



UMC Newsletter

June 2003

Upcoming Events:

- Serving the Banquet
June 2, evening meal
- Goodwill Donation Trailer
June 12-19th, Parking Lot
- Andover UMC Final
Worship Service
June 22 at 2:00 p.m.
- Groton UMW June 18th
1:00 Exec Mtg , Officers
& Program Res Chairmen
Mtg & Nominations Meet
2:00 Meeting, everyone
welcome to join us!
- Conde UMW June 18th
2:00 Meeting everyone is
welcome to attend!



Andover UMC Final Worship

The final worship service at the Andover UMC will be June 22, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Michael J. Coyner and Rev. Gene Kroger will join Pastor Piehl to conduct the worship as we praise God for the ministry of the church over more than one hundred and fifteen years. We invite all persons who have been a part of the church over the years to be a part of this worship

Groton-Conde-Andover United Methodist Church

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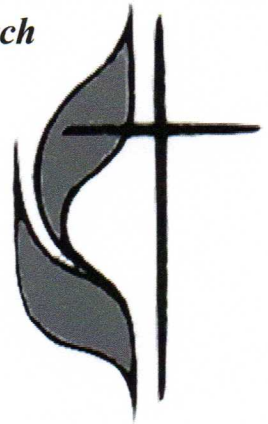
...more photos on the internet!

Pastor Notes

This story is old but the point is good. There was a young man who was frantically working under the hood of his Model T Ford car that had stopped beside the road. Another car stopped beside him, and a well-dressed gentleman got out and walked toward him to inquire about the problem. The stranger suggested a few minor adjustments to the car's motor. Desperate for help, the young man followed the stranger's suggestions. "Now," said the stranger, "start the engine." And the young man cranked the engine, and it started like a new car. Amazed the young man asked the stranger who he was and how did he know exactly what to do to make his car run so well. The stranger replied that he was Henry Ford. He had designed and made the car; his company had produced it and he knew everything about it.

There is a parable there for us. Often our lives seem to not run very well, or not at all, and we fuss and complain and get frustrated trying to fix it ourselves without success. Then along comes the stranger, or friend, who makes a few suggestions, offers advice, help or a prayer and things begin to turn around. It wasn't as sudden as fixing a car, but it was help and it was God sent.

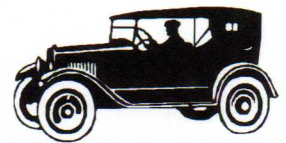
Living in Christ means allowing our Designer and Maker to



help us work on our broken-down lives, our shattered hopes and failed dreams, our dysfunctional relationships and meaningless pursuits. We turn again to God who wipes away our sins, and pours out showers of blessings to refresh our spiritual life.

May the blessings of Christ be yours today!

Peace,
Pastor Grant



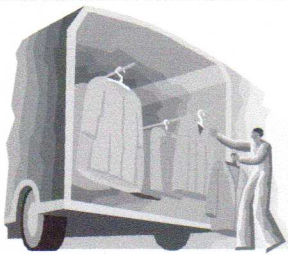
May Breakfast Photos by Anita





**Donation Trailer
June 12-19th
UMC Parking Lot
Groton**

Large Labeled Cartons are provided if needed.



**Groton UMC
Mission Statement**

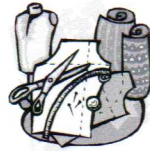
The Groton United Methodist Church is a body of believers seeking to strengthen and build a church family that provides all individuals with the opportunity to grow in their faith and lead an enriched spiritual life in Jesus Christ through worship, study, fellowship, working together and reaching out to others.



Sewing Kits

Donations for individual items or full kits are now being accepted!

- 3 full yards of cotton or cotton blend fabric
- 1 package of needles
- 1 spool of thread
- 6 matching buttons



Items for kits are being collected at both Groton and Conde. For more information about the other kits please refer to the website and click on the Missions Projects link. The patterns for making the school bags and for knitting & crocheting the baby sweaters for the Layette kit are here as well.

http://www.grotonsdchurches.com/umc/mission_projects.htm



July Work Committee

Chairpersons:

- Mary Swisher – 397-8259
- Rose & Bill Tewksbury – 397-8173
- Kristi & Lance Hawkins – 397-8148

Committee Members:

- Leslie & Ken Dinger, Dustin & Mason – 397-4478
- Mary Alice & Bob Jensen – 226-4485
- Yvonne Lange – 397-8450
- Kami & Tom Lipp – 397-2613
- Beth Locke – 397-8414
- Eileen Piehl – 397-4538
- Pam & Roger Rix – 397-8378
- Marlys Rodman – 397-4570
- Jodi & Craig Sternhagen – 397-8424
- Gayleen & John Voss & Lacey – 397-2766
- Joy & Don Walter – 397-8260
- Mary Ann & Bob Wehde – 397-8330
- Doris & Richard Zoellner – 397-2417

Honorary Members:

- Ray Johnson
- Margaret Hubbard
- ImoJeanne Oliver
- Jay Swisher
- Gladys Dodge

Extra Responsibilities:

Clean 3 NE Sunday School Rooms

Calendar

1996 is the last time the Groton UMC Birthday and Anniversary Calendar was updated. Kay Brandt is trying to collect updates and additions and corrections. Please help her out and let her know if you are missing from the calendar or any errors. Give Kay a call at 397-8389 or e-mail at umc@grotonsdchurches.com

You can also print a calendar from the website.



