

**GRANITE FALLS
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
210 Ninth Avenue
Granite Falls MN 56241
Change Service Requested
THE ENCOUNTER
September 2023 Issue #9**

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

**PASTOR: Pastor Cynthia Huse and Karen Schmidt Dill OFFICE ASSISTANT: Volunteers
MODERATOR: JOHN BUTTERBRODT TREASURER: SHARON OLSON
NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Volunteers**

**CHURCH ADDRESS: 210 NINTH AVENUE, GRANITE FALLS, MN 56241
CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS: uccgfmn@gmail.com
CHURCH PHONE: 320-564-2442**

OFFICE HOURS:

**OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
WEB SITE: www.granitefallsucc.org**

SEPTEMBER

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 3, 2023: Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6,26-26, 45b, Romans12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28.

September 10, 2023: Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20.

September 17, 2023: Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114, Romans14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35.

September 24, 2023: Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 105:1-6,37-45, 45b, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16.

Mission Emphasis: Neighbors in Need

The mission emphasis for September is Neighbors in Need. This is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.



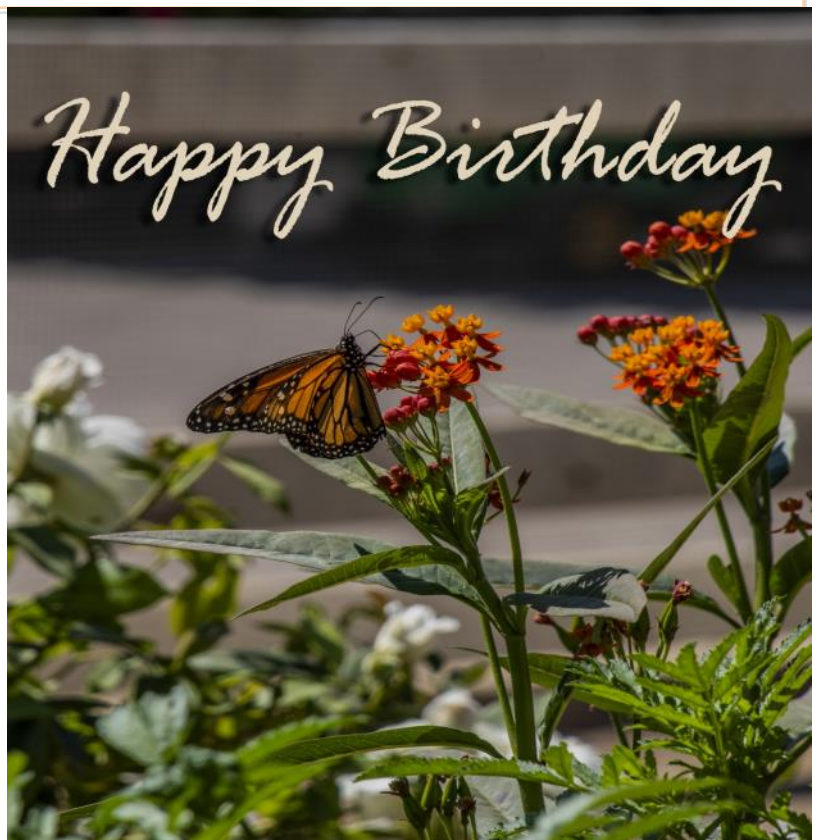
September Calendar

Friday	September 1	Dinner at your door volunteering	
Sunday	September 3	Worship with Communion	9:30am
Thursday	September 7	Coffee and Fellowship	10:00am
Sunday	September 10	Worship	9:30am
Monday	September 11	LAHBN Caregivers Support Group	1:30 pm
Wednesday	September 13	LAHBN Grief meeting	11:30am
		Church council	6:00pm
Thursday	September 14	Circle of Stones	3:00pm
		Coffee and Fellowship	10:00am
Sunday	September 17	Worship	9:30am
Thursday	September 21	Coffee and Fellowship	10:00am
Sunday	September 24	Worship	9:30am
Thursday	September 28	Coffee and Fellowship	10:00am

All church services are in person and on FB live.

