

# United Methodist Church News

Groton - Conde - Andover



January 2002

From Rev. Richard . . .

## "7-Ups for the New Year"

These words come from **The Joyful Noiseletter**, the Epistle of the Fellowship of Merry Christians. (They were reprinted with the permission of a pastor in IL)

I thought these were good words to begin the new year with—

### Wake-Up

Begin the day with the Lord. It is His day. Rejoice in it.

### Dress-Up

Put on a smile. It improves your looks. It says something about your attitude.

### Shut-Up

Watch your tongue. Don't gossip. Say nice things. Learn to listen.

### Stand-Up

Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good.

### Look-Up

Open your eyes to the Lord. After all, He is our only Savior.

### Reach-Up

Spend time in prayer with your adorations, confessions, thanksgiving, and supplications to the Lord.

### Lift-Up

Be available to help those in need—serving, supporting and sharing.

And from Francis de Sales: *"Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same everlasting God who cares for you today will take care of you today and every day. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."*

## THANKS TO . . .

Conde & Groton UMYF students and counselors for their leadership in Christmas Eve worship;

Caralee Heitmann and Groton library student volunteers for categorizing and marking Groton UMC library books and new children's books;

Bill Brotherton in Groton for assembling the memorial library cart;

Nora Rix in Groton for giving the library cart in memory of her husband Bill along with 20 children's books for use in worship;

Jeanne Capozzoli for giving the Groton UMC library the book **They Dare to Speak Out** by Paul Findley (People and Institutions Confront Israel's Lobby);

Rev. Richard Collman for giving the Groton UMC library the book **The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Amanda Weber who married Ryan Sperry December 28<sup>th</sup> in Aberdeen (daughter of Craig and Kim Weber, granddaughter of Harry & Gloria Pharis of Groton)

Conde United Methodist Church Board who decided to give their Dinner Theatre profit to the *Banquet* in Sioux Falls for shoes and to the *Heifer Project International*.

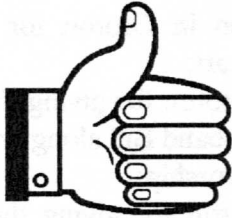
## OUR SYMPATHY TO...

The nieces and family of Jeanne Meyers in Groton who died December 2 and whose funeral was held in the Groton UMC on December 5

The family of Harold Rossow who died December 11 and whose family service was held in California.

## JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002 Worship And Sunday School

**Conde** Worship at 9:00 am  
10:00 am Sunday School  
(first Sunday of each month)  
10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship  
**Groton** Worship at 11:00 am  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship



### Ingathering Good News!

The Conference Finance Office reports that the total for the Ingathering 2001 is running nearly \$3000 above last year's total! As of the end of November, the cash gifts and kits donations add up to \$81,694. One of the reasons for the increase is that the kit totals are up \$5,298 over last year. When you think of the average cost of a kit, that represents a tremendous amount of work and effort by many churches in our conference. Congratulations, and God bless you for this ministry of love.



### Dakotas Conference Trip And Educational Event

"Journeys of Paul" is set for November 13, 2002, a Mediterranean cruise with stops at the various places where Paul traveled as recorded in the Book of Acts. Brochures are now available from the Conference Office in Fargo or [bishopcoyner@juno.com](mailto:bishopcoyner@juno.com) or by calling 701-232-2241. Bishop Mike Coyner is leading this tour. The base prices include air fare, hotels, cruise, and several meals with departures arranged from Bismarck, Fargo, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls.

## 20 Things That Every Pastor and Church Member Should Know in this Day and Age

(written by Dr. Gene Miller of the United Church of Christ)

