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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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# NOVEMBER



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## NOVEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27	
<b>Usher</b>	Bryan Mooney	Bryan Mooney	Bryan Mooney	Bryan Mooney	
<b>Usher</b>	Peggy Mooney	Peggy Mooney	Peggy Mooney	Peggy Mooney	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Jerry/Sheila Koepke	Bea Read	Helen Stukel	Pearl Lenzen	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Terry VanDerPol	Keith/Deb Koerlin	Joel/Diane Beninga	Babe/Sherri Gatchell	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Karen Schmidt-Dill	Sharon Anderson	Sue Selden	Helen Stukel	
<b>Clean Up</b>	Stan/Janelle Kompelien	John/Karen Halling	Keith/Deb Koerlin	Gail Rohlik	
<b>Clean Down</b>	NA	NA	NA	Gail Rohlik	

**Please have the church cleaned by the listed date.**

## Ushers' / Greeters' Responsibilities

1. Make sure all doors are unlocked by 8:30am. (Two handicap, main door, and lower side door)
2. Set temperature as needed and turn down to 60 at the end of service. (Make sure basement thermostat is set to 60 after church service.)
3. Place flowers on altar before church and return flowers to basement refrigerator after church.
4. Turn on all lights, ceiling fans and sound system in the sanctuary.
5. Welcome all and hand out bulletins.
6. Ask guest(s) to sign the guest book.
7. If no acolytes, you will need to light and extinguish altar candles.
8. Ring bell after organ prelude.
9. Take offering.
10. Take a count of attendance and write it on the calendar in the back of the church.
11. Clean pews after service for any communion cups, bulletins, paper scraps, etc.
12. Usher for communion if needed.
13. Make sure sound system is turned off.
14. Turn off all lights and ceiling fans before leaving.
15. Lock all 4 doors as you leave.

THANK YOU!

<sup>10</sup>God is always fair.

He will remember how you helped his people in the past and how you are still helping them.

You belong to God, and he won't forget the love you have shown his people. **Hebrews 6:10**

*April 15, 2009/updated Spring 2015*

### Dinner at Your Door Greetings

A special thank you to all of our drivers and deliverers during the week of October 16-22.

Our faithful stewards were: Sharon Anderson and Amanda Hall, Lynn Holmstrom, Nellie Kompelien, John Butterbrodt, LaVonne Koenen, and Pearl Lenzen.

Your next opportunity to drive will be the week of **November 27-December 3**.

# SENIORS CIRCLE

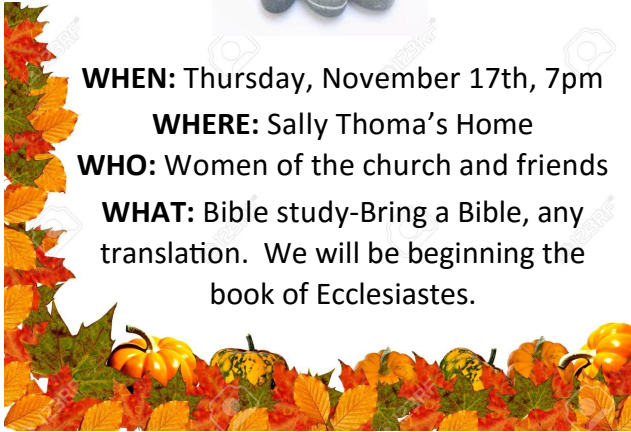


**WHEN:** Thursday, November 17th, 7pm

**WHERE:** Sally Thoma's Home

**WHO:** Women of the church and friends

**WHAT:** Bible study-Bring a Bible, any translation. We will be beginning the book of Ecclesiastes.



## ACTS

## Bible Study

everyone is welcome

Bible Study continues with alternating dates and times.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Tuesday	Nov. 1	7pm
Wednesday	Nov. 9	4pm
Tuesday	Nov. 1	7pm
Wednesday	Nov. 23	4pm
Tuesday	Nov. 29	7pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



