

United Methodist Church News

Groton - Conde - Andover



February 2003

A Word from the PASTOR



The doctor tried to place a stethoscope on a little girl's chest, telling her that he was going to listen to her heart.

"Oh, no!" The girl protested. "My heart is in my back."

"Where did you get that idea?" The doctor asked?

"Well, when I do something good, grandma pats me on the back and says, "Bless your little heart."

Grandmas always seem to give their hearts to their grandchildren, don't they? Giving your heart to another is the most precious gift you can give.

We think about that in this valentine's month, when we give valentines to everyone from that kid in our class that we never really did like at all to the love of our life, our husband or wife. We remember St Valentine, offering Christian marriage to young couples in love, even when he knew that the state had forbidden a ceremony of marriage because it was a Christian rite. He risked his life for their love.

Questions come to us about real love. Who is the person you have cared about the most in your lifetime? Who is the person you find most difficult to love? Can you find in the second person some of the attributes of the one you have cared about the most. If so, you may be on the road to extending your already established affection toward the one who is most difficult to love. The joy of being loved in return is reserved for those who offer their own unconditional love.

It always amazes me that God loved us first, even when we were sinners - fighting against God. His love has overcome everything and conquered our sin.

God of love, make me aware of the power of love in my life. Amen.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Pastor Grant

Thanks

Thank you to all in the Groton, Conde and Andover churches for the beautiful Christmas centerpiece you sent in memory of Eileen's mom, Vi Rosholt. That meant a lot to us.

Rev Grant & Eileen

HELP!

With Christmas and the passing of Eileen's mom and kids and grandkids being here - we lost the names of those who gave us the teapot & cups and the gift certificate to Laura's Latte Café. *Please let us know who you are so we can thank you!*

Rev Grant & Eileen



We would like to thank everyone for your friendliness, love, concern, the caring, all the prayers and thoughtful ways you have shown us since we moved to Groton. We appreciate all of you and love each one of you very much. We are enjoying getting to know you. *Have a wonderful 2003.*

Love 'n Prayers
Rev Grant & Eileen

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

The Executive Committee met at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, January 15, 2003. UMW Sunday was discussed and planned. UMW will have the entire service Sunday, February 9th. Rev Piehl and Eileen will be gone to visit family.

The PURPOSE was repeated in unison.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Linda Thurston, president. Mary Hayenga read a devotional from the Devotional Booklet with Scripture from the Book of James.

A thank you from Safe Harbor for the blankets and stuffed animals was read and Rev Grant thanked the unit for their Christmas gift.

Committee reports were given with outlines of plans for future meetings. The Reading program was promoted.

Plans for UMW Sunday were announced.

Plans for hiring a baby sitter (perhaps two) for Sunday morning worship were discussed. An ad will be placed on local TV.

Information will be forthcoming on the Ingathering. UMW will cooperate with the church Missions Committee.

The May Breakfast Committee will meet February 5th at 9:30 am.

Officers were installed by Connie Sperry with a ceremony entitled "Rainbow for Missions". Each officer was given a flower in a color appropriate to her office, making a completed rainbow. "These flowers truly remind us of the rainbow and God's promise. . ." and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung in unison. The 2002 officers conducted an officers' training and informational session.

Lunch was served by Ruby Luce and Eunice Sperry.

Announcements:

- February 9 - UMW Sunday
- February 19 - UMW Meeting
- March 5 - Ash Wednesday
- March 7 -- World Day of Prayer

UMW Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

General Meeting - 2:00 pm
Shepherdess Visit - Judy Thompson, Huron

Program - VIM/Texas & Mexico
Leader - Linda Thurston
Hostesses - Gloria Pharis/Gert Ruden

March Work Group

Carol & Luverne Strom - 397-2334
Sue & Bob Kubal - 397-2434
Carla & Tim Geffre & Lucius - 397-8446

Don Bartz	Karla Pasteur & Jessica
Caralee & Gary Heitmann	Diane Nissen
Linda & Jay Johnson *	Jean & Vern Walter
Charlotte & Art Lang	Kim & Craig Weber
Brenda & Tony Madsen	Scott Craig
Gloria & Harry Pharis *	
Marjae & Dan Schinkel	
Francine & Mark Sippel **	
Autumn & Ward Sperry & Haida Boyd	
Sharon & Larry Wheeting	

Honorary Members:

