

# United Methodist Church News

Groton - Conde - Andover



May 2002

## Sounds Like a Church

by Bishop Michael Coyner

Recently while attending a meeting out of town, I was struggling with a sore throat and ear ache. After inquiring about a "walk-in clinic" where I might get some medical attention, I drove to that clinic, finally found the proper door to enter (which was difficult because the large sign over the door said "pharmacy" and the very small sign said "clinic"), and I approached the registration desk still a little uncertain if I was in the right place. The person at the desk looked at me very suspiciously and without smiling said, "Can I help you?"

I explained my situation, that I was hurting with a sore throat and ear ache, and asked about getting some medical attention -- even saying with a small laugh, "I hope I am in the right place."

She still looked at me suspiciously and asked, "Have you been here before?" I said, No, that I was from out of town attending a meeting. She then said, "Let me check with our provider to see if we have any appointments leftover." She disappeared into the back room for several minutes, while I looked around the empty waiting room and wondered why I could not be seen right away -- no one else was waiting.

Finally she returned and said rather abruptly, "We don't have any appointments left and we can't help you." There was no smile, no offer to come back the next day, no offer of any other options at all. In fact my wife Marsha (who was with me) asked, "Are there any other options, any other walk-in clinics in town?" To which she received a very brusque answer, "No," so Marsha and I left.

Now, let me clear that I was not dying, or even in enough pain to seek out an emergency room or anything like that, and I did enter that clinic rather late in the day (I think it was 5:30 PM, and their sign indicated that they were only open until 6:00 PM). Still, it was rather surprising to seek help and to receive none.

When I shared this story with Gene Kroger, the DS from that area, he said of that clinic: "It sounds like a church."

Sad to say, he is right. Too many churches are just about as friendly and welcoming to strangers as that clinic was to me. Too many churches are just about as unhelpful as that clinic was to me.

Of course many of our churches are friendly places where the church members really try to offer help to those in need -- whether those needs are physical, emotional, or spiritual. Many of our churches know how to welcome strangers and to treat them like guests. Many of our churches have facilities which are open, accessible, well-signed, and inviting to newcomers. Many of our church people smile at those they don't know and offer "May I help you?" in a way that is genuine and caring.

But many of our churches are more like that clinic.

The Bible teaches us about Hospitality, about welcoming visitors and treating them as honored guests, about giving our best gifts to newcomers, and about making our churches and homes into places which are inviting, caring, and helpful. In fact the Bible warns us, "Do not neglect to offer hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some have entertained angels unaware" (Hebrews 13:2).

The point of Scripture is quite profound: we who have received God's hospitality must not refuse our hospitality to others.

How is your church's hospitality? How is your own personal hospitality? Do you welcome each new person as if they might be an angel, or messenger from God?

I hope that the next clinic I visit will be more open, welcoming, and helpful. And I hope that when I can share the story of that kind of helpful hospitality, someone will say, "That sounds like our church!"

## Together in Christ A Dakotas Celebration

*Together in Christ - A Dakotas Celebration* will be held at the Sioux Falls Arena and Convention Center June 7-8, in conjunction with the Annual Conference. As a lay member, when you register for Annual Conference, you are also registered for the Ecumenical Assembly. For others, a registration form is available by contacting your local church office, calling the Together in Christ number, 888-447-5016, or downloading it from the Celebration link on [www.accsd.org](http://www.accsd.org).

This event will give us a chance to celebrate and worship with our sisters and brothers in Christ from across the region. There will be plenty to do, whether you are an adult or a youth and whether you prefer to listen to speakers or engage in hands on activities.

### **Speakers and musicians include:**

Dr. Tony Campolo -- Dr. Campolo is professor emeritus of Sociology at Eastern University in St. David, PA. He is an American Baptist ordained minister and a media commentator on religious, social, and political matters. Dr. Campolo will work with the youth and will preach at the closing service on Saturday evening.

Dr. Joseph "Iron Eye" Dudley -- Dr. Dudley was raised on the Yankton Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, and is the author of *Choteau Creek: a Sioux Reminiscence*. He is currently interim senior pastor at First Congregational Church in Sioux Falls. Dr. Dudley is the featured speaker at the Prayer Breakfast Saturday morning and again at a breakout session in the afternoon.

Peder Eide -- Peder Eide has spent much of the last decade serving God as he ministers to nearly 100,000 students a year through his music and speaking. He uses his talents as a means of motivating people to a closer walk with Jesus Christ. Peder will give a concert for the youth after the closing service on Saturday evening.

