



# UMC Newsletter

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## Pastor Notes



“Ticking Crime Bomb” is a troubling article in the WEEKLY STANDARD by hard-nosed Princeton criminologist John J. Dilulio. While crime statistics have dipped recently, demographic and other forces are building for a big explosion in the near future. What to do? The best single answer, says Dilulio, is religion. “Why religion?” Two reasons. First, a growing body of scientific evidence from a variety of academic disciplines indicates that churches can help cure or curtail many severe socio-economic ills. For example, a 1986 study by Harvard economist Richard Freeman found that among black urban youth, church attendance was a better predictor of who would escape drugs, crime and poverty than any other single variable (e.g., income, family structure) and that church going youth were more likely than otherwise comparable youth to behave in socially constructive ways. Likewise, a study by a panel of leading specialists just published by CRIMINOLOGY concluded that, while much work remains to be done, there is substantial empirical evidence that religion serves as an insulator against crime and delinquency. And we

### Groton Blood Drive

Did you know that area patients need nearly 800 units of blood every week? The only source of blood for these patients is volunteer blood donors. You can help assure blood is available when needed by donating blood on Tuesday, October 7, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. At the Groton Legion Club Rooms. Please call Eunice Alberts at 397-8485 for an appointment.



have long known that many of the most effective substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, both in society and behind bars, are either explicitly religious or quasi-religious in their orientation. Secondly, religion is the one answer offered time and again by the justice system veterans, prisoners, and others. With particular reference to black youth crime, for example, it is an answer preferred in recent books by everyone from liberal Cornel West to neoconservative Glenn Loury, Democrat Jesse Jackson to Republican Alan Keyes.

Maybe there are more good reasons to get the kids and ourselves up and out of bed for worship and Sunday School than we thought. They learn the life and stories of Jesus and his love for them. It helps to make them, and us, better Christians, and in the process, also better more law abiding citizens.

See you Sunday!

Peace,

Pastor Grant



### Upcoming Events

- ) *Dakotas Conference UMW, Ramkota in Aberdeen on Oct 3rd—4th*
- ) *Ivy Nogle Farewell 2-4 p.m. Oct 5th*
- ) *Blood Drive 12-6 p.m. Groton Legion October 7th*
- ) *Confirmation in Groton Oct 12th*
- ) *Catholic Dinner Oct 12th*
- ) *Groton UMW 7:30 p.m. Oct 15th*
- ) *Serving Beverly Healthcare Oct 19th*
- ) *Daylight Savings Time Ends Oct 26*

# Groton Administrative Council Minutes



The following items were on the agenda at the September 10 meeting:

--A membership class will be held for persons who wish to join the church on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Details will be announced by Rev. Piehl.

--Leaders for the UMYF group are still being sought.

--Starting in 2004 it will be the responsibility of the monthly Work Group to designate ushers and greeters for the applicable Sundays.

--The Trustees contracted with Roy Olson to do the sewer repair from outside the church to the street. This precautionary work was deemed necessary due to the poor condition of the sewer lines found when the bathrooms were remodeled earlier this Spring.

--The Charge Conference will be held in Conde on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

--Six youths will be confirmed at the service on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

--A replacement for Bert Raap as chairman of the Men's Dinner

is needed. The date of the event is set for November 9<sup>th</sup>.

--The Finance Committee noted the increase in the 2004 budget which will result from the adjustment in the shared expense formula. Starting in January the Conde share of the parish apportionment assessment will change from one third to one fourth. The initial adjustments will not exceed four percent in the 2004 and 2005 budget years; thereafter, the formula will be calculated annually based on membership.

## UMW Meeting



Vicki Danburg, Aberdeen, gave the program at the United Methodist Women's meeting at the church Wednesday evening. Her title was "Preserve Wellness; Women's Stress Relaxation Techniques." She led the group in Tai Chi movements and explained the osteosize class she instructs at Avera St. Luke's

Hospital. Linda Thurston, Jolene Townsend, Twila Ruden and Clare Brotherton attended the Central District meeting in Wattertown September 13<sup>th</sup>. President Linda reported the unit received the "3 Flame Award", "5 Star Award" and reading awards for three members, Gloria Pharis, Mary Swisher and Jean

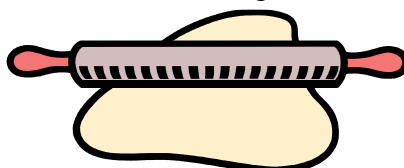
Lowary, all in category 1. The Fall Bazaar was discussed and the slate of officers submitted by the nominating committee was elected. Members were urged to vote in the special election September 23. Chris Nyberg and Carna Atherton-Pray served cake and coffee following the meeting. —Twila Ruden

## Men's Fall Dinner & UMW Bazaar

The Men's Fall Dinner will be November 9th with Gloria and Harry Pharis in charge. Watch for more details...

and baked items to the church on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November between 1 and 4 p.m.

Be sure to join in the lefse making on October 20th and 21st from 8 a.m. to noon each day. Come one or both days and join the fun! Or come and learn the art of lefse making!



