

Messenger

Groton/Conde Parishes
August 2004



Pastor's Note

By the time you read this we will already be into the Political Conventions season. Seems like political ads have been around for months already. Along with the expected political speeches and repeated rhetoric there will be at least some protesters. It all goes together. Nothing changes. Or has it? The protesters and their message are often hidden away from the center of the news. A generation ago, they were the news.

We've read about the civil rights marchers who were thrown into jail, we've seen video of demonstrators hauled off to dirty lock-ups in ominous daddy wagons. But modern protestors aren't as willing to take the risk of actually being inconvenienced. In Washington, D.C., protestors at a meeting of the World Bank were outraged that vegan food was not available in jail. In New Mexico, Police Chief Beverly Lennen set up a system at the jail for reserving booking time in advance so

that activists protesting a visit by President George W. Bush could make bail in time to go home to bed.

Maybe some things have changed. But when you think about it all you wonder how committed these people are to their cause if they are not willing to be inconvenienced for the cause.

It all makes me think about our Christian Faith. How committed are we? Enough to stand up for it, but only if I can be home by bedtime? Our faith choices are not always popular with our society, with the people we live and work with or even sometimes our own family.

When you do or don't do something because it is a faith there is sometimes a price to be paid.

Think it over. How committed are you in your Christian faith?

Peace,
Pastor Grant



**A Mirror
OR a Window**
All too often the church holds up a mirror reflecting back the society around it, rather than a window revealing a different way.
—Phillip Yancey in "What's So Amazing About Grace?"

Note of Appreciation

A big thank you to Don Walter, Bob Wehde, and the others who volunteered to paint all the outside trim of the church, as well as doing some other general outside cleanup. It was all badly needed, and your time and efforts are sincerely appreciated.



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Congratulations on Your New Baby!



Ava Elizabeth daughter of Dale & Michelle Kramer. Born Wednesday, July 14th, 2004 at 10:12 AM. Weight was 8 lbs 10 oz and 20 1/2 inches long.



Shaylee Kristine daughter of Ben & Kristi Pederson. Born Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at 3:57 PM. Weight was 7 lbs 1 oz and 19 inches long.



Ashtyn Kay daughter of Dion Bahr & Katie Bull. Born Monday, July 12, 2004 at 1:23 PM. Weight was 7 lbs 14 oz and 20 inches long.



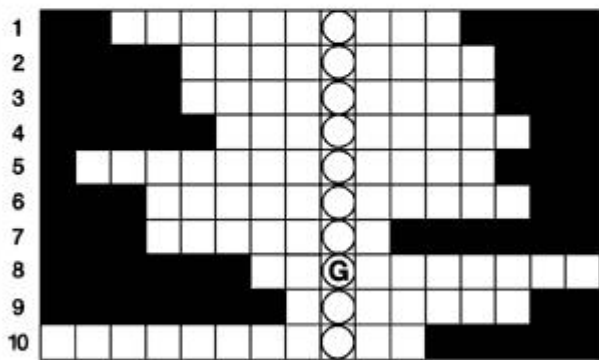
Igniting Ministries United Methodist Communications has their TV schedule programmed for helping the churches welcome back the congregations in September. For two weeks, beginning Sept 6th, there will be spot ads on many TV stations. The Weather Channel is scheduled for most of the ads, with CNN, Headline News, HGTV, TBS, and TV Land. There are some on other channels. If you would like more information, go to www.ignitingministry.org/advertising/tvschedule.aspx where you can also view any of the five ads that will be shown. You are helping to pay for these ads through your apportionments and it is hoped you will look for them as they help our churches.



Fruits of the Word

Use an NIV Bible to look up the verses below. Find one word in each verse that will fit into the spaces of the puzzle. Use the circled letters (in order) to fill in the missing letters of the Proverb at the bottom of the page.

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| 1) Matthew 3:8 | 4) Psalm 107:37 | 8) Genesis 1:11 |
| 2) Amos 8:1 | 5) Deuteronomy 33:15 | 9) John 4:36 |
| 3) Isaiah 3:10 | 6) Mark 4:8 | 10) Hebrews 13:15 |
| | 7) Luke 22:18 | |



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_F _OLD IN SET _INGS OF SI _VER."

