



UMC NEWSLETTER

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April 2004

GROTON/CONDE UMC PARISHES

Pastor's Notes

I always like the upbeat, powerful message that is Easter! After the downer of following Christ through the Season of Lent, knowing that it will end with his crucifixion on Good Friday, I enjoy the symbols of resurrection and the power of Easter Sunrise. There are so many good symbols, new life in chicks coming out of their rock tomb-like egg shells, new life in the form of small new born animals and birds, fresh growth in trees, flowers and plants of all sorts. I like it when someone comes up with a new way or symbol of telling the old story of "Christ the Lord is risen today!" I enjoy reading stories that relate to Easter.

In her book *PILGRIM AT TINKER CREEK*, Annie Dillard writes of when surgeons first discovered how to perform cataract operations and began to operate on people who had been blind since birth. The surgeons were able to give them the gift of sight but not the gift of understanding what they saw. Because they had not learned to see as children, the colors and shapes they now saw held little meaning to them.

Some found it an overwhelming experience. One teenage boy threatened to tear his eyes out. Another young woman kept her eyes closed for two weeks after her operation to shut out the brightness. When she finally opened her eyes again, she still did not understand what she saw; but as she looked around, the girl cried out again and again, "Oh God! How beautiful is the world you have made!"

This must have been something like Mary Magdalene's encounter with the resurrected Jesus. She saw him but could not at first make sense of what she saw. Her eyesight had had not been trained for resurrection. But her heart recognized the sound of her

name spoken by her Lord. It took a few seconds, but understanding settled in, and she exclaimed with her heart and the knowledge of what she had seen.

She rushed to tell this new "vision" and new experience to the disciples and to others.

Perhaps this, then, is the invitation of Easter; to see what we have never before seen, to look at the familiar in a new way. In the presence of the risen Christ, we see with new eyes, "Oh God! How beautiful is the world you have made!"

May God bless your understanding of Easter!

Peace, Pastor Grant



Yes, I can!

I cannot alleviate poverty, but I can feed one hungry person. I cannot end war, but I can extend a branch of peace to my neighbor. I cannot prevent death, but I can hold the hand of a dying man. That may not seem like much, but it is far harder than to devise schemes for social betterment, and it is everything. Christ said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, niv).



Cheeseburger Soup



½ lb. Hamburger peeled and diced	4 c. potatoes,
2 T. butter or margarine	2 T. butter or margarine
¾ c. onion, chopped	¼ c. flour
¾ c. carrot, shredded	1 (16 oz.) Velveeta
¾ c. celery, chopped	1 ½ c. milk
1 tsp. basil	¾ tsp.
salt	
1 tsp. parsley	½ tsp. pepper
3 c. chicken broth	¼ c. sour cream

Cook hamburger and drain. Melt 2 T. butter in a frying pan. Saute onion, carrot, celery, basil and parsley in the butter. Add broth, diced potatoes and meat. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 10 minutes. In separate pan, melt the other 2 T. butter; add flour and cook for two minutes, stirring constantly. Add to broth mixture. Reduce heat to low and add cheese, milk, salt and pepper. Cook and stir until the cheese melts. Remove from heat and blend in sour cream.

(When making a large amount, I added the milk and cheese to the butter and flour mixture – made like a traditional white sauce and added it to the broth and meat mixture – mostly because I did not have a pan large enough for everything until I got it all in the roaster. I also did not add as many potatoes as called for or quite as much cheese when making large multiples of the recipe.)

Taken from Feeding the Flock (Ashlea's Tasteful

Groton Lent Soup & Sandwich Services

Thank you to all who made the Wednesday Lenten Services a success with the fellowship of soup and sandwich supper followed by a short worship time. The following Groups served supper and the free-will donations are as follows:

Missions Committee collected \$290 to the Heifer Project to buy 2 sheep, 1 flock of chicks, 1 honeybees.

UMYF collected \$202 for

Randy Padfield.

Ad Council will send \$161 to the new Brandon UMC for chairs.

UMW collected \$130 for Randy Padfield.

Music and Worship collected \$120 for Randy Padfield.

Sunday School collected \$153 for VBS.

