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JULY

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 3	Isaiah 66:10-14, Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6:1-16, Luke 10:1-11,
July 10	Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37
July 17	Genesis 18:1-41a, Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42
July 24	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13
July 31	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14. 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12, Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

The mission emphases for July is the Living At Home Block Nurse Program. The mission of GF-Living at Home Block Nurse Program is to assist elders and people living with a disability by helping them to live safely and independently in their own home. Utilizing a team of local volunteers, services such as assisted transportation, friendly visits and light chore support are provided at no cost. Our goal is to help our clients avoid unnecessary emergency room visits and premature entry into the long term care setting. For more information call our office at 320-564-3235. GF-LAH/BNP also provides a number of meaningful social and educational programs. Coming up, watch for the opportunity to become a Dementia Friend. The Heart 2 Heart and Building Bridges Choir are taking a summer break but they will start up again in the fall. Sign up to learn how to avoid falls with "A Matter of Balance" class or learn how to "Live Well with Diabetes." Watch for announcements on dates for these classes and call the office to learn more and to register.



July Calendar

Sunday	July 3	Worship with Communion Pastor Randy	9:30am
Sunday	July 10	Worship Pastor Randy	9:30am
Sunday	July 17	Worship Pastor Randy Moe	9:30am
Sunday	July 24	Worship Pastor Randy Moe	9:30am
Thursday	July 28	150th Anniversary Committee	1:00pm
Thursday	July 28	Circle of Stones Studying the book of Joel	3:30pm
Sunday	July 31	Worship Pastor Randy Moe	9:30am

July Birthdays

July 2	Darrell Carter
July 8	Karla Slettedahl
July 10	Julia Kvam
	Bev Nordang
July 11	Janelle Kompelien
July 16	Dick Anderson
July 17	Hazel Carter
	Jacob Anderson
July 18	Peggy Kvam
July 26	Alison Ator
July 27	Karen Schmidt-Dill

Happy Anniversary

July 2	Jeff & Sheila VanOverbeke
July 11	Bill & Sue Krinke
July 19	Helen & Gene Stukel



NEWS AND NOTES

Update from the 150th Anniversary Committee

The next meeting of the committee is July 28th at 1:00pm at the church. Things are coming along. Please remember to register as soon as possible so we have an accurate number. Also if there is anyone that you have thought of that should be invited let us know ASAP.

Fellowship Servers for July: July 3 –Steve & Vicki Zumhofe, July 10-Jerry & Sheila Koepke, July 17-Bea Read, July 24-Cindy & Cheri Fjermestad, July 13-Dick & Sharon Anderson

Karen's office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10-2. If you call or come during those hours and no one is here please call her at 612-296-7072.

Coffee Time every Thursday Morning from 10-12am. Please come and join us!!

Scholarships:

Memorials Bequests and Special gifts committee is once again accepting requests for scholarship assistance for the 2022-2023 academic year. Please complete a request letter with information about your educational plan and goals and return it to the church no later than October 15th for consideration at that time. All church members involved with post secondary education are welcome and encouraged to apply.

NOTES FROM PASTOR RANDY

In a few days we will celebrate Independence Day. As we consider our nation and this anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we are reminded we have much to be thankful for. As Americans we have freedom and personal liberty far beyond what people in many other countries enjoy, and a level of safety and prosperity that has been exceedingly rare in human history.

Recent events have also reminded us that our nation still has a long way to go in living up to its ideals of equality and justice for all. Powerful people seem to run roughshod over the rule of law without any real consequences. Rights that we thought were a matter of settled law have been rolled back, and the consequences of these decisions will fall especially heavily on people who are already lacking in power and resources.

As we celebrate this holiday, let's remember that we serve a God of love and mercy, and that as followers of Jesus, we are guided by his example of love and compassion. Our trust is in God, not in political institutions, and we are entrusted with a mission to shine the light of God's love in the world as "a church where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary, and where together, we grow a just and peaceful world."

Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)
Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 1, 2022 (10:45 AM)

Devotions: Peggy

Moderator John Butterbrodt called the meeting to order at 11:00. Members present: Bea, Dennis, John, Konnie, Peggy, Randy, Sharon, Spencer, Steve, Sue.

1. Review, Modify, and Approve the Agenda: Spencer/Bea/U.

2. Minutes of April 10, 2022 Council Meeting: Sue/Dennis/U.

3. Committee Reports

Christian Education: Not met.

Worship, Sanctuary, and Membership: Not met. Steve had a request to have Randy play the piano occasionally. It will need to be tuned before the 150th celebration. Steve would also like to hear a little contemporary music for services. Randy will see what he can find. We will go back to passing the communion elements next month. Peggy noted that we should add Hazel & Darrell, Tammy Anderson, and Bev Nordang to the Concerns list. Randy should also go to visit with Sue Rollins and Barb Gustafson. Randy has made contact with Paul & Dan.

Building and Maintenance: One of the communion cup racks fell off a pew. Steve has started painting red trim outside.

Stewardship: May mission emphasis is Strengthen the Church and June will be the YME Food Service Delinquent Accounts.

Memorials and Bequests: In April \$300 was transferred to general fund to pay the locksmith bills. Funds for the front door were changed to undesignated funds for future uses after donors approved it. Motion to approve \$500 for Community Foundation work at Rice Park and \$500 for MN Conference's Ukraine fund: Peggy/Dennis/U.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee: Not met.

Wider Church Happenings: None.

4. Financial Report: The Transient Fund line needs to be changed to YME Food Service. Randy's compensation is being switched to all housing allowance. As of May 1st the checking account contains \$2422.04. Approve report: Sue/Spencer/U.

5. Pastor's Report: Pat Putnam's funeral went well. Randy talked to Kelly Gallagher and she can't do an Installation service until July. Randy noted that he didn't "need" a service, but Peggy commented that it would make us look more stable in the community. It was decided to schedule a service in late September or early October.

6. Old Business:

Planning for 150th Anniversary Celebration (September 11, 2022): Helen ordered the invitations and she & Peggy are working on the guest list. Katie will put an RSVP form on the website. The church history was sent to the Conference for the Annual Meeting. Committee meets again on May 12 at 1:00.

Tim Hall Memorial—Repair/Modify Church Doors (New front door no longer an option.): New weather stripping has been put on the door, but it doesn't close quite all the way yet. We may need a new closer if it can't be adjusted completely. Randy will go ahead and purchase the new lock.

John has handled the "donations" that have been left on the lawn. The old garden bench will be put on the curb for city pick up this week.

7. New Business:

A. Acknowledge Anticipated Close of Montevideo UCC (October?): The congregation will be invited to the 150th Anniversary service. In the fall we will also invite them to attend our services after their closure.

B. Schedule Yard Cleanup: Wednesday, May 18, 5:00 pm. A supper will be served at 6:30 for anyone who wants to attend.

8. Church Use Requests:

Helen Stukel: Sept 30-Oct 2 (Meander showing for Gene)—previously approved.

9. Devotions for Next Meeting: John

Devotion Rotation: (John / Randy / Spencer / Steve / Sue / Sharon / Bea / Peggy)

10. Next Meeting: Sunday, June 12, 2022 (10:45 AM)

11. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer: 12:10; Spencer/Bea/U.

DAYD News—July 2022

Thank you to the Dinner At Your Door drivers who have volunteered for the week of July 5-July 8 (Sharon Olson & Pearl Lenzen on 7/6 and Bea Read on 7/7). Still looking for volunteers for July 5 and July 8. List is due 6-30-22.

Our Church's next DAYD opportunity will be August 1-5. The driver's list will be due to Henry Hill on July 28. Drivers will be needed for Monday 8/1, Tuesday 8/2, Wednesday 8/3, Thursday 8/4 and Friday 8/5.

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