## mission MOMENTS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



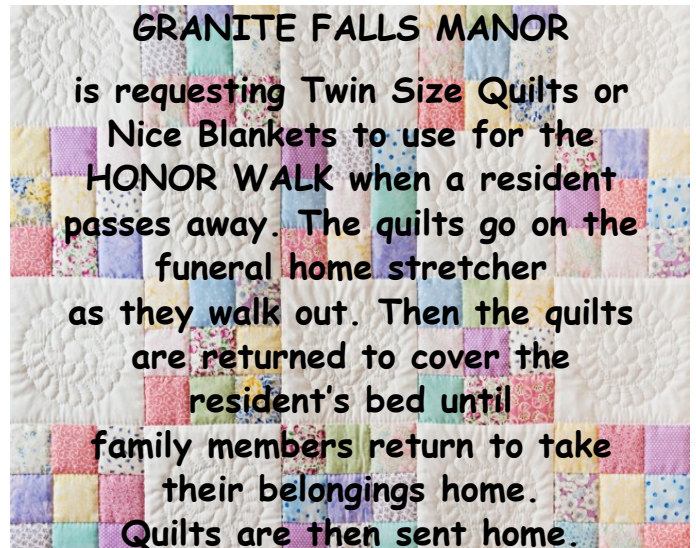
NOVEMBER Mission Moments focuses on the issues of local Food Shelf needs. **Neighbors United Resource Center Food Shelf** resides just across the street from our church. Each week on Wednesday they are open. It is amazing how many people come and go each week. Rarely is there a down time. 2015 statistics for November show that 371 people were served a total of 11,240 pounds of food. Those who utilize the food shelf give thanks for the generosity of those who care.



Giving from your Heart  
to Those who  
Truly Need  
It

## GRANITE FALLS MANOR

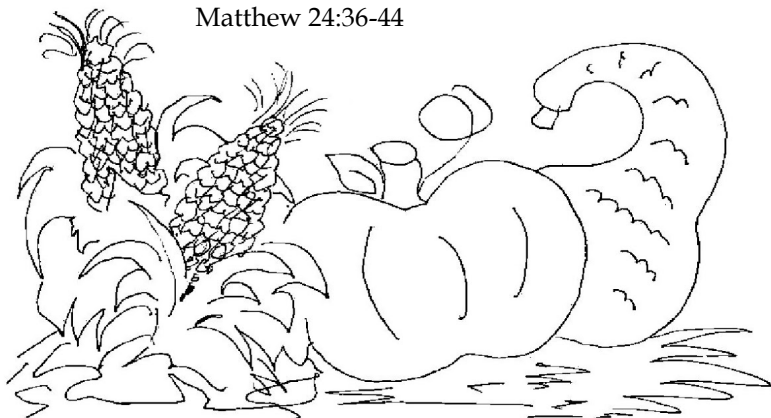
is requesting Twin Size Quilts or Nice Blankets to use for the HONOR WALK when a resident passes away. The quilts go on the funeral home stretcher as they walk out. Then the quilts are returned to cover the resident's bed until family members return to take their belongings home. Quilts are then sent home.





## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Nov. 1** ALL SAINTS DAY Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
- Nov. 6** Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98 or Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
- Nov. 13** Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12 or Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
- Nov. 20** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
- Nov. 24** THANKSGIVING Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philemon 4:4-9; John 6:25-35
- Nov. 27** Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44



**Saturday, November 26, 9:30-11:00AM**

*Time to decorate the church for*

*Advent and Christmas.*

*Come and decorate with us!*

*Refreshments available.*

*Chrismon Service will be on the 27th.*

*Anyone interested in "coordinating" the greens hanging, please contact the church office.*