September Birthdays

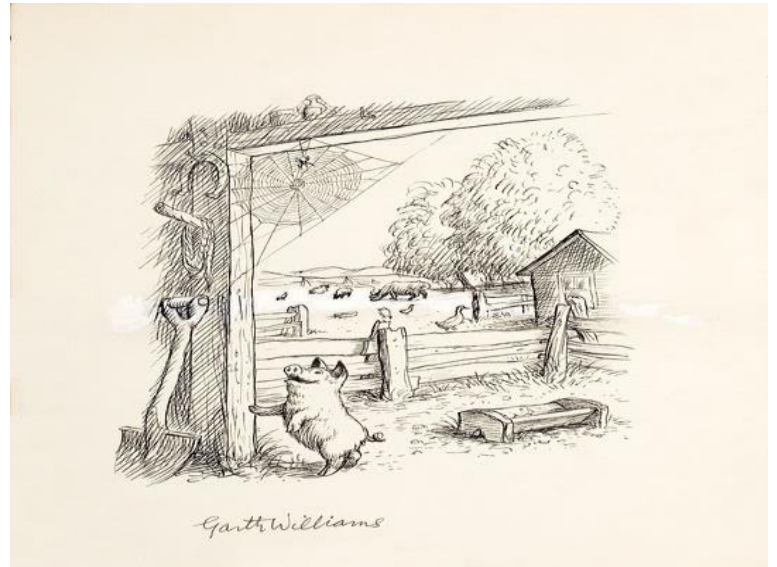
Sept. 3	Kyle Mooney
Sept. 6	Pearl Lenzen
	Margaret Zumhofe
	Jared Zumhofe
	Karen Halling
Sept. 8	Brad Hall
Sept. 11	John Dack
Sept. 12	Sue Rollins
Sept. 17	Steve Zumhofe
Sept. 25	Terry VanDerPol
Sept. 26	Paul Ledford



Words of Wisdom from Wilbur and Charlotte

“Why did you do all this for me?” Wilbur asked.
“I don’t deserve it. I’ve never done anything for you.” “You have been my friend,” replied Charlotte. “That in itself is a tremendous thing. I wove my webs for you because I like you. After all, what’s life anyway. We’re born, we live a little while, we die...By helping you, perhaps I was trying to lift up my life a trifle. Heaven knows anyone's life can stand a little of that.”

Charlotte's Web by E.B White



DAYD News—September 2023

The 2023 DAYD M-F Delivery Schedule is posted on the upstairs hallway bulletin board.

Thank you to the Dinner At Your Door drivers who volunteered for August 28-September 1: Sharon Anderson, Lynn Holmstrom, Bea Read and Gene/Helen Stukel.

Our Church’s next DAYD opportunity will be September 25-September 29.

The driver’s list will be due to Henry Hill on Thursday, September 21.

Drivers are needed for Monday, September 25; Tuesday, September 26; Wednesday, September 27; Thursday, September 28; & Friday, September 29.

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

The 2023 DAYD M-F Delivery Schedule is posted on the upstairs hallway bulletin board.

Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)
Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 10, 2023

