



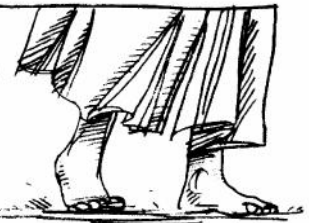
**Confirmation Class** will be beginning on Nov 17, Wednesday, Class will include all youth grade 7 and above who have not been through a confirmation class. The first class will include parents. Several decisions about the class will need to be made. Class will be for students in both churches. First Meeting will be in Groton.

We still need several mentors. Mentors are adult persons who will help the student, attend classes, be a reference and resource person and generally help in any way needed. Contact Rev Piehl if you are willing to help out.



# United Methodist Messenger

“FOLLOW ME.”



## Pastor Piehl's Ponderings

We talk a lot about believing, and it is necessary in our Christian experience but in the New Testament alone the word “follow” is used 87 times, “Follow Me,” Jesus says, “Follow Me.” Jesus uses “Follow Me” the action words much more often than “Believe in Me.” Which is used only three times. “Follow Me!” to church, in reading of Scripture, in prayer, in support of the Kingdom, in service to Christ. “Follow Me!” It's the following process that draws us close to Jesus, much more than the “believing” process.

It's in the doing of it. Just like that Nike commercial, just do it, get up and do it. Show up for prayer even when you don't feel like it. Act out in faith even though you may not believe it, just do it. You're following. It's in the following process that magnificent things happen.

“Follow Me.”

Peace, Pastor Grant

Thanksgiving Blessings be upon you as you follow.

### God's gifts for me to share

God gives me the thoughts  
And I'll weigh them.  
God gives me the words  
And I'll say them.  
God gives me the prayers  
And I'll pray them.  
God gives me all things  
And I'll share them.  
—Peggy Ferrell



“My sheep hear my voice.  
I know them, and  
they follow me.”

—John 10:27

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## Student Day Offering - November 28th

"A United Methodist college education gave me the tools to be a faithful servant and to help lead the church," says Adam Webb, a 2004 graduate of Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa.

Evan as a teen-ager, Adam, now 22, began putting those tools to use. He was a delegate to the 2000 and 2004 General Conference, chaired the Iowa Annual Conference Higher Education and Ministry Legislative Committee and served on the General Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation and Union, which he describes as one of his passions. As he pursued his music degree, Adam was involved in the campus Religious Life Committee, Chapel Praise Team and numerous other activities.

Gift of Hope scholar Adam Webb exemplifies the type of leader his ancestors envisioned in 1866 when they established a special fund for the advanced education of Sunday school children and to prepare

future ministries and missionaries. Today, the United Methodist Student Day offering nurtures men and women to serve their churches and their communities:

) Undergraduates attending United Methodist-related schools receive scholarships.

) Undergraduates and graduates benefit from the student loans.

) Each year \$50,000 is returned to annual conferences for merit scholarship awards to students of their choosing.

"The spiritual foundation my United Methodist college education provided," Add adds, "now supports me as I continue graduate studies in music and fulfill my calling to be a servant of the church."

"Lead me in the truth, and teach me," the Psalmist wrote. Invest in the church of today and tomorrow. Please give generously on United Methodist Student Day, the last Sunday in November. Your gift makes a world of difference!



## DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

### Vision Statement

Dakota Wesleyan University aspires to be a leading university that educates students to identify and develop their individual talents for successful lives in service to God and the common good.

### Values

#### Learning

We affirm the power of ideas, the pursuit of excellence, and a personal and collaborative approach to liberal arts education.

We promise you will have the opportunity to stretch your mind through unique opportunities and partnerships.

We promise you will continue your lifelong journey of self-discovery and growth at Dakota Wesleyan University.

#### Leadership

We challenge our students, faculty, and staff to be leaders of character who will maximize their talents for the common good.

We promise you will have opportunities to be a leader, regardless of your personal interests.