**GIVING THANKS TOGETHER**

**COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Eve**

**Worship Service**

*Wednesday, November 23, 7PM*

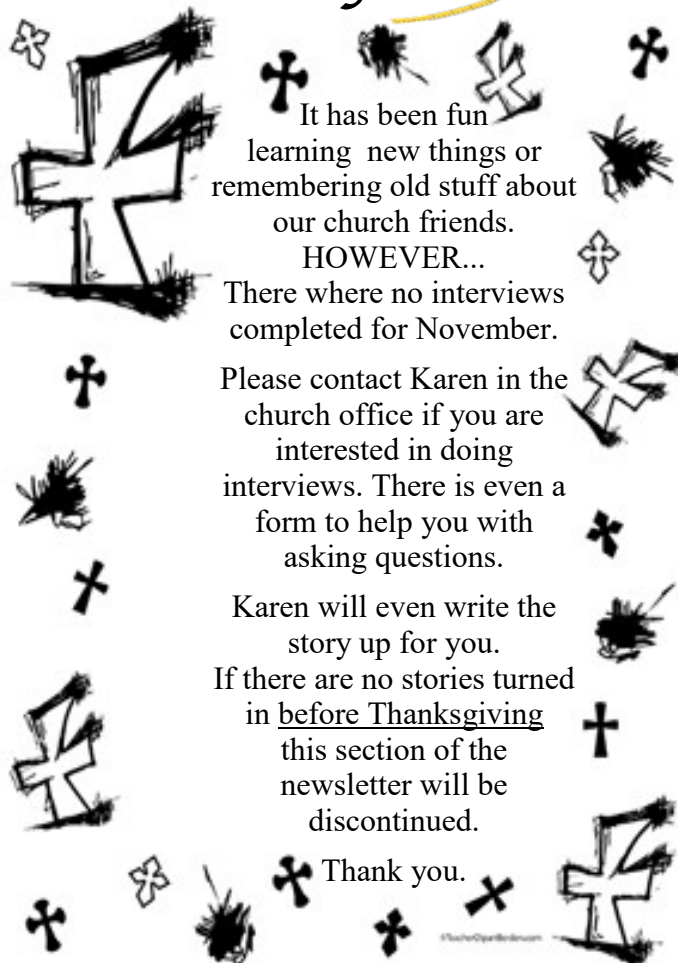
*Community Choir is planned*

Fellowship time to follow

Invite your family, friends, neighbors



*Stories of Faith*



## GRANITE FALLS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

Tuesday	Nov. 1		ALL SAINTS DAY
Tuesday	Nov. 1	7:00pm	Bible Study-Acts
Wednesday	Nov. 2	5:30pm	Worship & Membership Meeting
Wednesday	Nov. 2	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	Nov. 5	7:30pm	Prairie Arts Chorale Concert at Granite Falls Lutheran Church
Sunday	Nov. 6	2:00am	Daylight Savings Ends/Turn Clock Back 1 Hour
Sunday	Nov. 6	9:00am	Worship/Communion
Mon.—Mon.	Nov. 7—14		Karen SD, Office Assistant on Vacation
Tuesday	Nov. 8		ELECTION DAY/Get Out and Vote
Wednesday	Nov. 9	4:00pm	Bible Study-Acts
Wednesday	Nov. 9	5:30pm	Sanctuary Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Nov. 9	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	Nov. 9	7:30pm	Council Meeting
Friday	Nov. 11		VETERAN'S DAY
Sunday	Nov. 13	9:00am	Worship/Stewardship Commitment Day
Tuesday	Nov. 15	7:00pm	Bible Study-Acts
Wednesday	Nov. 16	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	Nov. 17	7:00pm	Circle of Stones at Sally & Bob Thoma's home
Thursday	Nov. 17		Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting
Sunday	Nov. 20	9:00am	Worship/Thanksgiving Sunday/Noisy Offering
Sunday	Nov. 20	10:30am	Stewardship Meeting
Sunday	Nov. 20	5:00pm	Community Meal at Granite Falls Lutheran
Wednesday	Nov. 23	4:00pm	Bible Study-Acts
Wednesday	Nov. 23	7:00pm	COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
Thursday	Nov. 24		THANKSGIVING DAY
Saturday	Nov. 26	9:30-11am	Hanging of the Greens
Sunday	Nov. 27	9:00am	Worship/1st Sunday of Advent/Chrismon Service
Tuesday	Nov. 29	7:00pm	Bible Study-Acts
Wednesday	Nov. 30	11:30am-1:00pm	Act on Alzheimer's COMMUNITY Meeting at KCC

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 1	Ruby Hieb
Nov. 4	Audrey Zempel
Nov. 4	Jerry Koepke
Nov. 5	Bea Read
Nov. 10	John (Snig) Halling
Nov. 17	Cheri Fjermestad
Nov. 23	Sherri Gatchell
Nov. 23	Jeff Iverson
Nov. 24	Jerry Gustafson
Nov. 25	Peggy Mooney
Nov. 25	Butch Olson
Nov. 27	Bryan Mooney
Nov. 28	Linda Bukowski

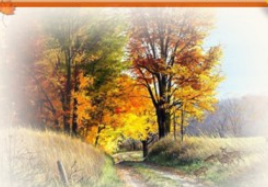

  
**Happy**  
**anniversary**

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 10	Jerry & Sheila Koepke
Nov. 13	Curt & Paula Soine
Nov. 17	Duane & Deb Mead

### *Happy November Birthday*

Swirling autumn leaves  
of orange, red and gold,  
November has a beauty  
that's easy to behold.  
A birthday wish for you  
of happiness and more,  
may your days be full  
of what you're thankful for.







## UCC Council Meeting — September 14, 2016

Devotions: Dan—"I thank you for those things that are yet possible"

Present: Janie, Steve, John, Sharon, Sue S. Bryan M, Dan M, Spencer K, Terry V. Absent: Peggy K.

