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APRIL 2024

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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April 7: Acts 4:32-35; psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 14: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 21: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

April 28: Act 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Mission Emphasis's

April: CUE

The April mission emphasis is CUE, which stands for Chicago, United and Eden Theological Seminaries. It is an investment in clergy and lay leadership who will do ministry with our churches and in the world. It is an investment in the future of the United Church of Christ.



Congratulations
Dennis & Konnie Holtz
on 50 Years!!

APRIL CALENDAR

Monday	April 1	Office Open	7:30-12:30
Tuesday	April 2	Take Note Rehearsal	Evening
Wednesday	April 3	Office Open	7:30-12:30
Thursday	April 4	Coffee Hour	10:00 AM
Sunday	April 7	Worship w/Pastor Beverly	9:30 AM
Monday	April 8	Office Open	7:30-12:30
		DAYD Deliveries	Morning
		Circle of Stones	2:00 PM
Tuesday	April 9	DAYD Deliveries	Morning
		Take Note Rehearsal	Evening
Wednesday	April 10	Office Open	7:30-12:30
		DAYD Deliveries	Morning
Thursday	April 11	Coffee Hour	10:00 AM
		DAYD Deliveries	Morning
Friday	April 12	DAYD Deliveries	Morning
Sunday	April 14	Worship w/Karen Schmidt-Dill	9:30 AM
Monday	April 15	Office Open	7:30-12:30
Tuesday	April 16	LAH/BPN Grief Support	11:30-1:30
		Take Note Rehearsal	Evening
Wednesday	April 17	Office Open	7:30-12:30
		Council Mtg	6:00 PM
Thursday	April 18	Coffee Hour	10:00 AM
Sunday	April 21	Service w/Pastor Beverly	9:30 AM
Monday	April 22	Office Open	7:30-12:30
Tuesday	April 23	Take Note Rehearsal	Evenings
Wednesday	April 24	Office open	7:30-12:30
		Healing Connections Grief Group	10:30 AM
Thursday	April 25	Coffee Hour	10:00 AM
Sunday	April 28	Worship w/Karen Schmidt-Dill	9:30 AM
Monday	April 29	Office Open	7:30-12:30



APRIL SPECIAL DAYS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 24 Rob Ator
 April 26 Sharon Anderson

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 1 Korey & Jordan (Beninga) Papke
 April 12 Bryan & Peggy Mooney
 April 14 Spencer & Peggy Kvam
 April 20 Dennis & Connie Holtz

Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational)

Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM

UNAPPROVED

Devotions: Spencer

Assistant Moderator Spencer Kvam called the meeting to order at 6:06. Members present: Bea, Bryan, Dennis, Karen, Peggy M, Sharon A, Sharon O, Spencer & Sue.

1. Review, Modify, and Approve the Agenda: Add 7C—Visitation Group. Accept agenda as modified: Sue/Sharon A/U.

2. Review, Modify and Approve Minutes of February 12, 2024 Council Meeting: Sharon A/Bea/U.

3. Committee Reports

a. Christian Education: Not met.

b. Worship, Sanctuary, and Membership: Developed a list of worship leaders and liturgists through June 30.

Sharon A talked to Beverly Crute—we will pay mileage from Willmar to Granite Falls to Maynard in addition to the \$200 stipend: Karen/Bea/U.

The committee will need help on March 30th to set up for Easter.

Beverly invited us to the 7:00 Good Friday service at First Episcopal Church in Maynard. Sharon A will give Lisa this information for the weekly email update.

c. Building and Maintenance: Dennis replaced the light in the choir loft.

Sharon A said that DuWayne and LaVonne Koenen would like to pay for window cleaning and lawn work this spring. The building should be power washed before the windows are done. Dennis will contact a company from Litchfield for a bid—they will also clean out the gutters at the same time.

Dennis will get an estimate for carpeting the front steps.

d. Stewardship: March mission emphasis is One Great Hour of Sharing and April will be CUE.

e. Memorials and Bequests: Not met.

f. Pastor Parish committee: Not met

g. Wider Church Happenings: Cynthia may attend the Conference Annual Meeting.

Approve reports: Sue/Dennis/U.

4. Financial Report: Sharon A needs information on Thrivent dollars donated from each member for her records.

There is \$33,414.11 in checking as of March 1st. The unspent Meatball Dinner profits in the spreadsheet are listed at \$1879. The amount doesn't match with Peggy K's report and the amounts given last month. This needs to be checked. The remainder will be transferred to the general fund for future disbursement.

North Star Mutual charges \$5 each month if the bill is not done by autopay. Sharon O would like to change that account over to autopay: Peggy/Karen/U.

There is \$120,589.74 currently in the savings account earning 0.85% interest. Sharon O suggested putting some of it into CDs. Currently we can get 4.9% on 9-month CDs. She will explore a Money Market account as well. This will be included in the agenda for April's meeting.

Accept report: Bryan/Karen/U.

5. Pastor's Report: None

6. Old Business

a. West side retaining wall: No change.

b. Innovation Culture Index Survey and Meeting: Two discussion sessions have been held during fellowship after church services.