UMW Celebrates

United Methodist Women are always doing missions. Did you know they sponsor a camp? One of their missions is "Moms Take Five" - a camp for single mothers. The camp includes children from ages 3-12 years of age. A mother who is single could come alone or with their children. The mothers have their own time of study with a leader while the children have study, games, crafts, and worship with other leaders. The evening is filled with fun activities for the family's altogether. It addresses the unique challenge of single parenting and support group for mothers. The camps take place over the Memorial Day weekend either at Lake Pointsett camp or Storm Mountain. We would like to start a camp in North Dakota but need someone who would like to Dean this camp . Next month we will tell you more about UMW as we celebrate 135 years.

A Honey of a Gift

The way bees work together is a lesson for us all. They produce food, care for the young, recycle waste, and create an effective, efficient community. They pollinate fruits, flowers, and vegetables in the process—a benefit for us all. Bees can as much as double some fruit and vegetable yields. A package of Heifer International bees and a hive give a family better crops, candle wax, pollen for medicine and honey to eat and sell.



"The Banquet" - June 7th

Plans are underway for our annual mission encounter at "the Banquet" in Sioux Falls. You have the opportunity to be the eyes, ears, hands, and feet of our Lord.

The Banquet needs 32-35 volunteers to prepare food and serve the evening meal on Monday night, June 7, 2004. We need to let "the Banquet" know a month in advance of the number of volunteers Conde/Groton can supply. Food preparers are needed at 1:30 and servers needed at 4:45 p.m.

The Banquet is a feeding ministry founded in 1985, reaching out to the hungry people of Sioux Falls in a spirit of respect and dignity. We in-

teract and eat with the people we serve.

Please sign up by May 2 so we may establish plans for serving on June 7th. We encourage our "experienced" volunteers to "bring along" a new volunteer, any age is welcome, we'll find a job for you.

Groton, Please register on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. Or call Alan or Jolene Townsend (395-6455) or Rev Piehl (397-8270) for more information.

PS. Many of us "Car Pool" so there's room for you!!

Thank you, the Mission Committee



"The Banquet" Needs List

Kitchen/Dining Room

-) Baby Food (fruit, vegetables) small jars & jr size
-) Gallon size cans of fruit & vegetables (Back-up food when groups run out)
-) Powdered milk for mashed potatoes
-) Salt, Pepper, and Sugar for the dining tables
-) Paper Napkins
-) Styrofoam Cups—6 oz.
-) Dishwashing Liquid (Dawn)
-) Soap in Pump Containers
-) Dishcloths/Dishtowels/ Commercial Oven Mitts

Office

-) Postage Stamps
-) Scotch Tape for Dispenser
-) Copier Paper

Children

-) Coloring Books for the Children's Activity Area
-) School Supplies for the Children (Backpacks, Glue Sticks, Crayola Markers—8 Original colors, **Colored Pencils—12/24 ct, Pens—red or black or blue, **Scissors—Fiskar brand Pointed 4 1/2 and 5-7 inch, ruler—12 inch with metric measurements, **Eraser—rub kleen, **Notebook paper—packaged white in

wide or college ruled,
 **Folders—two pocket with no clasp and in red or yellow or green or blue or purple only, **pencil pouches, **subject dividers, and 3 ring binders—1 and 2 inch)
 **many needed

-) Birthday gifts/Candles for Boys/Girls up to Age 12

Men and Women

-) Gloves, Hats, and Scarves

Donations of Money are Welcome for the Beverage Fund. Milk costs \$1,200 per month, Coffee costs \$150-185 per month, Hot Chocolate/Cider (winter) costs \$85 per month, and Cold Drink (summer) costs \$150 per month.

Groton Ad Council Minutes—March



Items on the agenda March 10th were:

The UMW made baby quilts at the March 17th meeting. Hostesses were Jane Johnson and Brenda Madsen. Plans were made to attend the Focus Day meeting in Britton on April 17th.

The UMYF group attended "The Passion of the Christ" move. Tentative plans are to do the Easter Sunrise Service. They prepared and served the Lenten soup and sandwich supper March 3rd as a benefit for Randy Padfield.

The choir has established the second and fourth Wednesdays as regular practice nights, and will sing in church on the Sundays following. They will host the Lenten soup and sandwich supper on March 24th.

The Trustees are looking for someone to install the new front doors for the church, which were donated as a memorial for Robert Jensen. They also arranged to have a faulty sump pump installed at the parsonage.

After considering the scope

and cost of replacing the kitchen counter tops the Board voted to table the project indefinitely.

