

United Methodist Church News

Groton - Conde - Andover



March 2002

From Rev. Richard.

"The Basics are Before Us"

It was interesting to read the other day that Chief Arvol Looking Horse, 19th generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf pipe for the Cheyenne River Sioux Nation, spoke to students and staff at Presentation College in Aberdeen. Some of his comments caught my attention. In reflecting on his own people's history, he said that "People were trying to be more than what they are by trying to control each other and not appreciating life."

"On the tree of life, every limb must be honored. If there is no nourishment and honor, a child will go in the wrong direction."

"The direction we're going is not healthy. People are not sharing. We do not trust. We must share, otherwise we will become sick ourselves."

His words are wise, and they remind me of the basics before us during Lent in the church as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter at the end of March. What are these basics?

1.) **Prayer chains in each church** -in Conde, call Marjorie Wright, Arlene Peterson, or Marcene Bruckner; in Groton call Twila Ruden, Mary Swisher, or Mary Hayenga. Call me and I will include you in prayer. I have asked to be prayed for during Lent, and I encourage you to pray for others and for each church.

2.) **Opportunities for Spiritual Growth** (four events in each church plus one shared together) on such things as Connectedness, Famous Hymns, Expanded Ways to Pray, Jesus Christ Superstar (see the schedule in this Newsletter)

3.) **Midweek Worship** at 7 pm each Wednesday in Groton in the Chapel.

4.) **"A Time to Reassess"** (40 Day Guide for Lent and Easter) with daily comments to take us from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day. These are still available in each church.

5.) **The "regulars"** of grace before meals, Sunday worship, youth meetings, UMW meetings, One Great Hour of Sharing in March, and other things.

What are we really busy about? The basics are all there before us in church, urging us to be more deeply connected with each other and with all ages lest we become sick. Pick something out - come - God's Spirit will touch you during Lent as we prepare for Easter.

"As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Coleman".

"Lent: Five Opportunities for Spiritual Growth Continued"

"Connectedness"

Conde, Monday, March 4, 3:30 pm,
Fellowship Hall

"Five Hymns That Changed the World"

(plus your favorites)

Groton, Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 pm
(Worship, 7:00 pm)

Conde, Monday, March 18, 3:30 pm

"Expanded Ways to Pray"

with the Rev. Dar Berkenpass

(joint session) at Groton,


Thursday, March 14, 7:00 pm, Chapel

"Jesus Christ Superstar"

(joint session) at Conde,

Sunday, March 24, 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Come and expand your spiritual horizons, experience God in new ways, lift your sights to prepare for Easter.

OUR 
PASTOR
will be away
from: Mar 8
to: Mar 14

In Case of Pastoral Emergency March 8-14, call the Rev. Dennis Gellhaus, 605-229-6843. Richard & Katherine will be visiting their son David in Texas during this time. Norm Smith will be preaching on March 10.

NEEDED:

Anyone having used Christmas Cards and cancelled 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.

Volunteers for March

Acolytes:

Mar 3 -- Dylan Hanson & Cody Hanson

Mar 10 - Jordan Gese & Taylor Gese

Mar 17 - Thomas Sternhagen & Evan Erickson

Mar 24 - Gavin Voss & Tanner Johnson

Ushers: (C) Youth (G) Brad & Jesse Morehouse

Greeters: Diann, Brent & Justin Morehouse

A Message from your Secretary. . .

Thanks to all of you who contribute to the monthly newsletter. I do most of the set-up on my home computer and then copy it at the church. For those of you who do your articles on a computer, I would love to have you email them directly to me at bjherman@nvc.net or if you don't have email, please save it to a floppy disk and leave it, with the hard copy, in my box at the church (I will return the disk). Since you are using a computer anyway, cut and paste is much faster than retyping for me. Thanks for your help.

JoEllen



Camping Booklets on the Way!

The 2002 Camping Booklet is at the printers and will be available early in March. It is also posted on the conference website at www.dakotasumcamping.org. The pastor's signature is necessary along with the parents and a \$30 deposit. What an opportunity for growth in faith. Your child or youth will cover an entire quarter's curriculum during their week of camp. The Early Bird Price is available when the completed registration form and full payment are postmarked by Friday, May 3, 2002. If a church is paying part of the registration fee, the camper will receive the Early Bird price when the camper's portion of the fee is paid by the appropriate date.

