



THE UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

Pastor's Notes

In late 2003, a commission convened by Dartmouth Medical School, among others, concluded that young people who are religious are better off in significant ways than their secular peers.

They are less likely than nonbelievers to smoke and drink, and they are more likely to eat well.

They are less likely to commit crimes, and more likely to wear seat belts.

They are less likely to be depressed, and more likely to be satisfied with their families and schools.

“Religion has a unique effect on adolescents above and beyond factors like race, parental education and family income,” said Brad Wilcox, a University of Virginia sociologist, to the Washington Post. Poor children who are religious will do better than poor children who are not, and in some cases they will do better than nonreligious middle-class children.

INCREASE OUR FAITH!

Makes you wonder how much more faith does for us that we never know about. How many ways are that Jesus helps us and we never knew it. Count your blessings again!

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### Music to a pastor's ears

1. We were just getting ready to leave for church when company came – so we brought them with us.
2. I know it looks impossible, but with God's help we can do it.
3. Of course I'll accept that responsibility. It will be a privilege.
4. I'm willing to help in any way I can.
5. God was really speaking to me through you during today's service.
6. I'll be glad to help you with visitations.

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How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding IT according to your word.

Psalm 119:9

Service or Serve Us?

We have often heard that as Christians we are called to be in service to God's Kingdom on earth. We are to follow Jesus way of constantly being of service to others in God's name.

How do we think about this Groton United Methodist church part of God's kingdom? There seem to be two responses: service or serve us.

Do we see this as a place where we get guidance and support to do the service, the work, that God has called each of us to do? Do we gather to learn of the ways that we can be of help to our neighbors and even to strangers, each week? Is our time in this church a time to get our lives in order and aligned with God's plan for us? Is it a time to learn more about what God needs us to do? Does it help us to give of our blessings of time, health, abilities, and material in re-

sponse to God's giving to us?

Or, do we mainly see this church as serving us? Do we expect to receive, to get something? To get comfort and support? To get service related to our spiritual need?

The danger in seeing the church as primarily for giving us blessing and comfort is that we loose sight of our need to give and serve. We become consumers and we get angry if the church does not serve us. We can even become spiritual couch potatoes, waiting for the church to entertain our needs.

It seems the truth is both, we serve and we are served by God through our service in the Church. Mary each of us find the blessing of serving as God has called each of us...See you in Church!

UMW Fall Bazaar

We are in the process of planning our UMW Fall Bazaar in conjunction with the Men's Dinner on November 7th.

Gather up your craft projects and find those good recipes as we will be setting up our craft and bake sale area on Saturday, November 6th from 2:00—4:00 pm. This will give us an opportunity to arrange and price each item. You may also bring items on Sunday morning as well.

The lefsa has been made!!

We hope you will all contribute as our bazaar helps support out local mission projects. Thank You.

Kelli Hanson & Jolene Townsend, General Chairpersons; Twila Ruden, Chair of Lefsa Sales; Chris Nyberg, Chair of Bake Sale; and Betty Strom, Chair of



**Men's Dinner
Plans are Underway!
November 7th
Harry & Gloria Pharis**

Something breakable



A woman handed the postal clerk a package containing an old family Bible she was sending to her brother. The clerk lifted it, gently shook it, and asked, "Anything breakable in here?"

"Only the Ten Commandments," replied the witty and wise lady.

Ministry Team Mix

Invites laity to join in a discussion of Lay

Ministry Team activities from 9:30

AM to Noon on

Saturday, Oct 2, at

the Aberdeen Faith

UMC. Becky Holten

and other Conference

Lay Leaders will be on

hand to bring

greetings. Lay

Ministry teams can be

effective. Come find

out how and bring

your own success

stories. Plan to be

involved most of the

morning.

Make plans to attend the community Thanksgiving Dinner as Volunteers will be needed from our church for food donations and preparation as well as serving and clean-up that day.

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Goats are Good for Families Heifer Project



Sunday School watched a movie called "The Promise" to learn about the Heifer Project. Each child then received a calendar and bank to collect money each day as they do the activities on the calendar. They are working towards \$120 to buy a goat for their Heifer Project. Here the children are checking out a baby goat that was brought to church by Janell Little (Townsend) from Vienna, SD.



