

UMC Newsletter

Groton/Conde Parishes

May 2004

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From Pastor Piehl

May is one of the busiest months for holidays. Nearly every Sunday is a special Sunday in one way or another. There is of course, Memorial Weekend, which is not a Christian holiday, but we do use it to remember God's Saints of recent time, along with those who gave service and perhaps even life for their country. It is also a sort of unofficial kick off to summer with many people beginning their vacations, camping, trips to the lake, picnics and other summer activities.

Graduations from High School and college will take another weekend, perhaps two.

Mother's Day is another important May Holiday. It gives us a time to remember our moms and all the good things they do for us and the important ways in which they have helped us along the way. Again it is not a Christian holiday, although we will want to remember mom's Christian character and the Christian values she passed on to us. Mother's Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia in 1908. By 1914 it had become a national day for the honoring of mothers. It was a natural and of course once it was started, grew and grew. This is one holiday that I am glad has

spilled over into the church. Did you know that mother's day is the highest church attendance Sunday of the year in most churches, even greater than Christmas and Easter?

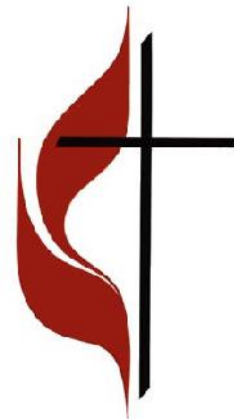
Did you also know that the Phone company loves Mother's day because it the day of highest usage of long distance calls. They also like father's day since it is the day of the most collect phone calls in the year!

Why is it that part of the honoring of our mothers includes a trip to church even though it is a national and not religious holiday? Is it to honor her faith and the way in which she lived it out? Is it our remembering of how we should live?

It is right to remember our moms at least once a year and also her personal faith that has helped to guide us along the way.

As we again remember mom, let us use the day as an expression of faith as well and honor her faith and memory by attending worship and living in ways of faith.

Peace
Pastor Grant



A Gift for Mom

The three young children told their mother that she wasn't to lift a finger on Mother's Day.

They were going to do all the cooking.

So, they got out three pots, two frying pans, six measuring spoons, three mixing bowls, a double boiler, a chopping board and eight serving dishes. Mom said it was the best Jell-O she had ever tasted!



Mother's Day



**Happy
Birthday
Rev. Piehl
April 15th**

**Birthday on
Tax Day?**



June Work Committee - Groton

- Jodi & Craig Sternhagen**
- Yvonne Lang**
- Leslie & Ken Dinger
and Dustin & Mason**
- Kristi & Lance Hawkins
- Mary Alice Jensen
- Dale & Michelle Kramer
- Kami & Tom Lipp
- Ivan & Carolyn Morehouse
- Eileen Piehl
- Pam & Roger Rix
- Matt & Sue Rock
- Marlys Rodman
- Rose & Bill Tewksbury
- Gayleen & Jon Voss
with Lacey & Jordan
- Joy & Don Walter
- Mary Ann & Bob Wehde
- Doris & Richard Zoellner
- Honorary Members**
- Margaret Hubbard
- Ray Johnson
- ImoJeanne Oliver
- Mary & Jay Swisher

- Extra Responsibilities**
-) June 6th change altar cloths to white for Trinity Sunday.
 -) June 13th change altar cloths to green
 -) Mow the Lawn
 -) Clean Chapel and Library
 -) No Potluck
 -) June 27th Hang Communion Banners for this day only (Tentative date so check with Pastor)



Heifer Gets a Star

If you want to contribute to a charity that's among the nations best in commitment, fundraising efficiency and donor dependency, *Forbes 2004 Investment Guide* says you'll be hard-pressed to find a worthier one than Heifer International.

This annual special edition of *Forbes* magazine surveys 200 nonprofits and rates them on how efficiently they collect and distribute charity. But a new feature this year, a Gold-Star List of 10 charities *Forbes* considers worthy of your attention, put Heifer right at the top.

The survey calculates three key efficiency ratios, with higher numbers indicating "a better bang for the donor's buck." Charitable commitment indicates how much of total expenses went for the stated charitable purpose, excluding management, overhead, and fundraising. Fundraising efficiency measures the share of gifts after subtracting fundraising expenses. Donor dependency is the operating shortfall (outlays minus non-gift income) as a percentage of gifts. In all areas, Heifer surpassed the average numbers garnered by the 200 nonprofits sur-

Conde May Fellowship

CONDE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are sponsoring "A Women's Flight Through Life" in the church sanctuary at 6:30 PM May 5th. Following the special presentation there will be a salad lunch in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$5.00 for anyone attending. For advance tickets, call Donna Hearnen at 382-5264.