We promise faculty and staff will be encouraged and supported in pursuing leadership positions on and off campus.

#### Faith

As a faith-affirming community, we embrace John Wesley's model of uniting knowledge, reason, and vital faith in curricular and co-curricular activities.

We promise spiritual development will be part of your education, in and out of the classroom.

We promise to help you develop a

foundation for your lifelong spiritual growth.

#### Service

We inspire and empower our students, faculty and staff to use their talents to serve God and humanity.

We promise you will have the opportunity to feel the joy, challenges and inspiration that come with serving others.

We promise that at the end of your education at Dakota Wesleyan University, you will know your best self and you will be prepared to use your gifts to change the world.

**Birthday Gifts for Banquet Kids!**

The Groton Sunday School Children will be collecting "Birthday" gifts in honor of the birthday of Jesus until December 12th. These gifts will be delivered to "The Banquet!" Kids in Sioux Falls to refill their birthday box.



When a child celebrates his/her birthday at the Banquet they are allowed to choose 3 birthday gifts from the birthday box. Many of these children only receive these three gifts in celebration of their birthday. How many gifts do our children receive on their birthdays? We thought this would be a great mission project to work on during the holiday

season. What better way to teach our children the real meaning of Christmas. As always, members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to participate as well. Many of you have seen and visited with the children

at The Banquet. The price of each gift may vary from \$1-\$10. Dolls, trucks, baby toys, hand games, action figures, dress-up items are some ideas. If your child/children or grandchild would like the gift, I bet the kids at the Banquet would like it too!! Happy Birthday!!!

Groton Missions Committee

**Groton Thanksgiving Community Dinner**

The 9th annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Thursday, November 25th at the SEAS Catholic Church. This year's dinner will be hosted by members of the Emmanuel Lutheran church. You are all invited to attend. Take out meals will be available. As usual our church is responsible for a portion of the meal as well as volunteers to set up prior to the meal and then to serve, and clean up. There will be a sign-up



*Thanksgiving Dinner* 395-6455.

sheet in the fellowship hall. Food items needed are as follows: 5 pies, 1 (4qt) crock pot of squash, 2 large salads, 2 large crock pots of plain dressing, 20-25 lb turkey roasted with drippings, and 10 lbs white potatoes. Monetary donations are needed as well to defray the cost of coffee, buns, etc... If you would like to volunteer for a work committee or with the meal, please sign-up or call Alan or Jolene Townsend at

*Congratulations!*

To the Groton Sunday School Children! Through the efforts of the children and the congregation we will be able to send 2



GOATS and 1 flock of DUCKS and 1 flock of CHICKENS to children and their families somewhere in the world, maybe by Christmas. What a wonderful gift to send at Christmas time.

Thank you for participating in this Heifer Project. We hope you had fun and learned how easy it is to share God's love with children around the world. Thank you, Missions Committee



**O beautiful for heroes proved**

News caster Tom Brokaw went to the beaches of Normandy in June 2004 to honor the thousands of soldiers who invaded France 60 years ago. Part of his report included an interview with a survivor of the invasion, an old veteran named Harold Baumgarten. He had been with 29 other soldiers who jumped from a landing craft to rush onto the beach while bullets peppered them incessantly. Only two of the group of 30 men survived the day. Baumgarten himself was wounded in his jaw and had to wait a day before he could be treated. Altogether on that one day some 4,900 soldiers died.

Harold Baumgarten was only 19, but such an experience made him a serious young man who, thanking God that he had survived, vowed to make his life count for something. He decided to become a physician and to dedicate himself to serve anyone who

came to him, particularly veterans.

Dr. Baumgarten kept his fees low so that those with smaller incomes would feel comfortable seeking his care. In his mind, he was serving on behalf of his fellow soldiers who had died.

Thinking of the good Dr. Baumgarten has done in life, one wonders what positive contributions the many American men and women who died in the service could have made had they survived.