Goat's milk is the only milk known to half the world's people, but 80 percent of mothers and children in rural areas do not have any type of milk or milk products. The gift of a dairy goat is a lasting, meaningful way to help a struggling family on the other side of the world.

Goats can thrive in extreme climates and on poor, dry land by eating grass and leaves. Your gift of a dairy goat can supply a family with up to several quarts of nutritious milk a day — a ton of milk a year. Extra milk can be sold or used to make cheese, butter or yogurt. Families use goat manure to fertilize gardens. And because goats often have two or three kids a year, Heifer partners can start small dairies that pay for food, health care and education.

It's no wonder the gentle nanny goat is often called the "foster mother to the human race!"

A Hero's Story

Until Francia and her young grandson, Jose, received a goat from Heifer, hunger and poverty were all they had ever known in the Dominican Republic.



But with their animal, they found hope. The goat gave them plenty of milk and produced kids to sell for income.

One morning, as the goat started her third birthing, Jose noticed the goat having trouble. The young boy knew he had to help the nanny. If she died, his family would be set back dramatically.

Jose's training had taught him how a kid should be positioned in the womb. Using plastic bags as gloves, Jose carefully put his hands inside the nanny's womb and discovered one of the kid's legs was in the wrong position.

A few minutes after Jose moved the leg, the goat gave birth to healthy twins. When news of Jose's story spread, people came from throughout the village to see the young hero and his goats.

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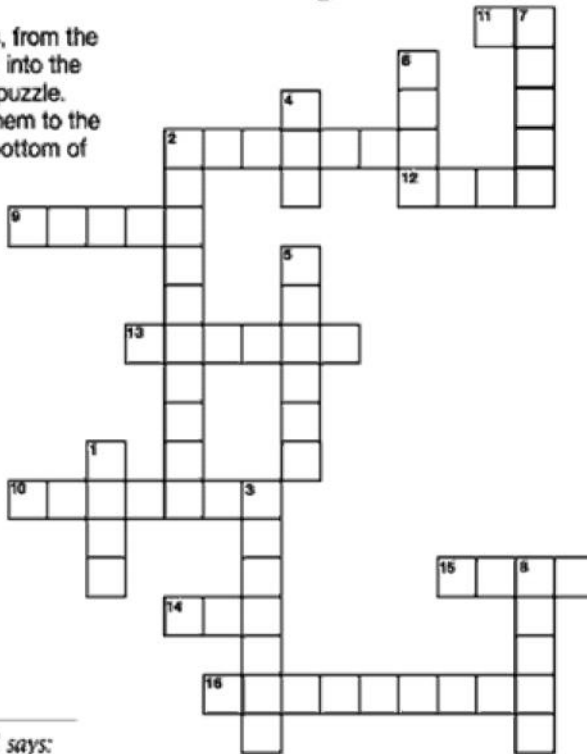
God Does Wonderful Things!

October is a season of change. God causes all things to change for his purpose. Find out some other things God does.

Fit these words, from the Book of Daniel, into the squares of the puzzle. Then transfer them to the blanks on the bottom of the page.

Word List

- up
- God
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- wise
- name
- power
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- changes
- seasons
- deposes
- knowledge
- discerning



Daniel 2:20-21 says:

" _____ be to the _____ of _____ for _____ and _____ ;
 _____ and _____ are _____ He _____ and _____
 He _____ _____ _____ and _____ them.
 He gives _____ to the _____ and _____ to the _____."

Answer: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning."

Into your life or into Christ's

An 8-year-old girl said to her pastor, "I just know that Jesus wants me to come into his life."

At first, the pastor thought she had it backwards – that is, that we should want Jesus to come into our lives. Thinking more about it, he concluded that since Christ is the life, we should indeed try to get into the one who is "the way, the truth and the life."

Are you "into Christ?"

