

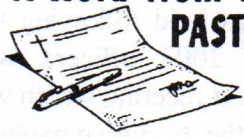
United Methodist Church News

Groton - Conde - Andover



January 2003

A Word from the PASTOR



New Year's Day really doesn't have any religious significance. It really is "just another day" in the calendar. Yet we do invest the changing of the calendar

with a great deal of meaning. It is a time of hope, planning, vision casting, looking forward. It is a time of setting goals. Not just financial and personal as you ask, "Where do I want to be a year from now?" and "How am I going to get there?" It is also time to ask "where do I want to be a year from now spiritually?" If I want to be stronger in prayer, I will need to set time aside, time for prayer, perhaps keep a journal of things I pray for regularly and check them off as God answers my prayers. If I want to have better Biblical knowledge, I will need to read the Bible with regularity and perhaps join a study group. If I want to increase my financial support of the church and the Kingdom of Christ, I will need to do that regularly also, perhaps joining the Builder's Club and supporting special offerings. Almost any goal can be reached. Or at least improved upon. If I set a goal of reading the Bible every day, but make it 75 or 50% of the time, that may be an improvement over last year or better than when I had no goal.

We can improve our spiritual life, it isn't just chance. The beginning of a new year can be a time of setting goals for what we want to be in our Christian experience. Got a few that need improving? I think we all do. Write them down, put a note in your Bible and check up on them soon!

Have a great 2003!

New Years Resolutions

I like the list of resolutions prepared by Rev Walter Schoedel (Dynamic Preaching, Oct/Nov/Dec 2002, 189). He calls them "7-UPS FOR THE NEW YEAR. They have nothing to do with the soft drink, but lots to do with attitudes and actions.

1. **WAKE UP** – Begin each day with the Lord. It is His day. Rejoice in it.

2. **DRESS UP** – Put on a smile. It improves your looks. It says something about your attitude.
3. **SHUT UP** – Watch your tongue. Don't gossip. Say nice things.
4. **STAND UP** – Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good.
5. **LOOK UP** – Open your eyes to the Lord. After all, He is your only Savior.
6. **REACH UP** – Spend time with your adorations, confessions, thanksgivings, and supplications to the Lord.
7. **LIFT UP** – Be available to help those in need – serving, supporting, and sharing.

Peace,
Pastor Grant

Thank You

We want to thank each of you for sending Christmas cards and greetings and gifts. We received Christmas cookies, fruit and other gifts along with cards and notes. Special thanks to those who took time and effort to help decorate the parsonage. Thanks again.

Rev Grant & Eileen

Again we want to say thanks to all of our congregation who have supported us with words, prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy during the time of Eileen's mother's passing. Vi Jonas Rosholt died on December 23 and her funeral was on December 27, 2002. Death is always a hard time, but your prayers and sympathy have made it much easier. Thanks again.

Rev Grant & Eileen

Groton February Work Group

Anita & John Lowary - 397-2495
Connie & Dave Nilsson & Logan - 229-5014
Robert Hood - 397-2359

Pam & Doug Bahr * Mary & Cal Hayenga
Meri & John Erickson & Seth ** Dick Oliver
Molly & Erik Hayenga Darlene & Bert Raap
Hazel & Jim McKittrick
Linda & Gary Thurston **
Michelle & Bruce Schumacher
Carolyn & Robert Snyder *
Jolene & Alan Townsend * & Zachary Barton
Marjorie & Russell Townsend
William & Wanda Zoellner

Honorary Members:

Margaret & Don Clocksene
Hazel & Erwin Hite

Extra responsibilities for **February**: Clean and organize closets in front hallway; clean sanctuary

Acolytes

Jan 12 -
Jan 19 - Lyndsey & Taylor Gese
Jan 26 - Ryland Strom & Tanner Johnson

Confirmation

Groton Confirmation class meets each Wednesday at 5:30 pm at the church. Please remember to bring notebooks, etc.

Celebrating Good Lives

On January 19, 2003, Bob and Marvel Johnson have reason to celebrate. They have two anniversaries. On January 10, Marvel celebrates her 80th birthday. On January 22, they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

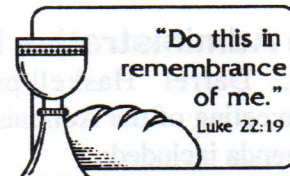
Relatives and friends are invited to the Groton United Methodist Church between 2:00 -4:00 pm on Sunday, January 19, 2003. There will be a short program at 2:30 pm and lunch following.

Please **NO** cards and **NO** gifts, just **HUGS**. Join the CELEBRATION.

Ushers and Greeters Needed:

Groton – sign up in the fellowship hall
Conde – clipboard is at back of the sanctuary

Please take time to help out!



COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be on
Sunday, January 12 at both churches

Worship time change

effective January 5, 2003

Groton – 9:00 am
Sunday School – 10:00 am
Conde – 11:00 am

GOD IS LIKE.