Katherine Lee Bates, who penned "America the Beautiful" (1904), was surely thinking about such veterans when she wrote the third stanza:

O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife.

Who more than self the country loved



**Veterans Day**

*Groton Sunday*

*Morning Adult*

*Study Group*

*meets each Sunday*

*at 10 AM in the*

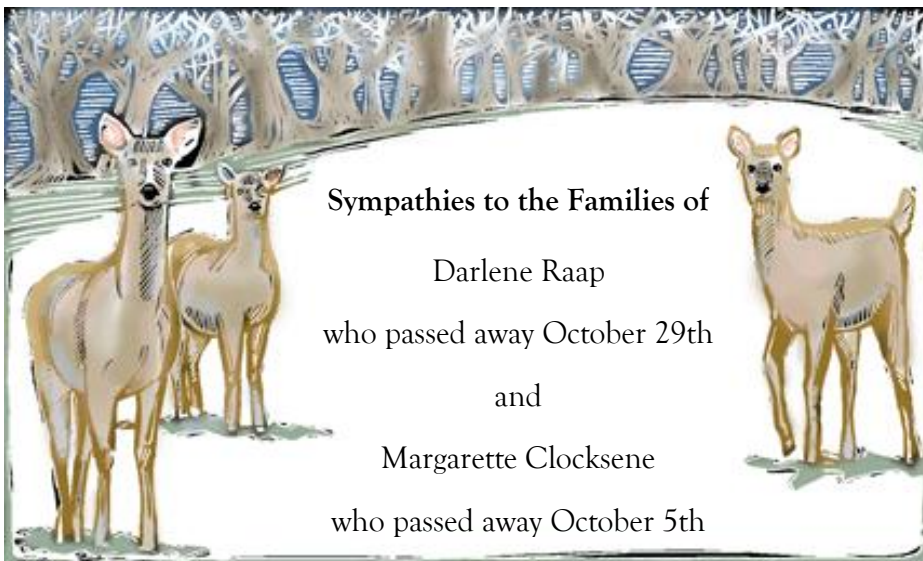
*UMYF room.*

*Please Join Us!*



THE EARTH HAS  
YIELDED ITS  
INCREASE;  
GOD, OUR GOD,  
HAS BLESSED US.

PSALM 67:6



Sympathies to the Families of

Darlene Raap

who passed away October 29th

and

Margaret Clocksene

who passed away October 5th

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# Just for KIDS

## King David's Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a special time to thank God for all He has given us.

Use the code to fill in the missing words from a portion of King David's prayer from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (NIV).

<b>CODE</b>	1 = everlasting	6 = honor	11 = ruler
	2 = exalted	7 = kingdom	12 = thanks
	3 = glorious	8 = LORD	13 = things
	4 = God	9 = O	14 = wealth
	5 = head	10 = praise	15 = you

" \_\_\_\_\_ be to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, ...  
(10) (15) (9) (8)

from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ . ...  
(1) (1)

Yours, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, is the \_\_\_\_\_;  
(9) (8) (7)

\_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ over all.  
(15) (2) (5)

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ come from \_\_\_\_\_;  
(14) (6) (15)

\_\_\_\_\_ are the \_\_\_\_\_ of all \_\_\_\_\_.  
(15) (11) (13)

Now, our \_\_\_\_\_, we give \_\_\_\_\_,  
(4) (15) (12)

and \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ name."  
(10) (3)

"Praise be to you, O LORD, ... from everlasting to everlasting. ... Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."

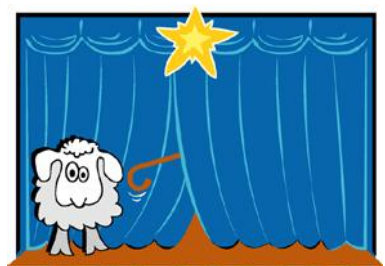
What ARE You Thankful for?



