

United Methodist Church News

Groton - Conde - Andover



August 2002

Pastor's Corner

According to a recent article, trying to be like Jesus doesn't always work out. This -- from the Omaha World Herald:

What would Jesus do if he were an elementary school kid and someone called him Little Bo Peep?

On Thursday, an 11 year old boy dressed as Jesus for "Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character" day got into a fight after school, a police report said.

The Crestridge Elementary School student had worn a tunic and was carrying a staff. A 12 year old from a neighboring middle school saw him and made fun of him, calling him "Little Bo Peep" and "Heidi".

The two then got into a fight. Jesus got a black eye. The children each said the other struck first, the police report said.

Yes we chuckle about it, but "Jesus got a black eye" in more than one way. Makes you wonder, doesn't it, "how often have my actions as a person, been less than helpful to the cause of Christ?" Even when my intentions were good. "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. When I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand." (Romans 7:15, 19) Sound familiar? Someone has suggested that the Apostle Paul was on a diet. I doubt it, but every dieter knows what its like to intend to do "good" eat healthy, and not in excess amounts, but ending up the day with too many calories or carbs, too much starch or sugar or whatever it is that you count. Best intentions do not always result in great actions. So what do we do?. Admit it when we have failed, ask forgiveness, learn from mistakes and success and try again. We pray again, read scripture again, and act again.

"Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light"

Peace
Pastor Grant



Our Christian Sympathy to the Family of Fern Wall from Andover, whose funeral was on July 9 in the Andover Church.

A word of Thanks

Our thanks to all the people who helped make our move as easy as possible by bringing food, ice cream, and other goodies to the parsonage. Your kindness is appreciated. Special thanks to Jean & Earl Lowary who gave us a place to sleep before our bed arrived. Thanks again.

Rev Grant & Eileen Piehl

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I wish Noah had swatted his two 'skeetos."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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Groton UMC Mission Statement

The Groton United Methodist Church is a body of believers seeking to strengthen and build a church family that provides all individuals with the opportunity to grow in their faith and lead an enriched spiritual life in Jesus Christ through worship, study, fellowship, working together and reaching out to others.

Groton Administrative Council

The following items were on the agenda for the July 10th meeting:

■ This being the first meeting for Rev. Piehl, each committee chairperson present shared pertinent information on his or her committee; present projects, future plans and needs anticipated.

The Membership Committee reported 245 church members as of this date. The Weekly Attendance Register will be placed in the pews for a short period. Rev. Piehl will use them to acquaint himself with families' members and names.

The UMW will host the Central District UMW meeting on Sept. 14th. The kitchen co-chairmen will be Jean Lowary and Audrey Padfield; Jolene Townsend is in charge of the dining room arrangements.

Sherwin Nyberg, Trustees chairman, reported on the annual parsonage and office walk-through. Minor repairs needed were noted. The landscaping at the front of the church has been completed, and the post for the memorial plaque honoring William Rix and Donella Gardner has been put in place.

Rev. Piehl inquired about any special services that are traditional in this church, and he shared some points regarding future services he is considering. He announced his general work schedule. He plans to take Saturdays off, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

An ad hoc committee is being appointed by the Trustees Committee to explore the feasibility of redoing the church bathrooms. They will report their initial findings at the September meeting.

Groton UMW

Marjorie Kolb, Brown County Extension Educator, was a guest speaker Wednesday afternoon, July 17, for the Groton unit of United Methodist Women. Her topic was "Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate", a talk on the transfer of untitled property, which resulted in much discussion.

President Linda Thurston called the meeting to order and Doris Zoellner read a devotion meditation on Matthew 18:14, written by Jeanine Carpenter of Canton. The PURPOSE was repeated in unison.

The financial report included an update of the year to date. Pledge to mission, five-star unit goals and accomplishments and love ribbons. Monetary donations were voted for Tree of Life Ministry, a United Methodist Conference project, \$500; Groton Youth Center, \$500; SPURS, \$250; Abbott House of Mitchell, \$250; and Safe Harbor, \$250.

The Kitchen Improvement report was tabled until the September meeting. Due to mix-ups in billing at Ken's or other places where merchandise is charged, individuals are urged to get the yellow slip or other record of charge and present it to the proper treasurer.

Reading program reports should be given to Ann Rix before August 15. There were reports and discussion of the plans for the District UMW meeting to be held in Groton September 14. The theme chosen is "Aware, Alert, Action". The Fall Bazaar was briefly discussed and members asked to start planning for it.

Audrey Padfield and Doris Zoellner served dessert and coffee during the break following the program. Audrey Thurston received the door prize membership pin.

