

**GRANITE FALLS
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
210 Ninth Avenue
Granite Falls MN 56241
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THE ENCOUNTER
February 2018 Issue No. 2**

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WED. & FRI.—GRANITE

TUES. & THURS. —MONTEVIDEO

WEB SITE: www.granitefallsucc.org

FEBRUARY

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Usher	Paul Ledford	Paul Ledford	Paul Ledford	Paul Ledford
Usher	Bea Read	Bea Read	Bea Read	Bea Read
Fellowship	Spencer/Peg Kvam	Tammy Anderson	Wayne Kling	Darrell/Hazel Carter
Fellowship	Bea Read	Mike/Shelly Gaffaney	Bev Nordang	DuWaye/LaVonne Koenen
Liturgist	Steve Zumhofe	Terry VanDerPol	Helen Stukel	Sharon Anderson
Clean Up	Steve Zumhofe	Steve/Vicke Zumhofe	Stan/Nellie Kompelein	Gail Rohlik
Clean Down	NA	NA	NA	Gail Rohlik
Please have the church cleaned by the listed date.				

CIRCLE OF STONES



WHEN: Wednesday, February 28 @ 7pm

WHERE: Peg Kvam's house

WHO: Women of the church and friends

WHAT: Bring a Bible, any translation.

Mark 9 & 10

PONDER: What words or phrases "jump out at you" or "speak to you?"

DRIVERS NEEDED:

Your next opportunity to drive will be the week of **February 25-March 3**

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

THANK YOU TO those who delivered meals in February:

Sharon Anderson, John Butterbrodt, Helen Stukel, Lynn Holmstrom, Gayle Inks, Cindy & Chris Fjermestad and Pearl Lenzen

FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 2017 Income	\$5,416.77
December Expenses	\$ 3,581.58
Year-to-Date Balance	- \$3,597.43

FRBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	February 4	9:00 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Choir practice
Sunday	February 11	9:00 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Choir practice
Sunday	February 18	9:00 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Choir practice
Sunday	February 25	9:00am	Worship
		10:30 am	Choir practice
Thursday	February 28	7:00 pm	Circle of Stones at Peggy Kvam's

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 2	Joel Beninga Harold Anderson
Feb. 4	Chad VanOverbeke
Feb. 8	Jim Fjermestad
Feb. 10	DuWayne Koenen
Feb. 21	Steven Kvam
Feb. 25	Tammy Anderson

NEEDED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

We will need a Sunday School teacher every other weekend starting in February of 2018.
Bryan Mooney

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Feb 4	Isa 40:21-31; Ps 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mk 1:29-39
Feb 11	2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps 50:1-6; 2 Cor 4:3-6; Mk 9:2-9
Feb 18	Gen 9:8-17; Ps 25:1-110; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mk 1:9-15
Feb 25	Gen: 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps 22:23-31; Rom 4:13-25; Mk 8:31-38 or Mk 9:2-9





ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAT TUESDAY DINNER

Remember to come help make meatballs on Saturday February 10th at 9:02. Workers are still needed for February 13th—see Peggy Kvam. Please get your donations in as soon as possible.

Tell all your friends to come!

ENCOUNTER Deadline

Deadline for articles for the March ENCOUNTER is **February 20.**

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.

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If he had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, he'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and he chose your heart. And the Christmas gift he sent you in Bethlehem? Face it, friend. He's crazy about you.

The Pastor's Quarter

Dear Friends and Companions in Ministry,



Dear Friends and Family,

Recently, one of our members commented on my report to the Annual Meeting, as it reflected statistics rather than vision. Needless to say, it was an accurate reflection. On the other hand, I was also aware that it was unlikely that I would continue as your pastor. Given that awareness, it does not seem appropriate to pass on a vision to a pastor to come.

Thus, I would encourage the members of Granite Falls to deepen their welcome. Perhaps you recall the Lenten study last year in which we engaged in dialog in a conversation about racism. Might this be an opportunity to revisit how that study affected our lives.

Perhaps this might be an opportunity to engage in the Open and Affirming study and seek out the voices who are not simply the pastor and his spouse.

There are so many ways to engage our neighbors in Mexico and beyond. What did Jesus really mean when he asked who are our neighbors?

As I come to closure, I would like to give thanks once again to John and Wayne who drove us to Minnesota. As well as Dick and Sharon who gave us shelter our first night in town

And I give thanks to Pearl for sharing the ministry serving communion

Finally, I give thanks for the opportunity to get to know you .

May God be with you all.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



35th Annual

MEATBALL

Fundraiser

With CAJUN option

FAT TUESDAY

February 13, 2018

4:30-6:30 pm

(or when food is gone)

Snow Date: February 15

Granite Falls UCC

210 9th Avenue

(please use East or North entrance)

320-564-2442



MENU

Meatballs	Gravy
Mashed Potatoes	Roll
Coleslaw	Corn
Homemade Pie or Dessert	

OR

Cajun Option	
Southern Cornbread	
Honey Butter	
Coleslaw	Corn
Homemade Pie or Dessert	

\$10 Adults

\$5 under 12

Take-out and in
town delivery
available.