

United Methodist Church News

Groton - Conde - Andover



October 2002

Pastor's Corner

October is beginning and we are in the beginnings of the harvest season. All the way from gathering a few last tomatoes to harvesting the major portion of our crop. I enjoy watching the speed with which a large field gets harvested. I also enjoy the fruits of harvest, the crop, the variety of garden vegetables.

It all symbolizes the good gifts that God gives to us. We did our part, but it is God who actually makes the seed grow from planting to harvest. The harvest gives us what we are going to need in the near future. Yes, there are potatoes, tomatoes, squash, beets and other food for the table, but also in our crops, God is giving us the means of taking care of ourselves for the coming year. It supplies farmers with the cash they will need for everything you can think of -- food, clothing, shelter, maybe medical care and even entertainment.

There is a "long cold" winter ahead, but our needs will be met, and spring will come. The harvest is God's way of taking care of us for another year. It is God's sign that life should continue. Harvest is the culmination of a year's work, but it is also the hope of the future. God is saying, "*Life is good and should continue with abundance*".

Enjoy the season.

Enjoy the harvest.

God is with us.

God is blessing us and supplying our needs. . . . again.

Peace
Pastor Grant

"We must care for our bodies as though they were going to live forever, but we must care for our souls as if we are going to die tomorrow."

—Augustine, quoted in Money Matters, August 2002,3.

With Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of Harvey Hannon. His funeral was held at the Andover United Methodist Church on October 1, 2002.



Many thanks . . . to the Groton United Methodist Women. During the Sunday morning worship I was surprised and honored to be awarded a Special Mission Recognition from our valuable church organization, the UMW. It has been said that behind every good man there is a good woman. That may be true. I do know that behind the Groton Methodist Church there is a valuable women's organization. Keep up the good work. I am very grateful for the attractive gold cross lapel pin. I shall wear it with pride!

Bob Johnson

God is like
Bayer Aspirin
He works miracles

God is like
COKE
He's the real thing

Cleaning Closets ... For a Change

Living Waters Vol. 7

Change. We humans don't like it. We hate being unsettled, like waking up in a different bed and forgetting ... for just a moment ... that we're vacationing or visiting grandma.

Sometimes change is a chance for a fresh start. That's the idea behind New Beginnings created as part of the United Methodist Women in Madison, SD.

New Beginnings has grown over the last several months from a handful of founding members to more than 20 women. They are dedicated to a single goal: easing the process of change for women they may never meet.

The group has worked through Exit Ministries in Mitchell, SD, to provide assistance to more than a dozen women recently released from the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre. In one month alone, they helped three women begin new lives.

"When they get out they have nothing. Absolutely nothing. We help them make a basic start," said Deb Collins, New Beginnings chair.

New Beginnings packages have been delivered all over South Dakota and to addresses in Montana and Nebraska. Items included are the necessities of life: clothing gleaned from members' closets and used clothing stores, toiletries, laundry supplies, towels and personal notes of encouragement.

Although New Beginnings operates through the local UMW, Collins suggests a group of friends or an adult Sunday school class could accomplish the same mission. Members take turns combing their closets, shopping and preparing packages. Local cosmetics representatives donate products and fund-raisers have helped offset costs.

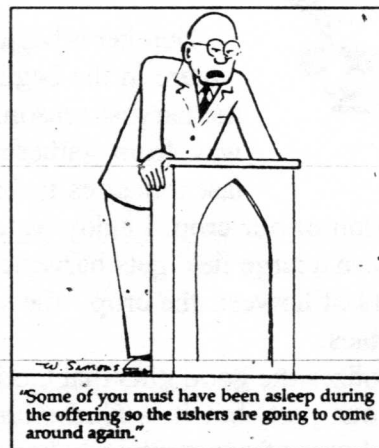
"It's like Christmas. I hope that's how these women feel when they open our packages. I hope it feels like Christmas," Collins said.

Exit Ministries was founded by Debra Weitala, a singer, songwriter and speaker with Thousand Angels Productions. She began performing concerts in prisons in 1996 and formed a Pen Pal Program in 1997.

Weitala recalls this story about a package delivered from Exit Ministries. "One woman in a halfway house came running up to the desk to sign out. She had been given clothing and a coat. Everything fit and she was headed out to find a job. Something so simple as a coat," Weitala said. "What a great program because that coat was merely hanging to the side in someone's

closet."