The unit will not meet in August and will resume September 11th at 7:30 p.m. Members please note that it is the second Wednesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Encounter—Aberdeen—August 8-9

Rally Sunday—September 8

Central District Meeting—Groton—September 14

Ingathering—September 28th., Mitchell

Dakotas Conference UMW Meeting

Brookings—October 11-12

Fall Bazaar—Tentatively November 10.

Twila Ruden, Secretary



UMW Reading Program

The UMW reading program will end August 15. If you are participating in the program, you need to notify Ann Rix by August 10 with the number and titles of the UMW books you have read this past year. Thanks.

Ann Rix, UMW Program Resources

Pop tabs are being weighed on August 10
-Please bring yours to the church soon!

UMW

August - No Meeting

Next Meeting - September 11, 2002

6:30 pm Executive meeting
7:30 pm UMW meeting

Program -- "Baby Quilts Made Tonight"
(no machine required-bringscissors/yardstick)
Leader -- Jolene Townsend
Hostesses -- Jodie Sternhagen/Elaine Wolken



WANTED: Teddy Bears

In celebration of this years Children's Sabbath Sunday, we will be collecting new teddy bears to be distributed to local charities as well as charities within the Dakotas Conference. These teddy bears will be used to ease the pain and suffering of children in crisis.

We are asking for a donation of one new teddy bear (no larger than 12 inches) from each family in our congregation. The children of our church will dedicate the teddy bears on Rally Sunday, September 8, during the church service.

There will be a collection container in the sanctuary as well as by the back door of the church.

Please help children in our community as an act of mission. . . . Supporting, caring, and helping others grow to know about the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks.

Brenda Madsen, Spiritual Growth Committee



UMW Bazaar

The Groton UMW Fall Bazaar is approaching fast (tentatively set for November 10). It is not to early to be creating items for our Craft Area or collecting items for our White Elephant Sale. If you have new ideas or can help in any way, call our chairpersons:

General Chairpersons - Gloria Pharis, Jolene Townsend

Bake Sale Committee - Clare Brotherton, Chm, Gert Ruden, Chris Nyberg

Country Store/White Elephant/Crafts - Betty Strom, Chm, Ruth Thompson, Pam Bahr

UMW Central District Meeting

Saturday, September 14, 2002
Please plan to attend

Groton Education Committee

Planning Meeting
Monday August 5, 2002
7:00 pm

September Work Committee

Pam & Doug Bahr 397-8251
Carolyn & Robert Snyder 397-8396
Jolene & Alan Townsend 395-6455

*Meri & John Erickson Robert Hood
*Mary & Cal Hayenga Dick Oliver
Molly & Erik Hayenga Brian Sperry
*Anita & John Lowary William Zoellner
Hazel & Jim McKittrick Alicia & Jeff Sippel
Karla Pasteur & Jessica
*Darlene & Bert Raap
*Connie & Dave Nilsson & Logan
Bruce & Michelle Schumacher & BJ
*Linda & Gary Thurston
*Marjorie & Russell Townsend

Volunteers for August

Ushers - ???????
Greeters - Bill & Clare Brotherton

Honorary Members:

Margarette & Don Clocksene
Hazel & Erwin Hite

Extra responsibilities for **September**: Clean meeting room by chapel and chapel.

Groton Craft Club

Be thinking about things to make for the Fall Bazaar in November (Thanksgiving or Christmas type)

**MISSION ENCOUNTER
REGISTRATION FORM FOR AUGUST 8 - 9, 2002
ABERDEEN, SD**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please select 2 work sites, you would like to work at.

Mark 1 for 1st Choice - 2 for 2nd Choice

_____ Safe Harbor (Women's Resource & Crisis Center)

_____ Salvation Army

_____ Dakota House (Youth Residence House)

_____ Boys & Girls Club of America

Send Registration to: Melva Vaughn by August 1st, at 212 E 3rd St. Redfield, SD 57469
For those coming Thursday night, Call 605-229-5005 for a room at the Super 8 Motel at 2405 6th Ave. S.E., Aberdeen, SD. Room Rates: 2 people, 2 beds \$51.52 includes tax. Ask for the Central District UMW block, rooms will be released July 8th. For more information or questions, call Kaye Harr at 605-472-2307.

Call Linda Thurston at 397-2371 if you can attend.

Conde UMC Mission Statement

The Conde United Methodist Church is a body of believers seeking to worship God; to proclaim the salvation of Christ the Lord; to increase the knowledge of the teachings of the Bible to all ages of people; to satisfy the spiritual and physical needs of all; and to instill in the people a sense of concern and obligation to the church, the community, and the world, through our church build on God the Rock.

