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# NOVEMBER

	<u>Responsibility</u>			
	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
<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>	Bev Nordang	Jeff/Beth Mull	John/Karen Halling	Bea Read
<b>Fellowship</b>	DuWayne/Lavonne Koenen	John/Julie Butterbrodt	Dianne Bakker	Joel/Diane Beninga
<b>Liturgist</b>	Helen Stukel	Sharon Anderson	Sue Selden	Steve Zumhofe
<b>Clean Up</b>	Rich/Sue Rollins	Karen Schmidt-Dill	John/Julie Butterbrodt	Gail Rohlik
<b>Clean Down</b>		NA	NA	NA
Please have the church cleaned by the listed date.				

## CIRCLE OF STONES



**WHEN:** Thursday, **November 16 @ 7pm**

**WHERE:** LaVonne Koenen's house

**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 December 16

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

### THANK YOU TO these October Drivers:

Cindy & Cheri Fjermestad  
Lynn Holmstrom  
Helen Stukel  
Joel Beninga  
Dick & Sharon Anderson  
John & Karen Halling  
Gayle Inks & Pearl Lenzen  
Brad Hall

### ENCOUNTER Deadline

Deadline for articles for the December ENCOUNTER is **November 20**.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

October 2017 Income	\$4,211.00
October Expenses	\$4,580.21
Year-to-Date Balance	- \$5,432.61

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday	Nov 8	6:30pm	Council meeting
		6:30 pm	Youth Food Drive—meet at St. Andrew's
Sunday	Nov 12	9:00am	Worship
		10:15 am	Choir practice
Wednesday	Nov 15	5:30 pm	Pastoral Relations Committee meeting
Thursday	Nov 16	7:00 pm	Circle of Stones at LaVonne Koenen's
Sunday	Nov 19	9:00am	Worship
		10:15 am	Choir practice
Sunday	Nov 26	9:00am	Worship
		10:15 am	Choir practice
Sunday	Dec 3	10:30	Memorial, Bequests and Special Gifts meeting
Sunday	Dec 10	10:15	Budget Brunch

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 4	Audrey Zempel
	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
	Butch Olson
Nov. 27	Bryan Mooney
Nov. 28	Linda Bukowski

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nov 5	Joshua 3:7-17; Ps 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:1-12
Nov 12	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Os 78:1-7; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13
Nov 19	Judges 4:1-7; Ps 123; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30
Nov 26	Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 100 or 95:1-7a; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

# The Story of the Wellcome Window

by Beulah Miller

There is a beautiful, big old stained-glass window in our church that has fascinated me for years. It was put in the church in 1899 when the church was built so it had the soft rose and blue color tones of the early stained-glass windows. When we moved to town and I started to go to Sunday School and church, I would position myself so I had a full view of this beautiful window. What fascinated me the most was the inscription "In Memory of Mamie Wellcome." Who was Mamie Wellcome?

Finally one day, after years of wondering, I decided I would try to research that window. No one in the church knew anything about Mamie Wellcome.

I remembered that my dad often talked of the early doctors in the area. I wondered if at one time he had mentioned a Dr. Wellcome. This led me to dig up the name "Wellcome" in an old history book of this area. Sure enough, there was a Dr. Wellcome in our area and although he gave up practicing medicine for banking and moved to Minneapolis, he had had a practice here and there was a short biography about him in our library. It was a small sort of mimeographed pamphlet written by a lawyer, Mrs. Mildred Lee, about all of the early doctors of Yellow Medicine County.

In a brief conversation with an English friend, I was told that in England they always had a small medical handbook put out by a company named "Burroughs and Wellcome." To my great surprise, at the drug store I found, when I asked, that the drug company of Burroughs and Wellcome was still in existence—in fact very much alive in many phases of the medical profession and works and experiments on every continent in the world.

At the drug store I received an address for a subsidiary of the parent drug company. This one was the Wellcome Research Laboratories, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. I wrote to the public relations person at that address, enclosing the short biography and a picture of the window. She replied with excitement and pleasure at learning about a part of the Wellcome family that was not well known. After some correspondence, we sent her two enlarged colored pictures of the window. The pictures were to be sent on to the Wellcome Museum in London.

At the Yellow Medicine county court house here in Granite Falls, I found that the birth and death of Mamie Wellcome were recorded. The death certificate lists her death as "lung fever"—perhaps pneumonia. The short biography also discloses that Mamie's father, Dr. Florado Wellcome, was a first cousin to Sire Henry Wellcome, co-founder of the Burroughs Wellcome Co. and that Sir Henry Wellcome was knighted by the King of England in 1932.

To bring this history up to date, I would have to state that the Burroughs Wellcome Co. has developed a drug called AZT that is used to combat the dreaded disease AIDS.

*This article was read at Beulah Miller's memorial service.*

*Beulah died one week short of her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you know anyone who might be interested in being our church secretary? If so, please let a church council member know.

### FAT TUESDAY DINNER

The council is considering whether or not to do another Meatball/Cajun Dinner in February. If we want to do it again, about 30 volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church or call the church office to have them add your name to the list.

Whenever Pastor Dan is unavailable, please call Sharon or Dick Anderson at 320-564-0967 or 320-212-2005. They will know who is on call to handle emergency situations.

# The Pastor's Quarter



Dear Friends and Companions of in Ministry,

Recently, I returned from a retreat in Live Oak Florida, where I gathered with clergy from the United Church of Christ. One came from Maine, and another from San Francisco, under the umbrella of a “Credo.” Credo is Latin for creed, for a belief system that guides action. At this retreat it was a caring for one another, as we talked about our ministries. Yet this program went well beyond our telling stories.

Over a several days, I was reminded of my dad’s unexpected journey of my dad to keep me in his life So too, he stood with me when I left the United Methodist Church, and it’s the only time that I saw him cry for his son. It wasn’t until then I understood how much he loved, and it was my honor to call him, Dad.

I’ve been blessed by my best friend from college, a local priest, who would have been a great father and husband to a beautiful wife. Instead, he gave his life for the enrichment of others – and still does. I give thanks to my partner who walks with me even when I’m irritable. Hard to believe, *for sure* and good friends who are not afraid to hold up a mirror that I might see the fulness of my being – both the good and the bad.

This unfolding of wellness expanded to physical care of our bodies, which for me is exploring our nearby parks and rivers. For others, it may be golfing or jogging, or eating right, or just completing an annual physical. It’s a reminder that these bodies are not permanent, that we need to be attentive to those aches and pains. So too, we should be attentive to those aches and pains of other, you might save a life.

It was a bit of a surprise as we talked about money. Are we putting money aside for our retirement? Will we have the resources to do things we want to do? What is it we want to leave our children? What do we want to leave our church? What do we want to leave to our neighbors? To these lands Native Americans have lived on for ages? Had we ever thought about it?

Finally, do our lives have meaning? I still remember my work at Catholic Charities, working face to face with a dentist who was serving patients who had HIV. It was frightening at times, but I will remember, and give thanks, for the men and women who shared their lives with me.

As we begin a new journey, let us remember what we have achieved in our lives, what we have seen in the lives of others, and the “potentials” that abide in us all.

*God is still speaking,*  
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