

**GRANITE FALLS  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
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THE ENCOUNTER  
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**OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

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# MARCH

Date	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Usher	Bea Read	Bea Read	Bea Read	Bea Read	Bea Read
Usher	John Butterbrodt	John Butterbrodt	John Butterbrodt	John Butterbrodt	John Butterbrodt
Fellowship	Bea Read	Diane Bakker	Sharon/Dick Anderson	Pearl Lenzen	Stan/Nellie Kompelien
Fellowship	John Butterbrodt	Bev Nordang	Cindy/Cheri Fjermestad	Gayle Inks	Wayne Kling
Liturgist	Steve Zumhofe	Michelle Vavricka	Helen Stukel	Sharon Anderson	Sue Selden
Clean Up	Jeff/Sheila Van-Overbeke	Stan/Nellie Kompelien	Diane Bakker	Dennis/Konnie Holtz	Gail Rohlik
Clean Down	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	

Please have the church cleaned by the listed date.

Where it says "OPEN" we are in need of someone to serve.

Please let Karen know if you are able.

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Feb 2	Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12
Feb 9	Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 2:1-16, Matthew 5:13-20
Feb 16	Deut 30:15-20, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37
Feb 23	Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

# **CIRCLE OF STONES**



**WHEN:** Thursday March 19, 2020

**WHERE:** Home Of Peggy Kvam  
410 7th Ave

**WHO:** Women of the church and friends

**WHAT:** Bring a Bible, any translation.

Studying Herod the Great based on  
Matthew 2:1-23

**Spring will come—Right?????**

**We can always hope!!**



## March Birthdays

March 1	Jordan Rustin
March 5	Josh Beninga
March 8	Darrell Zieske
March 9	Marty Bergman
March 10	Carlee Kling
March 11	Zach Koepke
March 13	Kristina Ellingboe 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



## March Anniversaries

March 14 Randy & Karen Moe

## ***NEWS AND NOTES***

Whenever you can't reach anyone in the church office please call  
Pastor Randy Moe @ 612-296-1210 or Karen Moe @ 612-296-7072.

They will either handle the situation or know who is on call.

Thank you for your understanding.

I cannot begin to say THANK YOU enough to the members and friends of the United Church of Christ for their help and support with our Fat Tuesday Meal. I tried to keep track of the number of volunteers and the hours they helped out. WOW... 257 hours! We served 265 meals, that's 42 MORE than last year. We had 103 take out/ delivery meals. No wonder we were all exhausted at the end of the night.

My heart is full. It is full of love for the support and willingness of the people of this church family. It is full of joy for everyone that worked hard and with smiles on their faces. My heart is full of hope. Hope in knowing that we maybe small, but there is so much we can do and have left to do for others. Blessings to all of you. Peggy



## *March Calendar*

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 1</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
		<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar 4</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>4:45-6:00pm</b>
		<b>Lenten Supper</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 8</b>	<b>Choir</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
		<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
		<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>4:45-6.00pm</b>
		<b>Lenten Supper</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
		<b>Council</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Choir</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
		<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
		<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>4:45-6:00pm</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Circle of Stones</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
		<b>Home of Peggy Kvam</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Choir</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
		<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
		<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>4:45-6:00pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Choir</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
		<b>Sunday School</b>	
		<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>

## **Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)**

### **Council Minutes**

**January 9, 2020**

Devotions: None

Council members present: Bea, Dennis, John, Konnie, Peggy, Sharon, Spencer, Sue. Absent: Steve. Also present: Mike Gauque & Christian Ochsendorf of North Star Insurance.

Mike & Christian reviewed our insurance policy with North Star Insurance. Changes recommended are 1) drop Cyber Liability Coverage (-\$192), 2) increase Personal Property coverage to \$200,000 (quote to be sent), and 3) increase deductible from \$1,000 to \$2,500 (save ~ 10% of premium, quote to be sent). This will be on the agenda next month as policy renews on March 1.

**Review Agenda:** Add items 6D—2020 Budget—and 6E—Review Insurance Policy. Approve as modified: Sharon/Bea/U

**Minutes of December 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting:** Approve: Peggy/Bea/U

### **Committee Reports:**

**Christian Education:** Not met

**Worship, Sanctuary, and Membership:** Not met

**Building and Maintenance:** The upstairs toilet is leaking—Steve will call Ims Plumbing. Sleepy Eye Stained Glass needs measurements of the plastic piece on the outside of the glass so they can replace the cracked plastic section. Dennis will measure on Sunday.

**Stewardship:** February emphasis is MN Food Share and March is One Great Hour of Sharing.

**Memorials, Bequests and Special Gifts:** Met in December and purchased 16 solar panels for 7 months. Approximately \$1200 was received in memorials to Ray Olson that were designated for air conditioning. Audrey will be asked to send a thank you note to Sharon. Dick's term is up and he has reached his term limit, though he is willing to serve again. Bylaws for this committee and the church need to have term limits removed.

**Pastor/Parish Relations:** Met with Randy and discussed 1) getting UCC Licensure—he hopes to have the paperwork submitted by annual meeting, 2) contract renewal—Randy would like a 1-year contract and is satisfied with the budget proposal amounts, and 3) getting the bell wired. The committee will communicate by phone/email on any feedback received before the annual meeting.

**Wider Church Happenings:** Rick Wagner's retirement is February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Conference office. We will send a card.

Accept reports: Spencer/Dennis/U

**Financial Report:** Coffee Hour Incidental carryover could possibly be used to defray costs of overdue lunch accounts. Peggy will talk to the school. Dick suggested the Cornerstone Fund to invest some of the Parsonage sale funds. The deadline was January 7<sup>th</sup>, but John will call to check on this. He will also investigate other options to discuss at the annual meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** None

### **Old Business:**

**Church Bell:** Talked about with Randy at Pastor/Parish meeting.

**Audit:** Completed

**Becoming a Creation Justice Church:** At the annual meeting the congregation will be asked if they wish to buy more solar panels and/or renew in July.

**2020 Budget:** Recommend proposed budget to the annual meeting: Spencer/Peggy/U

**Review Insurance Policy:** See above.

### **New Business:**

**New Contract for Pastor Randy Moe:** John will recommend a 1-year contract that is consistent with the budget proposal.

**Parsonage Fund:** It may be too late to use Cornerstone Fund. Some of this fund can be used for air conditioning expenses.

**Annual Meeting Agenda:** The tentative agenda was reviewed and bylaw revisions will be added, though the final vote can't be taken until later.

**Council Report for Annual Meeting:** John reviewed the report he wrote.

**Church Use Requests:** None

**Devotions for Next Meeting:** John

**Next Meeting:** February 12, 2020, at 7:30 pm. It is possible that the date might have to be changed to February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer:** Spencer/Bea/U