The UMW Bazaar will be held in conjunction with the Men's Dinner so be working on some craft projects to donate! Bring your craft

### *Groton UMW Meeting*

*Wednesday, October 15th*

*7:30 p.m.*

*"Enroll All Children in Health Insurance Programs"*

*Leaders: Carna Atherton-Pray & Elaine Wolken*

*Hostesses: Carolee Heitmann & Meri Erickson*

# Sunday School in Groton

starts with Yvonne Lange playing the piano for music...



Left: PreSchool & Kindergarten is taught by Kristi Hawkins and Myndy Jones. Children in the class include: Jasmine Schinkel, Anthony Sippel, Kelby Hawkins, Kari Hanson, Gabbie Kramer, and Marlee Jones.

Right: 1st & 2nd Grade taught by Fran Sippel and Marjae Shinkel. Class includes: Kyler Ell, Dylan Vogel, Chance Strom, Danielle Schinkel, Kaitlin O'Neil, Luke Sternhagen, Reilly Ell, Camille Sippel, Kylie Hawkins, and Mason Madsen.



Top: 3rd & 4th Grade taught by Meri Erickson, Kelli Hanson, and Jody Sternhagen. Students include: Jadyne Geffre, Kerwin Dinger, David Strom, Erin Sternhagen, Sydney Erickson, Mitchell Madsen, Bianca Sperry, Katelyn Hawkins, Lindsey Gese, and Ryland Strom.



Bottom: 5th & 6th Grade taught by Brenda Madsen and Jane Johnson. Class includes: Dylan Hanson, Thomas Sternhagen, Shawn Locke, Gavin Voss, Alexa Nilsson, Tanner Johnson, Evan Mannings, and Taylor Gese.

Connie Nilsson is the Sunday School Teacher Sub.

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## Confirmation

Confirmation will be held during worship service on October 12th.

Those being confirmed will be Skyler Geffre (Mentor Lars Hanson), Murdock McNickle (Mentor Sherwin Nyberg), Desiree Morehouse (Mentor Becky Luecke), Ali Pasteur (Mentor Jane Johnson), and Jordan Voss (Mentor Brenda Madsen).

## S.E.A.S. Catholic Dinner



Catholic Church Fall Dinner is Sunday, October 12th from 11:00 a.m.—1:30 P.M. AT THE Groton High School Auditorium with turkey, ham, and all the trimmings. Adults \$6, 5-12 \$3.50, and 4 & under free. For advance tickets call Father David Janes 397-8448, Mary Larson 397-8596, LuAnn Steen 397-2345. Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Also available will be a bake sale, raffle, fishpond, bottle bingo, craft sale, and face painting.

**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.*

## Hunger Conference at DWU

Senator George McGovern will be the featured speaker at a Hunger Conference at Dakota Wesleyan University on November 6, 2003. Registration is between 8-9 a.m. World Hunger will be discussed and explored. Agriculture Secretary Ann Venneman has also been invited. Details on the DWU Web Site.



## World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday the 5th of 6 special giving Sundays will be October 5th. Purpose: "World Communion Sunday calls the Church to be the catholic inclusive church."

World-wide Communion Sunday was established as a global interdenomination event by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Prompted by the impact of WWII, the Methodist Church received an offering on this Sunday

for the Fellowship of Suffering. It aided the work of the Methodist Committee On Overseas Relief (now UMCOR), the Commission on Chaplains and the Commission on Camp Activities .

In 1971 the Methodist Church changed the name to World Communion Sunday and redistributed the offering to support the Crusade Scholarship Program, the Ethnic Minority Scholarship Program, and the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries.

In 1980 Chaplains and Related Ministries was moved to the World Service funding, but the World Communion Sunday offering continues to assist racial and ethnic-minority persons pursuing various avenues of ministry.

**Charge Conference**  
**Sunday November 9th**  
**8:00 p.m. at Conde**  
**Backup Day is Nov 12th**

## November Work Committee

**Diann & Brad Morehouse**

**Brent & Jessie**

**Christine & Sherwin Nyberg**

**Dwight Strom**

**Kay & Ben Brandt**

**Alex & Angela**

**Marva & Lon Gellhaus**

**Mendy & James Jones**

**Laurel & Monte McNickle**

**Florran Norris**

**Jack Oliver**

**Marjorie & Roger Overacker**

**Ann & Gerald Rix**

**Eunice Sperry**

**Betty & Charlie Strom**

**Ruth Thompson**

**Richard Voss**

**Jeanne Wanous**

**Marsha & Wayne Wienk**

**Honorary Members:**

**Clara Rix**

**Margaret Blader**

**Dick & Gert Ruden**

**Extra Responsibilities:**

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

# Conde Administrative Council Minutes



Chairman Darrel Haskell presided at the September meeting of the Conde Administrative Board. Items discussed were the following:

Furnace Replacement This will be done sometime in October by Bullock Plumbing and Heating.