Conde United Methodist Women

Members visited the Eastern Star Home in Redfield on Wednesday, September 15th. Pat Siefken led a musical program featuring Negro spirituals. Everyone sang the many songs Pat had the words for. The Unit also brought a lunch of sandwiches and bars. The group enjoyed visiting Charles Thomas and Marvin & Betty Hausvik in their apartment. UMW members attending were Pat Siefken, Jane Worlie, Donna Hearnen, Betty Taylor, Janet Rossow, and Betty Jensen.

The Oct 20th lesson will be led by Betty Taylor who will also be hostess that day.



We don't always consider what a privilege it is to be able to vote...particularly for women...A short history lesson: The women were innocent and defenseless. And by the end of the night, they were barely alive. Forty prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing went on a rampage against the 33 women wrongly convicted of "obstructing sidewalk traffic." Thus unfolded the "Night of Terror" on November 15th, 1917, when the Warden in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists because they dared to picket Wood-

row Wilson's White House for the right to vote. HBO has a new movie called "Iron Jawed Angels" that depicts the battle these women waged. Go to <http://www.hbo.com/films/ironjawedangels/> for more information and see a full schedule of when it will be showing this October. It will eventually be out on DVD and VHS.

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3rd Grade Bibles Presented

Bibles were presented to the Third Grade Class September 12th during worship service. Those receiving Bibles were Bailee Zoellner, Reilly Ell, Camille Sippel, Kylie Hawkins, and Mason Madsen.



Groton UMW presented Special Recognition Pins to Yvonne Lange, Tyke Nyberg, and Marjorie Overacker (not pictured). Jewel of a Woman Award was presented to Gloria Pharis during the Sept 19th Church Service.



Groton UMW Sept 15th Minutes

The Groton Unit of UMW met Weds evening, September 15th. The program which was the Pledge Service was given by Clare Brotherton and Linda Thurston. Anita Lowary accompanied the hymn singing.

The PURPOSE was recited and the Scripture from the Upper Room was read. A new prayer chain list was distributed. Thirty-four school kits, 9 sewing kits, and 10 health kits were completed and will be taken to the Ingathering in Mitchell on September 18th, along with a monetary donation. Layette kits will be assembled in October, November, and December.

Anita Lowary read the slate of officers nominated for 2005. The Central District meeting will be held in Hitchcock September 25th. Three baby quilts will be taken to the district meeting and Jolene Townsend will be

installed as a member of the Nominations Committee.

The Fall Bazaar will be held in conjunction with the Men's Dinner on November 7th. Kelli Hanson and Jolene Townsend are chairpersons.

There will be a prayer vigil at the church on October 22nd from 9:00 - 9:45 am for the election season. Another vigil will be on December 3rd from 9:00 - 9:45 am for the Holiday season. The Prayer Vigils were started by the President of the UMW Dakotas Conference. The vigil runs for 14 Days and Groton's time is on day 4.

A discussion was held on the May Breakfast and will continue next month. Carol Strom and Anita Lowary were hostesses and served lunch following the meeting. The next meeting will be on October 20th at 2:00 pm.

**Groton UMW Meeting
October 20th, 2:00 PM
World Thank Offering
"Gratitude & Service"
Leader: Twila Ruden
Hostesses
Carolyn Snyder
Connie Nilsson
Please bring World
Thank Offering Boxes**



World Communion Sunday - October 3rd

As we celebrate Holy Communion in our churches, we unite in this celebration with our Christian sisters and brothers around the world. Through this special Sunday offering, we invest in the future leadership of the church and the global community, ensuring continuing ministry for generations to come.

Just 5¢ of every dollar spent by your congregation supports thousands of ministries beyond the local church, including the Africa University Fund. The other 95¢ stays in your local church and annual conference. Your gifts accomplish great deeds, all in the name of Jesus Christ -- feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, visiting the prisoner.

World Communion Sunday offering provides:

Crusade Scholarships for international and U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority graduate students;

Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate students; and

Scholarships for racial- and ethnic-minority person seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

Our World Communion Sunday gifts nurture members of our family in faith to engage in life-changing ministries.