—Proverbs 25:11

ANSWERS: REPENTANCE, SOBEREIGN, RIGHTEOUS, VINEYARDS, FRUITFULNESS, MUTILATING, KINGDOM, VEGETATION, ETERNAL, CONTINUALLY, A WORD APPLY SPOKEN IS LIKE APPLS OF GOLD IN SETTINGS OF SILVER.



Q. What is the fifth commandment?

A. Humor thy father and mother.

Q. What happened to Lot's wife?

A. She was turned into a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire at night.

Q. Christians are taught to have only one wife, what is that called?

A. Monotony.

Heifer International



Country: Kenya

Project: Reru Parish Youth Group Dairy Cattle Program

Summary: The Reru Parish region in western Kenya is characterized by low income, few opportunities and high rates of child malnutrition. Many of the youth who survive to their teenage years succumb to drug use. The Youth Group Dairy Cattle Program aims to provide a positive direction for this increasingly vulnerable population.

The program includes both boys and girls, who participate in the production of maize, beans and vegetables that are shared and also sold within the nearest village. In addition, 13 cows are being distributed, and the youth will receive training in their care and breeding.

Most of the farmers in the area have zebu cows, which are very low milk-producers. Heifer International will provide a breed of heifer that is high in milk production, increasing both nutritional and economic opportunities for the participants.

Each member of the group is expected to "pass-on" one female offspring at 12 months.

The evolution of dreams

When first they come, the dreams seem outlandish to consider.

Then knowledge increases and experiments make us think: "Well, maybe."

Then bright minds tap the mind of God, work with God's gifts.

They tinker here, tinker there; adding this, removing that.

And lo! the dream metamorphoses into reality.

Something new under the sun!

Sing the Doxology.

—Charles Ferrell

Groton UMW July Meeting Minutes

The Groton unit of United Methodist Women met at the church Wednesday evening, July 21, 2004, at 7:30 p.m.

Previous to the meeting at 6:30 p.m., the Executive Board met. The vice-president, Jolene Townsend, led a discussion of UMW Goals to be printed in the 2005 program books. The goals were updated. Other discussion involved the planning of the program and special events.

President Linda Thurston arrived in time to call the business meeting to order. Linda had been detained at a Youth Center meeting. The UMW Purpose was recited and Jolene read the names of three missionaries from the Prayer Calendar and read the July 21st meditation from the Upper Room.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved as read. Correspondence included a thank you note from Imo Jeanne Oliver and one from Irene Breitzkreutz. Irene sent a monetary gift and Carolyn Snyder wrote to thank her and also sent some pictures.

The treasurer's report was given which also included a detailed report of the May Breakfast proceeds. Baby cards were sent to Ashton Kay Bahr, Shaylee Peterson and Ava Elizabeth Kramer. The treasurer also announced she had received a card from the District treasurer, stating that all requirements had been completed for Groton to be a 5-Star Unit. In 2003, Groton was 4th of 53 units in mission giving.

Plans were made to order two more round lace cloths for the tables.

There will be a Mission Encounter at Watertown on August 2nd. Registrations should be in by July 27th.

The meeting adjourned and Crystal Sippel and Elaine Wolken served cake and coffee.

Announcements:

-) Pop tabs should be turned in by August 1.
-) Reading program reports also due to Mary Swisher by August 1.
-) Mission Encounter Workday August 2 at Watertown

School Kits

- 1 pair blunt scissors - rounded tip
- 2 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2 x 11 paper
- 1 30cm ruler
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser 2 1/2 inches
- 12 sheets construction paper
variety of colors
- 1 box 24 crayons (must be 24!)

- 12 X 14 Cloth Bag with a Velcro Closure Pattern can be found on our website or ask the office for a copy.

Monetary Donations are always accepted to help finish partial kits.

