

**GRANITE FALLS
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
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Granite Falls MN 56241
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THE ENCOUNTER
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OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

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JULY

Responsibility					
	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	
Usher	Hazel Carter	Hazel Carter	Hazel Carter	Hazel Carter	
Usher	Darrell Carter	Darrell Carter	Darrell Carter	Darrell Carter	
Fellowship	Bea Read	John/Julie Butterbrodt	Diane Bakker	Bill/Sue Krinke	
Fellowship	None	None	None	None	
Liturgist	Steve Zumhofe	Helen Stukel	Sharon Anderson	Sue Selden	
Clean Up	Diane Bakker	Dennis/Konnie Holtz	Keith/DebKoerlin	Gail Rohlik	
Clean Down	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik	Gail Rohlik

Please have the church cleaned by the listed date.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 7	2 Kings 5 1-14, Psalm 30, Galatians 6:1-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 14	Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 82, Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
July 21	Amos 8:1-12, Psalm 52, Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42
July 28	Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85, Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13

CIRCLE OF STONES



WHEN: Wednesday July 24, 7:00 pm

WHERE: Home Of Lavonne Koenen
98 Pleasant St

WHO: Women of the church and friends

WHAT: Bring a Bible, any translation.
Studying Women of the Bible

THE HEIFER PROJECT

The Heifer Project works in 25 countries and has for over 70 years. Their approach involves enhancing the capacity of vulnerable small-scale farmers, especially women, to secure their livelihoods.

Our collection of noisy offering on the third Sunday of each month goes toward buying animals to support this endeavor. In December of each year we ask the children in the congregation to pick out which animals they would like to "buy" that year. In 2017 this was 1 llama/ Alpaca, 1 pig, 1 flock of Chicks and 1 Duck/Geese.

We encourage you to save your change (but we will gladly accept bills) for this monthly mission.



Signing of the Contract



AWESOME NEWS

Randy Moe has accepted the contract to be our part-time pastor. He will be starting his duties with us on July 1, 2019. A letter has gone out with all of his past experience listed. He is very excited to be joining us and we are very happy to have him here. His wife Karen is our secretary. We will announce his office hours when they have been established.

Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)

Council Minutes

May 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Devotions: Peggy Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Moderator John Butterbrodt. Council members present: Bea, Janie, John, Peggy, Spencer, Steve, Sue. Joel Beninga of Pastor-Parish Committee was also present.

1. Review, Modify and Approve the Agenda: Add 8C—Change worship time on May 19th. Approve as modified: Peggy/Spencer /U
2. Minutes of April 18, 2019, meeting: It was noted that Drake Lieser will not graduate until next year. Approved: Peggy/Spencer/U
3. Minutes April 28, 2019, meeting: Approved: Steve/Peggy/U
4. Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Tammy met with Citizens Bank—everything except CD will be consolidated into one account. CE curriculum will stick with bible stories and Peggy will come up with materials to use. Confirmation is done for this spring and will start again in September. They would to be confirmed in the spring. Worship, Sanctuary, and Membership: no report

Building and Maintenance: Steve talked to Eric Soine about the gravel—it's been completed and cost \$35. He fertilized the lawn today. The garden needs some work, either new plants or an ornamental tree were suggested.,

Stewardship: May is Strengthen the Church, June is Transient Fund and July is Living at Home Block Nurse.

Memorials & Bequests: Nothing decided—they are waiting for the bill on the stained glass.

Pastor/Parish Relations Committee: Not Currently Active

Wider Church Happenings: Group

Meetings are being held to consider the best way to put Pilgrim Point on the market. Are other denominations interested in a camp?