History of World Communion Sunday

Originally a Presbyterian observance, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America established World-wide Communion Sunday in 1940 as a global, interdenominational event. Prompted by the impact of World War II, the Methodist Church received an offering on this Sunday for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. It aided the work of the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (now UMCOR), the Commission on Chaplains and the Commission on Camp Activities.

In 1971 The United Methodist Church changed the name of the observance to World Communion Sunday and redistributed the offering to support the Crusade Scholarship Program (begun in 1944), the Ethnic Minority Scholarship Program and the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries.

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



Ingathering for World Hunger

The Ingathering took place on September 18th. The Groton UMC was pleased to generate 34 school kits, 9 sewing kits, and 10 health kits this past year to be given at the Annual Ingathering for World Hunger. Thank you to everyone who contributed items and monetary donations. We appreciated your generosity. A special "thank you" to our "ingathering angels"; Eunice Sperry & Doris Strom for their yearly commitment to the organizing and packing of all the kits. They are wonderful volunteers in mission. Also a big thank you to Linda Thurston for attending and delivering the kits to the Ingathering in Mitchell, SD.
—Missions Committee

An Election Day prayer

O Lord, God of every nation, we give you praise for our country, the land that we love and for which we are your stewards. We boldly call our land "one nation under God." O Lord may it be so! May every citizen's heart be turned to you. May our vow be to work and pray for your kingdom to be "on earth as it is in heaven."

We come to you on this Election Day to seek your mind and your will as we prepare to cast our ballots. Guide our minds, guide our hearts and guide our hands as we make decisions about important issues.

We especially ask guidance as we choose a candidate to become president of our blessed land. Keep us from being foolishly prejudiced or biased. May our minds be fair and our decision wise as we weigh the merits of each candidate. At the end of the day, may we be at peace with one another and vow to work diligently to help our nation truly be united. Amen.

Do this in remembrance of me. Jesus "took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "this cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood'"
Luke 22:19-20

Attention Men of the Dakotas UMC

Men's ministry can be one of the most difficult areas to get started in the church, but it is even harder to maintain the momentum. The Man in the Mirror Ministry has had great success across the country in motivating and training Christian men. The men of Cornerstone Church are so excited about this seminar opportunity that they want to make sure all the churches in the Conference are invited. With the principles you will learn from this seminar, the Men's Ministry at our church grew from about 30 to 120 men meeting weekly, in six months. Hope you can come. Pastor Roger Spahr, Cornerstone UMC, 1350 11th Street NE, Watertown, SD 57201. Cost: \$35 on October 9th from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Continental breakfast & Lunch are included as well as seminar materials. For more information or to register, please call Tammy at 605-886-2242.

At Man in the Mirror we are

driven by our belief that men in America must be reached with a credible offer of Jesus Christ.

If you take virtually every problem in America today, at the root of it you will find the failure of a man. (e.g. 93% of prisoners are male and 85% of these come from fatherless homes) Today there are approximately 98,000,000 men in America, 63,000,000 of which don't know Christ. Only 8,000,000 of these are active in discipleship. This would be the equivalent of 12 guys playing on a football team and only 1 of them knowing how to play football.

Now, no man fails on purpose – most wake up in the morning wanting to succeed. Our desire at Man in the Mirror is to come along side pastors and men's ministry leaders who are equipping men for success.

www.maninthemirror.org



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 Family Committee for November

Vickie & Alan Strom

Barb & Jack Schmidt

Clare & Bill Brotherton

Lynette & Terry Furman & Derek

Clarence & Ida Hannon

Killi & Lars Hanson

Audrey & Clint Jacobson

Jane & Marc Johnson

Diane Nissen

John Padfield

Kevin Pharis

Carna & Cliff Pray, Nathan Atherton,
Kevin Pray

Loel Schott

Mary Jane Schott

Audrey Thurston

Elaine & Fred Wolken, Alana & Amber

Anita & Gary Voss

Audrey Padfield

Honorary Members

Art Padfield

Marvel & Robert Johnson

Norm Thurston

Extra Responsibilities

) Nov 14th - Hang Communion Banners for this day only

) Nov 21st - Altar Cloths change to white

) Nov 28th - Altar cloths change to purple/blue

) Nov 29th - Hang the Advent Banners

) Arrange to order poinsettias

) Put up church indoor and outdoor decorations Nov 21st with Dec Committee and all church members

) Clean Pastor and Secretary's Office

) No Potluck if Men have their dinner

Groton Administrative Council—Sept 8 Minutes

The Membership Committee is preparing letters to be sent to selected inactive members requesting clarification of their membership status. A program to acknowledge visitors with a follow-up letter over the pastor's signature and a welcoming gift is being initiated.