November 10th at 6:00 PM

Meeting to have supper and then we will be attending the Youth Rally at the Groton High School Gym at 7:00 PM. Please let Kelli or Meri know if you are planning to attend by Nov 7th so we can purchase tickets.

November 7th please come and help with the Men's Dinner.



Sunday School

# Christmas Program

December 12th

Groton

**Baptism Blessings**

Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated October 3rd for Ava Elizabeth Kramer, daughter of Dale and Michele Kramer. Ava was born in Aberdeen, July 14, 2004.

Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated October 31st for Shaylee Kristine Peterson. She is the daughter of Ben and Kristi Peterson, born June 23, 2004 in Aberdeen. Ben transferred his membership from the Woonsocket UMC and Kristi transferred her membership from another denomination.

**Congratulations and Welcome!**



**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 Contemporary Service - October 31st (Will take place each 5th Sunday)**







*Jolene Townsend was installed as a member of the nominations committee at the UMW District Meeting in September.*

**In the Spirit of Thanksgiving**

The Program for the November 17th, 2:00 PM, Groton UMW meeting will be “In the Spirit of Thanksgiving” presented by Rev Grant Piehl. Hostesses will be Doris Zoellner and Vicki Strom. Plans for the Upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov 25th will be made and the December Tea Party.

Executive Meeting will be at 1:00 PM to plan the Christmas Luncheon, Finalize the 2005 Date book and budget and Summarize 2004.

Join US!



**135 Years of Mission**

A 1947 Women’s National Seminar recommended that Women’s Division create a ‘Special Committee on Racial Practices.’ Out of this committee a Charter of Racial Policies and Practices was formulated. This policy was theologically based on the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church that affirms that all persons are created equal in the sight of God. The charter’s name was changed to the “Charter for Racial Justices” and was ratified by local

United Methodist Women units. Later the General Conference of the United Methodist church adopted the charter also. The charter states that since United Methodist Women are a part of the church, we will commit ourselves as individuals and as communities to follow the biblical teaching of Jesus Christ to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and groups of persons.



**Groton UMW Past Meetings Celebrating UMW 135 Years**

**November 19, 1992**

President Marjory Townsend opened the business meeting. Treasurer Joyce Sundling gave the treasurers report noting a balance of \$2,114.90. A letter from Ben & Linda Sparkman was read.

Charlotte Lange reported on the fall dinner & thanked everyone that helped. There were 320 people served.

The Official Board okayed getting a cleaning lady. And we were asked to still pick up after ourselves a little, so it wasn't all left for the cleaning lady.

Jean Lowary moved and it was seconded to get new dishes and silverware for the church. A committee of Jean Lowary, Audrey Padfield, and Gloria Pharis were picked by the President to check some out.

President read a letter from Mrs. Luedke, the Northern District President, asking us to consider having UMW Focus Days.

Lunch was served by Jean Lowary & Myrle Trask.

Gloria Pharis, Secretary ProTem

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**November 15, 2000**

The World Thank Offering program "Freely You Have Received, Freely Give" was presented by Lorraine Bartz and Marvel Johnson. They were assisted by Doris Zoellner, Marlys Rodman, and Mary Swisher, following which the thank offerings were received.

The business meeting was called to order by President Gloria Pharis with 15

members present. The Purpose was recited and devotions were led by Reta Washnok.

Treasurer Sue Rock outlined the revenue and expenses for the period and reported a balance on hand of \$3,562.82. Motion made to pay a bill in the amount of \$6.75 for postage to return unsold SERVV merchandise was approved.

Fall Bazaar Evaluation: Despite a blizzardy day, total revenue from the Bazaar Bake, Craft, Country Store, and cash donations was \$798.36. Revenue last year was \$835.10. Katherine Collman presented a report on the SERRV Sale which was a new venture for the Bazaar this year. The total value of merchandise ordered was \$700.80 of which \$682.35 was sold. A check of \$618.85 was sent to SERRV. UMW received \$57 of the proceeds as a result of a 5% discount allowed on the merchandise ordered. She thanked those who assisted in setting up the displays. It was the consensus of the meeting that the UMW Fall Bazaar be held again next year in conjunction with the Men's Dinner and again include SERRV products.