-) Mission Today report due to June James August 15
-) Rally Sunday September 12
-) UMW Executive meeting September 15, 6:30 p.m.—UMW unit meeting 7:30 p.m.
-) Presentation of 2005 slate of officers—Carol Strom and Anita Lowary hostesses
-) Ingathering, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD
-) UMW Mission Recognition September 19
-) Central District Meeting at Hitchcock 1st UMC
-) Dakotas Conference UMW meeting at Jamestown October 8-9
-) December Blood Drive tentative

Groton UMW
August
No Meeting

UMW in Mission. Again we Celebrate 135 in Mission through UMW. The Dakotas Conference has a wonderful opportunity for units to sponsor a young woman through applying for a New Opportunities Grant. The Grant is in the amount of \$1000. A woman is eligible to apply for the grant if she is:

1. Determined to be in need of financial assistance.
2. Sponsored by a local UMW.
3. An active member of the United Methodist Church.
4. A resident within the Dakotas Conference.

5. Has a clearly defined and realistically obtained employment record.
6. Is a woman who is returning to school for special training?

An application is available from the Conference Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator. The New Opportunities Grant Committee makes this decision in the fall that is awarded this wonderful grant. Do you know someone who fits the qualifications in your church and would benefit this fabulous opportunity? Hooray for United Methodist Women in Mission.



Conde UMW

August 18th

2:00 PM

Program is Exodus:

Moving Forward

Leader Betty Jensen

Hostess is

Joan Fahrenwald

**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.



- To escape criticism – do nothing, say nothing, be nothing. —Elbert Hubbard
- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
- I have learned that I have never been bored in the presence of a cheerful person. —Anonymous
- The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.



August 18th

7:00 PM

Conde

Ad Council

Meeting

September Church Committee

Darlys Kampa

Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt

Joyce & Allen Walter

Arlene Boehmer

Rodney Boehmer

Adeline & Gene Cassels

Roger Colestock

DeLoris Knoll

JoAnn & Richard Krueger

Jean Lowary

Ruby & Eugene Luce

Michelle & Chuck Padfield

Vicki & William Podoll, Chris & Jennifer

Twila Ruden

Crystal & Doug Sippel

Doris Strom

Deb & Todd Thurston

Honorary Members

Earl Lowary

Ruby Filler

Emery Sippel

Lorraine Bartz

Herron Smith

Extra Responsibilities

Take care of lawn as necessary

Clean North Storage Room & 1st NE

Sunday School Room and the Hallway

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Groton Ad Council

Meeting

August 11th

8:00 PM

Groton UMC

Mission

Statement

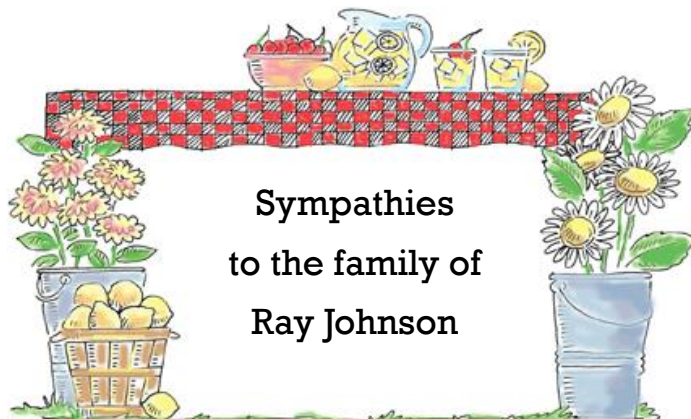
The Groton United Methodist Church is a body of believers seeking to strengthen and build a church family that provides all individuals with the opportunity to grow in their faith and lead an enriched spiritual life in Jesus Christ through worship, study, fellowship, working together, and reaching out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

We give to grow strong

When the world is at its worst, it needs the church at its best – a strong church. We strengthen the church by giving. We give because we care deeply for Christ and his kingdom, and for the hurting humanity of our time. We give our time, our money, our energy and our talent. We give to promote and develop programs, resources, leadership, family life, evangelism and more. We give guidance, encouragement and help to those in need. We give to establish new churches, new ministries and new missions. We give so the kingdom can grow – grow strong.