The Music & Worship Committee announced that the Sunday bulletin order of worship is being changed effective Sept. 12th. The choir has set of goal of singing at least monthly. They are planning a "Great Day of Singing" on Sept. 19th.

The Education Dept. will present Bibles to the third graders on Rally Day, Sept. 12th.

The United Methodist Women will have their pledge service on Sept. 15th. The money pledged by members stays in the unit and is used to donate funds to local missions, i.e. the Youth Center, Safe Harbor, Spurs, etc. The District meeting will be in Hitchcock on September 25th. Jolene Townsend will be installed as a District officer on the Nominating Committee.

The Trustees have had two new windows installed in the parsonage, and need volunteers to paint and/or varnish the woodwork on them. S&S Lumber is preparing a proposal for the needed work on the church roof.

The Missions Committee is incorporating missions work into the Sunday School program, focusing on The Heifer Project. The children will have a goal of raising \$120, enough to purchase one goat. The committee will also be collecting birthday gifts at Christmas time to send to a children's program at The Banquet.

The Pastor/Parish Relations Committee will meet soon to discuss negotiating a replacement copy machine contract.

Harry Pharis will again chair the Men's Dinner, set for November 7th. The UMW will have their Fall Bazaar the same day.

A reception for new Bishop Deborah Leider Kiesey has been set for October 2nd at First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, at 2:00 pm.

<p>Groton Stewardship Report Sept 2004 Average Wkly Giving \$1,428</p> <p>Needed Weekly to Meet Church Needs \$1,765</p> <p>Average Weekly Attendance 78</p> <p>Total Building Fund Offerings \$65</p>
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Groton Ad Council Meeting
October 27th
8:00 PM

The gift of the tithe

An Ohio minister preached a sermon on the joy of tithing. Years after he retired, a package arrived at his home. He opened it to find two pictures of wooden angels carved on the ends of two pews in the chancel of the church where he preached that sermon. There was also a note enclosed, which said: Please consider the photos as a gift in return. Before you left our church, you gave a sermon on tithing. This gave me the courage to start. At the time I was out of work. I started by tithing my unemployment check. Not long after starting to tithe, I got a job and have been employed ever since. So thanks again for giving me the gift of the tithe.

Happy Easter, Don



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Conde UMW Oct Meeting

Conde United Methodist Women will meet October 20 at 2:00 PM at the church. Betty Taylor leads the lesson to learn more about Mexico. The Committee on Nominations has their slate ready, so be prepared to vote on your officers for next year. See you there! Also, a meeting of Program Committee is waiting in the wings as soon as possible.

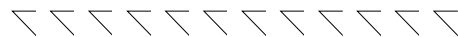
Those attending the District Meeting in Hitchcock from Conde were Donna Hearnen, Pat Siefken and Betty Taylor. They report a very informative and enjoyable day.

Martha Circle will meet October 6 at 8:00 PM at the church. Please come to learn more about their study.

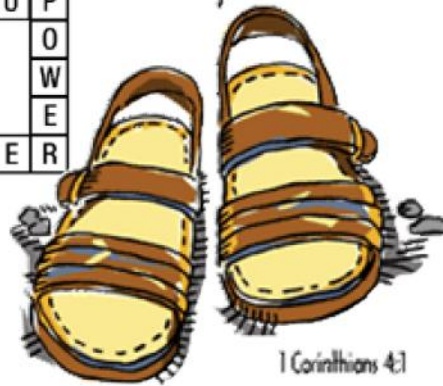
Ushers Needed!

