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AUGUST RESPONSIBILITIES					
	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	
Usher					
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Fellowship	Joel/Diane Beninga	Bill/Sue Krinke	Rich/Sue Rollins	Sharon/Dick Anderson	
Liturgist	Helen Stukel	Sue Selden	Terry VanDerPol	Steve Zumhofe	
Clean Up	Terry VanDerPol	Diane Bakker	Darrell/Hazel Carter	Gail Rohlik	
Clean Down	NA	NA	NA	NA	

Please have the church cleaned by the listed date.

CIRCLE OF STONES



WHEN: Thursday, August 3rd @ 7pm

WHERE: Sharon Anderson's house
155 Jordan Drive #18 Granite Falls, MN

WHO: Women of the church and friends

WHAT: Bring a Bible, any translation.

DRIVERS NEEDED:

Your next opportunity to drive
will be the week of August 6th–
August 12th

Our **UCC**

D@YD Coordinator

is Pearl Lenzen and Helen
Stukel is on the **D@YD Board**.

THANK YOU TO these August Drivers:

Cindy & Cheri Fjermestad
Brad & Amanda Hall
Helen Stukel
Lynn Holmstrom
Dick & Sharon Anderson
Joel Benniga
Pearl Lenzen

ENCOUNTER Deadline

Deadline for articles for the
September ENCOUNTER is
August 20.

July CALENDAR

Thursday	August 3	7:00pm	Circle of Stones @ Sharon Anderson's home
Sunday	August 6	9:00am	Worship/Communion
Wednesday	August 9	6:30pm	Council Meeting
Sunday	August 13	9:00am	Worship
Sunday	August 20	9:00am	Worship / Noisy Offering
Wednesday	August 23	5:30pm	Stewardship/Worship & Membership meeting
Sunday	August 27	9:00am	Worship

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 4	Vicke Zumhofe
August 5	Rich Dill
August 10	Jennifer Krinke
August 16	Deb Koerlin
August 21	Nicholas Anderson
August 23	Adam Koepke
August 25	Jeff VanOverbeke
August 27	Rich Rollins Keith Koerlin
August 29	Helen Stukel
August 30	Jon Anderson

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 1	Babe & Sherri Gatchell
August 12	Steve & Vicke Zumhofe
August 20	Jerry & Barb Gustafson
August 22	Jon & Tammy Anderson

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 6	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:31-21
August 13	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
August 20	Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Psalm 67; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 11:1-2, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28
August 27	Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

To the members of Granite Falls United Church of Christ for being a 5 for 5 Congregation of the United Church of Christ in 2016. 5 for 5 Congregations support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support, and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ.

Thank You
so much!

DINNER AT YOUR DOOR (DAYD)

Driver Information

Drivers are to be at the new GF Manor kitchen (wing C by garage door on east side; 320-564-6231) at **11:25 a.m.** There is a designated parking spot for DAYD drivers. Ring bell and someone will open the door. **Please be on time!**

Drivers receive cold and hot carriers for the food plus a clipboard **with the day's delivery list, recommended route order & map.**

Driver Reminders:

***Please follow the route order as listed.** Recipients expect their meals in timely fashion based on the route order.

***Changes to the route order can be problematic** because recipients may call the hospital kitchen when they feel their meals are "late". Phone calls can interrupt the current work in the kitchen.

*** If a driver wishes to visit with a recipient: please make arrangements to visit at another time, not during the DAYD route delivery.**

Henry Hill Apartments: There are no deliveries made to Henry Hill Apartments during the week. On weekends, those who have dinners ordered **will be at the entry to pick up their meal.**


Riverview Apartments: Meals delivered to Riverview Apartments are to be **put on the table inside the door.** Recipients will pick them up.

**The DAYD Board and Coordinators GREATLY APPRECIATE the volunteer DAYD drivers!!
THANK YOU!**



FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

Requests for financial scholarships for the academic year must be received by October 15, 2017. Scholarships are available for camp registration, education, leadership and special training needs. The Memorial, Bequests and Special Gifts committee will meet on October 30 to consider and allot funds. All church members and friends are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the church office. Please put them in Hazel Carter's mailbox.



UCC MEMBERS & FRIENDS PHOTO ALBUM

The Worship & Membership Committee is in the process of making two copies of a Members & Friends Photo Album for our Church. The prints for the albums will be made from digital images. The Committee is asking members and friends to help by doing one of the following...

- * Email a recent photo to the Church: uccgf@mvtwireless.com
- * Sharon Anderson will take your photo after Sunday morning worship and email it to the Church
- * Bring a recent photo to the Church and it will be scanned and returned to you

Thank you,

Worship & Membership Committee members: Sharon Anderson, Joel Beninga, Peggy Mooney, Helen Stukel, Vicke Zumhofe with help from Sue Selden

The Pastor's Quarter



Dear Friends in Ministry,

I am reaching out to you this day to ask for your prayers and wisdom, as I struggle with anxiety. Initially, I thought there was something wrong with my health, and underwent a thorough medical examination. While I was glad to be declared “healthy” I still did not trust my own mind. For example, I find myself going into another room, and forgetting why I went into the room in the first place.

It has also affected my leadership in the service of worship, as I find myself skipping parts of the service on Sunday mornings. Needless, to say, it has troubled me as much it has the members of our shared ministry.

Recently, I met with the Pastor Parish Relations Committee in Montevideo, and they have encouraged me to share with you that I’m struggling with anxiety.

Admittedly, it is a difficult task. I feel as if my mind has failed me, but I’m discovering that I’m not alone in my struggle with this condition. Having named this challenge, I have already identified several approaches to restoring my health. Part of my care plan is continuing to meet weekly with a counselor at Woodland Center in Willmar. In addition, I will also seek a spiritual counselor that I too might ask the eternal question, “Why me?”

“In addition to my regular counseling sessions, I have daily sessions practicing relaxation/meditative techniques and reflective journaling and I take care to get physical exercise. I know my path to healing will be difficult and it will take time. In the meantime, in order to improve the delivery of services under my circumstances, I am also working with some members of the congregation and Danielle, our new church secretary, to explore how to lay out service materials in ways that work better for me. And, I have begun the practice of rehearsing services, including special services like weddings and memorial services, with someone who critiques me and gives me feedback.”

Finally, I have been in conversation with the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ, and I trust that our colleagues in ministry will share their insights and resources.

If you would like to sit down and share a moment, I would greatly appreciate your company.

Pastor Dan