Additions to the agenda: Minnesota Labor Law poster  
Community Dinner  
Street upgrade

### Sue/Sharon/U

Minutes: changes made. **Approval unanimous**

#### Committee Reports:

Christian Ed: Rally Sunday coming on the 18th and Sunday School starts on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Looks like Chad's kids will be here every other Sunday. Peggy can meet with Samone, but maybe not as regularly. Has to be finalized. Peggy found some bibles and picked two up. Bryan has them. Will pick up ice cream before Sunday. Karen put some material from Monte's program in the Christian Ed box. Bryan has not seen it yet.

Worship and Membership: Has not met

Bldg. and Maint: Need a Saturday morning spruce up outside. October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 9 AM. John will watch to see if the light comes in the bell tower comes on at the appropriate times.

Stewardship: Need to schedule a meeting. Dan distributed a draft of his letter to go out later this week.

Memorials and Bequests: Not met

Joint Parish Council: Will meet on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Wider Church Happenings: Film at the museum

### Sue/Bryan/U

4. Financial Report—deficit is mostly due to the quarterly payments for insurance and annuity.

### Sue/Sharon/U

5. Pastor's Report: Written report

Thanksgiving Ecumenical service. Dan might be leading one in Montevideo. Can Granite Lutheran take a leadership role in the service in Granite Falls?

-Dan was nominated to be on the UCC committee on Ministry. Hospice Care minister has invited Dan to be in on assessment visits for Wally O. Dan will explore value of that.

-Wednesday night activities—Communities dinners, etc. through the winter in Montevideo. Dan will be attending some of them even though Wednesday is his day in Granite Falls. The sense of the Council is that that is not a problem for

us, and suggested he entertain the possibility of switching days so he is in Montevideo on those Wednesdays as well. Office hours should not be capricious, nor are they set in stone.

-Facebook: Terry will talk to Helen.

-Future Study: *Repenting of America's Original Sin*

-Two programs available: Clergy Retreat in October;  
Working with people with dementia in late September 14, 2016

### 6. Old business

- Meatball dinner proceeds. Rainy day money.
- Decide about an appropriate mission November
- Church Directory—depends on new printer
- Need to get numbers on the wireless mic replace or repair.
- Copier

Bennet--\$3,900 color

B W 1,900

A and B (Marshall)

\$3,305 for similar color printer, monthly service of 50.46.

\$1,450 for Black and White \$26.00 contract

Discontinued Ricoh 1,990 for color with \$50.00/month

Marco - Sharp purchase 2,000 (B/W) 26.00/month

Marco - HP 1,370 30.00 month

Marco HP 521 **Sharon/Sue/U**

-Karen can investigate some options for some limited color copying

-Sewer Gas—seems under control

-Community Dinner—October 16. We will bring desert and help

### 7. New Business

Church office hours

Jt. Parish Council

Street renovations—we'll end up with more BLVD.

Church Use requests – Prairie Arts—Sunday Oct 16<sup>th</sup>

from 1 to 6:00. Approved

Sally Thoma on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>—wants to use our stands for poster and pics. Approved

9:30 Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer

Bryan will do devotions on October 12 at the next Council meeting.

Terry VanDerPol,  
clerk



# Global Ministries

## IRA Charitable Rollovers

In December 2015, Congress enacted a permanent extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover. Under the now permanent law, if you are 70 ½ or older and have an IRA, the IRA Charitable Rollover provides you with a unique opportunity to make charitable gifts to the charitable organization of your choice, including Wider Church Ministries (UCC) and Division of Overseas Ministries (Disciples), the two fiscal entities that make up Global Ministries. Such gifts are sent directly to the charity by your plan administrator, and count toward your required annual distribution from your IRA, with the advantage that you do not pay income tax on the gift amounts. Gifts through IRA Charitable Rollovers can be a tax-smart way to provide important resources for the work of Global Ministries. Continue reading about IRA Charitable Rollovers to support the work of Global Ministries.



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## RICE HOSPICE PROGRAM

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Rice Hospice Program will be offering Healing Hearts Bereavement Support Groups for individuals who have experienced a loss. Grief pertaining to the upcoming holidays will also be discussed during some of these sessions.

**Scofield Place – South Lounge**  
**Kathy Tweten, LSW, CHP-SW**  
**1725 Wisconsin Ave.**  
**Benson - 3:00 – 4:30 PM**  
**Monday, November 14, 2016**  
**(and Nov. 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19)**

**Ortonville Area Health Services**  
**Peggy Johnson, LSW, CHP-SW**  
**Golf Room – OAHS Dialysis Building**  
**Ortonville - 3:00 – 4:00 PM**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2016**  
**(and Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21)**

**Granite Falls Manor**  
**Juliane Boraas, BA, BS**  
**250 Jordan Ave. (Family Conference Room)**  
**Granite Falls - 3:00 - 4:30 PM**  
**Wednesday, November 23, 2016**  
**(and Nov. 30, December 7, 14, 21, 28)**

**Rice Memorial Hospital – Hospice Conf. Rm.**  
**Judie Dunlop, LSW, CHP-SW**  
**301 Becker Avenue SW**  
**Willmar - 3:00 – 4:00 PM**  
**Monday, November 21, 2016**

Enrollment is open to anyone in the community. We ask for pre-registration two (2) days prior to the beginning of a support group series. For more information, call Judie Dunlop at (320) 231-4442.

