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OCTOBER

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:
Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10;
Mark 10:35-45
Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22; Hebrews 7:23-28;
Mark 10:46-52
Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

Mission emphasis for the month of October is the Fall Stewardship Campaign.

A letter will be in the mail soon with a Pledge form and a Time & Talent form.

CIRCLE OF STONES



October 28, 2021, at 7:00, Circle of Stones will meet at the church.

This month we will be discussing Jeremiah, The Purpose Driven Prophet. When Jeremiah was a young boy, God called him to be one of his prophets. Jeremiah was sure God had the wrong guy! But God had big plans for Jeremiah long before he was even born. Even though Jeremiah was not always happy with his circumstances, he was even unhappier being silent! Join us as we learn more about this young prophet.

Scriptures for discussion: **Jeremiah 1:1-19; 12: 1-4; 31: 31-37**



October Calendar

Sunday	October 3	Communion Worship Pastor Randy Moe	9:30 am
Sunday	October 10	Worship Pastor Randy Moe	9:30 am
Wednesday	October 13	Council	7:00pm
Sunday	October 17	Worship Pastor Randy Moe	9:30 am
Sunday	October 24	Worship Pastor Randy Moe	9:30 am
Sunday	October 31	Worship Pastor Randy Moe	9:30 am

October Birthdays

Oct. 2	LaVonne Koenen
Oct. 9	Barb Gustafson
Oct. 11	Julie Butterbrodt
Oct. 13	Molly Nielsen Londgren
Oct. 19	Sue Selden
Oct. 21	Sheila VanOverbeke
Oct. 23	John Butterbrodt
Oct. 24	Stan Kompelien
Oct. 28	Gene Stukel
Oct. 29	Babe Gatchell



October Anniversaries

Oct. 14 Rob & Janie Ator



News from Christian Education Committee

The committee met in August and have come up with a special activity for each month. Our hope is that each activity will be something that all ages of the church could participate in..

During September, we planted succulents and had a picnic lunch following church service. (Remember, not to over water your plants. If you took a cactus, please share pictures when they start to bloom.)



On Saturday, October 30, at 9:00 we will be making bread. Peggy has a 1 hour recipe from start to finish that we will be using. If this is something you think you might enjoy, PLEASE join us.

We should be done by 11:00. One loaf will be saved to be used at church for communion in November, all other loaves will be going home with the bakers! Please let Peggy Kvam know if you will be able to join in bread making so we have enough supplies. All you will need to bring is your own apron and willingness to make something delicious! Looking forward to seeing you there. Any questions, please call Peggy at 320 212 8059.

Pat Putnam's new address:

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FALL STEWARSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our Stewardship theme of “**Rooted in Love**” draws inspiration from Psalm 1, “They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.” The Psalmist invited us to imagine all the good things we can bear when well planted. What might we give away when rooted in love? But the Psalmist also meant something deeper. The word we translate as “planted” in English means “transplanted” in Hebrew. This translation speaks to the power of love to move us from one place to another, the power to convert us from one way of life to another. What would need to change in our lives for us to be fully rooted in love? We might need to make a move from a “mindset of scarcity” to a “mindset of abundance.” A scarcity mindset makes us think there will never be enough - we must compete, one against another, because there is not enough to go around. Scarcity thinking names all the things we cannot do, all the things we cannot share. But a mindset of abundance sees the fullness of God’s love. Martin Luther King Jr. saw the world abundantly – despite all the injustice he confronted, King knew God’s spirit moved through history, creating and renewing community. King once described the force of love that animated the Civil Rights Movement. “Agape is not a weak, passive love. It is love in action. Agape is love seeking to preserve and create community. It is insistence on community even when one seeks to break it. Agape is a willingness to go to any length to restore broken community.” What would it mean for our lives to be rooted in such love?



DAYD News—October 2021

Thanks to the drivers for the week of September 20-24: Sharon Anderson, Joel Beninga, Bea Read, Lynn Holmstrom, and Sharon Olson.

UCC Church’s next Dinner At Your Door delivery turn is October 25-29. Drivers will be needed for Monday-- Friday.

To sign up to drive and/or for questions about DAYD, please call or text Helen @ 507-828-0565 or call 320-564-4596.

**Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)
Council Minutes
August 18, 2021, 7:00 PM (Originally scheduled for August 11, 2021)**

Moderator John Butterbrodt called the meeting to order at 7:05. Council members present : Bea, Dennis, John, Konnie, Peggy, Randy, Sharon, Spencer, Steve, Sue

Devotions: Sharon

1. Review, Modify, and Approve the Agenda: Add 7C: Front door. Approve as modified: Peggy/Dennis/U.

2. Minutes of June 9, 2021 Council Meeting: Approve: Sue/Bea/U.

3. Committee Reports:

A. Christian Education: Not met. Peggy asked 2 people to be temporary members to help make decisions at the next meeting: Rally Sunday, invite Shelby Nielsen's kids to participate, weekend activities—make communion bread, learn about candle lighting.

B. Worship, Sanctuary, and Membership: Not met.

C. Building and Maintenance: Troy hasn't gotten back to Dennis yet about the LED lights for window. He has a light for the bell tower and a new fuse to install yet. Dennis will install 3 more smoke detectors.

D. Stewardship: August mission emphasis is the UCC Disaster Ministries and September is Neighbors in Need. Mission moments will be read by Sue with information provided by Dick and Spencer. October will begin the fall Stewardship campaign.

D. Memorials and Bequests: Not met. Interest on funds: Endowment, \$484; Tabor, \$352; Barker, \$54. Total balance is currently \$299,254.98.

E. Pastor Parish Relations Committee: Not met.

F. Wider Church Happenings: One of the candidates for Duluth City Council was Terese Tomanek. Minnesota Conference posted new COVID-19 guidelines for staff and meetings. They did not have any requirements for churches. We will encourage our members to go ahead and wear masks if it makes them feel more comfortable.

Approve reports: Spencer/Sharon/U.

4. Financial Report: The checking account balance is \$2,549.47.

5. Pastor's Report: Myracle's family still needs to schedule confirmation times. Randy checked in with Hazel & Darrell—no visit due to Hazel's health. He visited Geri Frederick and will check in with her again. He needs to visit Gail in the GF Care Center. Randy was honored to be part of Tim Hall's memorial service. Jon Anderson is doing poorly with his cancer.

6. Old Business:

A. Membership Approval of By-Law Changes. Schedule required announcements and date for congregational vote: Remove parenthetical section in Article VII. Schedule congregational vote for September 19, with announcements at least the 2 prior Sundays: Spencer/Sharon/U. Steve will email a copy of Article XIII to the council members. The changes and a summary of Article XIII will go into the September Encounter.

B. Replace maple tree on boulevard: The small tree died and the maple tree does not look real healthy. We will order a Matador maple tree and plant it soon and water the trees well: John/Steve/U.

C. Training for Facebook broadcast of church services. Post these instructions: Instructions are on top of the piano. Sue will go through them with anyone willing and make any further adjustments to instructions to improve them.

7. New Business:

A. Rally Sunday: Peggy is waiting for word from parents about when they will bring the kids. John would like to invite those who haven't been attending. If we schedule it for September 19th to coincide with the congregational meeting, we would get more to attend. Bibles will be handed out to kids. After the meeting we will have hot dogs (grilled by John), chips, cole slaw, and floats. Peggy will arrange for the food.

B. Plan for 150th Anniversary: Date is October 20, 2022. We need to start thinking about what to do. Kvams will get info on Bergen's plans for their celebration, also next year.

C. Front Door: Memorials for Tim Hall total about \$1,000. Sharon & Dick would like to use it to purchase a new front door as the current lock has had problems. The Sawmill gave Dennis a quote for \$1700 for the door and we would have to get someone to install it. Dennis will also get a quote from Wood Lake Lumber. Motion to accept: Peggy/Spencer/U. We can have a fund-raiser to obtain remaining amount.

8. Church Use Requests: Gene Stukel—October Meander (Already approved)

9. Devotions for Next Meeting: Bea Read

(Oct, John / Nov, Randy / Dec, Spencer / Jan, Steve / Feb, Sue / March, Sharon / April, Bea / May, Peggy)

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 (7:00 PM): Spencer & Peggy will be gone.

11. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer: Spencer/Konnie/U.