7. New Business

a. Library club: Crunch Labs—kits for 10 kids, 3 times each, can be purchased with donations received. At least 3 adults for each session will be needed.

b. Dr. Kathleen Jordan event: Peggy Kvam distributed a letter to be included in the COMMAntary. It will also be included in the April Encounter. She updated the council on the committee's progress. Six schools will bring kids to view the materials so the exhibit will be extended by 1 or 2 days. There will be speakers in the Sanctuary on Saturday and on Sunday afternoon. Set up will be Tuesday, September 10, and take down on September 18 or 19. The church will order t-shirts with our logo for our volunteers to wear. They will also be worn for the next meatball dinner.

c. Visitation Group: Six or seven people are willing to make visits. Karen has handed out information on Active Listening to them. The group will need to come up with a name to use.

8. Church Use Requests:

Take Note on Tuesday evenings

Living at Home Block Nurse Program

Tuesdays: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Grief Group

Wednesdays: Healing Connections Aftercare

Dennis Holtz's emailed Use Request for March 23rd was approved.

Kathleen Jordan Project's expanded time in September was approved.

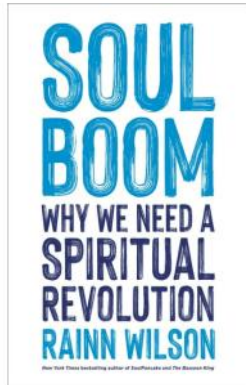
9. Devotions for Next Meeting: Sue Selden

Devotion Rotation: (Karen Schmidt-Dill / Peggy / Spencer / Sue / Sharon A/ Bea / Sharon O/ Bryan)

10. Next Meeting: April 17, 2024, at 6:00 PM: Several council members will be out of town on this date. New date will be April 24th at 6:00.

11. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer: 7:34--Bryan/Dennis/U.

News



Circle of Stones

will be meeting Thursday April 8th at 2:00. Please meet at Pearl's home. We will discuss Chapter 4 in the book Soul Boom.

DAYD News—APRIL 2024

Thank you to the Dinner At Your Door drivers who volunteered for March: Joel Beninga, Lynn Holmstrom, Sharon Olson, Bea Read, Gene/Helen Stukel.

Our Church's next DAYD opportunity will be April 8-12. The driver's list will be due to Henry Hill on Thursday, April 4.

Drivers are needed for Monday, April 8, Tuesday, April 9; Wednesday, April 10; Thursday, April 11; Friday, April 12.

To sign up to drive and/or for questions about DAYD, please call or text Helen @ 507-828-0565.

The 2024 DAYD Four Week Rotation M-F Delivery Schedule is posted on the upstairs hallway bulletin board.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

UCC article Jordan
March 25, 2024

“Many people give time and money to their church and other causes; Kathy gives her heart, her all.” Rev. Jerry Hankins, Granite Falls Minnesota United Church of Christ. (1984)

Kathy was Dr. Kathleen Smith Jordan (1901-1993), a quietly remarkable physician whose medical career was dedicated to the fight against Tuberculosis. Born in England and raised in French Algeria, Kathleen graduated from Case Western Medical School in 1929. For the next four decades she administered Mantoux tests to countless children in Minnesota and educated the public about the disease.

For this work and her service in support of the United Church of Christ, human and civil rights, and education, Kathleen was honored in 1987 by the national body of the United Church of Christ. She was cited for “ministry that inspires and challenges others” and for “service and leadership”. She was described as “extremely articulate and always concerned with people and the global scheme of things.”

In 2024, Kathleen is being honored for these same qualities through 5 days of public events and exhibits, September 12-16, in Granite Falls. Several venues in the city will tell the story of the lives of Dr. Kathleen Jordan and her husband Dr. Lewis Jordan. Through the Jordans’ careful and determined efforts, the incidence of TB declined drastically.

Hundreds of school children will view the displays through focused field trips. The general public, including many people who were tested by Kathleen when they were children, can see the displays, hear speakers, and view special collections of Christmas seals, a source of the funding that supported Kathleen’s vital work.

UCC Granite Falls is hosting the planning meetings and will be the site of important exhibits during the fall events.

“Kathy gives her heart, her all”—this is the spirit that guides the Kathleen Jordan Project Committee.

For additional information or to support the project please visit our new website:
thedrkathleenjordanproject.org

SPRING HEALING CONNECTIONS GROUP

Join others who have experienced a loss
for an 8-Week Spring Group

Gain strength and comfort from others walking a similar path
While drawing on information and support working through your grief.

Group gathers Wednesday mornings beginning April 24, 2024

For information contact:

Shelly @ 507-591-0692
Healing Connections Aftercare

Sponsored by:
Wing-Bain Funeral Home
Granite Falls Block
Nurse Program





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	1 Office Open 7:30-12:30	2 Take Note Rehearsal-Evening	3 Office Open 7:30-12:30	4 Coffee Hour 10:00 AM	5	6
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21 Worship w/Pastor Beverly 9:30 AM	22 Office Open 7:30-12:30	23 Take Note Rehearsal-Evening	24 Office Hours 7:30- 12:30	25 Coffee Hour 10:00 AM	26	27
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