Dan Gable -- As an Olympic wrestler and long time coach at the University of Iowa, Dan Gable is a hero to generations of young athletes. In the midst of this professional acclaim, he shares his faith journey with audiences all over the country. We'll hear him at the opening general session on Saturday.

Bishop Leontine T C Kelly -- Leontine Turpeau Current Kelly is the daughter, sister and widow of Methodist ministers. When she entered the journey of

ordained ministry, Bishop Kelly left a career as a High School Social Studies teacher in Virginia. She is widely recognized for her work and commitment to social justice issues. Bishop Kelly will preach at the opening service Friday night.

Dr. Martin Marty Noted theologian and author -- Dr. Martin Marty was ordained into the ministry in 1952 and served for a decade as a Lutheran parish pastor before joining the University of Chicago where he taught for 35. Dr. Marty will present two sessions on Saturday.

Ken Medema using his special gifts as poet, singer and musician -- Ken Medema has established himself as a new talent on the American music scene. His words and music, often composed spontaneously before an audience, cut to the heart of important issues facing this nation and the world. Ken will be the musical balance to Bishop Kelly's preaching at the Friday night service.

Dr. Wendy Wright -- Currently Professor of Theology at Creighton University and the director of Center for the Study of Catholicism, is an author and speaker. Her expertise is in the areas of history of spirituality, spiritual direction and women and spirituality. There will be two opportunities to hear Dr. Wright on Saturday.

In addition, there will be a number of smaller breakout sessions offered Saturday afternoon. These sessions cover everything from Rural Ministry to Peacemaking to Spirituality.

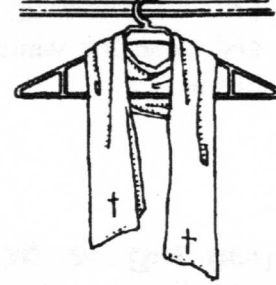
### **Hands on Activities Include:**

- CROP Walk for world hunger Relief
- Small building project
- Letter writing project
- Art project focused in Homelessness/Domestic Violence
- Sorting and assembling small necessary kits for mailing
- Prepare and serve Saturday lunch at the Banquet
- Painting and maintenance work
- Yard and lawn clean-up
- General Cleaning
- Typing and data entry
- Sorting food/clothing/toys

Mark your calendars for June 7-8 and come share your faith in a spirit of unity and celebration! ***You'll be glad you did!***



WHILE THE  
PASTOR'S AWAY...



### Congratulations To. . . .

Erik and Molly Hayenga of Groton upon the birth of Shalini Christine, April 3. (The grandparents are Cal & Mary Hayenga)

Deb & Todd Thurston of Groton upon the birth of Riley Cole, March 28. (The grandparents are Linda and Gary Thurston)

Marva Gellhaus for her team-teaching approach that has been selected as one of 10 model university efforts in the nation.

Krystal Hanlon of Conde who was awarded two scholarships for study at SDSU in pharmacy this fall.

Patty Knoll, the Conde Legion Auxiliary Legionette of the Year, was selected as the district Legionette of the year. Patty will represent Conde and District 5 at the State Legion and Auxiliary convention in June at Rapid City.

Rev. Richard Collman will be gone May 17-28. He will be officiating at a wedding in Omaha, NE on May 18. He and Katherine will then fly to San Francisco to attend the graduation of their son David from the College of Podiatry and help launch him into his upcoming three-year residency there. They will also be visiting Katherine's brother in the bay area.

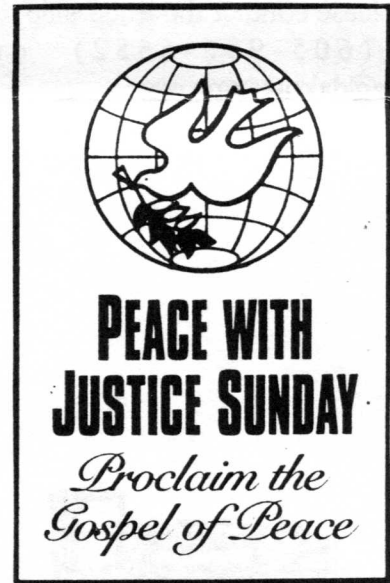
Dennis Gellhaus will be available for pastoral care during this time. He will also preach on May 26. Norm Smith will preach on May 19.

### Thanks to. . . . .

Gary Heitmann for his pickup truck and help in picking up limbs, branches, and garden material from the winter in the parsonage lawn and grounds.