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Rice Hospice care brings hope to help people live life as fully as possible, offers dignity when there is not a cure, and surrounds families with love at one of life's most challenging times. Rice Hospice proudly serves the communities of Appleton, Benson, Dawson, Granite Falls, Montevideo, Ortonville/Graceville, and Willmar. For more information, visit [www.ricehospice.com](http://www.ricehospice.com).

October 31, 2016

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## The Pastor's Quarter



Dear Friends,

My apologies for choosing a poem to serve as my article this month. Indeed, it was written by Richard Blanco for the 2013 Inaugural Poem entitled "One Today." May it be our prayer in the days to come, or ourselves, for our community, and for the country in which we live.

### One Today

*One sun rose on us today, kindled over our shores,  
peeking over the Smokies, greeting the faces  
of the Great Lakes, spreading a simple truth across  
the Great Plains, then charging across the Rockies.  
One light, waking up rooftops, under each one, a story told  
by our silent gestures moving behind windows.*

*My face, your face, millions of faces in morning's mirrors,  
each one yawning to life, crescendoing into our day:  
pencil-yellow school buses, the rhythm of traffic lights, fruit  
stands: apples, limes, and oranges arrayed like  
rainbows begging our praise. Silver trucks heavy with oil or  
paper—  
bricks or milk, teeming over highways alongside us,  
on our way to clean tables, read ledgers, or save lives—to  
teach geometry, or ring-up groceries as my mother did for  
twenty years, so I could write this poem.*

*All of us as vital as the one light we move through,  
the same light on blackboards with lessons for the day:  
equations to solve, history to question, or atoms  
imagined, the "I have a dream" we keep dreaming,  
or the impossible vocabulary of sorrow that won't  
Explain the empty desks of twenty children marked  
Absent today, and forever. Many prayers, but one light  
breathing color into stained glass windows,  
life into the faces of bronze statues, warmth  
onto the steps of our museums and park benches  
as mothers watch children slide into the day.*

*One ground. Our ground, rooting us to every stalk  
of corn, every head of wheat sown by sweat  
and hands, hands gleaning coal or planting windmills  
in deserts and hilltops that keep us warm, hands  
digging trenches, routing pipes and cables, hands  
as worn as my father's cutting sugarcane  
so my brother and I could have books and shoes.*

*The dust of farms and deserts, cities and plains  
mingled by one wind—our breath. Breathe. Hear it  
through the day's gorgeous din of honking cabs,  
buses launching down avenues, the symphony  
of footsteps, guitars, and screeching subways,  
the unexpected song bird on your clothes line.*

*Hear: squeaky playground swings, trains whistling,  
or whispers across café tables, Hear: the doors we open  
for each other all day, saying: hello, shalom,  
buon giorno, howdy, namaste, or buenos días  
in the language my mother taught me—in every language  
spoken into one wind carrying our lives  
without prejudice, as these words break from my lips.*

*One sky: since the Appalachians and Sierras claimed  
their majesty, and the Mississippi and Colorado worked  
their way to the sea. Thank the work of our hands:  
weaving steel into bridges, finishing one more report  
for the boss on time, stitching another wound  
or uniform, the first brush stroke on a portrait,  
or the last floor on the Freedom Tower  
jutting into a sky that yields to our resilience.*

*One sky, toward which we sometimes lift our eyes  
tired from work: some days guessing at the weather  
of our lives, some days giving thanks for a love  
that loves you back, sometimes praising a mother  
who knew how to give, or forgiving a father  
who couldn't give what you wanted.*

*We head home: through the gloss of rain or weight  
of snow, or the plum blush of dusk, but always—home,  
always under one sky, our sky. And always one moon  
like a silent drum tapping on every rooftop  
and every window, of one country—all of us—  
facing the stars  
hope—a new constellation  
waiting for us to map it,  
waiting for us to name it—together*

May our vision be as wide and as encompassing as  
the people of God in Granite Falls and Montevideo.  
May it be so; may it be so.

Peace in Christ!

Dan