Membership Incentive: The Executive Committee proposed that a drawing of the names of each of those in attendance be done at each meeting. The winner will receive a membership pin. A motion to adopt the proposal was passed.

Lunch was served by Mary Jane Schott and Marlys Rodman.

Clare Brotherton, Secretary

**Groton**

**All Church  
Decorating**

The Holidays are fast approaching and we need everyone's help to make the Church Festive for the upcoming holiday season. Please mark your calendar to join us on November 21st. Watch Bulletin for details!





## A prayer for Thanksgiving Day

Almighty God, our Creator, Redeemer and Eternal Companion, we come to you overwhelmed by the godness you bestow on us without limits.

On this special day, we recall how you blessed our forefathers who came to this wonderful land seeking freedom to worship without restraint or hindrance.

We are immeasurably grateful for our heritage. We pray that our faith may be as fervent as the faith of those who left everything for a land strange to them and where they were strangers to the natives.

Therefore, we gather as grateful benefactors of your pilgrim servants who paid a costly price to glorify you and serve you faithfully. For them, we give you our deepest gratitude mindful of that first Thanksgiving meal shared by newcomers and natives. We gather around our tables as family and friends.

We come to you in love and great appreciation for your constant grace and gifts bestowed upon us. The abundant and beautiful food before us is the most lovely and present evidence.

Ever-giving and ever-loving God, we humbly thank you for all your benefits. We wish only one thing more. May we have the honor of your presence? Be our Guest that we may know that we have had fellowship with you and with one another.

In the name of your greatest gift to us, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Thanksgiving



### Lesson learned

*Some time after Eddie Rickenbacker and his companions were rescued while floating for 21 days on a life raft in the Pacific Ocean, he was asked, "What is the biggest lesson you learned from that experience?"*

*"The greatest lesson I learned," he answered, "is that if you have all the fresh water you want to drink and all the food you want to eat, you ought never to complain about anything."*

*If you have those basic things, give thanks for them this Thanksgiving Day ... and every day*



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## Layette Kits are Collected

- 6 Cloth Diapers
- 2 T-Shirts or Onesies
- 2 Baby Washcloths
- 2 Gowns or Sleepers
- 2 Diaper Pins
- 1 Sweater or Sweatshirt
- 2 Receiving Blankets
- J All Items are to be New.
- J Sweater or Sweatshirt must have a front opening with button or snaps for closure or a tie at the top.
- J Knit and Crochet sweater patterns available from a UMW member, Church Office, or on the Web Site
- J Articles of clothing should be 6-9 Months in Size.

## Conde UMW October 20th Meeting Minutes

UMW met with eight members and one visitor present. Betty Taylor led the lesson on MEXICO—OUR SISTERS TO THE SOUTH. Donna Hearnen read devotions from the Central District Booklet on Psalms 65. Donna also reported 41 kits were prepared for the In-Gathering. She would like to set a time aside this winter to make bags for the school kits. There were 21 school kits, 18 health kits, and 2 layettes.

Reports were given by those attending the District meeting in Hitchcock and by Pat Siefken who attended the Conference meeting in Jamestown. Joyce Haskell, chairperson of the nominating committee read the slate of officers for 2005. The motion was made, seconded and passed to

elect the slate of officers. Betty Taylor announced a work day October 28th to prepare the programs for the coming year.

The Unit voted to pay 37 1/2% of the early-bird camp fee one time per year to help a camper attend camp.

A February soup supper was discussed. UMW Sunday is set for February 6th. Marjorie Wright read a note from Church Women United concerning removing the tax from food, which is on the ballot this November.

The World Thank Offering will be taken next meeting, November 17th.