Clare and Bill Brotherton for arranging to have the Groton UMC kitchen floor recovered.

All the Groton UMC painters in early April



### Sympathy To. . . . .

Michelle Schumacher upon the death of her cousin Darrel Markovetz, March 30.

Diann Morehouse upon the death of her brother Kenny Beck April 22.

### Peace with Justice

The fourth of our Six Special Offerings will be taken on May 26, the Peace with Justice Sunday. The theme is "Clothed with Joy" which comes from Psalm 30:11-12a. Your offering on this Sunday fosters peacemaking in your annual conference and around the world as people of all ages learn alternative to violence; new resources foster global justice; violence is stopped and peace is restored. One-half of our offering is retained by our Dakotas Conference for use here.

## Andover UMC Reopened

Andover UMC has reopened for worship as of the first Sunday in April. They normally go through the end of October and close for winter. Worship in Andover is at 9:00 am.

## Lay Speaking Needs You!

We are blessed with at least five lay speakers in our wider parish (Janice Hedges, Mary Hayenga, Carina Atherton-Pray, Loren Siefken, and Norm Smith), and they may easily be part of the wave of the future for the wider church. As we continued to expand opportunities for laity in leadership in local church worship and preaching as well as other areas, Lay Speaking Ministries offers a great resource of learning and growth. Our Dakotas Conference invites you to explore becoming either a local church or certified lay speaker by attending a lay speaking event near you. Or if you are someone who would like to teach either a basic or advanced course in lay speaking, please contact the leadership development office (605-996-6552) or email [randy.cross@dakotasumc.org](mailto:randy.cross@dakotasumc.org).



## Let the Bells Ring for Moms

In honor of Mother's Day and to celebrate women, May 12 is set aside as a "Let the Bells Ring for Moms" Sunday. During this day, the American Cancer Society urges us to show a symbolic gesture of support for women and their fight against breast cancer. We can do this by ringing church bells for one minute for the importance of mammography (get regular checkups), for breast cancer survivors and those still fighting the disease, and for loved ones lost and their family and friends. This year in SD over 500 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and an estimated 100 families will lose a woman they love to this disease. Much death can be prevented by regular mammography to detect breast cancer at its earliest treatable stages.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Remember what they said in church, Mommy  
- FEED THE HUNGRY!"

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*



## "The Banquet"

Sign-up sheets are now available at our churches beginning May 5 to go and serve "The Banquet" in Sioux Falls on Monday, June 3. We normally need 12-15 people by 1:30 pm and all persons (at least 25) by 4:30 pm to serve the evening meal. "Love is Eating with The Banquet Family," and last year we had over 30 persons in attendance to help serve 331 persons. We are finished by 8:00 pm. Please begin signing up now so we can make plans for rides.

## May Stewardship And Giving

Have you moved to another state since signing your estate planning documents? If so, consider having the documents checked by an attorney in the new state. In addition, this might be a good time to consider naming your church to receive a gift through your estate plans.

## 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 April 10<sup>th</sup> agenda:
- The Trustees authorized replacement of the kitchen floor covering, which is the original tile installed when the first part of the church was built. Floor to Ceiling gave the best estimate of \$1,422.48. The new commercial grade linoleum was installed April 19<sup>th</sup>. Funds from the Men's dinner will be used for payment.
  - The Trustees are considering landscaping options for the front of the church, and replacement of damaged trees removed last Fall. The Donella Gardner family has made a donation designated for landscape materials.
  - The dining room, kitchen, and two bathrooms were painted on April 6<sup>th</sup>, with the help of 21 painters and numerous other helpers. Total cost was \$220. Donations of \$250 were received for the project.
  - A committee will be appointed to conduct a feasibility study on updating the bathrooms, including consideration of the handicap accessible requirements.
  - A trip to prepare and serve a meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls again this year is scheduled for Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone wishing to join in this activity should notify Rev. Collman.
  - Three students will be confirmed on April 28<sup>th</sup>: Amber Wolken, Seth Erickson, and Zachary Barton.

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"It is my belief: you cannot deal with the most serious things in the world unless you understand the most amusing."

—Winston Churchill  
via Ron Culberson  
Herndon, VA

## Paint Party Thank You

The Paint Party on April 6<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success!! The Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and two bathrooms were painted by noon with 14 brushes and rollers going at the same time. They were wielded by -- John and Anita Lowary, Richard Krueger, Jean Lowary, Alan Walter, Gloria Pharis, Don Walter, Brenda Madsen, Gary Heitmann, Marge Overacker, Rose Tewksbury, Linda Thurston, Lon Gellhaus, and Bill Brotherton.