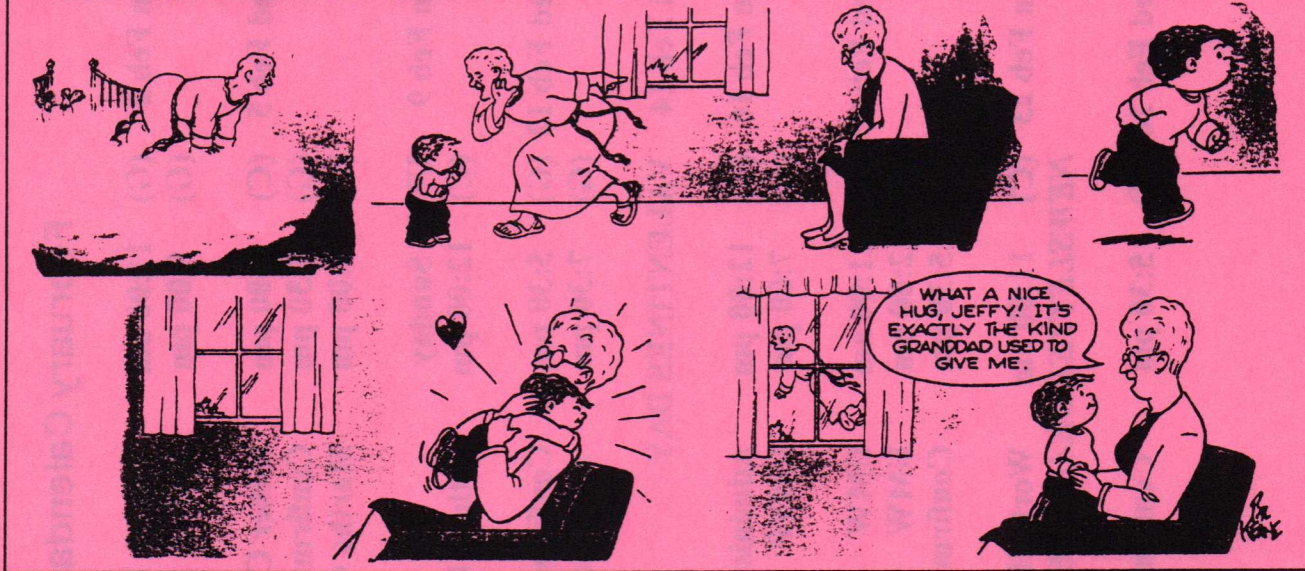
Barbara & Robert Wegner Irene Breitkruetz



from The Joyful Noiseletter

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By **BIL KEANE**



from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

Sister Act-a friendly "kit" competition

Talk about a friendly rivalry. Talk about a combination of competition and cooperation and you've described a western SD Sister Act. Ferne Winckus, Belle Fourche UMC, and Wilma Gabrielson, Rapid City South Maple UMC, have involved their congregations in a friendly competition to make school and health kits for the Ingathering.

When the final count came in last week Belle Fourche folks reported 125 school kits and 125 health kits while South Maple topped the chart at 129 school kits and 140 health kits.

Belle Fourche has always been enthusiastic about the UMCOR kits, Wilma said. "Before I joined South Maple [Wilma came from Bowman, ND], my sister Ferne was head of their committee. Last year I wanted to be ahead of Belle Fourche so bad, and now our whole congregation and our Vacation Bible School gets involved, too. That really works well together."

Wilma told how the church's craft group stepped in this year to make more school bags. Other volunteers helped on packing day to get all the supplies bundled. "I can't get through my speech [of thanks] before I'm in tears; I could never do it without the South Maple congregation."

Don't let this talk of competition deceive you. This sister act is shrewd cooperation all the way. "I'm a sales nut," says Wilma. "I'll give her a call, and sometimes I do most of her shopping. She watches the ads and if she finds a bargain, I'll share with her." If Ferne has supplies she doesn't need, she shares with Wilma.

With this year's kits packed and ready for the Ingathering, Wilma and Ferne are already shopping for next year. "Walgreen's just offered a nail clipper for 35 cents with a coupon--4 maximum, they said. But I put eight on the checkout and they let me have them." Maybe that was because Wilma added 10 toothbrushes to her shopping cart, too. "It's always in your mind and when you see bargain, you'll get stuff."

Ferne and Wilma have a sister-in-law who expands their shopping to bargains on school and health items from the Twin Cities where she lives. "She shops, and when she sees bargains, she buys a bunch and I pay her when I see her--it's family affair." All three hunt diligently for the toughest health kit item, hand towels. "Towels don't go on sale very much so we really watch."

These UMCOR kit makers and their congregations have learned that their shopping enthusiasm and mission-minded year-round collecting make a difference. "This summer 500 of our kits came back to the Deadwood fire fighters and I thought that was really neat. But just once I'd like to see children in another country receiving them. That would be wonderful."

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PRIORITIES

I asked God to grant me patience.
God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness.
God said, No. I give you blessings.
Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.
God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.
God said, No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as God loves me.
God said. . . Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

Stop telling God how big your storm is.
Instead, tell your storm how big your God is.

Source unknown



**UMYF – Sunday, February 2
at 5:00 pm**

at the home of Dustin Gese - 402 N Main Street

Remember to bring your *snacks* as this is over the supper hour. We will be discussing our design for the wall in our room. Come and give your input!