At the close of the meeting Betty Taylor served a delicious lunch.

—Betty Jensen



## 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.*



## The Knock at his heart

As a doctor examined a 4-year-old boy, he thought it would be interesting to let the lad listen to the beating of his own heart. With the listening device in his ears and the probe on his heart, the boy was asked, "What do you hear?"

The boy, who attended Sunday school regularly, responded, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

## Conde Ad Council - October 20th Minutes

Chairman Darrel Haskell called the October meeting to order and read the Mission Statement.

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT:** Deposit Box—There are no boxes at the bank that are large enough for the church record books. Doors—Some of the doors are not closing properly. Handrails in bathroom—The Women's bathroom is large enough for a wheel chair, but there needs to be rails installed by the stool. Chairperson for board of Trustees—In 2005, Norman Smith, who is currently chairman, will be off this board because of the three year rotation. Rev Piehl nominated Darrel Haskell. Council approved this nomination.

**UMW REPORT:** The General Meeting was held in the afternoon. The Unit has tentatively made plans for a Soup Supper in February. UMW Sunday will be on February 6 or 20th. Vice President Betty Taylor will have a 2005 Program Planning meeting on Thursday, October 28. The UMW will pay 37 1/2% of the Early Bird Camp fee for young people in the community who want to attend a 2005 United Methodist Camp. The youth are limited to one camp per year.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** The Sunday School is doing well. Marsha Murphy and Ann Menzia are the teachers, and there are two age groups. They are sponsoring an aluminum can collection, and proceeds from this will go to the Heifer Project. The tabs should still be removed and saved for the Ronald McDonald House.

**MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT:** United Methodist Student offering will be taken on November 28th. During November and December, there will be a promotion to bring items or donate money for the UMCORE Layette Kits. The Conde and Groton committees are going to correlate the months for certain kits, so both churches will be collecting the same items.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Camp Fees—There is a possibility of more youth wanting to go to camp and camp fees are increasing each year. With funds being somewhat short, the committee felt the amount budgeted for this should be decreased a small amount. In the past, the church has paid 50% & UMW 50% of Early Bird fees. The recommendation is to pay 37 1/2%. Janitor Salary—Cindy Smith, church janitor, has been receiving \$6.50/hour. It is recommended that her wages be increased to \$8.00/hour. At 9/30/04, only \$198.50 has been paid to her. 2005 Budget—The proposed budget was presented to the Council for inspection, discussion, and approval. An error was found in the Parish Parsonage Fund entry. It was included in the budget twice, and the Finance Committee had not added this \$300 amount into the budget at all. Discussion had been that there was enough money in this account, so that neither church would have to give to this fund for the time being. This will have to be determined by common agreement of the Parish. The total budget amount is \$40,939. The council approved the budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Change in Sunday Service time—Groton has requested the 9:00 time on November 7, so it will be more convenient for their annual Fall Dinner. Conde will take the 11:00 service. Church Building for Senior Citizens—Because of election, the Senior Citizens cannot meet at the community center. Betty Jensen requested use of the church building. Approved by Council. Charge Conference—The date has now been changed to Wednesday, November 10th, 7:30 pm at Groton. Thermostats—It was decided to purchase two thermostats that can be set lower than what we have. A setting of 45 degrees should be available. There is concern of the high cost of heating the church, and conservation of heat needs to be planned. There was also discussion of having Sunday Morning Church Services in the Fellowship Hall if the weather reaches frigid temperatures. Youth Confirmation—Rev Piehl announced that there would be classes in Groton for 7th & 8th grade youth. Shane Bruckner has consented to attend there. Pat Siefken is going to contact other youth in the community who may be interested in confirmation classes. If there are enough in this area, class time may have to be divided between the two churches. There may be some in Conde who are older than the 7th/8th grade level who missed the last confirmation class.