Calling All Who Knit & Crochet!

UMCOR is in need of layette kits to be sent to Louisiana. Many times the baby sweaters are often poorly made or missing in the kits sent to UMCOR. So, the Dakotas Conference is encouraging those who knit and crochet in our churches to work their magic and supply additional sweaters! Patterns and more information can be obtained by calling Jolene Townsend.

Bonus! Every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. a knit and crochet group meets at Beverly Healthcare in Groton. Come knit and crochet with them or come and they will teach you how!



May Breakfast – Word of Appreciation

The UMW May Breakfast held May 7th can again be termed “a great success”. This would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many of our women. We thank Rose Tewksbury and her faithful kitchen crew for the delicious and attractive luncheon plates once again. Marge Overacker and Connie Nilsson again came through with beautiful decorations to transform the dining room. The program they arranged for was a total hit with our guests. Serving the meal and getting the resets done in such limited time went smoothly, thanks to those who helped again in the dining room. We are especially grateful to those women who



took vacation hours to help with the serving. Thank you to the Craft Club for their assistance, as well as to those who did pre-preparation of menu items.

Many compliments on the luncheon have been received, and these belong to the women who continue to make the May Breakfast possible by their hard work. We cannot thank all of you enough for making our part of the job the easiest one to do.

Co-Chairpersons:
Clare Brotherton and Jean Lowary



UMW Minutes - Groton

The Groton UMW met Wednesday afternoon, May 21st. The PURPOSE was recited in unison. Mary Hayenga led devotions with a meditation based on Proverbs. Carolyn Snyder and Clare Brotherton gave the program, which was entitled “Pledge Service—God’s Mission in the History of Korean Women: Faith in Action.” Pledge cards for the ensuing year were signed. Twenty million dollars are sent through UMW channels for mission projects here and around the world for undesignated giving.

Linda Thurston chaired the business meeting. Jolene Townsend was substitute secretary and the treasurer gave the financial report including the May Breakfast report.

The Membership committee reported that the Tea Party on Wheels is being planned for July. Mary Hayenga for the Social Action Committee discussed and

passed around a referendum petition for H.B. 1281 for members to sign and the School of Christian Mission to be held in Mitchell in July was discussed. For the Program Resources report, Mary Swisher gave a mini report on “Journey Home.” Mary also reported that books have been ordered. The Nominations committee is starting to prepare the 2004 slate of officers.

The UMC will be traveling to Sioux Falls June 2nd to prepare food and serve the Banquet. Helpers are needed. The Church School Teachers were thanked. The Goodwill truck will be in the church parking lot June 12-19th. Everyone is invited to bring items for it.

Mary Hayenga’s trip to the Philippines was cancelled due to the War and will not be able to do the scheduled program. The next meeting on June 18th at 2:00 p.m. will be a video, “And on this Farm”.

Marjorie Townsend and Jean Lowary served lunch at the close of the meeting.

Tea Party on Wheels

July 16th at 2:00

We plan to visit at least 4 or 5 UMW

ladies unable to

attend the meetings.

We will go in groups of 3 or 4, furnish the

lunch and

transportation to their

homes, and set up

the coffee or tea

party. If you would

like to join us, and be

a part of a tea party

on July 16th, then call

Gloria Pharis 397-

2375. We will meet

at the church at 1:30.



Groton UMW Meets

June 18, 2:00 p.m.

Video

“And On This Farm”





Thank you to all who have generously given to the Groton bathroom project. Final donations are needed now for the bathroom project. We are still approximately \$4,000 short. All contributions are welcome – no matter what the amount. They all add up to complete the payments.



Happy Father's Day!



Mow or less

Man sows grass seed in early spring, Then waters and feeds to grow it, Then all summer long, he will try to find excuses not to mow it.

--William E. Morgan



Conde Administrative Board Minutes

The Conde Administrative Board met on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 pm. An opening prayer was given by Pat Siefken. President Darrel Haskell presided.

The treasurer's report showed that it had become necessary to draw \$1000 from saving to pay the bills.

OLD BUSINESS:

--The trustees are still waiting on one bid before deciding on replacing the boiler.

--A motion was made to replace the fire extinguisher in the north room since the old one could not be refilled.

NEW BUSINESS:

--Joyce Haskell reported that there are about 10 people from Conde who are planning to make the trip to "The Banquet" in Sioux Falls on June 2. Conde needs to provide a \$100 cash donation as well as the workers. A motion was made to take a special offering for this purpose on May 28 and June 1 – if the \$100 is not collected, the church will pay the balance from the general fund.