The Missions Committee announced the following projects: Participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing on March 21st; campaign for health kit items; and serve at The Banquet in Sioux Falls on June 7th. They are also considering several ideas for a special benefit event.

Per an appeal from Bishop Coyner, this church will provide the funds to pay for four chairs at a new Methodist church being built in Brandon.

Several altar cloths are badly worn and stained, and cannot be repaired. The Music & Worship Committee will search for fabric to replace them.

The full early-bird camping registration will be paid for children going to camp the first time, and similarly, half will be paid for adults.

The decision was made not to distribute Easter baskets this year, and to use the dedicated funds

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 May Work Committee

Vicki & Alan Strom and Jackson

Barb & Jack Schmidt and Halley

Clare & Bill Brotherton

Lynette & Terry Furman and Derick

Clarence & Ida Hannon

Kelli & Lars Hanson

Audrey & Clint Jacobson

Diane Nissen

John Padfield

Kevin Pharis

Carna & Cliff Pray and

Nathan Atherton and Kevin Pray

Loel Schott

Mary Jane Schott

Audrey Thurston

Elaine & Fred Woken & Alana & Amber

Anita & Gary Voss

Audrey Padfield

Honorary Members: Art Padfield, Marvel & Bob Johnson, and Norm Thurston

Extra Responsibilities:

) May 9th—Beverly Coffee

) May 30th—Change altar cloths to red and put up Pentecost Banner

) Mow Lawn if needed

) Clean Nursery & Kindergarten rooms

) No Potluck

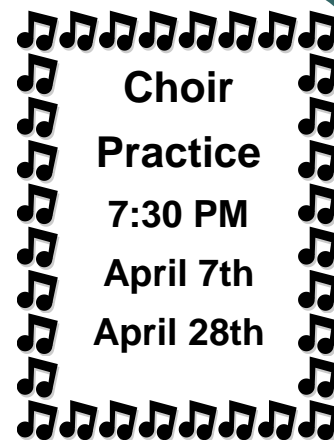


Groton Stewardship Report
First Quarter 2004
Average Wkly Giving
\$1,589
Needed Weekly to Meet Church Needs
\$1,765
Average Weekly Attendance
80
Total Building Fund Offerings
\$175

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS TO BE HONORED

The Groton United Methodist Women will be honoring the 2003-2004 Church School teachers and helpers on Palm Sunday, April 4th during the morning worship service. The unit will make a donation of \$100.00 to Missions and each leader will be given a thank-you note. Those being honored are Sharon Wheeting and Gloria Pharis, superintendents; Kristi Hawkins and Mendi Jones, pre-school and kindergarten; 1st and 2nd

grade, Fran Sippel and Marjae Schinkel; 3rd and 4th grade, Meri Erickson, Kelli Hanson and Jody Sternhagen; 5th and 6th grade, Brenda Madsen and Jane Johnson; substitute teachers, Connie Nilsson and Kami Lipp; MYF leaders, John and Meri Erickson and Lars and Kelli Hanson; music, Yvonne Lange; and acolyte supervisor, Twila Ruden. Much appreciation is extended to these dedicated leaders.



Choir
Practice
7:30 PM
April 7th
April 28th

NEW GROTON UMW MEMBERS TO BE HONORED

Five new UMW members who have joined in 2003 and 2004 will be honored Palm Sunday morning. They are Marjae Schinkel, Melissa Gilbert, Karla Pasteur, Leslie Dinger and Kristi Swenson. Presentation of pins will be made by Jolene Townsend, vice-president, and Linda Thurston, president of UMW. Honoring of the new members is a new plan being implemented this year. The pin is in the shape of the emblem. The emblem of United Methodist Women, the cross and the

flame, symbolizes our organization. The cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church and remind us of the opportunities and obligations of discipleship. The overall shape of the emblem is also symbolic. Fluid and free flowing, the shape suggests change and mobility. We are a group of Christian women with many gifts who are unified by one Spirit. We participate in God's mission in all areas of life.