1. A lukewarm church member shouldn't be one.
2. Seeking to better understand God is a life-long undertaking.
3. Going to Church is not an extra-curricular activity.
4. Whoever separates what happens on Sunday from what happens on Monday doesn't get it.
5. Going to church is a time to address weaknesses in one's life, not just a time to be pacified.
6. The pastor who disturbs you the most may be one of your most important teachers.
7. What happens in Seoul, Rio de Janeiro, Balantrye, Accra, Nairobi, Budapest, Bucharest, Riga, and Kingston is part of what's happening in your Church.
8. Sermons are about what you are, not what you did.
9. Pastors should be colleagues, not competitors.
10. The Church community is more than pastors and members.
11. Confirmation just means you've begun something and finished nothing.
12. "Individual Christian" is an oxymoron.
13. The God who calls us loves us all the same.
14. "Witnessing" is not a four-letter word.
15. United Church of Christ, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Disciples, Lutherans are wonderful adjectives, not idolatrous nouns.
16. You must be part of the Church that is...For the sake of the Church that ought to be.
17. Being part of the Body of Christ is a gift, not something you've earned.
18. If you think church members are subject to a double standard (that is, expected to be better than those around them), you are right.
19. Christians don't possess the truth; they are possessed by it.
20. God is God and we aren't.



## CHURCHGOING A Family Habit

American adults who attended church as children are almost twice as likely to take their kids to worship services as adults who didn't go to church when they were young, a survey has found. Some 63% of adults who attended church when they were young now take their own kids to church.

In contrast, 33 % of adults who did not attend church as youngsters take their children to church. "Attending a church appears to be more a function of one's personal experience when young than a sense of responsibility to one's own children," said George Barna, president of Barna Research Group of CA. The survey also found that adults who regularly attended worship services as children are more likely than those who did not to be involved in church-related and other spiritual activities.

Seventy one per cent of adults surveyed attended church as children. Sixty one per cent of those who attended in their youth still are regular attendees. But 78% of those who did not attend church regularly as kids remain away from the pews now.

Researchers also learned that adults who attended church when they were children are twice as likely to read the Bible in a typical week as those who tended to stay away from churches as kids. They also are nearly 50% more likely to pray to God in a typical week.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

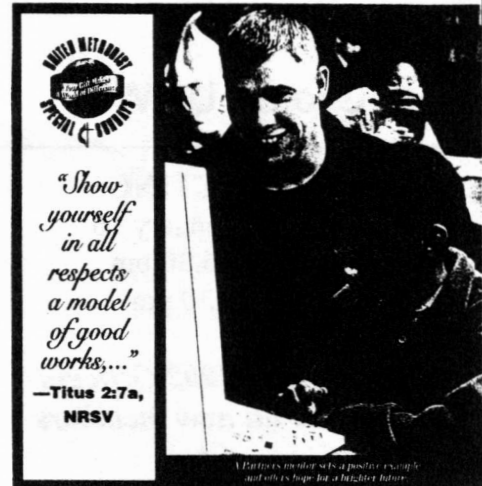


"When do my 'good ol' days' begin?"

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

# HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

*Model Good Works*



"Model Good Works" is the theme of our Human Relations Day Offering on January 20<sup>th</sup>, the first of our six special offerings that make such a difference. Observed on the Sunday before Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Human Relations Day was established by the 1972 General Conference to further the development of better human relations. Our offering will help local church youth offender rehabilitation projects match United Methodist mentor's with first-time, nonviolent young offenders; more than 30 church-based community developers who work in US racial and ethnic-minority communities; and a multiracial network of grass-roots social justice organizations related to United Methodist Voluntary Service.

God calls us to model Christ's love in our church and communities.. Please give generously on Human Relations Day, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Your gifts makes a world of difference in the lives of others.





## 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 UMW

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 16

Executive – 6:30 pm

UMW -- 7:30 pm

*Installation of 2002 Officers  
Welcome to all new members*

Program leaders:  
Mary Hayenga & Linda Thurston  
Hostesses:

### (November meeting)

Groton UMW met Sunday morning November 18, following the morning worship service.

Due to church school music practice at same time, the business meeting was opened by Linda Thurston, president.

Vice-president Jolene Townsend reported on the date book progress. She asked for volunteers for hostesses and programs for day or night meetings.

Treasurer Sue Rock gave the financial report of the Fall Bazaar. The food sales amounted to about half of the food sale proceeds. The craft sales were down and the SERRV items sold barely totaled 60% of the items ordered. It was suggested that perhaps the Craft Club could be more active in making items during the year for the craft sale. Also suggested was that there be co-chairs for the following year. The unit voted to continue having the bazaar with the men's dinner--the UMW voted to pay half of the advertising for the November 11<sup>th</sup> event.

