

**GRANITE FALLS
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
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THE ENCOUNTER
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SEPTEMBER

Responsibility					
	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Usher	DuWayne Koenen	DuWayne Koenen	DuWayne Koenen	DuWayne Koenen	DuWayne Koenen
Usher	LaVonne Koenen	LaVonne Koenen	LaVonne Koenen	LaVonne Koenen	LaVonne Koenen
Fellowship	Pearl Lenzen	Sandy Torgerson	Wayne Kling	Chad Van-Overbeke	Dennis/Konnie Holta
Fellowship	Gayle Inks	Sally Thoma	Bill/Sue Krinke	Darrell/Hazel Carter	Steve/Vicke Zumhofe
Liturgist	Steve Zumhofe	Helen Stukel	Sharon Anderson	Sue Selden	Steve Zumhofe
Clean Up	Ray/Sharon Olson	Babe/Sheri Gatchell	Paul Ledford Dan Maiden	Chad Van-Overbeke	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

Sept 1	Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sept 8	Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Philemon 1:1-21 Luke 14:25-33
Sept 15	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
Sept 22	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13
Sept 29	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

CIRCLE OF STONES



WHEN: Wednesday Sept 26, 7:00 pm

WHERE: Home Of Peggy Kvam
410 7th Ave

WHO: Women of the church and friends

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

FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

All requests for financial aid scholarships for the up coming academic year must be received by October 15, 2019. Scholarships are available for camp registration, education, leadership and special training needs. The Memorial, Bequests and Special Gifts committee will meet about that date to consider and allot funds. All church members and friends are encouraged to apply.

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.

September Birthdays

September 6 Pearl Lenzen
Margaret Zumhofe
Jared Zumhofe
Curt Soine
Karen Halling
September 11 John Dack
September 12 Sue Rollins
September 17 Emily Rollins
Steve Zumhofe
September 21 Coleen Odegard
September 23 Shelby Nielsen
September 25 Terry VanDerPol
September 26 Paul Ledford



September Anniversaries

September 6 Darrell & Hazel Carter





September Calendar

Sunday	Sept 1	Communion Worship	9:00am
		Pastor Randy Moe	
Sunday	Sept 8	Rally Sundae	9:00am
		Pastor Randy Moe	
Wed	Sept 11	Confirmation starts	6:00pm
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
		Council	8:00pm
Sunday	Sept 15	Worship	9:00am
		Noisy Offering	
		Pastor Randy Moe	
Friday	Sept 20	Quilt Tying	9:01am
		Church Basement	
		Treats provided	
Sunday	Sept 22	Worship	9:00am
		Pastor Randy Moe	
Wed	Sept 26	Circle of Stones	7:00pm
		Home of Peggy Kvam	
Sunday	Sept 29	Worship	9:00am
		Pastor Randy Moe	

Notes From Your Pastor

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

As I write this, it's a rainy day. More and more often now the air has the cool breath of autumn, and trees here and there are beginning to change color. There's a certain sadness that comes with the passing of summer, but there's also a comfortable sense of settling in and getting back to normal as school starts and fall activities begin.

Like the cycle of seasons on earth, our lives have seasons. We experience times of sunshine and times of rain; times of joy and times of sadness. And through all the seasons of life, one constant remains: God's amazing love for us. As Frederick Buechner wrote, "We are above all things loved—that is the good news of the gospel—and loved not just the way we turn up on Sundays in our best clothes and on our best behavior and with our best feet forward, but loved as we alone know ourselves to be, the weakest and shabbiest of what we are along with the strongest and gladdest."

May God's constant, unchanging, and unconditional love sustain and encourage us through these last days of summer, and inspire us as we settle into our fall activities.

Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)

Council Minutes

July 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Devotions: Steve

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Moderator John Butterbrodt. Council members present: Bea, Dennis, John, Peggy, Sharon, Spencer, Steve, Sue.

1. Review, Modify and Approve the Agenda: Approved: Steve/Spencer /U
2. Minutes of May 9, 2019, meeting: Add *like* to item 4A. Approve as modified: Peggy/Spencer/U
3. Minutes May 19, 2019, meeting: There were no minutes from this meeting when Steve, Spencer and Dick Anderson met with Randy to work out a contract.
4. Committee Reports:
 - Christian Education: Not meeting until September.
 - Worship, Sanctuary, and Membership: Not met.
 - Building and Maintenance: Sharon was at church for the installation of the repaired stained glass window. They will come and replace the plastic on the other side later. She requested that a thank you note be sent. Lonny Anderson is going to work on the bell tower and put a membrane in to prevent leakage, then sheet rock the ceiling. This will be paid for with a donation from members.
 - Stewardship: Not met.
 - Memorials & Bequests: No report.
 - Pastor/Parish Relations Committee: Not Currently Active
 - Wider Church Happenings: None.Accept reports: Spencer/Sharon/ U
5. Financial Report: None.
6. Moderator's Report: Randy Moe has accepted our half-time position; successful highway cleanup; Allen's and Jeff's recognition services both well attended; stained glass window repaired and installed; attended Conference Annual Meeting on Saturday—UCC produced a movie about a community in Guatemala that is available on Amazon and could be shown to the congregation.
7. Old Business:
 - Church bell—Randy agreed to help with the bell.
 - Becoming a Creation Justice Church: John picked up information at the Conference Annual Meeting, but has not looked it over yet.
8. New Business:
 - A. Pulpit Supply: June 16 & 30—Bob Vedell; June 23—Randy Moe. Randy begins his contracted service as of July 1.
 - B. Randy Moe: Randy had a background check done for his current job. If we could get a copy of that, he wouldn't have to have a new one done. Motion to approve the contract with Randy Moe: Peggy/Sharon/U. Randy is also interested in the organist and choir director positions. Randy will check with the Minnesota Conference on getting licensed by them.
Spencer will be acting moderator in John's absence.
9. Church Use Requests: none
10. Devotions for Next Meeting, Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM: Sharon.
11. Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer: Spencer/ Dennis/U

NEWS AND NOTES

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.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!!

It is that time of year when all things “church” and school are starting up again. Sunday School starts on the 8th and confirmation starts on the 11th – sooooo we want to start choir up again on the 11th as well. Pastor Randy is going to direct us so it should be a very fun time. If you sing at all – or just make a joyful noise – please come and join us on Wednesday September 11th at 7:00pm in the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome. The more the merrier.

“Rally Sundae” is September 8th. All children are welcome!

Confirmation begins at 6:00pm on September 11th. Supper provided!

***Quilt tying in the church basement on September 20th at 9:00am.
Treats provided.***