Hallmark cards

He cares enough to send His very best.

The US Post office

Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice
will keep Him from His appointed destination.

Allstate

You're in good hands with Him.

“Lord, find me a way -- I’ll ask Tree of Life”

In 1991 when director Lisa Thompson saw the old BIA building being donated to a women’s shelter at Fort Thompson, SD, her tiny facility was overcrowded and overwhelmed. "But when I saw that first building, it was awful. The renovation estimator told me, 'I wouldn't wish a project like this on my worst enemy.' I could get funding for renovation, but I was so discouraged. Then a team from the United Methodist Church in Mitchell came to help with the roof. That shingling group was a confirmation that it [Wiconi Wawokiya, Project SAFE and Children's SAFE Place] was going to happen."

In 1995 Lisa met Boyd Blumer and learned about Tree of Life and its volunteers, and her amazing journey began in earnest. At the 2002 October Tree of Life board meeting held at Crow Creek, she described how the old BIA House has expanded from the renovated shelter for women and children. Today it includes clothing distribution storage, a safe playground, and a modern office facility for education, advocacy, investigation and support for abused families.

Lisa Thompson and her staff continue to help victims of mental, physical and sexual abuse. They work with US attorney's office to get information disclosure quickly. They go to court with victims, they help get protection orders; they offer advocacy to employers. The shelter, on call 24 hours a day, responds to self referral, as well as referrals from family members and law enforcement.

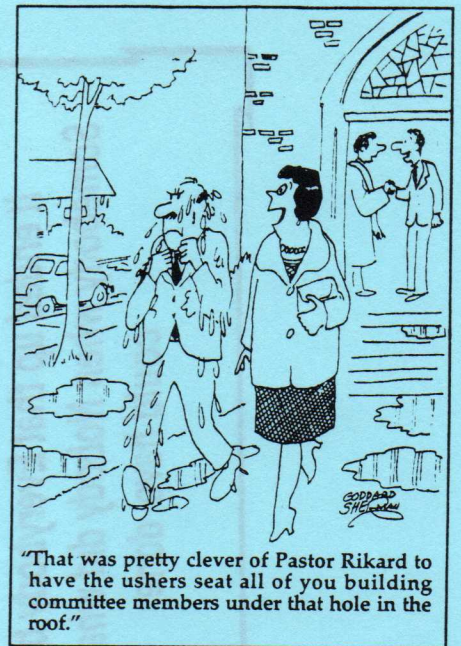
Project SAFE also sets up community and in-school events, working to educate children and adults on domestic violence. In helping to build the facilities for Project SAFE, Tree of Life volunteers and directors John and Pat Luecke offered help that made all the difference. "Hopefully, we will be violence free one day and these building will be used for another purpose," Lisa says. "Until then we try to provide victim -sensitive services, food, clothing, and support for non-victim family members."

Lisa describes her combination of vision, determination, and prayer. "Lord if I’m doing the wrong thing, I really need to know," I say. When Lisa and her staff needed the office facility, she couldn't find a solution. Then one day John [Luecke] called to say, "Don't worry, you're getting your building." To me it was truly a miracle.

"God is really behind what we do; God's the one who provides everything for us, serving the people here at Crow Creek," Lisa Thompson says. "Our employees are committed to the work that they do. I'm just the vessel that God uses. I am so thankful that the UMC church and Tree of Life has been there for us; we couldn't do this alone. Whenever we have a need, Tree of Life has been there for us. I just pray, "Lord, find me a way" and then I think to myself, I'll ask John and Pat about this. I'm always amazed by the Lord and how He works!"

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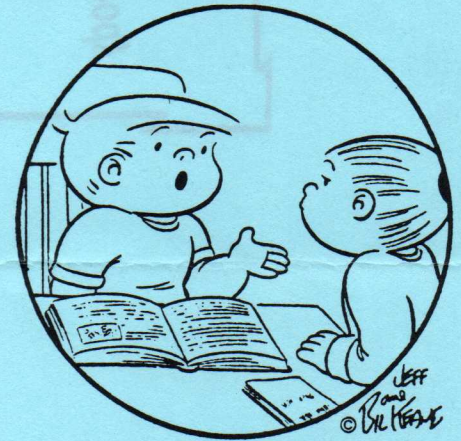
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"That was pretty clever of Pastor Rikard to have the ushers seat all of you building committee members under that hole in the roof."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Adam and Eve were lucky. They didn't have any childhood diseases."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*



from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

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

Chairman, Darrel Haskell presided at the December 15 meeting of the Administrative Board. Items on the agenda included:

- Dinner Theatre – 177 persons attended the play and all reports indicated it was a success. The proceeds will be deposited in the general fund.
- Christmas Eve offering was designated for the Conde Ambulance Fund to assist in the training of the new EMT's.
- Potluck dinners will be held on the second Sunday of the month during January, February and March.