As there is one membership pin left for the month of December and thank offering boxes are gone, an

order will be sent for the boxes and pins (12) for the year 2002.

Sue Rock, treasurer, presented the proposed 2002 budget. It was accepted. The current balance in the treasury is \$3941.04.

There is a balance of \$48 left on the tablecloth bill. Jolene Townsend moved that UMW pay it.

Marvel Johnson reported on the Lifeline project for Jean Meyers. It has been installed for her use. She is happy with it. Jean will enter the hospital for surgery Monday morning and will have a recovery period at Beverly Healthcare following.

The PURPOSE was sung. Carna Atherton-Pray accompanied on the piano and also accompanied the hymn singing for the program. Gloria Pharis and Twila Ruden led the group in the thank offering service entitled "The Response of Thankfulness." The thank offering boxes and envelopes were collected.

### (December meeting)

The Groton unit of United Methodist Women held its Christmas party Wednesday, December 12, starting with a noon potluck luncheon, served by the officers. The Rev. Richard Collman presented a program on "The History of Christmas Carols" with group participation. Afterward the Executive Board met to plan the January meeting.

### Upcoming dates:

January 16 – UMW at 7:30 pm

February 10 -- UMW Sunday.

February 13 – Ash Wednesday



from The Joyful Noiseletter



### Groton Education Committee

The Education Committee would like to share with everyone what we do with our Sunday School offering. Each Christmas we look for a family that is for some reason in need at Christmas time. This year we chose a family from Aberdeen with five children. The mother recently died due to a battle with cancer. The father is going back to college so money is very minimal. Each child received clothing and a toy. A gift certificate for groceries, movie tickets and a Bible were among the gifts given to the family.

-Kelli Hanson  
SS Superintendent

### Check out the Groton UMC Library

The books are being categorized and sorted out by Caralee Heitmann and student help, and there are also new titles to read during these long winter days. . . .



### Book Cart and Children's Books Presented December 24th

On December 24<sup>th</sup>, a lovely new book cart with three shelves and 20 children's books were presented in worship at Groton UMC for use during worship by our children and also use by the United Methodist Women for their reading lists. This cart and the books were provided through the generosity of Nora Rix as a memorial to her husband Bill. Thank You, Nora!

### Groton February Work Group

Pam & Roger Rix 397-8378  
Marlys Rodman 397-4570  
Joy & Don Walter 397-8260

\*Katherine Collman Gladys Dodge  
Mary Swisher Yvonne Lange  
Beth Locke Kami & Tom Lipp  
Kristi & Lance Hawkins Kristi & Rob Thurston  
Leslie & Ken Dinger, Dustin & Mason  
Mary Alice & Bob Jensen  
Cindy & Rex Sippel & Nickolas  
\*Jodi & Craig Sternhagen  
\*Rose & William Tewksbury  
\*Mary Ann & Bob Wedhe  
\*Doris & Richard Zoellner  
Gayleen & John Voss & Lacey

### Honorary Members:

Ray Johnson Margaret Hubbard  
ImoJeanne Oliver Jay Swisher



### Groton Volunteers for January

#### Acolytes:

January 6 – Ali Pasteur & Desiree Morehouse  
13 – Cody Hanson & Thomas Sternhagen  
20 – Evan Erickson & Gavin Voss  
27 – Alexa Nilsson & Taylor Gese

Ushers: Haida Boyd & Linda Thurston

Greeters: Ward Sperry

Readers: January 16 – Cody Hanson  
23 – Thomas Sternhagen  
30 – Katherine Collman

## 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.*

## UMW News

The December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting began with Patty Knoll, Jane Worlie and Dolores Grimes presenting a skit, "Angels, Spreading Seeds of Joy". They acted out times when angels appeared to people in Bible times. There was a sharing about experiencing visits of angels.

A noon luncheon hosted by Donna Hearnen, Pat Siefken and Betty Jensen was served to 8 members and guests Janice Herman, Jenny Grimes, Janet Rossow and Katherine Collman.

A short business meeting was held. Christmas cards were sent to many members and friends who are house bound or have been ill. The treasurer reported that \$170.15 was collected for the *Thank Offering* last month.

