

United Methodist Church News

Groton - Conde - Andover



February 2002

Lent: Five Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

You are invited to attend four events in your own church and one in the other church for five sessions of varied spiritual growth during Lent 2002 in our Parish. Come and bring friends!

"Heaven in Stone and Glass" (the National Cathedral)
(G) Thursday, February 21, 7 pm, Sanctuary
(C) Monday, February 25, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary

"Searching for Spirituality" (Joan Chittister
Video & Discussion)
(G) Wednesday, Feb 27, 7:00 pm, Lenten Worship)
(G) Wednesday, February 27, 7:30 pm, Chapel
(C) Monday, March 4, 3:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

"Five Hymns That Changed the World"
(plus your favorites)
(G) Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 pm, Lenten Worship)
(G) Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 pm
(C) Monday, March 18, 3:30 pm

"Expanded Ways to Pray"
with the Rev. Dar Berkenpass
of Asbury UMC from Sioux Falls...
(G) Thursday, March 14, 7:00 pm, Chapel
(joint session)

"Jesus Christ Superstar" by A. L. Webber
(C) Sunday, March 24, 5:00 to 8:00 pm
(joint session)

(Especially for youth, but all ages are invited to see this new video and discuss this rock opera that has endured for 30 years. This session will include food)

Come to expand your spiritual horizons, to experience God anew in yourself and others, to lift your sights, to prepare for Easter.

Lenten Thoughts

More than 25% of today's American children are overweight or obese, reports James O Hill, director of the Colorado Clinical Nutrition Unit. "Parents are role models. We sit on the couch, eat high-fat foods, and then tell our kids to eat right and go out and exercise," Hill commented.

Researchers at the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that almost one-third of American adults are physically inactive. Dr. Jeffrey Koplan, the director, said that Americans are starting to realize that overeating and physical inactivity could shorten their lives.

So, for Lent this year, why not give up physical inactivity?

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"...A heart can be broken, but a circle goes on forever."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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*Some of your hurts you have cured,
and the sharpest you still have survived,
But what torment of grief you endured
From evils which never arrived!*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

From Rev. Richard. . . .

"What I Learned at School"

Often the parent will ask the student, "What did you learn at school today?" and the student will tell what they learned and how they liked their subjects. I have just completed 400 hours of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Avera/St. Luke's in Aberdeen, Wednesday classes that began the end of August and finished in mid-January. There were five of us adult students with an instructor, the Rev. Steve Corum, who drove from Sioux Falls each week. Further, I had a small group of four persons from our parish who met with me and Steve to be a part of my learning and give me feedback on how I was doing. My work environment for this course was this parish and the hospital in Aberdeen.

My contracted learning goals were four: 1) To become more publically vulnerable in leadership to demonstrate emotional availability; 2) To demonstrate a more positive use of power by letting go more and having people succeed and fail in their church tasks; 3) To demonstrate a non-anxious and non-judgmental presence through better listening to people to hear their stories; 4) To have a more inviting and less ordering presence in public leadership.

Though we did not get a passing grade, we did do mid-term and final evaluations in written form. All this was a humbling experience, and through class sharing and responses along with my core group from this parish, this unit has been both humbling and helpful.

I have come up with the following insights and growing edges from CPE. 1) I have learned to be less hurried, and though I will never be "laid back," I have relearned Henri Nouwen's comment that "the interruptions are my work." 2) I have begun to listen more deeply for the meaning behind the words and come to realize how much work helpful listening really is. 3) I have learned to "back off" and let things happen and not over-function for people as much in our churches. In the midst of this, I work from my strengths and minimize my weaknesses. 4) I have learned not to judge so much and make fewer public comments that might imply evaluation. Opinions need not be shared unless they are asked for by others. 5) I have learned to ask more open-ended questions and give fewer answers.

We can only listen as deeply as we can enter our own pain; the deeper we enter our own pain, the more deeply we can enter another's pain. In my teaching presentation to the class, I focused on "The Fellowship of Suffering" and what it means to be with others in pain.

Pastor Steve Swenson assisted me at the time. My work in both the hospital (varied chaplain shifts) and the churches has been helpful in teaching this old dog to learn new pastoral tricks and serve all of you better. Thank you for the opportunity to do my first unit of CPE. It has been worth its weight in gold for our ministry together.

Richard J. Coleman

**BIG
THANK YOU**

Thanks to...