*"Serve one another
with whatever gift
each of you has received."*

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is the fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10 and provides major support of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). This offering assists people who strive to feed and support their families; learn new skills; improve health care; find refuge and start their lives anew; see hope in the face of disaster, and to survive and work toward a better life. This yearly observance is planned by denominational representatives and relates to Church World Service and Witness, the relief agency for the National Council of Churches. It is reserved for people of faith to contribute over and above their regular offerings. Please give generously, your gift makes a world of difference!

Wanted!

If you have any fairly current magazines from the past 6 months laying around, the residents at Beverly Healthcare in Groton would enjoy them. You can give them to Kay in church or feel free to drop them off with Deb or Kay at the nursing home.

Also, we do some card recycling with the residents and if you should have some used Valentine or Easter cards you would like to get rid of we could use them. We want both the front and the inside saying so we can make a new card out of it. They then turn around and resell them for 50 cents each. Thanks.

--Kay Brandt

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 on February 13:

-The UMYF received \$40 in the *Souper Bowl* collection. The money was dedicated to a fund for Roxie Tople. They will visit her to make the presentation. The group will be going on a camping trip later, since a ski trip did not develop.

-The Trustees will have the annual tune-up for the lawn mower done before mowing season begins. It was noted that the roof leaked from snow melt, and the new ceiling in the hall has been stained. The company who did the last work on the roof will be contacted to see what else might be done regarding this long-standing problem.

-The possibility of using a portion of the Men's Dinner proceeds for a better office printer was discussed and tabled for further study. Use of the fund for the Solar Oven project was also mentioned.

--The need to paint the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen was raised. The Trustees will be responsible for making all necessary arrangements.

- The Board moved to participate in a program designed to set priorities for ministry in this church,

and to develop long range plans to accomplish them. The first presentation will be made at the board meeting at 7:30 pm on March 13. Church members are urged to attend this important meeting.

- The Lenten Services schedule was announced. Half hour services will be held in the chapel each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. In addition, there will be Five Opportunities for Spiritual Growth presented during Lent.

Groton April Workgroup

Linda & Jay Johnson 397-8565
Gloria & Harry Pharis 397-2375

Don Bartz
Scott Craig
Charity Kramer
*Caralee & Gary Heitmann
*Brenda & Tony Madsen
*Sue & Matt Rock
*Francine & Mark Sippel
Autumn & Ward Sperry & Haida Boyd
*Carol & Luverne Strom
Jerry Sundling, Tom, Mike & Michelle
*Sharon & Larry Wheeting

Carla & Tim Geffre
Sue & Bob Kubal
*Charlotte & Art Lange
*Diane Nissen
*Kim & Craig Weber
*Jean & Vern Walter

Honorary Members:

Barbara & Robert Wegner
Irene Breitkruetz

Myrle Trask

Extra responsibilities for **April**: Clean adult Sunday school room



from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

Groton UMW

The following items were on the February 20 agenda:

-UMW purpose was repeated in unison
-President Linda Thurston gave devotions, reading "Are You God's Wife?", a meditation about needy children.

-Minutes, correspondence, financial report were handled.

Committee reports:

-Spiritual Growth -World Day of Prayer, written by women of Romania, will be held at St. Elizabeth Seaton at 2:00 pm on March 1. Brenda needed one more person for a speaking part. Plans are underway for Children's Sabbath

-Membership - Gloria Pharis reported planning to have committee meeting to plan for the May tea party program.

-Education/Interpretation - Pop tab collection is continuing. March 26th is the last day to turn in education coupons.

-Program Resources - no report

-Nominations - no report

--May Breakfast - May Breakfast plans are underway with theme, "Soothe your Stress Away". Date is May 1 - cost is \$6.00.

Old & Continuing Business:

-President Linda Thurston thanked all who helped with UMW Sunday. The service was exactly 60 minutes long and went well.

-A program on Internet Violence was held Sunday, February 10 at the UMC. A second one will be held on March 3, starting at 12:30 pm with a light lunch. The program is for anyone over 18, nursery provided.

New Business:

-A donation of \$100 was made to the *Tree of Life Ministry* which is headed by Pat and John Luecke.

Program:

-Preceding the meeting Vicki Strom told the group about the workshop on internet violence she and three other ladies attended in Sioux Falls, sponsored by Gov. Janklow. Vicki covered the part about violence toward children, giving shocking statistics on the amount of it and how it is accomplished.