The next meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Jane Worlie leads the lesson, "Because We Care", the Pledge Service for the year. Hostesses for the noon luncheon are Betty Taylor, Joyce Haskell and Ivy Nogle.



from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

## Conde Christmas Dinner Theater

The Conde UMC was a busy place on the weekend of December 1-2. Seventy three persons attended the Saturday performance of "The Ballad of King Windowglass" and a capacity crowd of 95 enjoyed the performance on Sunday evening. A ham dinner was served in the fellowship hall and the play was presented in the Sanctuary.

Cast members and support staff included: Pat Siefken, Loren Siefken, Katherine Collman, Jane Worlie, Donna Walter, Richard Collman, Norman Smith, Betty Jensen, Joe Smith, Gail Zeck, Darrel Haskell, Donna Hearnen, Betty Taylor, Patty Knoll--director, and Cindy Smith--dinner coordinator.

Although humorous, this play presents a good message about gift giving. King Wenceslas is truly serious in his endeavor to help a poor man, but all of the people that he encounters on his pilgrimage present a negative attitude, question his sincerity, or try to complicate the whole process. The final blow comes when the poor man receives the gift, and he shows no gratitude at all. But the epilogue to the play brings the whole message to light, and we realize that however a gift is received, we still continue to give.

In keeping with the Christmas Spirit and the theme of the play, it was decided to give the net proceeds to charity. The largest portion will go to the "Banquet" in Sioux Falls to help with a winter clothing project call "Heart and Sole". Vouchers will be given to needy families to purchase winter footwear and possibly mittens.

The "Heifer Project" will also receive some of the funds. The concept of this project is to give an animal to one person, and then that person gives the offspring to another, thus creating a chain reaction. Zack Barton, a student at the Conde School who participates in the Conde UMYF as well as attending the Groton UMC, has personally been responsible for a significant amount of money being collected for this mission. The designated monies from the dinner theater will be added to the monies Zack is now collecting for a heifer. Zack plans to meet with the Groton Sunday School on January 6 to explain his project and enlist their help. He will plan to meet with the Conde Sunday School on February 3 for the same purpose.





## Conde Administrative Board

Following church on December 9, 2001, a special meeting was held to decide how to distribute the proceeds from the Dinner Theater. Following discussions, motions were made to divide the proceeds between "The Banquet" and "The Heifer Project International". The Christmas Eve Offering will be sent to "The Good Samaritan Center" in Redfield.



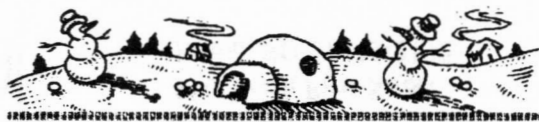
## Conde UMYF

Each member of the Conde UMYF group donated money for two Christmas Tree Angels. Clothes and a Bob the Builder toy were bought for a 5 year old boy. The 5 year old girl received clothes and a Blue's Clues toy.

The youth group is also collecting donations for "Souper" Bowl Sunday on February 3rd. The money and any food collected will be sent to the *Banquet* in Sioux Falls. The "*Souper Bowl*" seeks to "love the Lord our God and love our neighbors" by encouraging people to give one dollar each as they leave worship on Super Bowl Sunday. Young people from congregations in all parts of the country stand at sanctuary exits and receive the dollar donations in large soup pots. People may choose to give more than one dollar which is wonderful.

This past January, the 9th national "*Souper Bowl*" saw 12,500 churches, congregations, schools and businesses representing all 50 states and Canada together raise \$3.6 million to help hungry and hurting people.

Next meeting is January 2. On January 16 lunch is served by Zack Barton & Jon Brezinsky