Lord,
Thank you for spending
33 years with us:
for announcing Love
from the high heavens;
for introducing Love in an
obscure manger setting;
for living Love in a family
framework;
for sharing Love with the
poor
and deprived and dis-
eased;
for showing Love to the
unlovable and unloving;
for letting little children
feel Love in your arms;
for suffering on a cross
because of Love;
for loosing Love upon the
world to take up
residence in us;
for your Love that will
not let us go. Amen.
—Forrest Nees



May 20—27 in Groton

Donation Trailer will be located in the Groton United Methodist Parking Lot. It will be open daily for donations unless inclement weather then the doors must be closed. Trailer will accept donations of usable clothing, small electrical items, clean shoes, books, house wares, toys, records, tapes, jewelry, & sporting goods. Furniture & large appliances **will not** be accepted due to limited trailer space. Donations should be put inside the trailer towards the front. With your donations, you are helping to support Goodwill's many programs and services. Thank you for your support. Last year 15,000 lbs were collected.
www.goodwill.org



Groton UMW March Minutes

The Groton unit of United Methodist Women met Wednesday evening, March 17th, at the church. The group served the “soup and sandwich” supper prior to the Lenten service. The donation received for the supper will go to the Randy Padfield fund. Following the service the “Baby Quilts Tied Tonight” program was directed by Jolene Townsend. UMW members gathered at several tables to cut and tie fleece blankets. The blankets will be given to the church missions program later in the year. The brief business meeting was held as the work progressed. A report on World Day of Prayer was given. Other business included a secret angel list update, baby cards sent to Christina Caroline Zoellner and Emily Corrinne Thurston and their parents; labels and grocery receipts turned in to the Elementary School; and plans for Church School teacher and new UMW recognition on April 4th. Kristi Swenson, who is employed at Beverly Healthcare, stated that there is a great need for volunteers at the Home. Brief

plans were made for Focus Days which will be held April 17th at Britton. The Groton and Conde units are responsible for a worship service for it Brenda Madsen and Jane Johnson served lunch in the St. Patrick’s Day theme including green chiffon pie. Upcoming dates include : Honoring Christian Education leaders and new UMW members on Palm Sunday, April 4th; Good Friday Service, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, !2 noon, April 9th; Easter Sunday, April 11th; Focus Days, Britton, April 17th; Ingathering health kit items collected during April; May Breakfast, May 5th; and the April UMW meeting, April 21, 2:00 p.m., including Shepherdess Visit, and “The Banquet Baby Food Drive” bring jars of baby food). Hostesses for the meeting will be Mary Swisher and Sharon Wheeting.



Groton UMW Meeting

Wednesday, April 21st

2:00 p.m.

Shepherdess Visit

Marjean Stotz, Tolstoy

Bring jars of Baby Food for “The Banquet”

Hostesses

Mary Swisher and Sharon Wheeting

Executive Meeting

1:00 p.m.

School of Christian Mission—Mitchell

July 9-11 or July 12-15

Plan Now to Attend!

May Breakfast—Groton UMW

“A Make Believe World” is the theme of the 2004 May Breakfast which will be held May 5th. There will be two serving times, 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Chairpersons are Anita Lowary and Elaine Wolken, general; Marj Overacker, Pam Bahr and Church Craft Club, program and decorations; Rose Tewksbury and Ann Rix, kitchen; Clare

Brotherton, 397-8177, and Jean Lowary, 397-8228, reservations; Jolene Townsend and Clare Brotherton, dining room, set-up and waitresses; and Elaine Wolken and Twila Ruden, advertising. Entertainment will be a humorous skit “Once Upon a Time” by Clare Brotherton, Groton, and Mary Hurlbert, Raymond.. Cost of the meal will be \$6.00 per person.

Native American Awareness Sunday

APRIL 25, 2004

Approved By 1988 General Conference, Native American Awareness Sunday continues to reap remarkable results as Native American ministries across the US are formed and revitalized, and the number of Native Americans entering the ordained ministry increases.

One of those Native American ministries is located right here in South Dakota. In our church we will be taking a special offering on April 25th. The mission committee has decided that 100% of this offering will go to the Tree of Life Ministry on the Rosebud and Crow Creek Reservations in South Dakota.

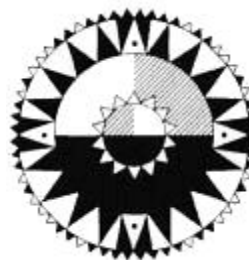
The Tree of Life Ministry began in 1990 on the Rosebud Reservation. Its mission is to make a difference in the living conditions of economically disadvantaged people who live on the reservations.