For more information about Exit Ministries, log onto www.exitministries.org, or write Debra Weitala, Exit Ministries, Inc., PO Box 874, Mitchell, SD 57301.



from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

The Joy of Serving

What joy and excitement have filled my 35 years of involvement in one of United Methodism's 70 community centers supported through the Advance for Christ and His Church!

For 116 years, Marcy-Newberry Association has reached out to people on Chicago's West Side. Today, Marcy-Newberry has 11 satellite locations in the city.

As a 19-year diaconal minister and a permanent deacon since 1997, I have enjoyed many fulfilling experiences. My life is enriched and truly satisfying, as Marcy-Newberry's ministry touches the lives of children and families whose world is often plagued by poverty, violence, injustice and fear.

My goals are to increase awareness, to link United Methodists to the needs and to involve local faith communities with Marcy-Newberry Center. As I see the church witness and meet challenges every day, I am richly blessed!



—The Rev. Margaret Ann Williams, Maple Park United Methodist Church, Chicago; alternate clergy delegate (Northern Illinois), 2000 General Conference; and associate executive/director of church relations, Marcy-Newberry Association, Chicago

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 Sept. 11th agenda:

Reports from committees included :

--The UMW will host the District meeting September 14th.

--The UMYF is working with the Education Dept. to arrange separate space for their meetings.

--Music & Worship met with Rev. Piehl to share

ideas on service order and music. The choir will resume soon.

--Pastor/Parish Relations and Finance are beginning work on 2003 budgets.

--The ad hoc Bathroom Committee is gathering the necessary preliminary information to start making definitive plans.

--Rev. Piehl announced that the Charge Conference will be held in Groton on November 13th at 7:00 pm. Church members are invited to attend.

--Advent begins December 1st. The Christmas Eve service in Groton will be at 5:00 pm this year. The November and December work committees will make plans to have Christmas decorations put up on November 24th.

--Work remaining to be done from the parsonage walk-through is sanding and refinishing several windows.

--Contacts are being made to have the manger for the outdoor nativity scene repaired. It was damaged in a storm two years ago and could not be used last year.

--The Men's Dinner will be held November 10th. Serving times will be 11:00-1:30; the charge will stay the same. Bert and Darlene Raap will chair the event. Conde will be asked by Rev. Piehl to switch times of service for that day.

--Parking space for a semi-trailer will be provided to Goodwill Industries. It will be parked for one week every other month on a set schedule. The trailer will be equipped to receive many types of donations. The

only service required is opening and closing the doors on a daily basis, for which there are two volunteers.

--Linda Thurston will coordinate a project that will request paper products for Safe Harbor in Aberdeen.



Groton UMYF

This year we are meeting on the first and third Sundays of every month at 7:00 pm. We have had two meetings so far. This year's officers are:

President - Haida Boyd
Vice President - Cody Hanson
Secretary - Dustin Gese
Treasurer - Alana Wolken
Reporter - Amber Wolken

This year we are planning to build a float for the Homecoming Parade. We also plan to go trick-or-treating for UNICEF, help at the Easter Sunrise Service, the Men's Dinner, the Christmas Service, decorate a Christmas tree, and we also plan to go on a ski trip. (Depending on whether we get some snow this year!)

September 29, 2002 we will be meeting at Bruce and Michelle Schumacher's house to build the church float for the homecoming parade.

Reporter, Amber Wolken

Groton UMW

Wednesday Oct 16 --7:30 pm

Program -- Carna Atherton-Pray
More CHRISTmas - Less Consuming

Hostesses -- Kay Brandt & Pam Bahr

November Work Committee

Gene & Adeline Cassels 294-5348
Twila Ruden 397-8391
Doris Strom 397-8367

*Arlene Boehmer
*Darlys Kampa
*JoAnn & Richard Krueger
*Ruby & Eugene Luce
Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt
*Michelle & Chuck Padfield & Randy
Vicki & William Podoll, Jennifer & Christopher
*Crystal & Doug Sippel
Herron Smith
*Deb & Todd Thurston
*Joyce & Al Walter, Michelle & Holly
Marvel & Dick Washnok

Rodney Boehmer
*DeLoris Knoll
*Jean Lowary

Honorary Members:

