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AUGUST

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Aug 2 Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21
- Aug 9 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22,
45b, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33
- Aug 16 Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Romans 11:1-2a,
29-32, Matthew 15:10-28
- Aug 23 Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124, Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20
- Aug 20 Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6,23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 21-28

Aug 12 Steve and Vicke Zumhofe

August 22 Jon and Tammy Anderson



CIRCLE OF STONES



Good morning, Circle of Stones will be held on August 20th at 7:00 at the Church. Peggy will TRY to get out a Zoom invitation before that time so all can be there. The topic in August is Simon Peter. Did you know that Simon Peter appears in the gospel narratives more than anyone else except Jesus? Please check your email and snail mail for a copy of the material and Bible verses for this discussion. Blessings. Peggy

Birthdays

- Aug 4 Vicke Zumhofe
- Aug 10 Jennifer Krinke
- Aug 16 Deb Koerlin
- Aug 21 Nicholas Anderson
- Aug 23 Adam Koepke
- Aug 25 Jeff VanOverbeke
- Aug 27 Rich Rollins
Keith Koerlin
- Aug 29 Helen Stukel
- Aug 30 Jon Anderson



INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

The mission emphasis for August is the UCC Disaster Relief Fund. Disasters are stressful for survivors and caregivers alike, including the pastors and chaplains to whom survivors turn for spiritual and practical help. The Covid-19 pandemic is no exception. This long-running disaster is taking an enormous emotional toll on millions of people, sparing no one as they and those around them suffer sickness and death, isolation and loss of community and livelihoods. In response the UCC is launching "Recovering Hope". This will provide resources for emotional, spiritual and financial support for leaders, congregants and vulnerable communities. Please make a gift to the Disaster Relief Fund this month.

REMEMBER TO CONTINUE TO GIVE

Please do not forget that the expenses of the church go on even when we can't be there so it will be appreciated if you continue to send your offerings to the church. You are all the best!

FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

All requests for financial aid scholarships for the up coming academic year must be received by October 15, 2020. Scholarships are available for camp registration, education, leadership and special training needs. The Memorial, Bequests and Special Gifts committee will meet about that date to consider and allot funds. All church members and friends are encouraged to apply.

OPENING OF THE CHURCH AND OFFICE HOURS

For now we will continue to hold our Sunday Services on FaceBook live at 10:00am with a Zoom coffee hour after. We feel it is safer to do things this way. The Council will revisit this at their August meeting. We have actually been able to connect with some extra people this way. Also please join us on Wednesday evenings for our zoom devotion-coffee time. It is a great way to connect with our church family. The church office will be closed until the church is open for services. I can be reached by email or phone as I am working from home.

CONFIRMATION

We are finally going to have a confirmation service for our two confirmands, Samone Farris, and Kaylia Vavricka. It will be a private service on August 19th at seven in the evening. It will be live streamed for everyone to watch since we can't all be there. Gods Blessings on these two as they confirm their faith.

MORE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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.

COUNCIL

The church council will be meeting at the church on August 12th at 7:00pm with safety precautions taken.

ZOOM MEETINGS

Due to the council meeting on August 12th and the Confirmation on August 19th there will be no Wednesday Evening Zoom meetings those two days.