Ushers are needed at the Conde Church. Reserve your Sundays by contacting Loren Siefken or Rev. Piehl.

**Conde Sunday School
is saving aluminum cans
for the Heifer Project.
Help us!**



Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



1 Corinthians 4:1

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" Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever ; wisdom and power are his . He changes times and seasons ; He sets up kings and 8+deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning ."

**October 20th
7:00 PM
Conde
Ad Council
Meeting**

Sympathies to the family of Wes Grimes, who passed away Friday, September 10th

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 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.

October UMW News

Missions Today is a program of United Methodist Women that encourages local units to participate in various Missions of the Church. If our unit here at Groton or Conde completes 10 criteria of the program we will be a Mission Today unit. (You may add the level you are currently participate in the program.)

The purpose of the program is to energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study, and action. It increases contacts between local units and mission personnel giving us a better understanding of where our money goes and what it does.

Excerpts from Groton UMW Minutes - October 17, 2001

Carolyn Snyder and Anita Lowary gave the program "Repairers of the Breach." Part of the information given was from Carolyn Snyder's nephew's wife who teaches English as a Second Language in Rochester, MN. They showed a plate inscribed with the Lord's Prayer in Arabic. The plate is owned by an NSU student who is practice teaching in Conde.

Plans for the Men's Dinner and Fall Bazaar were reviewed. October 22nd and 23rd have been set as lefse making days. It will be sold at the food booth only.

The ingathering report was given by Jolene Townsend. There are 20 school kits, 13 health kits, 2 handmade afghans and 2 quilts ready to go. Also \$100.00 will be sent. Doris

Excerpts from Groton UMW Minutes - October 19, 1994

Anita Lowary and Diann Morehouse were program leaders. They closed the program with the thought "God is always with you no matter what your problems and burdens are."

Doris Zoellner and Elaine Wolken were hostesses and served delicious pumpkin pie.

Mary Hayenga asked if she could take unsold bazaar items to the Ingathering.

Mary Jane Schott and Doris Zoellner asked each work group to donate 2 dozen

One example of the criteria that a unit must meet is to use the prayer calendar. The prayer calendar gives information on current missionaries of the church.

We have the Response magazine, which keeps us abreast of what is happening in mission work throughout the world.

the program also stresses the importance of mission work right in our own community and gives us ideas on how to reach out locally.

Mission Today is just one way your United Methodist Women in our church are working for Women, Children, and Youth.

Strom will take the items to Webster, Oct 28th for transportation to Mitchell. \$1000 worth of merchandise has been ordered from SERRV.

As it was learned that Jean Meyers was home, the plan to purchase a Lifeline for her was again discussed. It will cost \$15/month from James Valley. It was moved that UMW proceed with plans to do it; seconded and carried. Linda volunteered to make the arrangements.

Joyce Sundling in absentia was honored. Ann Rix wrote a poem in her honor and lunch was served by Kay Brandt & Marvel Johnson. The lunch featured a cake in her honor. Joyce and Art Sogn, Brookings, will be married Saturday, Oct 20th. Twila Ruden, Secretary

cookies to be served at the Waldowski Concert.

Gloria suggested using our Bulletin Boards for recognizing anyone in our church family who have accomplished something special. News clippings can be put on the front or rear door bulletin boards. Good suggestion.

Nov 16th will be a program committee meeting to discuss 1995 yearbooks and work group committees.

We decided to invite the Shepherdess Pat Siefken to our Nov Meeting.



Prayer with a boost

After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window was a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, "Lord, it is up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious baked goods, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, God answered my prayer! On the eighth time round the block, there it was!