Earl Lowary
Emery Sippel

Ruby Fuller
Lorraine Bartz

Extra responsibilities for **November:**

Clean pastor & secretary's office & hallways.
**Arrange for all Church meeting to put up
Christmas decorations between Thanksgiving and
1st Sunday in Advent.**

Volunteers for October

Ushers

Norm Thurston & Bill Brotherton

Greeters

Jean & Earl Lowary

Acolytes

Oct 6 – Erin Sternhagen & Alexa Nillson
Oct 13 – Cody & Dylan Hanson
Oct 20 – Sydney & Evan Erickson
Oct 27 – Mitchel Madsen & Tanner Johnson

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Encourage One Another

"You may never realize who you've been helping through World Communion Sunday offerings." It could be your pastor, attests the Rev. HiRho Y Park, a former Crusade Scholar who serves Salem United Methodist Church, Hebbville, MD.

"As an ethnic minority who came from another country, I was encouraged to know others were thinking about me and caring for my education," she recalls.

Emigrating from Korea, Ms Park chose The United Methodist Church because she loves the doctrine, the openness and the inclusion of racial- and ethnic-minority persons. *"The cultural and language barriers are a challenge," she asserts, "but the love and grace of God bind us together."*

Your offering on World Communion Sunday provides:

- Crusade Scholarships for international and US racial- and ethnic-minority graduate students;
- Scholarships for racial- and ethnic-minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations; and
- Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate students.

God calls us to encourage and to build up one another. Please give generously on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. *Your gift makes a world of difference!*

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 United Methodist Women met on September 18 with eight members and four visitors present.

Pat Siefken gave the program "Healing the Nations in the midst of the AIDS Pandemic". The scripture, Revelation 22:1-5 spoke of the "healing of nations" and presents a vision of wholeness. AIDS is not simply a problem in our own country but rather a global pandemic. The program looked toward some of the ways the United Methodists help to bring healing within their own countries and to others around the world. Pat used a film and a quiz to promote discussion and to stress points made.

The Treasurer reported that the free-will offering taken for the lunches served during the Conde Alumni celebration netted slightly more than we usual. Fifty dollars from our Mission fund was given to the Tree of Life Mission.

The next meeting will be October 16 – lesson on Health Issues by Pat Siefken, Hostesses – Betty Jensen and Patty Knoll.

A delicious lunch was served by Marjorie Wright.

**God is like
Scotch Tape
You can't see him,
but you know he's there**

Extra 2003 Calendars???

Please save those extra 2003 calendars you get and bring them to the church. Jenkins Home usually buys calendars for every room. This year they are asking for extra calendars to be donated. Just bring them to church and put them on the shelf in the entryway. I'll do the rest; and Thank You.

Dolores Grimes

Take Time to be Funny

(To the tune of "Take Time to be Holy")

Take time to be funny,

Rejoice in the Lord.

Let laughter explode

And have fun with God's Word.

For laughter is healing,

Gives strength to the weak.

God loves to see smiles,

They lift up the meek..

Take time to be silly,

Too many are somber,

Grabbing to control.

Let go and let God's love

Wash over your soul.

For humor is holy,

It sanctifies life,

Replenishes hope,

Undercuts sorrow and

Deflates haughty pride.

So smile and hang on,

Rejoice in life's ride!"

Rev. Robert L Anderson
UCC, York PA



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

October 2002
SUNDAY WORSHIP
 9:00 am Conde
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Groton

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Andover Church 298-5265

Conde Church 382-5261



October Calendar

Wed Oct 2
 2:00 pm (C) Esther Circle
 8:00 pm (C) Martha Circle

Sun Oct 6
World Communion Sunday
 7:00 pm (C) Finance Committee
 7:00 pm (G) meeting
 UMYF

Wed Oct 9
 8:00 pm (G) Administrative Council

Fri Oct 11-12
 Dakotas Conference UMW meeting/Brookings

Sun Oct 13
 11:00 am (G) Sunday School Sing

Wed Oct 16
 2:00 pm (C) UMW
 6:30 pm (G) UMW Executive
 7:30 pm (G) UMW
 8:00 pm (C) Administrative Board

Sun Oct 20
 7:00 pm (G) UMYF

Sun Oct 27
Daylight Savings Time begins
clocks fall back one hour

9:00 am (C) World Hunger Offering

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