UNAPPROVED

1. **Call to order:** Moderator John B. called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Members Present: John, Spencer, Sharon O, Peggy M, Bryan M, Dennis, Sharon A, Bea.
2. **Review Agenda:** M/S Sharon A/ Spencer to approve agenda.
3. **Review and approve minutes from July 9, 2023:** M/S Sharon A/ Spencer to approve minutes from July 9.
NOTE: Minutes from the June meeting have to be sent and approved.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Christian Education:** Peggy Kvam will be contacting the confirmation kids to continue classwork.
 - B. **Worship/Sanctuary/ Membership:** have not met.
 - C. **Building and Maintenance:** Sharon O has contacted French Glass and he had some ideas to make a smoother transition over the north handicap threshold, Sharon O will follow up with him. Sharon O has talked to Brad Hempel about the raised sidewalk which needs to be ground down M/S Sharon A/Dennis to have Sharon O contact him to grind down the high spots on the sidewalk. Dennis will call Rob Bremer on replacing the locking mechanism for the front door.
 - D. **Stewardship:** Spencer reported that they have not met but will be meeting soon.
 - E. **Memorials:** Have not met
 - F. **Pastor Parish Committee:** Have not met.
M/S Spencer/Bryan to approve committee reports.
5. **Financial Report:** Sharon O handed out the June and July expenditure paperwork that showed an ending balance of \$17,532.34. M/S Spencer/Dennis to approve financial report.
6. **Pastor's Report:** None
7. **Old Business**
 - A. **Display Case for Bible:** Bryan will contact Peggy and draw up some plans this fall.
 - B. **Church Secretary:** No applicants as of yet.
 - C. **Church Email:** The church email password will need to be changed.
8. **New Business**
 - A. **Replace/Repair Office Chair in Pastor's Office:** One of the office chairs we have is broken, M/S Spencer/ Sharon A to purchase a new office chair.
 - B. **Handrail to Access Altar Area:** A picture was presented as a sample, and all agreed a short railing on each end of the step to the altar area would look good and help with safety issues.
 - C. **Compensate Cynthia Huse for Visitation/Calling:** John will contact Cynthia Huse and Karen Schmidt-Dill about compensation for pastoral visits and also have Cynthia and Karen switch Sundays to allow Cynthia to do communion service.

Council minutes continued:

9. Church Use Requests:

A. Take Note is practicing here Thursday evenings.

B. Helen Stukel: Meander Sept 29,30 Oct 1

C. Living at Home Block Nurse Program: have requested to use the small meeting room in the basement for grief support 11:30am – 1 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

10. Devotions for Next Meeting: Bea

(John / Karen Schmidt-Dill / Peggy / Spencer / Steve / Sue / Sharon A / Bea / Sharon O / Bryan)

11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 (6:00 PM)

12. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer: John/Karen/Peggy/Spencer/Sue/Sharon A/Bea/Sharon O/Bryan.

Dennis Holtz/Acting Clerk



From the family of Rich Rollins:

We wish to thank all of you who helped in any way with Rich's service. It was beautiful and we enjoyed visiting with all of you. We are truly blessed to be a part of this church Family.

UCC Members,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Living At Home Block Nurse Program. Your continued support for what we do to help those in our community is so appreciated! Mark, Kelly, Kim, Lori

I ran across this comment recently and after hearing all the beautiful music these past few weeks in our church; , just had to share:

Did you know, that Duke Ellington was a very spiritual man? He once said, "My music is the way I pray." This reminded me of a banner we once had up by the choir loft.

Singing once is praying twice!

Coffee Hour Fun! Join us!!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00 DAYD	2
3 Worship with Communion led by Karen Schmidt-Dill Happy Birthday to Kyle Mooney	4. OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00	6 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00 Happy Birthday to Pearl Lenzen, Margaret and Jared Zumhofe, Karen Halling	7 Coffee Hour at 10:00	8 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00 Happy Birthday to Brad Hall	9
10 Worship Led by Pastor Cynthia Huse	11 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00 LAHBN Caregivers' Support Group 1:30 Happy Birthday to John Dack	12 Happy Birthday to Sue Rollins	13 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00 LAHBN Grief meeting 11:30 Church Council 6:00	14 Coffee Hour at 10:00 Circle of Stones 3:00	15 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00	16
17 Worship led by Karen Schmidt-Dill Happy Birthday to Steve Zumhofe	18 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00	19	20 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00	21 Coffee Hour at 10:00	22 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00	23
24 Worship Led by Pastor Cynthia Huse	25 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00 DAYD Happy Birthday to Terry VanDerPol	26 DAYD Happy Birthday to Paul Ledford	27 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00 DAYD	28 Coffee Hour at 10:00 DAYD	29 OFFICE HOURS 10:00-2:00 DAYD	30