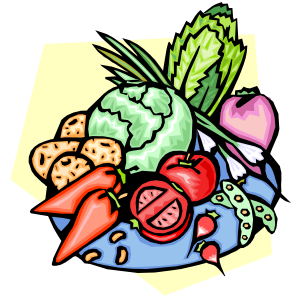




UMC Newsletter

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...more photos on the Internet!



Pastor Piehl's Message

A man went to see his doctor for his annual physical exam. When he came home later that afternoon, his wife asked him, "What did the doctor say?" He answered in a gruff voice, "He told me that if I want to stay healthy, I have to eat what I don't want, drink what I don't like, and do what I'd rather not!"

Sounds like he got the usual speech about less salt, less fats, less sugar and less carbs, no red meat, no ice cream, no coffee and no anything else that you enjoy. Of course along with that, gets lots of exercise!

After a while, we wonder, "Is there anything that isn't fattening, or sinful!"

We are surrounded by things that are good for us and things that aren't. Leaders in medicine and religion give us clear guidelines to follow when making choices, but all too often we eat the wrong foods or do not eat

the right foods; we get too much sleep, or too little sleep. We don't get enough exercise. We overwork. We make poor choices. We spend too little time in prayer and contemplation and too much time being anxious.

The Apostle Paul said, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23). When faced with making a decision, ask yourself which choice will bear good "fruit of the Spirit".

At the risk of sounding like the doctor repeating his annual exam speech, we achieve these good fruits, by the usual methods. Prayer, Bible Study, worship and practicing what we know to be the will of God. Give it another try.

Peace,

Pastor Grant

Upcoming Events

-) Groton UMW Tea Party on Wheels July 16th at 2:00 p.m.
-) Conde UMW No MEETING
-) Groton Administrative Board Meeting July 9th
-) Wedding Invitation to all church members; Friday July 18th, 7 p.m. Josh Atherton & Merrie McNickle. Reception & Dance following at the Groton Legion



Sewing Kits

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

Annual Conference

Attending from this parish were Pastor Grant Piehl; lay members Eileen Piehl; Mary Hayenga, General Conference Delegate; Pat Siefken Conference United Methodist Women President; Betty Taylor, Conference

Chair of Communications Committee.

Action was taken to approve the actions of the Task Force to realign Conference groups; election of delegates to the next General and Jurisdictional Confer-

ences; work for health and wholeness for conference clergy and laity.

Plenary sessions were held at the Ramada in Fargo, ND, while Ordination Services were Friday evening at the Lutheran Church in West Fargo.

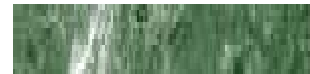


The Banquet

On June 2nd, the Groton and Conde Methodist Churches joined together to prepare and serve the evening meal at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. 400 hundred guests were served on Monday evening! And what an outpouring of volunteers! With the help of church members, their sons and daughters, grandchildren, and friends the evening was a great success! A big THANK YOU to those who contributed to the special offering on June 1 to help meet our financial commitments to those in need. Again, THANKS to all who helped in some way to make this a special experience!



Join Us
June 9th
2004



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.



Missions Committee



August Work Committee

Chairs of Work Committee:

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

Work Committee:

Pam & Doug Bahr 397-8251
Meri & John Erickson & Seth 397-6674
Mary & Cal Hayenga 298-5617
Hazel & Jim McKittrick 397-8505
Dick Oliver 397-2488
Darlene & Bert Raap 397-4408
Michelle & Bruce Schumacher 397-8128

Carolyn & Robert Snyder 397-8396
Linda & Gary Thurston 397-2371
Jolene & Alan Townsend &
Zachary Barton 395-6455
Marjorie & Russell Townsend 298-5221
William & Wanda Zoellner 397-8395

Honary Members:

Margarette & Don Clocksene
Erwin Hite

**Extra Responsibilities: Clean Sunday
School Superintendent's Office**



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 United Methodist Women

The June meeting of the Groton unit of United Methodist Women was opened at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday with devotions by Joy Walter. She read scripture from Galatians 6:7-9 and a meditation on positive thoughts and patience.

A video, "And on this Farm" was shown. It brought out the facts about the H.B.1281 Referendum which will most likely be on the ballot at the next election.