Scaffolds were furnished by Cliff Pray and Mark Johnson, and Alan Walter loaned all the drop cloths. Bob and Marvel Johnson gave a generous cash donation which, added to an anonymous check, covered all expenses.

Food was furnished for treats and Saturday lunch by Ruby Luce, Charlotte Lange, Ann Rix, Eunice Sperry, Sharon Wheeting, Doris Strom, Arlene Boehmer, Mary Hayenga, Doris Zoellner, Audrey Thurston, Hazel McKittrick, Jane Johnson, Marlys Rodman, Jean Lowary and Clare Brotherton. The UMW paid for buns and ham.

And helping everywhere were Mary Swisher, Marlys Rodman, Eunice Sperry, Earl Lowary, and Clare Brotherton.

We extend our heartiest thanks to all who assisted with labor, equipment and food. We extend our heartfelt condolences to those who were unable to help that day—they missed a *GREAT PARTY*

--The Trustees Committee



## Groton Missions

May 1<sup>st</sup> will bring a change from health kits to sewing kits. Sixteen fabric pieces have already been donated. Other items needed are scissors, large spool of thread, package of needles, package of 6 matching buttons, and cloth in 3 yard pieces.

Thanks to Doris Strom and Eunice Sperry who helped put together 28 complete health kits.

Thanks for your generous gifts.

--Mission Committee

## Groton UMW

The following items were on the April 17th agenda:

--UMW PURPOSE repeated in unison  
--Jean Lowary introduced Pastor Anne Maldoon who gave a slide presentation entitled "Tour of China." She and her husband toured China extensively last September.

--Meeting called to order by President Linda Thurston. She read a devotion entitled "Everything I Ever Needed I Learned from Noah's Ark."

--Minutes read and approved; items about Safe Harbor and Sidewalk Sunday School reviewed; treasurer's report given. The treasurer noted that many cards etc. are sold from the rack.

Committee reports:

-- The prayer chain list is posted on the bulletin board for addition or deletion of names.

--Gloria Pharis gave details on the May Tea Party plans. Ladies are to meet at the church prior to 2:00 p.m. The committee will bring cookies. Three or four ladies will go in a group, taking tea pots and cookies to homes pre-arranged.

--Twenty-eight health kits have been prepared for the Ingathering. There is enough fabric donated for 16 sewing kits. Members are asked to bring other sewing items to complete the kits.

--Focus Day in Ellendale, April 13th was discussed. Linda, Gloria, Clare, Jolene and Twila attended.

--The Sunday School teachers will be honored with a donation to Missions in their names.

--A donation of \$50 was made to the Bible School committee. This year again it will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic church.

--The May Breakfast plans and progress were reviewed.  
New business:

--The Richard and Gertrude Ruden auction sale will be held May 11th at their farm. The UMW agreed to serve lunch. Barbecues will be made and pies and bars will be donated. The bars are to be 2 inch square size and wrapped.

--A letter that Zach Barton had received from Heifer Project International told of a program with 3 to 1 matching if money is designated for Uganda. A \$25 donation was voted, meaning \$100 will be sent. Jolene Townsend thanked the unit on behalf of her son.

--The new kitchen floor covering will be laid Friday.

--Members were urged to attend the School of Christian Mission in July.

--The seniors will be honored May 5th. The

Education Committee will furnish cake to be served by the day's coffee committee.

Marjory Townsend and Jolene Townsend served lunch following the meeting.

### Announcements:

--School of Christian Mission-July 12-14; Moms Take 5 Camp-May 24-26; Mission Encounter-August 8-9; Central District Meeting, Groton-September 14; Ingathering-September 28

--Next Meeting-May 15, 2:00 p.m., Tea Party on Wheels, Gloria Pharis and Audrey Thurston

### Sunday School Teachers

will be honored  
by the UMW

with  
donations to Missions given in  
their names

## Mother's Day



### Richard Ruden Auction Sale Saturday May 11, 2002

Lunch served by Groton UMW  
donations of:

2 pies and/or 2" wrapped bars  
will be appreciated  
(deliver food to the church by 9:00 am)

For more information call:

Gloria Pharis- 397-2375/ Joy Walter-397-8260

## Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast

The Groton Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast will be held Friday, May 3, 6:30 AM at the Groton Community Center. The speaker will be Eric Kline. A free will offering will be taken for the IDD (Iodine Deficiency Disorder) program. Everyone is welcome!