--Marion Jensen will look into replacing or refurbishing the radiator cover in the Men's Restroom.

--Cindy Smith reported that there are two "early bird campers". The church pays 50% of the registration fee and the UMW pays the other 50%.

--The Sunday School under the leadership of Marsha Murphy has adjourned for the summer months. She reported a successful year. Pat Siefken and Cindy Smith reported that VBS is scheduled for May 27-30 with the program on Friday, May 30 at 7:30 pm. Once again, it is a

community event with the Catholic Church assisting in the planning and teaching.

--Some maintenance work needs to be done on the church yard – fill over the old tunnel, edging around shrubs, weed spraying, and replacement of dead shrubs.

--Church structure reorganization was discussed. It is the general consensus of the church members that the structure (Nurture, Outreach, and Witness) which we are now using is not working. The individual groups are not having meeting, there is vagueness about duties, and there is no communication between the three groups. It was decided that we should go back to a system similar to the previous one. This will be established before the nominating committee meets prior to Charge Conference.

--Lenten Services and Lenten Bible Study – Rev Piehl asked for an assessment of these items. Comments offered were: **Good Friday**—We would like the service to be special, not just a regular Sunday morning service; possibly the Tenebrae Service and the inclusion of Communion. **Lenten Study:** We would like a book so everyone in the class prepares ahead of time and contributes to the discussion. The 12:00 noon on Sunday time did not work real well because we always felt rushed. The topic of the disciples was interesting. There were no comments on Ash Wednesday or Palm Sunday.

Kay Brandt will be doing the July Newsletter — 397-8389

Conde UMW Minutes

The Conde United Methodist Women met on May 21, with nine members and one visitor attending.

The lesson, "Faith that Creates Justice Produces Peace", was given by Pat Siefken.

Vice President, Betty Taylor presided at the meeting as President Joyce Haskell was on jury duty.

Marjorie Wright gave us a quiz on "So You Want to be a Methodist Woman." It came from an article she had which consisted of several questions, so she picked 10 questions to use. It was so interesting and informative we may do more next month.

Reports on May Fellowship luncheon and play were given. Our shepherdess, Penny Culver from Iroquois attended the May Fellowship luncheon and play. Betty Jensen also

reported on the Conde Senior Class breakfast which was held on May 14.

Betty Taylor reminded everyone that the Conference School of Missions is next month. Other dates mentioned were for the Retreat at Claremont and the annual meeting in Aberdeen.

The next meeting will be June 18, Joan Fahrenwald as hostess and Betty Taylor will give the lesson, "Restorative Justice".

Hostess, Jane Worlie served a delicious cake and coffee following the meeting.



June Ushers in Conde

Jane Worlie & Lois Trapp

A Special Thank You!

A heartfelt appreciation to all who assisted in staging the recent Conde United Methodist Women Style Show. The committee chairs of Donna Hearnen, Jane Worlie and Patty Knoll are to be commended for their fine work. But special thankfulness to all who furnished salads for the luscious lunch and those who participated in the audience for the evening.

You were a most responsive audience; we hope you will all come back next year!

UMW Meeting - Conde

Conde United Methodist Women will meet at the church on June 18th at 2:00 PM for their meeting. Betty Taylor will lead the lesson on Restorative Justice Compassion and Solidarity. Joan Fahrenwald will be hostess. Joyce Haskell, President of the unit, will lead the business meeting.

Votes will be taken for Special Mission Recognition Pins and final plans will be made for those attending the School of Christian Mission in July.

Everyone is expected to attend and all are invited.

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For the past 29-30 years, the Conde United Methodist Women have honored the Seniors of Conde High School by inviting them to a breakfast at the Church just before graduation. On May 14th, Betty Jensen and Joyce Haskell prepared the meal for the six graduates, Rev. Grant Piehl and Superintendent Roger Youngman on May 14. The class of all boys is very unique in that most have spent their entire school years as classmates. They are a very talented, witty and studious group.

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.



Dakotas Annual Conference

June 4-7

Representatives from both churches will be attending. The presiding bishop will be Michael J. Coyner. The body is composed of 550 clergy and lay members. The Annual Conference is once a year business event where program and budgets are established, leadership elected and connectional concerns are addressed. Pastors will be assigned to their parishes for the coming year at the conclusion of the business session. There will also be an Ordination and Commissioning Service. The Conference theme is "Back to the Future: Celebrating Our Past, Claiming Our Future".

Vacation Bible School

VBS was held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. It was made up of approximately 80 children ranging from pre-kindergarten up to the fifth grade. The theme this year was "The County Fair". Each morning was made up of entertainment such as songs and skits. Everyone

experienced a wonderful time playing games, crafts, and most importantly learning about God. This is where children learn to interact with each other as growing Christians and also to get away for summer fun. Enjoyment was shared by all at the COUNTY FAIR!!



VBS Photos by Angela

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 Conde Church 382-5261

June 2003
SUNDAY WORSHIP
 Groton 9:00 am
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Conde 11:00 am

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