Accept reports: Spencer/Peggy/ U

5. Financial Report: April was \$1,073.50 to the good. Janie will talk to Stan about mowing the church lawn this summer. Memorials & Bequests has \$700 earmarked for the stained glass to add to Capital Improvement savings—transfer when the bill arrives. There is about \$10,000 in the checking account.
6. Moderator's Report: Pulpit supply has been getting more and more difficult.
7. Old Business: Christian Education Accounts: By the end of May, accounts will be consolidated into one with the exception of the CD, which matures in December. Church bell—nothing done. Highway Cleanup makeup date is May 15th. Mileage for Rosanna Walker: Janie included only 1-way mileage in the check and will mail the remaining amount to Rosanna.
Becoming a Creation Justice Church: tabled until after Conference Annual Meeting.

8. New Business:

A. Pulpit Supply: Randy Moe & Bob Vedell are on for June. May 12th we will acknowledge Allen's help in carrying us forward with a quilt (made by Bev Nordang) and gift card in lieu of mileage. May 19th will honor Jeff's service to church, school and community with a quilt (donated by John). Expectations for half-time leadership: It was suggested by Rick Wagner that we stick with a contract instead of a call, though Dick Anderson preferred a call. A call would require a congregational vote and would extend the timeline for getting Randy hired. Peggy suggested we offer a contract through January 1, 2020, and then decide if both sides want to continue, offering an annual contract at that point. Half-time would mean 20 hours/week and we would like some set office hours to begin, with Randy deciding on the day. Paid leave would be for 40 hours and 4 Sundays per year. The first contract would include 20 hours and 2 Sundays paid leave.

Change worship time on May 19th: Jeff informed John that if we change the worship service time to 10:00, Joan Lundell would be available to play for the choir at that service. Motion to set the May 19th time at 10:00: Peggy/Janie/U. John will have Karen send an email and call those who don't get emails.

9. Church Use Requests: none

10. Devotions for Next Meeting, Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM: Steve.

11. Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer: Spencer/ Peggy/U

July Birthdays

July 2	Darrell Carter
July 8	Karla Slettedahl
July 10	Julia Kvam Bev Nordang
July 11	Janelle Kompelien Kamden Lynn Varpness
July 12	Eric Soine
July 16	Dick Anderson
July 17	Hazel Carter Tom Bukowski Jacob Amderspm
July 18	Peggy Kvam
July 23	Pat Putnam
July 26	Alison Ator



July Anniversaries

July 2	Jeff & Sheila VanOverBeke
July 11	Bill & Sue Krinke
July 19	Helen & Gene Stukel





July Calendar

Sunday	July 7	Worship	9:00am
		Pastor Randy Moe's	
		First Sunday	
Sunday	July 14	Worship	9:00am
		Pastor Randy Moe	
Sunday	July 21	Worship	9:00am
Wed	July 24	Circle of Stones	7:00pm
		Home of Lavonne Koenen	
Sunday	July 28	Worship	9:00am
		Pastor Randy Moe	

Whenever you can't reach anyone in the church office please call Sharon or Dick Anderson at 320-564-0964 or 320-212-2005. They will know who is on call to handle emergency situations.

June 26, 2019

Dear Members and Friends:

We are very pleased to be able to share with you the great news that after seventeen months of relying on pulpit supply the church council has come to an agreement with Randy Moe to serve as our Designated Minister beginning on July 1.

Randy was a Licensed Lay Minister with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and will be seeking authorization from the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ now that we have a contract in place. Randy has served as pastor of First English Lutheran Church in Sacred Heart, interim pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Thief River Falls and assistant pastor of Golden Valley Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, MN. Randy is an accomplished organist and has served as organist at several churches in the Twin Cities Area and until now has served as organist at two area churches. He has an organ building business that uses computer technology to closely reproduce the sound of a pipe organ.

Randy is currently employed as a Divisional IT Internal Control Manager for a large corporation. The current plan is for a gradual move away from his regular job after the congregational annual meeting in January.

Please join your church family and welcome Randy to his new church home on and every Sunday after July 7th.

Other information such as office hours will be forthcoming. Randy's wife Karen serves as our secretary and is in the church office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. An emergency contact number for Randy is 612-296-1210.

Faithfully,

Your Church Council