This presentation depicts all stages of a woman's life, from infant to grandmother; with all ages between. As women go through life, there is no dress rehearsal and there has to be a give and take. There is a musical background with scripture as the basis.

"A Woman's Flight Through Life" is produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service and written by Dorothy Pryse.



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 per-



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

Note from the Groton Administrative Council Chair

Recently, I read an article asking of the church is a congregation or a caring community. It went on to show how Jesus teachings were that we become a caring community of disciples, showing and sharing the grace that we receive from God.

It got me to thinking about our church in Groton. Are we more of a congregation (individuals who come together on Sunday for worship.) Or a caring community of believers who share each others joys and sorrows, supporting, encouraging and calling each other to grow in fellowship with God?

I think the answer lies in our actions. We do worship and Sunday School very well. We do fund raising projects well. We

have not done adult education very well.

We are not offering opportunities for adults to study and grow in faith, or find a place to become closer to God or find deeper meaning in everyday life.

Are you interested in developing a plan for adult faith development individually, or for the church as a whole? There are worlds of opportunities and materials: retreat ministry, short term study, longer term in depth study, Taize type meditative services, modern musical celebration services, ...

Please let any member of the Ad. Council, the pastor, or me, know what would be helpful as your faith journey continues. We can all grow in faith!

**Groton Ad
Council Meeting
May 12th
8:00 PM**

| Groton Stewardship Report April 2004 | |
|---|------------|
| Average Wkly Giving | \$2,019.50 |
| Needed Weekly to Meet Church Needs | \$1,765 |
| Average Weekly Attendance | 109 |
| Total Building Fund Offerings | \$65 |

UMW Mission Projects

Remember to continue to collect the following items for UMW. Tabs from pop, vegetables, soup etc, General Mills Box Tops for Education, grocery receipts, and Campbell's Labels for Education.

Remember to pop those tabs. Just drop them off at the church. UMW will turn them into the Ronald McDonald House, which uses them to pay their heating bill

Lend a helping hand. Remember to clip and save valuable Box Tops for Education coupons from participating General Mills products for the Groton Area School District. They can send them in and receive \$.10 for each top, and can earn up to \$20,000 per year. Just drop them off at the church; UMW will



see that the school gets them.

What a great idea, save your grocery receipts. These receipts can come from Ken's, Econo, and Kessler's and must be dated for the school year (Sept.-May). The stores reimburse the school in cash 1% of the total dollars in receipts. Again, just drop them off at the church; UMW will deliver them to the school by May 10.

Earn free stuff, save participating Campbell's for Education Labels. It is an easy fun way to help our school get free educational merchandise. The labels can also be dropped off at the church. UMW will deliver them to the school.

Thank you for participating in the various collections. It is appreciated by all of the recipients.

Groton UMW Minutes—10 Years Ago

May 20, 1992

The Program entitled, "Earth a Sacred Responsibility" and the Pledge Service for Mission Giving for such a Times these was presented by Edith Johnson and Mary Hayenga. Hymns were sung with Marlyce Cassels at the piano.

The meeting was called to order by president Marjory Townsend. The minutes of the last meeting was ready by Audrey Padfield and was approved as read.

Marjorie Townsend thanked Mary Alice Jensen for the Kirby Vacuum cleaner. Edith Johnson gave a verbal Thank You for the Over 80's Luncheon. Joy Walter thanked the UMW for the Golf Course for the use of the decorations of the May Breakfast. They will be giving a donation.

Next meeting will be June 17th . Leaders will be Chris Nyberg and Lorraine Bartz. Hostesses DeLoris Krueger and Jean Lowary. Doris Zoellner and Jean Walter Served Lunch

Years Ago



Concerning trees ... and us

Have deep roots,
branch out,
be flexible,
keep growing on the in-
side,
bloom often,
show your colors,
point your trunk upward,
raise your limbs to
heaven,
and bring forth good
fruit, as long as you live.



Groton UMW Minutes—5 Years Ago

May 15, 1999

Jolene Townsend presented the program on "Prayer in the Home" with a video and lively discussion. She also presented thought provoking devotions with the program. Lunch was served by Jolene Townsend and Linda Thurston.

The business meeting was called to order by President Gloria Pharis at 9:30 am with 10 members present. The UMW Purpose was recited. Treasurer Sue Rock presented the financial statement. The committee chairpersons present gave brief reports on their activities.