Hostesses:

-Hostesses Michelle Schumacher and Carol Strom served ice cream sundaes.

Calendar:

- March 20, 1:00 pm UMW Executive meeting
2:00 pm, UMW meeting
- March 29 -12:00 pm Good Friday Community Service @ Groton UMC
- April 12-- Prep Fellowship Hall for paint (tent)
- April 13 - Focus Days in Ellendale
Paint Fellowship Hall (tentative)
- July 12-14 School of Christian Missions
- Sept 14 Central Dist Annual Meeting
@ Groton

Groton UMW Meeting

Wednesday March 20, 2002

2:00 pm

Conde & Andover Women are cordially invited to attend this meeting

Program: Pat Siefken
Jesus and Courageous Women

Hostesses: Ann Rix & Ruth Thompson



Our sympathy and prayers to Marsha Wienk of Groton upon the death of her father.

Groton Midweek Worship

Groton UMC Midweek Worship and Prayer normally Wednesday, will be moved to Thursday, March 14, 7:00 pm when the Rev. Dar Berkenpass is here to lead us in "Expanded Ways to Pray." This lenten time is for BOTH Conde and Groton Churches. Please note that all other midweek service in Groton are on Wednesday except this one. Thank you.

Priorities – The Pathway to Success

“Priorities. . . The Pathway to success” is a special video series and workbook to help our Groton UMC focus on its priorities for ministry in the next three months. We can't do everything. What are the most important things we need to focus upon? All church members are invited to view two one hour videos and complete the sheets while viewing the videos on the following dates:: March 13 – 7:30 pm, April 10 – 7:30 pm; May 8 - 7:30 pm with District Superintendent Gene Kroger helping us set Priorities upon the basis of our work in the previous two sessions.



Easter Lilies

There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship Hall if you want to purchase Easter Lilies for the sanctuary for Easter morning. (or you may contact Jolene Townsend - 395-6455 or Pam Bahr - 397-8251)

Please indicate, for a bulletin insert, who is purchasing the lily and who it is in memory of. Final day for sign up and payment of \$6.00 per lily to either Jolene Townsend or Pam Bahr will be March 24. Checks should be made payable to Kens Fairway.

The Best mathematical equation I have ever seen:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \text{ cross} \\ +3 \text{ nails} \\ \hline 4 \text{ given} \end{array}$$

That's the whole gospel message simply stated.

UMCOR INGATHERING KITS

Each Health Kit Includes:

- 1 light weight hand towel
- 1 light weight washcloth
- 1 regular size comb
- 1 nail file or nail clipper
- 1 bath size bar of soap (wrapped)
- 1 toothbrush (individually wrapped)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (4.5 oz or larger)
- 6 adhesive bandaids

Place the items in a towel and tie it with string or yarn.

Each School Kit Includes:

- 1 blunt scissors
- 2 pads of 8 x 11" ruled paper
- 1 30 centimeter ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 - 2 ½ inch eraser
- 12 sheets construction paper
- 1 box of 8 crayons

Prepare a 12" x 14" cloth bag with handles and place the items in the bag.

Each Layette Kit includes:

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 shirts
- 2 baby washcloths
- 2 gowns
- 2 diaper pins
- 1 sweater/ or sweatshirt
- 2 receiving blankets

Bundle items inside one receiving blanket and secure it with diaper pins.

Each Sewing Kit Includes:

- 3 yards of cotton or cotton blend, solid color or print fabric
- 1 package of needles
- 1 spool of thread
- 6 matching buttons
- 1 sewing scissors

Wrap sewing notions in the fabric and tie it with a string or strip of cloth.

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 UMW

The Conde UMW met on February 20th at 11:00 am when Marjorie Wright presented the quiet day service, A Call to Prayer & Self Denial. She especially stressed the places helped by the offering given. Each one was given a stone which reminded us of the rock upon which we are to build our house.

A delicious noon luncheon was prepared and served by Jane Worlie, Donna Hearnen, and Lois Trapp.

Marjorie Wright began the meeting by leading devotions, *God Knows My Name*. By using examples taken from Isaiah she asked how we felt about our name.

Vice president, Betty Taylor presided over the meeting. Those remembered with cards were Wes, Grimes, Edwin Cunningham, Art Rahm, Dale Buising and Keith Megill, father of Susie Trapp. It was voted to give \$50.00 of mission offering to the Tree of Life.