Allen Walter and Bill Brotherton for replacing the ceiling tiles in the hallway by the kitchen in the Groton UMC.

All persons who furnished information for the annual reports and those who have done the audits.

Congratulations to...

Robin Wanous of Groton and Todd Williamson who were married January 26th in Jamaica. Robin is the daughter of Jeanne and Rob Wanous.

Darrel and Joyce Haskell of Conde who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 27th with a surprise from their children in church

*With
Sympathy*

Our Sympathy to...

Dale Sander and family in the death of Carol (Mrs. Harvey) Sander, age 79, who died in Spearfish on January 25th. Rev. Sander was a pastor at Groton UMC. Cards may be sent to 920 Pinedale Dr., Spearfish, SD 57783.

Dale Busing and his family in the death of Doris Busing, who died in Milbank. Her funeral was Friday, February 1 at Conde.

RECITAL

"Hymns and Elegies" is the title of a pre-Lenten organ recital on Wednesday, February 6th, 12:15-12:45 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. Rev. Richard Collman will play this recital that invites us to end Epiphany and look toward Lent. Arliss Alberts will assist. There will be a luncheon and free-will offering following the recital. All are invited over their lunch hour.



Internet Crimes Against Children Conference

Teri Kurtenbach will do a Presentation and Discussion of Internet Crimes Against Children on Sunday, February, 10, 2:30 pm at the United Methodist Church in Groton. This will be a summary of Governor Janklow's conference attended in Sioux Falls and include the topics of sexual exploitation of children, pornography on the internet, youth survey results, SD's response, www.sdpcybersafe.com, and tips for protecting our children. For more information, contact Vicki Strom. The program will be repeated at the same time on March 3.



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Lent Begins Early This Year

Lent, our six-week preparation for Easter, begins early this year on Ash Wednesday, February 13. We observe the beginning of Lent with a worship service using the Imposition of Ashes. This worship will be in Conde at 8:00 am on Ash Wednesday, (students and others will be dismissed in time for school) and in Groton at 7:00 pm. In Groton, confirmation students and mentors are urged to attend as well as Administrative Council members. (That meeting follows at 7:30 pm)

In Groton, there will be mid-week worship events before some of the Lenten Seminar sessions. Please watch the weekly bulletin.

During Lent...

Fast from fear;
Feast on faith.
Fast from despair;
Feed on hope.
Fast from depressing news;
Feed on prayer.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger and worry;
Feed on patience.
Fast from negative thinking;
Feast on positive thinking.
Fast from bitterness;
Feed on love and forgiveness.
Fast from words that wound;
Feast on words that heal.
Fast from gravity;
Feed on joy and humor.



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 January 9th:

--The Trustee Committee reported that handicap door handles have been installed on the kitchen door; an outdoor motion light has been installed at the office door in the alley; and the damaged ceiling tiles in the hallway have been replaced. They will also arrange to have the stable for the outdoor nativity scene rebuilt or repaired before next winter.

--UMW members provided meals or food items twice a week for the Wolken family while Elaine Wolken was disabled with two broken arms, suffered in a fall at the church.

--The UMYF group will sponsor a "Souper" Bowl on February 3rd. Money received will go to Roxie Tople.

--The Endowment Committee announced that eight persons have joined the Century Club to date. They pledge \$100 each year for five years to the Groton UMC Endowment Program.

--The family of Donella Gardner wishes to donate funds in her memory to be used for music and/or children's items for the church. Several suggestions are being researched.

--The profit from the Men's Dinner is \$1,787.33. A decision on use of the monies was tabled to a future date.

--The Christmas Eve offering which is dedicated to the Easter Basket local mission project amounted to \$565.30.

--There will be a half-hour Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm on February 13th. The regular meeting of this Council will start at 7:30 pm following the service.



GROTON UMW

The following items were on the January agenda:

--UMW Purpose repeated in unison.

--President Linda Thurston gave devotions, reading "The Golden Phone."

--Minutes, correspondence, financial report and bills were handled.

--Mary Swisher reported having read the book, "Friends for Life." It is on the UMW reading list. Many interesting books are on the list and in the church library.

--The budget was amended.