The Central District Retreat will be at Claremont on August 9th. Reservations need to be made by July 30th. The 2003 directory was received by President Linda Thurston, who announced that the Groton unit ranked 6th in donations of our 59 unites in the Dakotas Conference.

Conde United Methodist Women

Met Wednesday at 2:00 PM at the church. The lesson on "Restorative Justice" was led by Betty Taylor, assisted by Dolores Grimes, Jane Worlie and Marjorie Wright. Can our legal and justice system be fair to all criminals; and is it possible for those incarcerated to ever live normal lives again? This leads to a great discussion.

Marjorie Wright reviewed books on the Reading List she had read recently. Remember, September is the end date to report all to Program Resources Secretary.

School of Christian Mission

About 25 persons from Conde and Groton served the Banquet in Sioux Falls, total of 406 on June 2nd. Groton-Conde's date for next year is June 9th. The Goodwill semi-truck which has been parked in the church lot will be leaving June 19th is almost full. The School of Christian Mission will be held at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell July 11-13 (weekend) or July 14-17 (weekdays).

At the July 16th meeting the ladies will have a Tea Party on Wheels, following a 1:00 p.m. executive meeting.

Joy Walter served coffee and dessert which had been prepared by Ann Rix for lunch after the meeting.



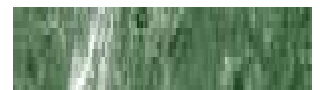
was discussed at length, with there still being time to register for that.

Jane Worlie was hostess for the day.

There will be no meeting in the month of July. August meeting will be August 20 with Betty Jensen leading the lesson at 2:00 PM and Betty Taylor will be hostess.

Be sure to bring all book reports to this meeting.

No Conde UMW Meeting in July



**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.



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Thanks Ivan and Clarence!

Andover UMC Final Worship Service

Held June 22, 2003 at the Andover United Methodist Church. After 119 years of worship, the final worship service was celebrated with approximately 80 people sharing hymns, prayers, and memories.

Clarence Hannon gave us a short history of the church and its activities. Ivan Morehouse then followed up with some special stories from the past. With many pastor's attending, they also followed up with special words of how the Andover church had touched their lives. Past Pastor's present included James Vos, 1967-1971; James Persons 1975-1979; Dick Boyd, 1979-1982; Dean Trapp, 1986-1990; Lisa Richards, 1996-1997; Emil

Eberhart, 1997-1998. Lay Leaders also showing their appreciation were Carna Atherton-Pray and Janice Hedges.

Bishop Michael J Coyner gave the sermon. "Today is a day to celebrate and thank God for the many years of faithful service of the Andover United Methodist Church. We are grateful for the ministry provided, for the lives touched, and for the Gospel proclaimed in this congregation over the years. There is also some sadness today, but our focus is really upon rejoicing for all that God has done through the pastors and people of this church."

Membership transfers

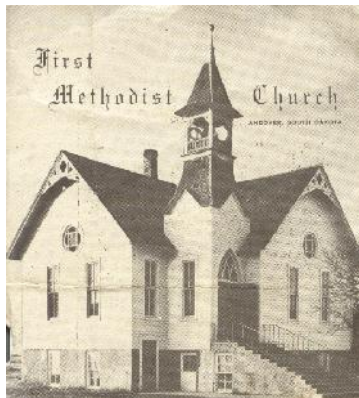
were announced and the property dispersed. Bibles and Hymnals will be divided to Groton and Conde United Methodist Churches. Altar Candles will be given to Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Medina, ND. The speaker system will be given to Bowdle United Methodist Church in Bowdle, SD. Some furnishings will be given to the CM&A Church of Groton. Other items are intended for sale, with the money being donated to the scholarship fund for ministerial students at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, SD.

Fellowship and coffee was held at the Andover Senior Citizen's Center .





Thank you to all that donated to the Goodwill Trailer. It was a success!



Andover UMC Photos from the Past

Left: Old Bulletin
Right: Newspaper
Clipping from the
100th Anniversary



THREE: KALMES took a special cake in replica of the church. For the occasion and also to recognize Olive Thayer, a longtime member, who helped with the 100th anniversary observance. From left, Jan L. Gordon, Marjorie K. Kalmes, Sharon Kapp and Olive Thayer.



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