plumbing estimated \$400. A motion was made to have Dennis contact Bisbee to install the faucets; Sharon/Spencer/U
8. Church Use Requests: none
9. Devotions for Next Meeting, April 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM: Sue.
10. Adjourn with the Lord’s Prayer: Spencer/Peggy/U