Tree of Life Ministry acts as the collecting and distributing center for items that are needed on the reservations. They deliver to Project Safe (a safe house for women and children, Spotted Tail Crisis Center (a short term placement

center for FAS [Fetal Alcohol Syndrome] and FAE {Fetal Alcohol Effects] children that are removed from homes), Community Centers and two Day-care Centers. Tree of Life helps them with art supplies, glue and scissors, canned goods – not real costly, but greatly needed.

In 1995 the “work ministry” began, these work teams are used to renovate churches and homes. Long neglected maintenance, such as painting, up-dating the plumbing and electrical systems, replacing windows, screens, floors, doors and roofing, are some of the major jobs of the work teams. The teams also work on the day-care and community centers. Many of the projects are very costly, but greatly needed.

The mission committee hopes that this information will help you decide how to respond to Native American Awareness Sunday. Tree of Life continues to need our support so they can continue to strengthen and develop opportunities on the reservation. Your offering extends God’s love through your church to persons in need.



Groton Ad
Council
Meeting
April 14th
7:30 PM

The tax man cometh

A minister received a telephone call from the IRS inquiring about the giving habits of a member of the pastor’s church. The government official said that the man had stated on his tax form that he had given \$4,000 to the church the previous year. “Is that correct?” he inquired.

The pastor replied, “I don’t have the records here. I would have to check on it. But I will say that if he didn’t, he will.”



Sewing Kits

-] 1 pair of sewing scissors
-] 1 package of needs
-] 1 spool of thread
-] 5-8 matching buttons
-] 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric (must be 3 yards of uncut fabric)



Conde UMW March Minutes

The Conde United Methodist Women met March 10th with special guest Debbie Green, Huron. Debbie is the shepherdess for the unit volunteering her help should there be questions those in the unit cannot answer. She was accompanied by Ginny Coates.

The program, "Sisters on Purpose" was led by Pat Siefken. She explained what we really say and the commitment we make as we read the Purpose at the beginning of every meeting. She reviewed the various stages of commitment to missions made by the Methodist women and the women of the United Brethren Church and now the United Methodist Women over the past 135 years. A very

impressive and personal conclusion to the program was the recommitment service.

Hostesses for the delicious noon luncheon were Jane Worlie and Donna Walter. The business meeting followed.

Ballots were distributed for the selection of someone to be honored for their part in missions in our church. The ballots must be returned by May 19th.

Members are urged to go to Focus Day in Britton on April 17th. The next meeting is April 7th at 2:00 p.m. Donna Hearnen will give the Easter program, Lois Trapp is hostess.

Conde UMC Mission Statement

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 April Meeting

Wednesday April 7th

2:00 PM

Lent/Easter Program

"The Women Looked on From a Distance"

Leader: Donna Hearnen

Hostess: Lois Trapp

Martha Circle

Wednesday April 21st

8:00 PM

"Different Christian Churches"

Leaders: Everyone (Joyce)

Hostess: Jane Worlie

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

SPRING FOCUS DAY

CENTRAL DISTRICT

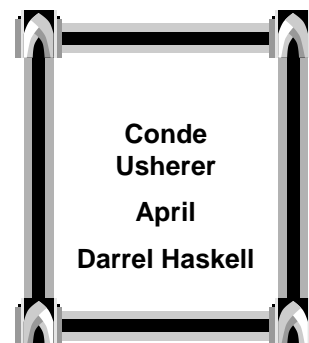
Date: Saturday, April 17

Time: 9:00 coffee – 9:30 meeting

Where: Britton UMC

Come enjoy the company of United Methodist Women as we study and plan ahead. There will be morning coffee and a noon salad luncheon for \$5. Please bring your bible.

Groton UMC please let Linda know before April 5th if you would like to attend. If you need childcare please let her know that also. We will car pool from the church to Britton.



Conde Ad Council March Minutes

Chairman Darrel Haskell presided at the March meeting of the Conde Administrative Council. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Piehl.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jane Worlie gave information on the two Savings Accounts, Checking Account, and the Certificates of Deposit.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Donna Hearnen read the minutes of the February meeting.