Conde Administrative Board

The Conde Administrative Board met on Wednesday July 17, 2002 at 8:00 pm

Donna Hearnen read a "Thank You" note from the Collmans for the Barnes & Noble gift certificate they received from the church.

Old Business:

- North Central Steel will take care of the repair.
- Work on the gutters has been completed.
- The furnace will receive a check up before winter.

New Business:

- State Farm Agent, Jim Gederos, felt it prudent to add several endorsements to our existing insurance policy including: boiler, employee dishonesty, Sunday School teacher liability, Directors and Board Officers liability and Hired Auto liability. By increasing the deductible to \$1000 and adding the endorsements, the annual premium will remain the same or be a little less than the current premium of \$1056.

- Cindy Smith reported that the vacuum cleaner is worn out. Darrel Haskell and Cindy will shop for and purchase a new one.

-Health Kits -- Betty Taylor reported that there is a need for these in Sturgis. The kits stored at the UMCOR warehouse have been exhausted. Betty will send the kits if anyone wishes to contribute to this extra effort.

-Ideas are needed on whether we should continue the Annual Beef Supper or change over to a single event such as the Dinner Theater.

- Administrative Board will be scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month.

- Rev Piehl stated that he would be including "A Hanging of the Greens" event during the Advent season.

Conde UMW

August 21- 2:00 pm at the Conde Church

Lesson by Betty Jensen, "Invisible Families"
Hostesses Cindy Smith and Pat Siefken

Health Kits/Bandanas

Because of the recent fires in the Dakotas, UMCOR is in need of additional health kits. If you are able, please bring ASAP items for the kits which include:

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 hair comb, regular size (not pocket)
- 1 nail file or nail clipper
- 1 bath-size bar of soap/ original wrapper
- 1 toothbrush in original sealed package
- 1 large tube of toothpaste (no sample or travel sizes)
- 6 adhesive bandages (such as Band-aids*)

Also needed are large, all cotton, "cowboy" bandanas (please, only all-cotton) for the firefighters. Remember fire season doesn't really start until August 1!



Dolores Grimes will be one of the first 100 contributors to 4 H installed in the new 4H Hall of Fame at the State Fair in Huron this Saturday afternoon. Dolores has been a 4H club leader, officer in organizations, worked as judge at Achievement Days in many counties and the State Fair. Saturday, the State Fair will be celebrating the Centennial of the founding of 4H clubs.

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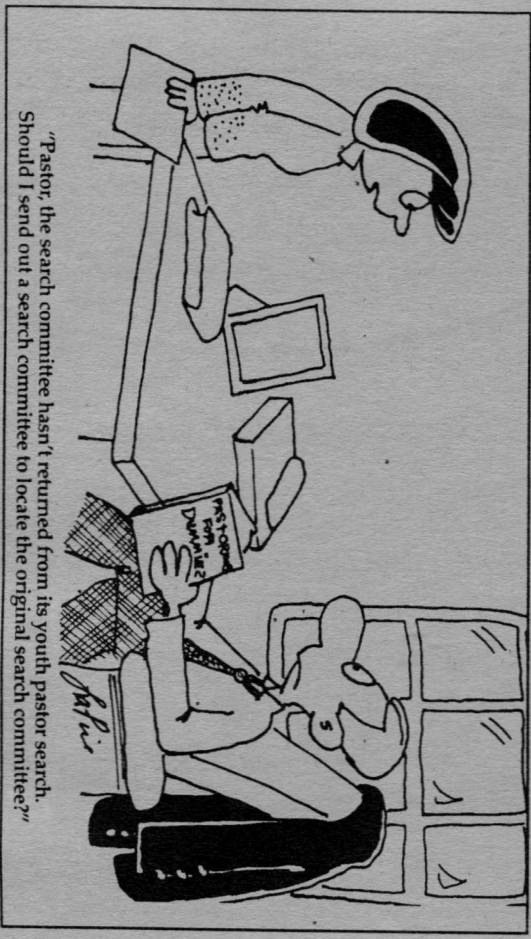
August 2002
SUNDAY WORSHIP
 9:00 am
 11:00 am
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 Groton



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Calendar of Events

Mon Aug 5	7:00 pm	(G)	Education Committee
Thu/Fri Aug 8-9	8:00 pm		UMW Mission Encounter/Aberdeen
Wed Aug 14	8:00 pm	(G)	Admin Council
Sat Aug 17	10:00 am 6:00 pm	(G) (G)	Beverly Worship Zoellner/Townsend Wedding/Reception
Wed Aug 21	2:00 pm 8:00 pm	(C) (C)	UMW Administrative Board
Sat Aug 24		(C)	Grandpre/Beckstrom Wedding
Wed Aug 28	8:00 pm	(C)	PPR Meeting



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