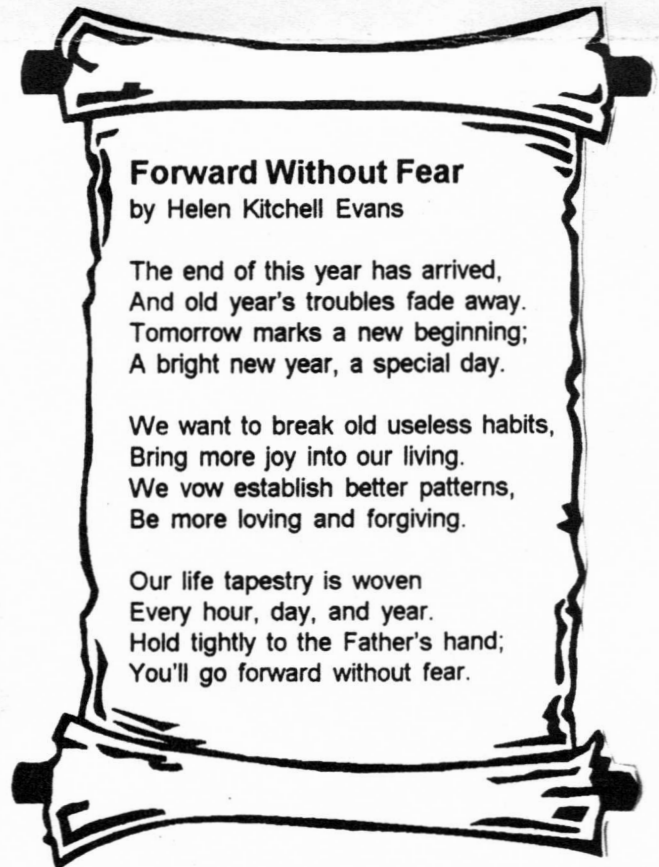


Donna and Horace Walter for providing a beautiful new Christmas tree for the sanctuary.

Conde UMC (Dinner Theater) for the donation to my "*mission project*". It was a wonderful act of Christmas. I will let you know when I have enough funds collected to buy the heifer.

Many thanks and God Bless.

Zack Barton



### Forward Without Fear

by Helen Kitchell Evans

The end of this year has arrived,  
And old year's troubles fade away.  
Tomorrow marks a new beginning;  
A bright new year, a special day.

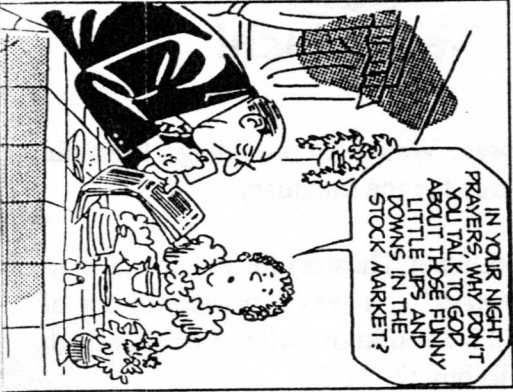
We want to break old useless habits,  
Bring more joy into our living.  
We vow establish better patterns,  
Be more loving and forgiving.

Our life tapestry is woven  
Every hour, day, and year.  
Hold tightly to the Father's hand;  
You'll go forward without fear.

# January 2002

## Happy New Year

Tue Jan 1	(C)	2:00 pm	Esther Circle
Wed Jan 2	(C)	6:30 pm	UMYF
	(G)	7:30 pm	Choir
	(C)	8:00 pm	Martha Circle
Sun Jan 6	<i>Epiphany - Communion</i>		
	(G)	10:00 am	Trustees meeting
Wed Jan 9	(G)	5:15 pm	Confirmation
	(G)	6:30 pm	Education Committee
	(G)	7:30 pm	Choir
	(G)	8:00 pm	Administrative Council
Fri Jan 11	(G)	7:00 am	AMENS
Sun Jan 13	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>		
Wed Jan 16	(C)	11:00 am	UMW
	(C)	6:30 pm	UMYF
	(G)	6:30 pm	UMW Executive
	(G)	7:30 pm	UMW
	(G)	7:30 pm	Choir
Thu Jan 17	(G)	9:45 am	Beverly Communion
Sat Jan 19	(G)	10:00 am	Beverly Worship
Sun Jan 20	<i>Human Relations Offerings</i>		
Wed Jan 23	(G)	5:15 pm	Confirmation
	(G)	7:30 pm	Choir
Fri Jan 25	(G)	7:00 am	AMENS
Sun Jan 27	(C)	9:00 am	<i>World Hunger Offering</i>
Wed Jan 30	(G)	7:30 pm	Choir



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**January 2002 SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
 Conde 9:00 am  
 Groton Sunday School 9:45 am  
 Groton 11:00 am



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