Reports from Committee Chairman:

Education: Chairman Marsha Murphy reported that the Sunday School children sang in Church on March 7th, and they will be doing the sign language presentation of the Lord's Prayer on Easter Sunday. Marsha asked for the approval of the Council to have a "family outing" for the Sunday School children and parents. Her suggestion was to rent a room at a motel for a day, so that they would have access to the swimming pool. A motion was made that the project be approved and the church pay for the room. Marsha asked to have Ann Menzia's name added to the persons listed on the Education Committee, as she has been helping Marsha with Sunday School. By consensus of the Council, it was decided to list Ann as Assistant Church School Superintendent. Another subject that was discussed was the camping program. The church pays 1/2 of the Early Bird fee and the UMW will pay the other 1/2 for any child to attend one camp per year. The participants are responsible for paying for their own transportation. If they do not decide to attend in time to qualify for the early fee rate, this amount will still be paid, and they can pay the balance. Marsha Murphy and Cindy Smith will take charge of getting the information out to the young people in church. They will plan a special Sunday for this purpose.

Memorial Committee: No one available to give report, but flags were purchased for church by Arlene Peterson. Rev. Piehl suggested that they be dedicated during a Sunday morning worship.

Committee on Mission: Donna Hearnen reported that there would be a special dedication of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be taken on March 21st. The sharing calendars will be completed, and the money collected will be part of the offering for this special Sunday. Rev. Piehl will have this dedication litany and prayer as part of the regular service. The Mission Committee will con-

tinue to have Mission Moments during church, to promote giving to Advance Specials, donating articles or money for Health Kits, giving to Habitat for Humanity, and World Hunger offering on the fourth Sunday of every month. Something special will be done on Mother's Day Sunday to promote collection for Church World Service blankets. The Sunday School children will be involved in this.

Membership & Evangelism Committee: Patty Knoll the chairman of this committee put together several Valentine Love Gifts that were given to home bound persons. Joyce Haskell delivered the gifts and visited with the shut in persons in the community and also one person in a Nursing Home. Cindy Smith also helped with the project by using her stitchery skills to make small plastic canvas baskets that were filled with candy kisses.

UMW: The ladies met on March 10th with their Shepherdess, Debra Green, and the Redfield Pastor's wife, Ginny Coats, as guests. The Unit is making plans for their May Fellowship program which will be Wednesday evening, May 5th. Patty Knoll is looking for a play which the group can perform for the program.

New Business: **Bishop's Letter**—Rev. Piehl read a letter from the Bishop asking the churches throughout the Dakotas Conference to help the newly established church in Brandon purchase chairs. A motion was made that this information be shared with the congregation, and a Sunday be designated for persons to give to this project.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Piehl.

Persons Present: Darrel Haskell, Cindy Smith, Marsha Murphy, Donna Hearnen, Pat & Loren Siefken, Rev. Grant Piehl, Jane Worlie, and Betty Taylor.

Secretary

Donna Hearnen



**Next Ad Council Meeting
April 21st at 7:00 PM**

Groton UMW 14 Years Ago

April 18, 1990

"A gift of Hope, Prayer & Self-Denial" with leaders Jean Lowary and Joy Walters, helping with the program were Imo Jean Oliver and Rita Washnok. The meeting was opened by President Audrey Padfield. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$724.33.

A thank you note from Gloria Pharis was read for the reception that was held in her honor and for sponsoring her. Lorraine announced that anyone who has helped at the manor during the year is invited to a noon luncheon on April 25th. Pot luck dinner will be

May 20th at which time the Graduation and Sunday School teachers will be honored.

Myrle Trask brought up an idea about serving "family style" at funerals instead of standing in line. Will pass the idea on to the Work Chairmans.

Reta Washnok announced the need of help at the Methodist Youth Camps this summer. Marlyce Cassels announced the need of more helpers for Bible School which begins May 29th. Also volunteers for cookies are needed.

The meeting adjourned. Hostesses were Hazel Peterson and Margarette Clocksene. Secre-

Years Ago



Groton UMW 9 Years Ago

April 19, 1995

Betty Hawthorne, UMW Shepherdess from Watertown, was a special guest. She presented information on UMW publications and explained ways UMW can give to missions.

The program on African Women was given by Mary Hayenga and Marvel Washnok. Mary told of her experiences in Nigeria and Zimbabwe where she worked with the people there to improve their facilities. This included the site of Africa University in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. Marvel told of her trip to Tanzania and Kenya.

November 1957—Do you know these hard working men? Where taken?

The meeting was called to order by President Marjory Townsend. Old Business: Susie Trapp and Edith Johnson attended the district Meeting in Conde. Susie presented a program there on Africa.