--Mary Hayenga installed the 2002 officers. She used the service "Carrying Burdens for Others: An Installation Service." Katherine Collman accompanied the hymn singing. As each officer was installed she carried a basket with items (her burden) to illustrate her duties and the many joys and accomplishments realized by the UMW structured program. The service concluded with the blessing "Go and serve, knowing that many carried your burdens, and you will carry those of others. When we share the load, the burden is light. Go and serve, with joy and dedication, in the name of Christ."

New Business:

--UMW Sunday was discussed. It is scheduled for February 10th.

--A monetary donation was made to Abbott House.

--Internet violence meetings are scheduled for February 10th and March 3rd, at 2:30 p.m. Vicki Strom and Teri Kurtenbach are in charge of the meetings. UMW will serve lunch at both meetings and a nursery will be provided at the first one and if used also at the second one.

--Health kits items may be brought to the church during January and February for the Ingathering.

--Jane Johnson received the membership pin.

--A new prayer chain list was distributed.

--Lunch was served by Connie Nilsson and Jane Johnson.

--UMW Sunday and Potluck Sunday will be February 10th.

--UMW February meeting will be February 20th at 7:30 p.m. Vicki Strom will give the program on "Internet Crimes Against Children." Carol Strom and Michelle Schumacher are on the lunch committee.

MISSIONS ALERT!

Manmade and natural disaster abound in our world. Each of us can lend a helping hand. Health kits can make all the difference in preventing the outbreak of communicable diseases due to poor hygiene and a lack of sanitary conditions. A generous donor has given 24 matching towels and washcloths to start our health kit collection. Let 24 be a great goal for us. Please use February, March and April to bring bar soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, metal nail files, bandaids, combs – all in original packaging as single items. Collection box is in the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you for thinking MISSIONS!

Added note: Our School Bag effort this year will require the sewing of more bags. This is a good winter project. Call Katherine Collman with questions.



Calling All TEENS!

Youth News

The Groton UMYF would like to thank the Sunday school parents for bringing muffins and rolls for the brunch on Sunday December 16, 2001 and also, thanks Chuck Padfield for helping us prepare and serve. It was a great success.

Due to no snow, we will not be going skiing this year -- instead we will try to do camping sometime this spring or summer.

We have finished our lessons on "Jesus Rules the Road". On Sunday February 3, we will be collecting for "Souper Bowl Sunday." We have chosen to give the money to Roxie Tople She was in a car accident this last fall.

We will be starting to prepare for Sunrise Service.

Our next meeting will be February 10th at 7:00 at the church. Future dates and meetings are: February 17th at 7:00 pm at the church, and in March we will meet on the 3rd, 17th, and 24th. On March 24th we will be watching Jesus Christ Super Star with the Conde UMYF. We will be leaving for Conde at 4:30 pm that day.

Missions Committee Organized

The Groton Missions Committee has organized its work for the year under the leadership of JoAnn Krueger and Kim Weber. Their major work projects include the Six Special Sunday Offerings (our Human Relationships Day Offering in Jan. tripled this year!), Special Projects like the Easter Ham & Fruit Baskets, Community Thanksgiving, The Banquet, and The Ingathering; the Advance Special Giving for Heifer International; Coordination with other church groups; hosting missionaries when available. We remain grateful for the excellent mission giving record of this church and look forward to a good year.



Groton March Workgroup

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

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

Honorary Members:

Margarette & Don Clocksene Hazel & Erwin Hite

Extra responsibilities for **March**: Clean fellowship hall

Committee Chairpersons have planned a group meeting for Sunday, February 24 at 10:15 am. Please attend.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

Ushers: Holly Walter & Allen Walter

Greeters: Joyce Walter

Acolytes:

Feb 3 – Evan Mannings & Tanner Johnson

10 – Martin Schumacher & Murdock McNickle

17 – Skyler Geffre & Jordan Gese

24 – Taylor Schmidt & Jordan Voss

Readers: February 3 – Mary Hayenga

10 – Clare Brotherton

17 – Mary Swisher



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Groton UMW Meeting

February 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Program -- Vicki Strom

"Internet Crimes Against Children."

Lunch

Carol Strom and Michelle Schumacher



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New Library Book in Groton

Jeanne Capozzoli of West Nyack, NY (daughter of Ray Johnson) has given the library two new books on middle Eastern affairs. **From Beirut to Jerusalem** by Thomas L. Friedman got the 1989 National book award for non-fiction. **The Battle for God** by Karen Armstrong is a national bestseller on an examination of fundamentalism in all major world religions.