## Groton Library Is Lonesome

The Groton Library is all set for use, but it is lonesome! Books have been labeled, cards inserted, and people are urged to stop in, sign out a card, and read a book! Thanks to Caralee Heitman and the high school volunteers for getting this sorting done.

A highly recommended book is **The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett, a new copy, found on the right top shelf. It's a great story about how people are transformed from grief to gladness through their work in a secret garden. There is even a new foot stool in the library to help shorter persons reach those books up high.

The books on the book cart in the back of the church are all in memory of Bill Rix (as is the book cart), and even though for children during worship, adults will find some delightful stories there. These books may also be taken out but should be returned a week later for use in worship. Cards may be left on the top shelf of the card once signed for take out. Also on the top shelf are three new books on the middle east situation given by Jeanne Capozzoli of New York.



**Memorial Day, May 27, 2002**

## Groton June Work Group

**Kay & Ben Brandt,** 397-8505  
**Alex & Angela**  
**Florann Norris**  
**& Lucius Geffre** 397-2638  
**Ruth Thompson** 397-8457

\*Mendy & James Jones Jack Oliver  
Marva & Lon Gellhaus \*Eunice Sperry  
Dwight Strom Richard Voss  
\*Jeanne Wanous \*Ann & Gerald Rix  
\*Betty & Charlie Strom  
\*Marjorie & Roger Overacker  
\*Christine & Sherwin Nyberg  
\*Marsha & Wayne Wienk & Brent  
\*Laurel & Monte McNickle & Morgan  
Diann & Brad Morehouse, Jessie & Brent  
Kristi & Alan Johnson  
**Honorary Members:**  
Clara Rix Margaret Blader  
Dick & Gert Ruden

Extra responsibilities for **June:** Clean 2 NW Sunday school rooms.



### Acolytes

May 5 Taylor Schmidt/Desiree Morehouse  
May 12 Martin Schumacher/Sklyer Geffre

### Ushers

Joy & Don Walter

### Greeters

### Readers

May 12 - Carna Atherton-Pray  
May 26 - Twila Ruden

## 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 April 17, 2002. Darrel Haskell opened the meeting with a devotion entitled, "A Chair for Jesus".

### Old Business:

- NWPS has replaced the bulb on the outside cross. Marion will check about putting it on a timer.
- Work continues on the eave troughs.
- Jim Gederos, new agent for our church insurance has suggestions for policy revisions.

### New Business:

- John Zeck is the new president of the Board of Trustees. Concerns for this committee include: sidewalk on north side of church, roof repair, mulch for landscaping.
- Annual Conference is June 3-9 in Sioux Falls.
- We will be serving at "The Banquet" in Sioux Falls on June 3. Decisions about donations and workers need to be made.
- UMW will prepare and serve a Senior Breakfast. Seniors will be honored in Church on May 12.
- The church will once again pay 1/2 of the early bird price of one camp (no travel expenses) for any community youth.

### Committee Reports:

-*Outreach* -The Six Special Sundays will be observed, UMCOR kits will be assembled for the In-Gathering, Advance Specials will be determined as the needs arise, expressed a need to emphasize the monthly World Hunger Offerings, Blanket Sunday will be observed each February, we will continue to support and serve "The Banquet", encouraged support for "Habitat for Humanity", continue local mission projects including Good Samaritan Center, Crisis Fund and Welcome Baskets (Patty Knoll has 3 new names on her list)



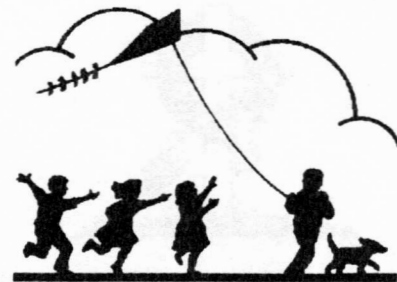
## Women's Fellowship

### May Fellowship Event

The Conde United Methodist Women have begun preparations for their *May Fellowship Event* scheduled for Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Conde United Methodist Church. The evening will begin with a salad lunch and the entertainment will be a play presented by the ladies. The title of the play is "**Hotel Heaven**" by Dorothy Drennan and produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service.

At the Fellowship Lunch in 2001, the ladies did a little "Spring Cleaning" to rid their house of some bad behavioral traits. Did that house remain spotless, or are there still some hang-ups? You will find out when you get a humorous view of some "characters" as they approach the Receptionist in the lobby of "Hotel Heaven".