Roof Repair Grote Roofing gave an estimate for work that needs to be done. There are also problems with the new gutters leaking. ABC Siding will be contacted to determine what can be done to remedy this problem. Decision on roof repair was tabled until the next board meeting after more inquiry is done.

Landscaping on north side of Church There is a problem with the wood chips not staying contained within the edging that is now there. The plants that were put in by Park View Nursery about three years ago

are partially dead or not growing to the proper size. Darrel Haskell contacted the Nursery, and they will do some replacement at a cost because the year covered in the guarantee is expired. No decision was made on this matter.

Charge Conference There is no Central District Superintendent to preside at this meeting, so one of the Elders will be in charge. Rev. Eldon Reich from the First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen has been assigned to this duty. The date for this meeting is November 9, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. in Conde. In case of bad weather, the alternate date is November 12th.

Church Reorganization At a previous Church Board meeting, it was decided that the Nurture/Outreach /Witness structure that

was adopted about three years ago is not working out very well. The consensus of the Board was that we should go back to the old system where we had a Council on Ministries. This process will be taken care of by the Committee on Nominations. The previous organization will be used with the necessary adjustments being made by following rules stated in the Book on Discipline.

Church Supper/Dinner Theater The decision was made that it is too late to plan a Fall event, but there may be a possibility of having the Holiday Dinner Theater. Any suggestions from Conde Church members can be directed to Board Chairman, Darrel Haskell

Secretary,  
Donna Hearnen



## Conde UMW Minutes

The Conde Unit of the United Methodist Women met September 17th with ten members present.

Betty Taylor led the lesson "Let There Be Peace On Earth". Our times challenge social institutions and agencies to work with the faith community to restore societal wholeness. No longer can we afford to treat the symptoms without applying the solve of prevention, as well as restoring that which is broken to the state which exceeds the norm. A good discussion followed.

Lois Trapp served delicious rolls and coffee before the business meeting.

Gifts of \$50 each was given to Abbot House and the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Redfield. This money is from a special mission collection which is collected

each meeting.

Nominations chairperson Betty Taylor read the slate of officers that the committee had prepared. President Donna Hearnen, Vice President Betty Taylor, Secretary Betty Jenson, Treasurer Jane Worlie, Sec Program Resources Betty Taylor, Spiritual Growth Coordinator Marjorie Wright, Social Actions Coordinator Dolores Grimes, Education Interpretation Coordinator Pat Siefken, Membership and Nurture Coordinator Joyce Haskell, Committee on Nominations Joyce Haskell, Chair Donna Hearnen. As there were no other nominations this slate was elected as presented. Betty Jensen was elected to fill the 3rd seat on the nominations committee.

Donna Hearnen will redo the prayer chain list and make just

two groups.

The annual meeting of the Dakotas Conference UMW will meet Oct 3rd & 4th at the Ramkota in Aberdeen.

Because of the generous cash donations and the items that were brouth in, we have 19 school kits, 16 health kits, 2 sewing kits, and 4 layettes for the Ingathering on September 27th. The Baby Layettes were made up in December when we had a special offering. The Sunday School children and the Church Congretgregation worked together on this, and it was a Christmas Mission to "cloth Baby Jesus". We will be doing this again for Christmas 2003. We also have several baby sweaters crocheted by Darlene Meyer. The meeting was closed by repeating the Mizpah benediction.

## UM Happenings



## Christian Concert-[www.pedereide.com](http://www.pedereide.com)

Would you like to learn more of United Methodist happenings in the Dakotas and the General Church? Every Monday a Monday UMC e-mail is sent to those who want to be informed. Also included are special events and announcements. If you would like to be up-to-date, send your name and e-mail address to Betty Taylor 897-6687 or e-mail to ktaylor@nvc.net. You will be included in the e-mailings. And it's free!

We are planning a Christian concert with Peder Eide here in Groton, Wednesday, November 5th. It will be held at the Groton High School Gym at 7:30-9:00 p.m. We would like to invite all area youth groups as well as the general public. Tickets will be available for \$5 in advance at Anchors of Faith in Aberdeen, as well as Dairy Queen and Lori's Pharmacy in Groton. If you are out of town, you can get tickets by calling or writing me: Glenna Remington, 406 North 5th Street, Groton, SD 57445, or 605-397-2750, or e-mail me at glennaremington@hotmail.com. Tickets at the door will be \$7. They will be going on sale October 1st. All checks should be written to: Groton Youth Rally. There will be no concessions available at the concert.

Peder Eide has performed in the Langford High School twice in the last couple years, and they have had a very good response. Peder ministers to nearly 100,000 students a year throughout all of North America. His love for

young people fuels his ministry with the desire to encourage, challenge, and motivate people to a closer walk with Jesus Christ. He has a very upbeat concert and gets all the audience involved. It's a concert the whole family would enjoy!

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**October 26th**



### 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.*

**Ivy Nogle  
Farewell at Conde Church  
Sunday, October 5th  
2:00-4:00 p.m.**

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**UMC of Groton will be hosting the  
Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

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