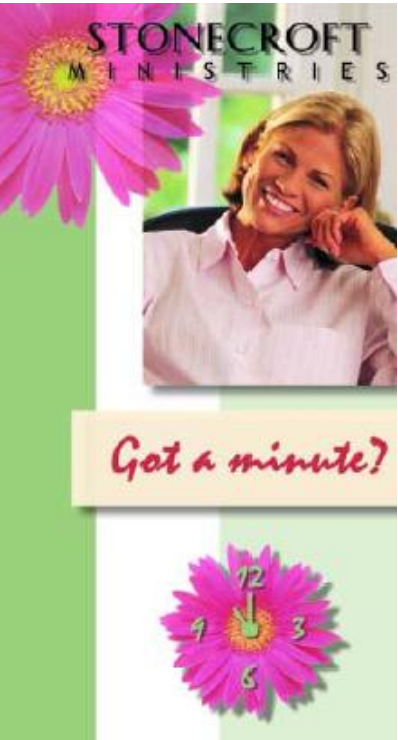
PLEASE NOTICE — ALL GROTON UMW MEMBERS:

The UMW has been analyzing the May Breakfast fundraiser. It was the consensus at our last meeting to send out a survey to get a feel for the project. Listed below are the suggestions that we would like you to select from.

CHECK YOUR PREFERENCE

- No May Breakfast.
- Solicit \$20 from each UMW member to make up for the lost fundraiser.
- Have a flower show and luncheon in June or July instead of the May Breakfast.
- Have a take Grandma to Lunch luncheon in June or July instead of the May Breakfast.
- Have the May Breakfast with no change.
- Have a fall bazaar and lunch for men & women instead of the May Breakfast.
- Have a Valentine dinner and program for families instead of the May Breakfast.
- Other suggestions or comments: _____

Please complete and return by October 15th to: Attention: UMW, Groton United Methodist Church, 906 North First Street, Groton, SD 57445 OR give to: Clare Brotherton, Twila Ruden, Linda Thurston, or Jolene Townsend.



We are excited to invite the women of your church to the October 12th Aberdeen Mid-Day Connection Luncheon which is being held at Coco's in Groton. Sincerely, Jeanette Smith, Stonecroft Regional Administrator (605) 887-3455

Stonecroft groups give you the opportunity to treat yourself by attending a monthly brunch, luncheon, or dinner meeting at an attractive location such as a country club or popular restaurant.

Because we know you want to use your time wisely, the 60-90 minute meetings are designed to fit your schedule. Besides including both fun and informative elements,

each meeting features a dynamic speaker who will address issues that today's women face.

Stonecroft Ministries is an interdenominational, evangelistic outreach for women and men that is car-

ried forward by committed lay people—as well as full-time missionary staff.

Our mission is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and to make Him known by presenting the biblical message of salvation.

For more than 60 years, lives have changed by the Lord Jesus Christ through this unique organization. What began with one woman's commitment to prayer has grown into an international outreach impacting six continents of the world. Through the years, Stonecroft Ministries has remained faithful to the Bible as the foundation of truth, to prayerful dependence upon God, and to working in harmony with local churches.

www.stonecroft.org

Presenting opportunities for YOU to . . .

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Our Church Happenings

- Oct 2nd - Meet Bishop Kiesey at the Aberdeen First UMC at 1:30 PM
- Oct 2nd - Lay Ministry Team activities 9:30 AM to Noon at Aberdeen Faith UMC.
- Oct 3rd - World Communion Sunday
- Oct 5th - Groton Nominations Committee Meets 7:00 PM
- Oct 6th - Conde Martha Circle 8:00 pm
- Oct 6th - Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meets 7:30 PM at Conde
- Oct 8-9th - UMW Dakotas Conference Annual meeting in Jamestown
- Oct 9th - Man in the Mirror Ministry in Watertown
- Oct 10th - Coffee & Worship Service at Beverly Healthcare
- Oct 10th - Conde Finance Meeting 7:30 PM
- Oct 12th - Mid-Day Connection Luncheon at Coco's in Groton
- Oct 13th - Groton Finance Committee 8:00
- Oct 20th - Groton UMW 2:00
- Oct 20th - Conde UMW 2:00
- Oct 20th - Conde Ad Council 7:00
- Oct 22nd - Groton UMW Prayer Vigil 9-9:45 am
- Oct 27th - Groton Ad Council 8:00
- Oct 31st - Daylight Savings Time ends.
- Nov 3rd - Charge Conference in Groton 7:00 PM
- Nov 7th - Groton Men's Dinner & UMW Bazaar



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