The Conde UMW has had some type of May event for at least 30 years. At one time it was held in the afternoon and was actually a "Tea". That title seemed to hang on even after it was moved to an evening hour. There have been a variety of programs throughout the years; sometimes being done by the ladies of the church and other times a special speaker provided the entertainment. If you enjoyed the play in 2001, the ladies in the UMW feel you will also get a few laughs from some colorful individuals that will appear in this year's production.





## Conde UMW

Six members and two visitors viewed the film "Tobacco and Your Health" which was followed by a lively discussion on the harmful effects of tobacco and tobacco products on our youth. For years it was thought to be OK to smoke and the ads certainly reinforced the idea. It is a film that certainly should be shown to children and teens as more adults are showing up with the results of the habit. Betty Taylor did a fine job leading the discussion and handing out leaflets on the subject.

Get well cards were sent to Loren Siefken, Dolores Grimes and Ivy Nogle.

Marjorie Wright and Betty Taylor gave a report on Focus Day held at Clark. They announced that our shepherdess is Penny Culver From Iroquois.

The play "Hotel Heaven" will be the entertainment for the May Tea preceded by a salad luncheon at 6:30 pm. Plans were finalized for the event to be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

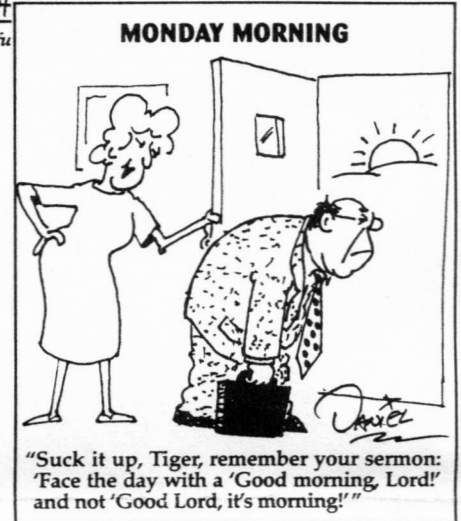
Betty Jensen and Donna Hearnen will be serving the breakfast for the Conde Senior Class, the date to be verified with the school.

Plans were made to serve lunch on Saturday June 29 for the all school alumni reunion.

Betty Taylor served a refreshing lunch at the close of the meeting.



from *The Joyful*



from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

## Let the Children Come

***"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'"***

***Matthew 19:14***



**E**very Sunday morning in church, we stand and hug the nearest persons, saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

Yet many of the neighborhood children in attendance will tell you they went to sleep the previous night to the sound of gunshots. They live in an environment of tension and conflict, often with disastrous consequences.

So our church was thrilled when we got a grant through United Methodism's Shared Mission Focus on Young People—an Advance for Christ and His Church ministry—to employ a person in conflict resolution. Early training and sensitivity for these impressionable young ones can make all the difference in their lives and, perhaps, even in the neighborhood.

That's my prayer every time I see one of God's precious ones climb up on the lap and hug one of our octogenarians in total trust, feeling completely loved.



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 Groton, SD 57445-2192

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



Pastor: Richard F. Collman

email: [grotonumc@nvc.net](mailto:grotonumc@nvc.net)

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Office, Groton 605 397-8270

Home 397-4538

Kitchen, Groton 397-2670

Andover Church 298-5265

Conde Church 382-5261

**MAY 2002**

Wed May 1	11:30 am (G)	May Breakfast
	1:15 pm (G)	May Breakfast
Sun May 5	10:00 am (G)	Trustees meeting
	11:00 am (G)	Honor High School Seniors
	2:00 pm (A)	District Meeting/1st UMC
Wed May 8	6:30 pm (C)	UMW May Fellowship
	8:00 pm (G)	Administrative Council
		<i>Ascension Day</i>
Thu May 9	7:00 am (G)	AMENS
Fri May 10	9:00 am (C)	Honor High School Seniors
Sun May 12	11:00 am (G)	Sunday School sings
	8:00 am (C)	Senior Breakfast
Wed May 15	2:00 pm (C)	UMW
	2:00 pm (G)	UMW
Fri May 17		Dennis Gellhaus available for Pastoral Care while the Collman's are away May 17-28
Sun May 19		Norman Smith preaches at Conde & Groton
Wed May 22	(G)	VBBS May 22-24 at Groton UMC
Fri May 24		<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
Sun May 26		Dennis Gellhaus preaches at Conde & Groton
		"Peace with Justice" Offering
	(C)	World Hunger Offering
Mon May 27		Memorial Day Observed

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