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# FEBRUARY

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 6	Isaiah 6:1-13, Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11
February 13	Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26
February 20	Genesis 45:3-15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, Luke 6:27-38
February 27	Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-43

The mission emphasis for February is the **Neighbors United Food Shelf**. As we all know the pandemic has caused a lot of disruption in our lives. One thing however, has remained constant, and that is the ever increasing demand for food assistance. Food insecurity during this time has put increasing pressure on our local community food pantry to provide for those in need. Please consider a gift to the food shelf this month in your mission giving this month

## CIRCLE OF STONES



Circle of Stones will be meeting on February 17th at 3:30 pm in the church. All are welcome!



## February Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 6</b>	<b>Communion Worship</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
		<b>Pastor Randy Moe</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
		<b>Pastor Randy Moe</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>Circle of Stones</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
		<b>Pastor Randy Moe</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 27</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
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## February Birthdays

Feb. 2	Joel Beninga
Feb. 4	Chad VanOverbeke
Feb. 8	Jim Fjermestad
Feb. 10	DuWayne Koenen
Feb. 21	Steven Kvam
Feb. 25	Tammy Anderson



## **And the Story Continues!!**

One Cup of Chicken FAT???

I was looking through some books at church and I found a GEM! A copy of a 1933 "Our Favorite Recipes." This was printed at the Granite Falls Tribune and distributed by The Congregational Ladies' Aid. I recognize many of the contributors from typing up the membership from the late 1880's. The next time anyone sees or talks with Pat Putnam, PLEASE ask her if she remembers this family recipe.

Prune Cake —Mrs. Josephine Putnam (*Josephine was born on November 29, 1853 in Tioga County, New York. She died at the age of 81.*)

1 cup of sugar

1 cup prunes

1 cup of butter or chicken fat

½ cup raisins

3 eggs less 1 white for frosting

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 cup sweet milk ½ teaspoon cloves

2 cups flour ½ teaspoon nutmeg

2 teaspoons baking powder

¼ teaspoon soda in milk

Wash prunes and cut up fine. Flour them, also the raisins, and put in the cake the last thing and fold in.

Not sure how to frost, bake or at what temp, but I'm sure this will be interesting!

## ***URGENT NEED!!!!!!!***

*We need many more submissions like the one above if we are going to have enough for a booklet for our anniversary! Please submit during the rest of this year through August!!!*

**Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)**  
**Council Minutes**  
**December 12, 2021 (10:45 AM)**

**Devotions: John**

Moderator John Butterbrodt called the meeting to order at 10:40. Members present: Bea, Dennis, John, Konnie, Peggy, Randy, Sharon, Spencer, Steve, Sue.

- 1. Review, Modify, and Approve the Agenda:** Add 7C—Meatball Dinner, 7D—Marco Contract. Change #9 to Steve and #10 to 10:45 am. Approved as modified: Spencer/Bea/U.
- 2. Minutes of November 17, 2021 Council Meeting:** Change 3G from Sharon to Peggy. Approve as modified: Peggy/Konnie/U.
- 3. Committee Reports:**
  - Christian Education:** Circle of Stones winter time will start at 3:30 pm. Peggy is looking for new materials to use.
  - Worship, Sanctuary, and Membership:** Christmas gift bags are being made up today. Anyone who wishes to help distribute them should let Sharon know.
  - Building and Maintenance:** Steve reported that Stan got the snow removal done. Spencer has not yet talked to Greg Wilkening about the drain. West Central Sanitation will give us a 95-gallon recycling bin and collect every 2 weeks starting Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. Dennis is still catching mice. Steve checked into locks for the doors with panic bars. Code doesn't allow deadbolts with panic bars. Steve will check with Wes Just for locks that combine key locks with panic bar action. Randy will also look into a remote operating system for the other and an intercom system.
  - Stewardship:** December mission emphasis is the Christmas Fund and January will be Justice & Witness. The budget discussion was Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and the amount for heat and association dues will need to be adjusted in January before the Annual Meeting.
  - Memorials and Bequests:** No meeting
  - Pastor Parish Relations Committee:** No meeting
  - Wider Church Happenings:** John will contact Vickie Poier of Montevideo Congregational about the January pulpit supply date and explore the possibility of more cooperation.

Everyone needs to be sure to turn down the heat and lock the doors before leaving the church.  
Approve reports: Spencer/Sue/U.
- 4. Financial Report:** Heifer Project and coffee hour money will carry over to next year. The rebate from the LED lights was received by check instead of coming off the bill. The remaining \$670 of conference dues will be paid to augment the \$150 already passed through. There is \$9,111.83 in checking as of Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Approve report: Peggy/Dennis/U.
- 5. Pastor's Report:** Randy is reaching out and keeping in touch with those not attending services. Jon Anderson was brought to Randy's attention for needing contact.
- 6. Old Business:**
  - Plan for 150th Anniversary (October 20, 2022):** Peggy is still working on list of past members (since 1900).
  - New Signage for 150th Anniversary:** Bryan has a design which he will do in the spring. We will offer him compensation.
  - Tim Hall Memorial--New Front Door:** New price from Sawmill is not in yet. Bremer bid for installation is \$850 plus cost of permit plus cost of metal casings. \$250 down payment is needed. Approve bid: Peggy/Sharon/U. Crimson has been selected for the color.
  - Clergy Care Grant--How will we use this grant:** We need to include use on the application form. It was suggested that we get Randy a gas card to help defray costs of transportation. John will apply before the next council meeting.
- 7. New Business:**
  - A. Plan for Annual Meeting:** The Constitution & Bylaws allow council to set date other than 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in January. Set the Annual Meeting for Sunday, January 23, 2022, with pot luck at 10:30 and meeting at 11:30: Spencer/Sharon/U. A reminder needs to be sent out about getting reports to Karen for the booklet.
  - B. Covid-19 Test Kits:** Since kits expire, we will not purchase any, but have members call the clinic.
  - C. Meatball Dinner:** Tuesday, March 1, is Fat Tuesday. We could do takeout only if needed—to be decided later. Peggy will start the planning.
  - D. Marco Contract:** The current contract expires Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> and is \$62.17/month. Konnie is waiting for a response to her email asking Marco about a copy of the contract and what it includes. She will send the information to the council by email when she gets it.
- 8. Church Use Requests:** None
- 9. Devotions for Next Meeting: Steve**  
Devotion Rotation: (Jan. Steve / Feb. Sue / March Sharon / April Bea / May Peggy / Jun. Randy/ Aug. Spencer)
- 10. Next Meeting: Sunday, January 9, 2022 (10:45 am)**
- 11. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer:** 12:10, Peggy/Spencer/U.