Marjorie Wright is in charge of organizing the World Day of Prayer which is to be held at our Church on March 1 at 2:00 pm. Volunteers are making cookies and coffee for refreshments. The meeting was closed by reciting the UMW Purpose.

The next meeting is at 11:00 pm on March 20th. Donna Hearnen will give the lesson, Women: Courageous Seekers of Shalom. Donna Walter, Betty Jensen and Marjorie Wright will be in charge of the luncheon.

Out of the mouths of God's kids

"One Sunday morning, before the beginning of Mass, I asked a group of children, 'What do you have to do to get to Heaven?'"

"One young theologian yelled at the top of his voice, 'Ya gotta die!'"

—Fr. Gregory Chamberlin, OSB



The fourth Sunday in Lent is designated for One Great Hour of Sharing. In 2002, the date is March 10. The Conde Church will observe the event with a special offering and brunch following the 9:00 am service.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is the basic support for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) which makes it possible to quickly provide disaster relief and refugee ministries anywhere in the world. Another recipient of this offering is the General Board of Global






Ministries.

One Great Hour of Sharing began as a special effort of the Episcopal Church in 1946. In 1949 the observance became ecumenical, and today eight denominations participate. The yearly observance is planned by denominational representatives and relates to Church World Service and Witness, the relief agency of the National Council of Churches. Originally one special worship hour during the year was reserved for people of faith to contribute over and above their regular offerings. Today different denominations celebrate the event at various times throughout the year, United Methodist's observance being on the fourth Sunday in Lent.

Another way to contribute to UMCOR is by putting together the Ingathering Kits which are completed and delivered to the Ingathering in Mitchell at the end of October. During the spring and summer months, the Conde Church will be collecting items for the Health, Sewing, and Layette kits, and will then concentrate on the School kits in late August when the "back to school sales" are in progress. A listing of each kit is included in this newsletter.

On February 17, the Conde UMC had a "Blanket" offering. A \$5 donation buys one blanket for a refugee or person in a destitute situation. This donation was sent to Church World Service (relief agency of the National Council of Churches).

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>10:00 am (G) Trustees 12:30 pm (G) Internet Violence</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3:30 pm (C) Lenten Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:15 pm (G) Confirmation 6:45 pm (C) UMYF 7:00 pm (G) Wed. Worship 7:30 pm (G) Lenten Study 8:00 pm (C) Martha Circle</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 am (G) AMENS Richard & Katherine leave for vacation through March 14</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>One Great Hour of Sharing 10:00 am (C) Brunch 12:00 pm (G) Potluck</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 pm (G) Ed Committee 7:30 pm (G) Ad Council</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 pm (G & C) in Grotto Lenten study</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 am (G) Beverly Worship</p>
<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>3:30 pm (C) Lenten Study</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:00 am (C) UMW 1:00 pm (G) UMW Exec 2:00 pm (G) UMW 4:00 pm (G) Confirmation 6:45 pm (C) UMYF</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:45 am (G) Beverly Communion</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 am (G) AMENS</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Palm Sunday 11:00 am (G) SS sings 5-8:00 pm (G & C) in Conde Lenten study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30 pm (G) March workkygroup cleans church</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 pm (G) Wed Worship</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Holy Thursday 7:30 pm (C) Communion</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Good Friday 12:00 pm (G) Community Good Friday Service at UMC 7:30 pm (G) Communion</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service (G) no Sunday School</p>	   					

2002

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The following is something to ponder. . . .

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness. . . you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this wee.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation. . . you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death. . you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

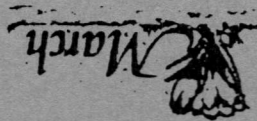
If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep . you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and pare change in a dish someplace. . . yo are among the top 8% of the world's wealth.

If your parents are still alive and still married. . . you are very rare, even in the United States and Canada.

Pastor: Richard F. Collman
 email: grotommc@nvc.net
 home page: <http://members.nvc.net/grotommc>
 Office, Groton 605 397-8270
 Home 397-4538
 Kitchen, Groton 397-2670
 Andover Church 298-5265
 Conde Church 382-5261

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



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

United Methodist Church
 Groton - Conde - Andover Parish
 906 North First Street
 Groton, SD 57445-2192



NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
 US POSTAGE PAID
 GROTON, SD 57445-2192
 PERMIT #31