See you then – Michelle



POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, February 2nd is the monthly Potluck Dinner in Groton. Bring a dish to pass and stay for the fellowship. See you there!

Valentine



Banquet

FCA Valentine Banquet

The third annual FCA Valentine banquet will be on Sunday, February 9 at the Community Center at 6:00 or 8:00 pm. For reservations call Hannah at 397-2750 or Julia at 397-8647.

Volunteers for February

Ushers

Rich Krueger & Lars Hanson

Greeters

Art & Audrey Padfield

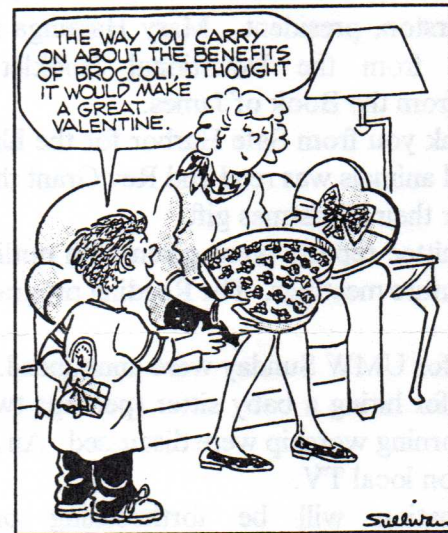
Acolytes

Feb 2 – Tom & Erin Sternhagen

Feb 9 – Shawn Locke & Alexa Nilsson

Feb 16 – Lyndsey & Taylor Gese

Feb 23 – Gavin Voss & Dylan Hanson



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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 UMW

The Conde United Methodist Women met on January 15 with ten members and two visitors. The Pledge Service was given by Jane Worlie, "God's Mission in the History of Korean Women". She explained the position of women in Korean society - beginning in 1883 when the Women's Foreign Missionary Society from Ohio pledged a small sum of money for missions to Korean women. Readers told how missions in Korea progressed up to the present day.

President Joyce Haskell opened the meeting by reading Mark 11:22-23.

Joys & Concerns - Wayne Wright has had knee surgery and Adam & Nikki Wright have a new daughter. Cards were sent to them. A thank you note was received from the Salvation Army for remembering them at Christmas. A thank you was received from Bruce Herman for cards he had received.

The treasurer gave the end of the year report and handed out the new budget for 2003. Fifty dollars of our mission money was sent to the *Tree of Life*.

Plans were made for UMW Sunday on February 9.

Betty Jensen will see that the collection taken for "Souper Bowl" Sunday is sent in as Pat Siefken will be gone.

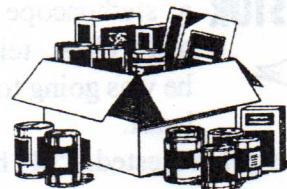
Betty Taylor reported on the reading list and urged members to plan to attend the School of Christian Missions in July.

World Day of Prayer was discussed. Donna Hearnen, Joyce Haskell and Betty Taylor will help Marjorie Wright with the plans. Marjorie Wright will give the lesson for February 19, *Week of Prayer and Self Denial*. Hostesses are Joyce Haskell, Jane Worlie & Donna Walter.

A delicious noon luncheon was served by Donna Hearnen, Betty Taylor and Betty Jensen.

Volunteers for February

Ushers - Bill Thomas



Remember - The Good Samaritan Center food program is an ongoing mission project. Please continue to bring canned goods and staples for this project. Thanks.



POTLUCK DINNER

Potluck dinner following worship on Sunday, February 9th. Bring a dish to pass and stay and enjoy the fellowship! See you there.



Baptized - Paxton Allen Bonn, son of Stacey & Greg Bonn - welcome to our congregation

Hospitalized - Richard Worlie - we are keeping you in our prayers

Congratulations to Marjorie Wright on the birth of a new great-granddaughter, Tatum, daughter of Adam & Nikki Wright.

February Calendar



Sun Feb 2	(G)	11:00 am	Potluck Dinner
	(G)	5:00 pm	UMYF
Wed Feb 5	(C)	2:00 pm	Esther Circle
	(G)	5:30 pm	Confirmation
	(C)	8:00 pm	Martha Circle
Sun Feb 9	UMW	Sunday	Potluck Dinner
	(C)	12:00 pm	
Wed Feb 12	(G)	5:30 pm	Confirmation
	(G)	7:30 pm	Ad Council
Fri Feb 14	VALENTINES DAY		
Sun Feb 16	(C)	12:00 pm	Administrative Board
	(G)	7:00 pm	UMYF
Wed Feb 19	(C)	11:00 am	UMW
	(G)	2:00 pm	UMW
	(G)	5:30 pm	Confirmation
Sun Feb 23	(C)	11:00 am	World Hunger Offering
	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE		
Wed Feb 26	(G)	5:30 pm	Confirmation

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February 2003
SUNDAY WORSHIP
 9:00 am Grotton
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Conde

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