**PERSONS PRESENT:** Marion & Betty Jensen, Cindy Smith, Pat Siefken, Darrel Haskell, Betty Taylor, Donna Hearnen, and Rev Grant Piehl

Secretary, Donna Hearnen





## Conference Apportionments

During the past year our church has become behind on our Conference Apportionments. That is an amount that we give to the conference for the work of the church beyond the local church.

Apportionments do a lot of good things like:

- J Providing camping and Christian growth programs for all ages.
- J Supporting the World Service Fund, that strengthens our evangelism efforts, strengthens church growth, expands Bible studies and enriches spiritual commitment
- J Helps provide campus ministries in North & South Dakota Universities and Dakota Wesleyan University.
- J Provides pensions, healthcare and other benefits programs for active and retired clergy of the Dakotas Conference
- J Provides the publication of the Dakotas Connection, Living Waters, the conference websites and other communication links
- J Provides leadership and resources for pastors and laity. Provides resources through the Area Resource Library.
- J Enables United Methodists to have an effective presence in the activities of ecumenical organizations.
- J Enables our churches to unify and expand financial support for the recruitment and education of future pastors and bishops.
- J Provides funding for the cost of pastors moving to a new appointment
- J Provides for salaries and expenses of Conference Superintendents.
- J Supports administrative work on the conference and general church levels.
- J Provides funding for pastor's salary support where needed to assist the ministers of the churches in our conference.

There is of course lots more that our apportionments are doing.. Since we are behind in this vital ministry of the church some of the ministries go unfinished.

We need large gifts to get us where we need to be, that is apportionments paid.

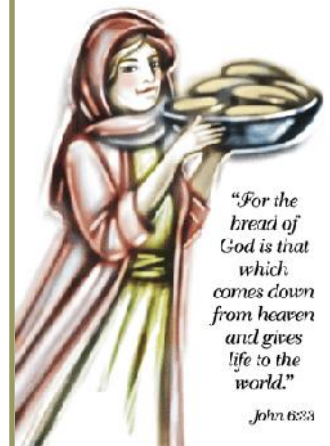
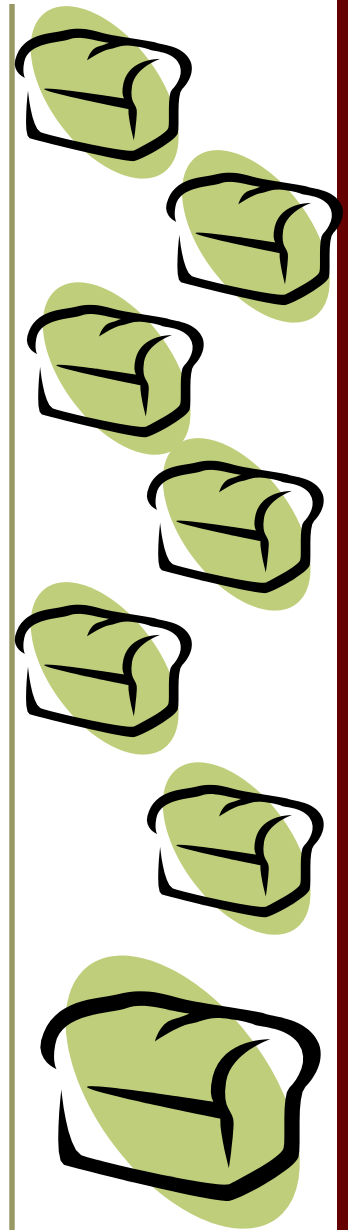
Therefore at the last Groton Ad Council Rev. Piehl offered this challenge, "If we can find 10 people who will give \$500 or more each, I will be number 11." As of November 1, Three persons have given have given \$500. We are 30% of the way there! There are many more people who are capable of an equal size gift toward the work of the church.

Consider it for yourself or your family.

There will be a chart in the form of a basket and loaves of bread in the front of the church to the left of the pulpit to symbolize these gifts Each loaf of bread in the basket represents a gift of \$500. There are now three loaves in the basket!