Invite a Neighbor to Church



Sympathies
to the family of
Ray Johnson

Groton Stewardship Report	
July 2004	
Average Wkly Giving	\$1,139
Needed Weekly to Meet Church Needs	\$1,765
Average Weekly Attendance	54
Total Building Fund Offerings	\$390

Mary Hayenga is Named to an Eight Persons Transition Team for Ministry Coordination Across UMC

Bishop Sharon Brown Christopher, a former president of the Council of Bishops has been designated to lead the team that will coordinate the process creating the Connectional Table to oversee coordination of mission, ministries, and resources across The United Methodist Church.

The church's legislative body, the General Conference, voted in May to create the Connectional Table to replace the General Council on Ministries.

The transition team is balanced between lay and clergy. It includes representation from the U.S. jurisdictional conferences and the overseas central conferences, and reflects the gender and ethnic makeup of the church. The council of Bishops, the current General Council on Ministries, and the Council of Finance and Administration appointed members. "We have a unique opportunity to shape the General Conference's vision for ministry in the 21st Century," Christopher said. "There is much to be done in a short time."

Members include Bishop Christopher of Springfield IL, Bishop John L Hopkins of Minneapolis MN, Leveeda Morgan Battle of Birmingham AL, Mary Hayenga of Andover SD, Rev. Marilynn

Deborah L. Kiesey Named Bishop to Dakotas Conference

Bishop Kiesey has been appointed to serve the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church for the next four years. She has been superintendent of the Waterloo District in Iowa since 2001.

Kiesey was ordained a deacon in 1975 and an elder in 1977 in the Iowa Annual Conference. She graduated from Morningside College in 1973 and received her Master of Divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology in 1976.

Kiesey places high value on colle-

M. Huntington of Pasadena CA, Patrick Streiff of Nuechatel Switzerland, Gerald Williams of New York City, and Rev J. Phillip Wogaman of Washington DC.

The teams responsibilities include: Developing and implementing a plan to convene the Connectional Table. Provide for the orientation and training of the Connectional Table. Developing a process and designating persons to ensure the orderly reassignment of functions and responsibilities from the General Council on Ministries to the Connectional Table. Transferring corporate assets and liabilities to the trustees of the denomination. Developing a plan to care for personnel employed by the General Council on Ministries. And resolving all other essential matters of transition.

The legislation creating the Connectional Table requires the transfer of responsibilities from the General Council on Ministries to the new organization by Jan 1, 2005, with the General Council on Ministries dissolved on Dec 1. The work of the transition team may continue into 2005. Christopher said she believes most of the team's work will be completed soon after the first of the year.

gial leadership: "A leader needs to understand the importance of walking with others. When we work together, listen to one another, and truly allow ourselves to be touched by others' wisdom, we are all the stronger," she wrote in her nominee information. "There are times when a leader must be willing to make the difficult decisions - but only after thorough consultation and prayer.

Bishops are consecrated at the jurisdictional conference and are expected to report for work in their new areas Sept 1st.



Bishop Michael J. Coyner, who has served the Dakotas for the past eight years, has been assigned to the Indiana Area for the next four years.

Election details and an introduction to the new bishop will be featured in the September edition of "Dakotas Connection." If you are not on the mailing list for this four-times-annually publication, please contact the Dakotas Connection Conference Office at PO Box 460, 1331 West University, Mitchell, SD 57301, (605) 996-6552.

Bishop Kiesey **Welcome Celebration** will be at the Aberdeen First Church October 2, at 1:30 PM. Beginning with service followed by a reception.





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Our Church Happenings

August 11 - Groton Ad Council 8:00 PM

August 18 - Conde UMW 2:00 PM

August 18 - Conde Ad Council 7:00 PM

**Baby Photos
Inside!**



**Do we
have
your
e-mail
address?**

Let us know at grotonumc@nvc.net

22nd Annual Bishop's Ingathering for World Hunger

Christen Wellness Center
Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD
September 18, 2004

Help us Finish our Kits!

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