Linda Thurston reported on membership pins available for \$6 each. Due to conflicts with scheduling the "Over 80's " luncheon, it was suggested that these people be recognized in church on the date of a pot luck dinner and have a special potluck for them.

Cards/Gifts for missions was explained by Linda Thurston. Because we only receive credit for them as they are ordered rather than when they are sold, Moved by Anita Lowary and seconded by Jolene Townsend that we keep only 1 or 2 on hand and order as we need them. All members present voted aye.

The reading program was discussed and several members showed interest in joining. A needs list for the kitchen and nursery was discussed . It will be published in the newsletter for donations and the balance will be purchased. Donations for the ingathering will be handled as last year with all four kits being collected a the same time and filling the balance of the kits before the ingathering. Meeting ad-journed at 11:30 a.m.

Anita Lowary, Temp. Sec.



“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 interact 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



“The Banquet” Special Offering

Groton
Sunday, May 9th

Conde
Sunday, May 23rd



**Still time to
bring jars of
baby food for
“The Banquet”
Groton UMW**

“The Banquet” Needs List

Kitchen/Dining Room

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

Office

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

Children

- J Coloring Books for the Children’s Activity Area
- J 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

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

Men and Women

- J 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.



Easter Lilies on the Alter in Groton

Donated by

Ann & Jerry Rix
Marian

Earl & Jean Lowary

Roger & Marjorie Overacker

Twila Ruden

Zachary Barton

Seth, Evan, & Sydney Erickson

Tyke & Chris Nyberg

Nyberg

Rich & JoAnn Krueger

Darlys Kampa

Monte & Laurel McNickle

Rev Grant & Eileen Piehl

Gloria Pharis

Dave, Connie, Logan, & Alexa Nilsson and Eunice Sperry

Lester & Glenn Sperry

Clare & Bill Brotherton

Roger Rix & Family

parents

Pam Rix

& Grandparents

Cal & Mary Hayenga

Imo Jeane Oliver

Robert Oliver

Dick & Gert Ruden

Oscar – Mae & Carl

In Memory Of

Our Parents &

Our Parents

Ronnie Wallen

Earl Ruden

Grandfather's Theran Olson & Milo
Barton

Grandmother Marlys Sippel

Our Parents & Hannah

Parents, Brothers, Sister

Michael Kampa & My Parents, Mil-
dred & David James

Our Fathers, Miles McNickle and
Herman Hieb

Our Parents

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Marian Rix & Grand-

Parents

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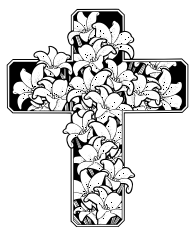
**Groton UMC
Mission
Statement**

*The Groton United
Methodist Church is
a body of believers
seeking to
strengthen and
build a church fam-
ily that provides all
individuals with the
opportunity to grow
in their faith and
lead an enriched
spiritual life in Jesus
Christ through wor-
ship, study, fellow-
ship, working to-
gether, and reach-
ing out to others.*

When the day of
Pentecost came,
they were
all together in
one place.



**Pentecost Sunday
May 30th**



Conde UMW Minutes—April

The United Methodist Women met April 7th. Donna Hearnen gave the Easter lesson, "The Women Looked on—From a Distance, a reflection on the Cross." She displayed several crosses and explained what the shape meant, also gave the history of the cross. Why the CROSS should be a symbol of Christianity.

Readers told the Easter story in scripture. Lois Trapp served a delicious dessert and coffee before the business meeting.

Donna Hearnen called the meeting to order and everyone joined in reciting the purpose. Joyce Haskell used Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under the sun" for devotions.

Cards were sent to JoEllen Herman, Irene Pfaff, and Betty Barrie. The Treasurer reported the Conference Pledge paid in full.

The part women have played in the missions

of the church is stressed during mission moments during Sunday worship.

Donna Hearnen, Marjorie Wright, and Betty Jensen took part in Focus Days in Britton on April 17th.

Plans were finalized for May Fellowship Day on May 5th. The Play, "A Woman's Flight through Life" will be at 6:30 with the luncheon to follow. For advance tickets call Donna Hearnen, 382-5264.

There will be a prayer vigil for Delegates of General Conference at the church on April 29th from 11:15—12:00 a.m. If you would like, bring something to share for lunch.

Betty Jensen and Lois Trapp will prepare the breakfast for the Senior Class of Conde High School on Wednesday, May 12th at 8 a.m.