Take some time and prayer and consider your share. Give a gift of \$500 and mark it for apportionments so our financial secretary knows

**BUY A LOAF!**  
\$500 EACH



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**December Family Committee Group - Groton**

**Jodi & Craig Sternhagen**

**Yvonne Lange**

**Leslie & Ken Dinger, Dustin & Mason**

Kristi & Lance Hawkins

Mary Alice Jensen

Dale & Michelle Kramer

Kami & Tom Lipp

Eileen Piehl

Pam & roger Rix

Matt & Sue Rock

Marlys Rodman

Rose & Bill Tewksbury

Gayleen & Jon voss, 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**

Water the Poinsettias

Dec 12th Beverly Healthcare Coffee

Help Nov committee decorate the church

Change altar cloths to white Christmas Eve

Change banners for the Christmas Season

Shovel snow from doorways before church

Clean & Organize Hallway Closet

Clean & Organize Storage Room off the

Choir Loft

*Acolyte List*

*Nov 7th*

Sydney Erickson

Ryland Strom

*Nov 14th*

Gavin Voss

Dylan Hanson

*Nov 21st*

Reilly Ell

Tom Sternhagen

*Nov 28th*

Erin Sternhagen

Sydney Ericksen

No Sunday School

Nov 28th

**For your spiritual health**

A woman was asked by a friend to attend the friend's church. The friend told her how wonderful her church was. The friend ended her invitation by saying, "And guess what? You don't even have to give any money."

Was that a good selling point? Well, hardly. Without the opportunity to share our appreciation for the gifts God has given us, our spiritual health is hampered.

The great words of the Christian faith are: committing, loving, sharing, sacrificing, giving, serving, worshiping, praying and working. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," Jesus said (Acts 20:35, NRSV).

We will miss blessings ourselves if we refrain from giving.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the gifted preacher and author, once said that while the Bible teaches tithing, he and his wife gave more than a tithe. They did so, he said, because during hard financial times when they were young, they put giving to God first. They were so blessed they would never consider not being generous givers.

The woman invited to her friend's church decided not to go. She said to her own pastor when telling him about the invitation, "I kept thinking to myself that something is wrong here. I'm not sure it's a good thing to join a church that doesn't ask you for money."



**Stewardship Update**

Groton  
Stewardship  
Report  
Oct 2004

Average  
Wkly Giving  
\$1,259

Needed Weekly to  
Meet Church Needs  
\$1,765

Average Weekly  
Attendance  
80

Total Building Fund  
Offerings  
\$80

**November 2004**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



**Our Church Happenings - Quick Guide**

**Groton Men's Dinner & UMW Fall Bazaar**

November 7th 11 AM–1 PM  
 Adults \$6, Children 5-12 \$3  
 Children 4 and under are free

Serving Swedish Meatballs, Ham, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, & Pie for dessert. UMW Fall Bazaar will be open while the dinner is going on selling crafts and baked items. As well as Lefse.

- Nov 7th—Groton Men's Dinner & UMW Bazaar.
- Nov 7th— Groton will worship at 9 am and Conde at 11 am today
- Nov 10th—Groton UMYF at 6:00 PM to attend the Youth Rally
- Nov 10th—Charge Conference at 7:30 p.m in Groton.  
 Everyone is welcome.
- Nov 11th—Veteran's Day
- Nov 17th—Groton UMW at 2:00 PM Exec Mtg at 1:00 PM
- Nov 17th—Confirmation Begins
- Nov 17th—Conde Ad Council 7:00 PM
- Nov 21st—Christ the King Sunday
- Nov 25th—Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Catholic Church
- Nov 28th—Student Day Offering
- Nov 28th—First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 1st—Groton Ad Council 7:30 PM
- Dec 3rd—Groton UMW Prayer Vigil for Holiday Season 9-9:45 am
- Dec 12th—Groton Sunday School Christmas Program