Confirmation presents and May Breakfast were discussed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Carolyn Snyder, Sec

Mary Jane Schott and Arlene Boehmer were hostesses for lunch and fellowship.

Welcome

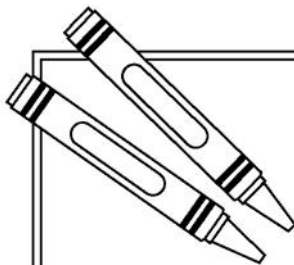
Christina Caroline
Born to
Bill & Wanda Zoellner
Wednesday, March 3, 2004
7:38 AM
10 lbs 12 ozs
22 1/2 inches



Groton UMYF
Meets April 7th
6:30 p.m.
Supper Provided
Planning Sunrise Service
Join Us!



UMYF provided supper at Lent Services on March 3rd raising \$202.00 that went to the Randy Padfield Fund. We also attended the movie "Passions of Christ". We will be doing the Sunrise Service followed by breakfast and an egg hunt for the children.



Just for KIDS

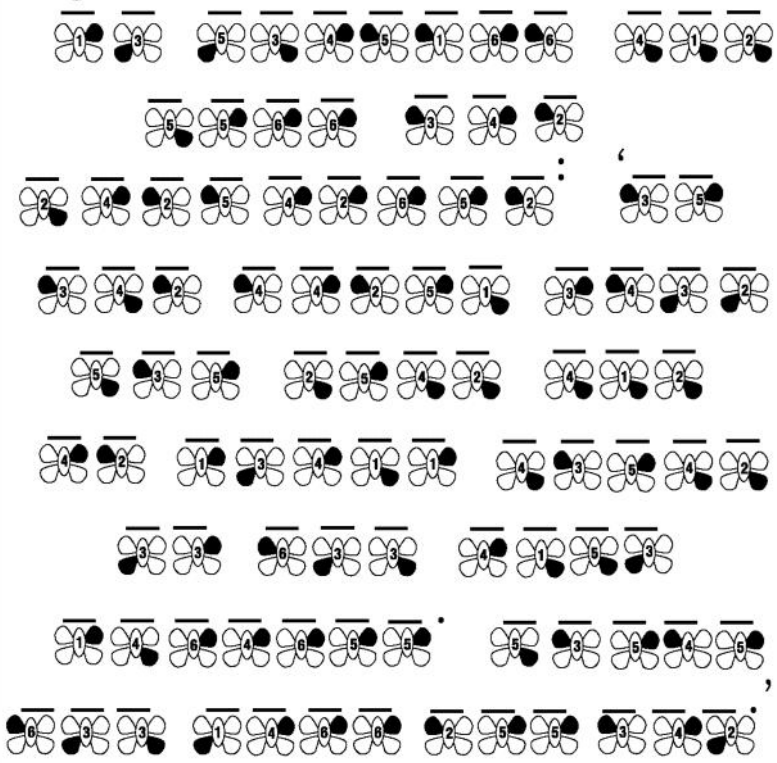
The Angel's Message

When Mary and Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb, an angel suddenly appeared before them! He told them not to be afraid and gave them a message for Jesus' disciples.

Use the code to read the message from Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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Answer: "Go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.'"



Sign up for Camping Today!

Camp books are available at the church. Please contact Rev Piehl or the office with any questions. Groton Applications must be turned in to the office by April 25th.



April Church Happenings



4th Start Daylight Savings Time
Palm Sunday
Groton Honor Christian Ed

Leaders
Groton Welcome New UMW

Members
Sunday School Sings

7th Groton UMYF 6:30 Supper provided
and plan Sunrise Service
Groton Choir Practice 7:30

8th Maundy Thursday
Conde Maundy Thursday Ser-
vice 7:00

9th Good Friday Groton Community Good
Friday Service at the Em-
manuel Lu- theran Church at
12 noon

11th Easter Sunday (No Potluck—Groton)
Groton UMYF Sunrise Service
8:00 AM followed by
breakfast and an Easter
Egg Hunt for the children
Conde Sunrise Service 7:30 AM
followed by break-
fast

3:30 Beverly Worship by Rev Piehl

14th Groton Ad Council 7:30

17th UMW Focus Days at Britton UMC 9:00

21st Groton UMW Executive Meeting