Conde UMW

The Conde UMW met December 4 at 11:00 am.

Betty Taylor gave the lesson: *Mary, Woman of Courage, Power, Peace.*

A dialogue between Susan, Mary and an Angel told of the part Mary played in answering God's call of birthing and nurturing the baby who became our Savior, Jesus Christ and who also lived as a very poor political refugee who lived through the terror of losing her son to a higher power. She became a powerful partner of all the poor in building a new community in Christ.

A delicious luncheon was served at noon by hostesses Jane Worlie and Donna Walter. A short business meeting followed.

Donna Hearnen displayed the gifts of clothing for the family chosen through the Good Samaritan Center in Redfield.

The activities chairpersons were chosen for 2003.

The January 15 meeting will begin at 11:00 am with the Pledge Service given by Jane Worlie. A noon luncheon will follow, prepared by Donna Hearnen, Betty Taylor and Betty Jensen.

Ushers for January

Darrel Haskell & Marion Jensen

And we wonder why things go wrong!

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. The next week, the man realized that he would need his wife to wake him at 5 am for an early-morning flight to Chicago. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (AND LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5 am." The next morning the man woke up, only to discover it was 9 am and that he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't awakened him when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5 am. Wake up."

—source unknown

To a Beautiful Person

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it

If he had a wallet, your photo would be in it.

He sends you flowers every spring.

He sends you a sunrise every morning.

Whenever you want to talk, he listens.

He can live anywhere in the universe, but . . . he chose your heart

Life's Unanswered Questions

If pro is the opposite of con, is progress the opposite of Congress?

If the Energizer Bunny attacks someone, is it charged with battery?

If you spend your day doing nothing, how do you know when you're done?

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.

The following items were on the December 11th agenda:

- Arrangements have been made with Cliff Pray to have the cracked wall in the pastor's office repaired in preparation for painting the area.
- A donation of \$465 was received for the Mamie Johnson Camping Fund.
- Confirmation class for five students has begun. Diann Morehouse will again be assisting in teaching, mentors have been assigned each youth, and the parents will be actively involved in the process.
- This church will monetarily support the event being sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to be held at the school on January 29th.
- Approval was given to again dedicate the Christmas Eve offering to the Easter mission project.
- After reviewing the Dakotas Conference list of Special Askings, a pledge of \$500 each was made to Lutheran Social Services South Dakota and Camp's Capital Improvements. Collections received at Sunday coffee and potluck events will be used to defray the outlay.
- A decision was made to hold this meeting at 7:30 pm on a trial basis.
- The next Administrative Council meeting will be February 12th.



"It seems that George Washington comes to church far more often than Abe Lincoln."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

Groton UMW

The Groton unit of United Methodist Women held a Christmas potluck dinner at the church Wednesday noon, December 11, 2002. The officers were hostesses. Anita Lowary gave the program on "Symbols of Christmas."

The executive meeting was held following the program. The installation of 2003 officers was planned. It will be held at the next meeting which will be January 15 at 2:00 pm with the executive meeting at 1:00 pm. The new officers are:

President – Linda Thurston

Vice President – Jolene Townsend

Secretary – Twila Ruden

Treasurer – Clare Brotherton

Spiritual Growth – Mary Hayenga, Chair,
Brenda Madsen, Doris Zoellner, Carol Strom,
Marge Overacker

Membership & Nurture Outreach – Gloria Pharis, Chair, Audrey Thurston, Gert Ruden,
Kelli Hanson, Marjorie Townsend

Social Action – Carna Atherton Pray, Chair,
Mary Hayenga, Elaine Wolken

Education & Interpretation – Ruby Luce, Chm
Eunice Sperry, Co Chair, Audrey Padfield,
Carolyn Snyder, Diann Morehouse, Lorraine Bartz

Secretary of Program Resources – Mary Swisher, Chair, Sharon Wheeting, Carolee Heitmann

Committee on Nominations – Carolyn Snyder,
Chair, Joy Walter, Anita Lowary, Ann Rix,
Jean Lowary

Groton UMW Meeting

Wednesday January 15 - 2:00 pm

Executive meeting - 1:00 ppm

Program – *Rainbows for Missions*

Leader – Connie Nilsson

Hostesses – Eunice Sperry, Ruby Luce

**Here Is A Story About Four People
Named Everybody, Somebody,
Anybody & Nobody.**

A job had to be done & Everybody was sure
Somebody would do it. Anybody could've
done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got mad
about that, because it was Everybody's job.
Everybody thought Anybody could do it and
that Somebody would do it.
Nobody realized that Everybody thought
Somebody would do it.
It ended up that Everybody blamed
Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody
could have done.

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Pastor: Grant Pielh

Groton 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Conde 11:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP
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