Joyce Haskeell tested everyone using the quiz in the February Dakota links.



Summer Get Away!

Do you need a break? By the middle of July do gardening, lawn mowing, and other summer activities bog you down and you need to get away from it all! Well, do I have a deal for you! School of Christian Mission is there for you. It offers you not just a get away but a learning get away - Great classes, great food, great fellowship, movies, gatherings and even some quiet time! How and when is this great get-away. Well let me tell you! There are 2 yes 2 great sites! You have your choice. Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, SD, July 9-11th a weekend or a weekday is July 12-15. The other site is in Jamestown College in Jamestown, ND, weekday is July 12-15 and the weekend is July 16-18. Isn't that sweet - 2 locations and choice of weekday or one of two weekends? This year classes are Cuba, Prayer or Public Education. Don't miss out on a fantastic mid-summer getaway!

Conde UMW Meeting
May 19th - 2:00 PM
"Soul Knitting"
With Leader Lyla Siebrecht
Hostess Betty Taylor

Sewing Kits

-) 1 pair of sewing scissors
-) 1 package of needles
-) 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)
-) OR money for miscellaneous items

Groton UMW Minutes—April

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Thurston on April 21st at 2:00 p.m. Shepherdess Marjean Stotz was introduced. Using a worship table with candles, she presented background information and thoughts on each phrase comprising the Purpose. Minutes, correspondence, financial report, and bills were addressed.

Committee Reports:

- J Mary Hayenga has revised the prayer chain list and is available for anyone needing a copy.
- J There are now 94 UMW members. Greeting cards sent to several members were noted.
- J A recent "Action Alert" requested that "unbirthday cards" be sent to Jubilee Network regarding their stand on relief of debts owed by third world countries. Cards furnished by our unit are available.
- J Continue to save box tops, pop tabs, grocery receipts (until May 10th) and Campbell soup labels.
- J Linda Thurston noted the "Mommies Take Five" opportunity for single mothers. The unit will pay expenses for anyone wishing to attend over Memorial Day weekend.
- J Program Resources is in the progress of ordering new books for 2004, it was noted that books from 1999 on can be used this year. Reports to be turned in by August 15th.

Old Business

- J The price of boxed Greeting Cards has been raised \$.50.
- J Four members attended the Britton Focus Days meeting. Presentations were made on the three studies to be used at School of Christian Mission. Groton/Conde did the closing worship service.
- J A certificate was received acknowledging the unit's \$100 donation to missions in honor of the Sunday School Teachers. The teachers also received a personal thank you note from the unit for their service.
- J At a recent church service four new UMW members were introduced and given membership pins. They also received a personal note welcoming them, and offering transportation to meetings, or other help they can use.
- J Seven quilts were made at the last meeting and will be given to the Education and Interpretation coordinator for distribution. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to recommend that most of the quilts be given to Safe Harbor and/or The Banquet.
- J To observe the 135th birthday of UMW the unit sponsored a special offering of \$1.35 at a Sunday church service and will be noting it at other times throughout the year. Discussed having a "birthday party" at the May

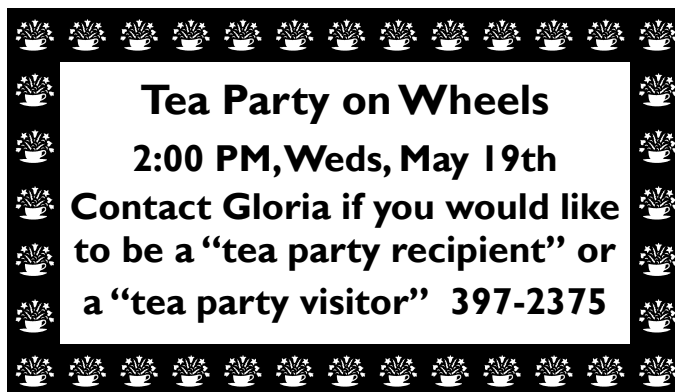
meeting, and will contact the hostesses about furnishing a cake and trimmings.

- J A letter has been received from the Sidewalk Sunday School requesting a donation. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to table the request until the end of the year, when the request will be reconsidered.
- J June 7th is the day designated for Groton Church members to prepare and serve the evening meal at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. A sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. Thirty-five people are needed. Conde members will join with us. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to send \$100 from UMW to help offset of food. Blankets and baby food will also be taken.
- J Tree of Life Roundup are sponsoring a special event on August 6-8 which will include tours, meeting tribal leaders, a Bible study, drum groups, and tribal dance exhibition. Bishop Coyner will lead the Sunday worship service. This is an opportunity to get acquainted with the challenges faced under the worst poverty conditions in the U.S. Linda Thurston has registration information.