Check these out. The library is gradually getting labeled, indexed, and categorized by Caralee Heitman and student help.



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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

Chairman Darrel Haskell presided at the February 20, 2002 Administrative Board meeting.

Old Business: Arrangements have been made to put seamless eave troughs along the east side of the church.

New Business:

-- Rev Collman raised the question of having a Lenten study – suggested days were 4:00 pm on either Monday or Thursday

–Ash Wednesday service is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13 at 8:00 am.

–Contacts have been made to repair a section of the roof and replace the lighting on the outside cross.

–Norman Smith reported that the UMYF was considering a ski trip and asked whether there was a chance of receiving financial help from the church. The board indicated there was monies budgeted for youth.

–The UMYF will collect for “Souper Bowl” on February 3. The money will be sent to “the Banquet” in Sioux Falls.

–Annette Illg resigned from her position as janitor. Cindy Smith has agreed to assume these responsibilities.

Conde UMYF Schedule:

Meeting --February 6th at 6:45 pm

Ash Wednesday service -- Feb 13 at 8:00 am

Meeting – February 20 at 6:45 pm –

(Zecks and Pattersons serve supper)

CONDE UMW

The Conde UMW met on January 16, 2002. Jane Worlie presented the Pledge Service entitled, “Because We Care”. She used the Scripture, Matthew 25:38-40 to illustrate how Jesus taught that we should care for our Brother. Marjorie Wright, Katherine Collman and Donna Hearnen read testimonies of three women who had been helped by the UMW. Everyone picked articles from Response magazines that told how different projects were financed by the funds from our pledges.

Following the program, a delicious luncheon was served by Betty Taylor, Joyce Haskell and Ivy Nogle.

During the business meeting, Treasurer Jane Worlie gave the end of the year report as well as a budget for the new year.

Cards were sent to Warren Berger, Elaine Tweedy, Iris Fisk and Chuck Trapp.

Donna Hearnen reported on the gifts bought for a family of four at Christmas.

Betty Taylor, program Chairman announced that February 10th will be UMW Sunday.

The February meeting will be at 11:00 am on February 20, with a noon luncheon. Marjorie Wright will present the Call to Prayer and Self Denial program. Circles meet on Wednesday February 6.



February 14th

NEEDED:

Anyone having used Christmas Cards and canceled stamps, please save them and get them to Dolores Grimes. She will trim the stamps, all kinds work -- regardless of the number of perforated sides (press-on stamps are also OK) -- the only unacceptable ones are the “LOVE” stamps. She has also found an address at St Jude’s that accepts the Christmas cards. Please recycle these items to Dolores. Thanks.

FEBRUARY 2002

Sun Feb 3

"Souper" Bowl Sunday

10:00 am (G) Trustees meeting

10:00 am (G) Choir

7:30 pm (G) PPR meeting

12:15 pm (A) Recital by Richard Collman

Bethlehem Lutheran/Aberdeen

2:00 pm (C) Esther Circle

6:45 pm (C) UMYF

8:00 pm (C) Martha Circle

7:00 am (G) AMENS

UMW Sunday

10:00 am (G) Choir

10:00 am (C) Brunch

12:00 pm (G) Potluck

2:30 pm (G) Internet Violence Awareness mtg

7:00 pm (G) UMYF

8:00 am (C) Worship

5:15 pm (G) Confirmation

6:30 pm (G) Education Committee

7:00 pm (G) Worship

7:30 pm (G) Ad Council

10:00 am (G) Beverly Worship

Communion

10:00 am (G) Choir

7:00 pm (G) UMYF

11:00 am (C) UMW

6:45 pm (C) UMYF

7:00 pm (G) Mid-week Worship

7:30 pm (G) UMW

9:45 am (G) Beverly Communion

7:00 pm (G) Lenten Study

7:00 am (G) AMENS

10:00 am (G) Choir

3:30 pm (C) Lenten Study

5:15 pm (G) Confirmation

7:00 pm (G) Midweek Worship

7:30 pm (G) Lenten Study

Conde
Groton Sunday School
Groton

9:00 am
9:45 am
11:00 am

**February 2002
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

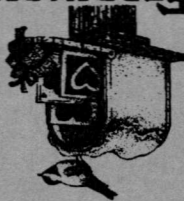
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