New Business

- J Pat Siefken has requested a prayer vigil for the United Methodist 'Conference members who will be attending the General Conference meeting April 27th—May 7th, which includes UMW representatives. They will be working on important issues including UM Social Principles, budgets, etc. The time set for the Groton UMW to hold the vigil is April 28th from 9:00—9:45 a.m. The meeting will be at the church and several members will lead prayers and devotions during the period.
- J All plans are proceeding satisfactorily for the May Breakfast.
- J The School of Christian Mission 2004 Southern Site dates are July 12-15 and July 9-11. Study subjects are Concerning Prayer, Public Education, and Cuba. Registration fees will be paid for anyone attending the first time.

Shepherdess Marjean Stotz commented on the enthusiasm and hard work demonstrated by the Groton unit, and complimented the leaders. Sharon Wheeting and Mary Swisher served lunch. Clare Brotherton, Secretary pro tem



Tea Party on Wheels
2:00 PM, Weds, May 19th
Contact Gloria if you would like
to be a "tea party recipient" or
a "tea party visitor" 397-2375

**Groton
UMW
Honors**



Teachers



**AND
New Members**



Conde Ad Council April Minutes

Chairman Darrel Haskell presided at the April meeting of the Administrative Council. Opening prayer was given by Rev. Piehl.

Treasurer's Report: Jane Worlie gave information on the checking balance, income, and expenses. For the first time in several months, the income for March was more than expenses and this was because of the Land Rent payment. Following her report, there was discussion on the lack of funds to meet the expenses of the church. Rev. Piehl suggested that we have a major stewardship drive. He is researching some programs that both churches could use.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

Reports from Committee Chairmen

Education: Marsha Murphy reported that May 9th would be the last Sunday for the Sunday School class to meet until next Fall. She has secured a room at the Ramkota Motel for the "family outing": on April 25th for the Sunday School children and parents. Vacation Bible School is being planned by Pat Siefken and Cindy Smith. Dates for this will be Monday, May 24—Friday the 28th. The program will be on Friday night. Several Catholic Ladies will be helping.

Missions Committee: April 25th will be the Native American Ministries offering. This is one of the six special Sundays. On May 9th, Mother's Day there will be an offering for church World Service Blankets. The children will be involved in a skit to present information on these blankets. The Groton and Conde churches will serve the "Banquet" in Sioux Falls on June 7th. Anyone wanting to go should contact Pat Siefken or Cindy Smith. If persons can't go but would like to make a dona-

tion, the undesignated money in the May 23rd collection (4th Sunday) will be used for this project rather than World Hunger. Items or money are not coming in for the Health Kits. There was discussion of having another Brunch after church and taking a free will collection to be used for this purpose. We have not been charging for the brunches.

UMW Report: The May Fellowship Program and Salad Lunch will be held on Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets are available. There will be a Prayer Vigil at the church on Wednesday, April 29th from 11:15—12 noon. We will be praying for the General Conference of the United Methodist church who will be meeting from April 27—May 7th.

Memorial Committee: Chairman Arlene Peterson was present to give information on the Memorial Funds. There is \$2000 in the account, and there does not seem to be any designated needs right at the moment. There was some discussion on purchasing a few stack chairs with arms. Several persons have trouble getting out of a folding chair.

New Business: Betty Jensen, Senior Citizen Coordinator, requested the use of the Church Fellowship Hall on June 1st for the Senior Citizen's Dinner.

Pat Siefken and Cindy Smith have been doing some organizing, sorting, and discarding of items in the church. They showed the group some obsolete items they had found, and gave persons the opportunity to put a claim on these items before they were discarded. There are still old Church plates and Church notes available.

Persons Present: Darrel Haskell, Patty Knoll, Jane Worlie, Cindy / Smith, Betty Jensen, Rev. Grant Piehl, Pat Siefken, Arlene Peterson, Marsha

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.



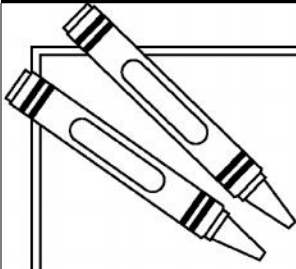
May 19th

7:00 PM

**Conde
Ad Council
Meeting**

Ushers for May

**Patty Knoll
Cindy Smith**



Just for KIDS

Friendship Day Is This Month!

Friendship Day is the first Friday in May. It's important to choose your friends wisely. There are Proverbs in the Bible about friends.

Use the code to fill in the blanks and read Proverbs 22:11.

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Palm Sunday Parade



Answer: He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.



**Groton Sunday School
Sings in Church on
Mother's Day
Last Day of Sunday
School Too**



May 19 - 21

Join the Olympics

The Groton UMC, Catholic church, and the Presbyterian church are joining together for a fitness filled Olympic event.

Donations are needed.



2004 Tree of Life Roundup

August 6-8, Tree of Life Ministry, Mission, SD will be hosts to visitors from all 10 NCJ states plus Nebraska. Tree of Life will be featuring Native American guest presenters including Shere Wright, 2nd runner up to Miss Indian Nation, Webster Two Hawk, Episcopal Priest, Chief Duane Hollow Horn Bear, and drummers, singers and dancers. Featured guest presenters from the UMC will include Randy Day, General Secretary of the GBGM, Cynthia Kent the GBGM Executive Secretary for Native American and Indigenous Ministries, and Bishop Mike Coyner and Rev. Teri Johnson of the Dakotas Conference. Also attending is Jeanie Blankenbaker, GBGM Assistant General Secretary for Mission Volunteers.

Registration fee is \$105 per person. Housing & meals are included in the registration fee and include 2 nights lodging, 6 meals and snacks. Dormitory housing will be provided by the Tree of Life Ministry at their guesthouse and west wing. Both are air-conditioned. Bed linens and towels will be provided. There is no refund on unused meals or events. For the Saturday Drive-in day, the \$37 per person includes lunch and dinner.

You will have a chance to connect with tribal leaders, Lakota presenters, learn of Lakota spirituality and historical beliefs. Local drum groups and singers plus traditional, shawl, jiggle and fancy dancers offer participants a mini powwow experience.

Participants will tour the reservation by bus, seeing first-hand both the poverty and problems of life in one of the poorest counties in the U.S. More importantly they will meet Lakota people at work in care giving and ministries of hope at the day care centers, crisis center, museum, and churches. They will meet local artists and visit local shops.

“Dakotans need to register well before the deadline date in July because we will close registrations when we reach 80 people or so. In fact, register now,” says VIM coordinator Lorna Jost.

Registration forms and itinerary available at the Groton UMC.

A hidden graduation message

A class was graduating on a hot and humid day. As the graduates walked across the platform and received their diplomas from the president, he smiled, shook their hands and said loudly, “Congratulations!” Then, in a much lower voice, one that was firm and could be heard only by the graduates, he would say, “Keep moving.”

He was only trying to keep the line moving across the stage, but his words were good advice for a lifetime: “Keep moving.” After every achievement – growing up, graduation, marriage, job promotion, even retirement – the best advice is, “Keep moving.” Don’t stop. Don’t stagnate. There is more to life than you have found thus far. This is not the end; it is only the beginning. Keep moving. –SourceBook of Wit & Wisdom

* **Beverly Healthcare** *
* **May 9th** *
* *Coffee Hour* *
* *2:30 PM* *
* *Served by* *
* *Work Committee* *
* *And* *
* *Worship Service - 3:30* *
* *Led by Pastor Piehl* *



- 2004 Groton**
- Alex Brandt**
- Haida Boyd**
- Dustin Dinger**
- Brent Morehouse**
- Logan Nilsson**
- Jackson Strom**
- Holly Walter**
- Mary Rix**
- Nick Bratland**

The Groton Reception will be May 9th at 10:00 AM during coffee hour and church to honor our graduates will be hosted by Education Committee.
Join Us!

May Church Happenings

Upcoming Events



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"This is the time of year when I realize how underpaid teachers are."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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May 5
PM.

Groton UMW May Breakfast 11:30 AM & 1:15
"A Make Believe World"

Conde May Fellowship 6:30 PM. "A Woman's
Flight Through Life"

Groton Finance Meeting 8:00 PM

May 9
will be
Healthcare Coffee

Groton will be Honoring the Graduates and Sun-
day School Children will Sing. Special Offering
taken for "The Banquet". Beverly
and Worship Service, 2:30.

Happy Mother's Day!

May 12

Groton Ad Council 8:00 PM

May 19

Conde Ad Council 7:00 PM

May 20

Groton VBS Starts through May 21st

Goodwill Trailer in Groton UMC parking lot
through May 27th

May 23

Conde "The Banquet"

Special Offering

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