

August 2005



True wealth

On the topic of wealth, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale once said: "The man who lives for himself is a failure. Even if he gains much wealth, position or power, he is still a failure. The man who lives for others has achieved true success. A rich man who consecrates his wealth and his position to the good of humanity is a success. A poor man who gives of his service and his sympathy to others has achieved true success, even though material prosperity or outward honors never come to him."

Pastor Jan at School

Greetings from Evanston Illinois, the home of Northwestern University, surrounding the campus of Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. (We were here first! 150 years ago) We have had temperatures from 40's to over 100 degrees last week, as you did. Having Lake Michigan coming within walking distance we have all the humidity we can get and you have the same with all the standing water there. We are taking Ethics class and The Wesleyan Movement in this mod and experience great amounts of new thought provoking information. We have to think so hard in class that my hair is beginning to curl.

What a joyful experience we have had in attending other places of worship. Last Sunday we went to an Episcopal Service with a woman priest leading a very memorable service. Three of us participated in a pre service adult baptism of a young man to be married in two weeks. That was joyful for all who were there. This week we went to a Mennonite church with no air conditioning, praise band, and a Methodist trained and converted pastor who is now Mennonite. We sense his struggles in ministry and pray for his new renewal in spirit and word with his family.

The differences are huge in Evanston in the economic levels from the ultra rich to those who would be considered street people as well as everything in between. God

is doing a remarkable work in many places here with so many programs, and yet the stresses are around us everywhere. The world situation is thought provoking with the continued bombings, in Egypt and London as well as those in Bagdad. Each time we learn of another it is time to once again pray for the loss of life, those struggling with injury and loss and those who are bereft from the damage. God works through us to come and help the lost, tend to the widow, the orphan and the lost. May you be with me in prayer to remember the places of the world who need us and come to share your time, talents, presence and gifts for the times where we can be forgiveness and peace to others. To take time to heal wounds of words, still anger, offer patience, give forgiveness for all things and offer a cup of cold water to those who need Christ the most. In His name I leave you, Shabbat Shalom, Pastor Jan



Groton Admin Council Meeting - July

Groton Admin. Council – Eleven members were present on July to discuss the following agenda items:

Finance: Kay Brandt reported that our June 30 balance was \$8,832 and that we've only paid 2 month's apportionments. All agreed we should make one more payment.

Pastor/Parish: Carna reported that the committee met July 12 and recommended that the money we are not paying out for our Pastor's health insurance and benefits be set aside so that when we do need to start paying that expense again it won't be a shock to the budget. No decisions were made at this time.

Roof Project: Holes are patched and we are ready to move forward. Work on the dining room will begin soon. A

letter explaining the project will be going out. It will include a card asking families for their help in funding the project.

Pastoral Report: As requested by the Bishop, Pastor Jan shared a list of her first impressions of our church. They included: Our front entry is dark and not very inviting—she suggested a greeting sign outside the entrance; church offices are not labeled and are hard for people to find; bulletin boards are great but should be labeled as to what group or committee is displaying the information. Pastor Jan also stated that she would like to meet with each committee in the near future as well as a separate group to work on visioning for the church.

Groton Stewardship Report July 2005

Average Wkly Giving
\$1,173

Needed Weekly to
Meet Church Needs
\$1,874

Average Weekly
Attendance
56

Total Building Fund
Offerings
\$360

Total Roof Fund
Offerings
\$3913

Try a small gesture of courtesy

Studies published in the Journal of Applied Social Psychology show that your restaurant servers who leave a piece of candy with the check will get a bigger tip than those who do not. If two pieces of candy are left, the tip is even more.

Researchers aren't sure why candy equates to big tips. They have known that big smiles, squatting to eye level during the initial introduction and light touching of customers all result in bigger tips. Some speculate that offering "unexpected food treats" has the same effect because it seems to

increase the "perceived friendliness" of the server.

The most current data suggest another reason, however. It involves the simple principle of reciprocity. When a customer receives something gratis, he or she is more likely to respond by giving a larger than expected tip in order to provide a "friendly gesture" in kind.

This is instructive for friendship evangelism. People respond, we're human, to even the smallest gestures of courtesy and kindness.

—Homiletics



Sympathies to
the family of
Bill Brotherton
who passed
away July 9th.

Reading, Writing and Raspberries: Food and Nutrition in U.S. Schools

by The Washington Office of Public Policy

Every day, more than 26 million children in over 99,000 public and non-profit private schools across the country eat lunches subsidized by the National School Lunch Program. Good nutrition promotes education because children learned better when they ate better. School is the perfect place for children to learn healthy eating habits. However, much of the food available in school fails to meet their nutritional needs. Many children are more likely to choose a doughnut to eat than a ripe peach.

Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program are required to provide meals that meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) nutritional guidelines. Guidelines recommend that no more than 30% of calories in a school meal can come from fat and no more than 10% of the calories in a meal can come from saturated fat. School lunches must also provide 1/3 of the Recommended Dietary Allowances of protein, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, iron, calcium, and calories.

However, many schools are falling short of the USDA's nutritional guidelines. 43% of elementary schools, 74% of middle schools and 98% of high schools have vending machines, school stores, canteens, or snack bars offering foods high in fat, sodium, or added sugars. "...a relatively small percentage of school districts have policies in place that offering fruit and vegetables as a la carte items, and 23% of districts require schools to prohibit the sale of foods that have little nutritional value as a la carte items."

Soda and junk food vending machines pose one of the biggest obstacles to healthy food habits in schools. Students often substitute their lunches with drinks or snacks from vending machines, which sell products that are high in fat, salt and sugar. The average soda-drinking 12-19-year-old male drinks more than 868 cans of soda a year. Increased consumption of fat, salt and sugar leaves children at a much higher risk for heart disease, diabetes, and obesity.

Soda and junk food companies have purposely targeted schools as places to market their drinks because research has shown that loyalty to a particular product brand is formed in adolescence. Many

schools sign "exclusive pour contracts" with soda companies, promising to host vending machines stocked with only their sodas in exchange for large cash payments. Schools are hesitant to ban soda and junk food vending machines because they lose the financial support that soda companies provide. Some schools have replaced junk food and soda machines with machines that sell water, fruit juice and healthy snack options with no financial loss to the school. Other schools have made up for lost revenue by holding alternative fundraisers.

Farm to School programs are being organized across the country enabling schools to purchase fresh, nutritious food directly from local farmers. A study of farm to school programs found that when farm-fresh foods are on the menu, students are more likely to participate in the school meal program. The report also found that students choosing Farm to School meals wasted less food.

Farm to School programs bring nutritious food directly into the schools and help students develop eating habits that promote good health. Present opportunities for teachers to integrate lessons about nutrition, plant biology, and economics into the curriculum with field trips to local farms, cooking demonstrations, and visits to farmers' markets.

In Berkeley, California, the Edible Schoolyard creatively uses a school garden and kitchen to teach students about everything from harvesting corn to baking biscuits. The Edible Schoolyard has been featured on PBS and will be in the 2005 Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Students actively participate in the maintenance of the Edible Schoolyard garden, and as they turn the compost pile, they discover the process of decomposition and its place in the life cycle. Students learn how cover crops prevent erosion, attract beneficial insects, and fertilize the soil.

The Edible Schoolyard serves as a model for how schools can successfully teach children the importance of good nutrition and healthy eating. According to the U.S. Department of Health "establishing healthy eating habits at a young age is critical to proper growth and development; it also makes it more likely that healthy habits will continue into adulthood."



TAKE ACTION!

Read Resolution #109. Health and Wholeness (pp. 308-13) and Resolution #202. Family Farm Justice (pp. 521-22) in the *Book of Resolutions 2004* (BOR 2004.)

Start a campaign to get soda and junk food vending machines out of your local school! For information on how to start your own campaign, contact the Center for Food and Justice: Center for Food and Justice, Urban and Environmental Policy Institute, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles, CA 90041, Phone: 323-341-5099 <http://departments.oxy.edu/uepi/cfj/Articles/BanningSodasinYourSchool.pdf>

Start a Farm to School program at your local school! Farm to School programs are operating in 422 schools districts and 22 states. For resources on starting up a Farm to School program, contact the Community Food Security Coalition: Community Food Security Coalition, P.O. Box 209, Venice, CA 90294, Phone: 310-822-5410 <http://www.foodsecurity.org>

Groton UMW Minutes - July

Nineteen ladies were present Wednesday evening, July 20, at the home of Linda Thurston in Aberdeen. An executive board meeting preceded the regular meeting.

President Jolene Townsend presided. Mary Hayenga had devotions and read a meditation on "Bread" and Scripture from the 14th Chapter of Matthew. Several persons told interesting facts regarding bread in their past lives. The president pinned a Love Ribbon on DeLoris Knoll for the most unique comment. The **PURPOSE** was recited by all.

The secretary read the minutes which were approved. The treasurer gave the financial report showing a balance of \$2657.53. The president purchased new resource materials at the School of Christian Mission and the bill for \$51.85 was approved.

Jolene attended the School of Christian Mission held recently at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell. Two students

attended camps this year.

Mission recognition pins will be presented in Groton on September 18th. The Central District Retreat will be held in Conde on August 6th. There is a Tuesday morning Bible Study held at the church which is having good attendance. The District meeting will be held in Gettysburg September 10. As the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church will be redistricted, so will the UMW. The Groton UMW will be part of the Glacial Lakes District which will be a larger area than the Central District. The Fall Bazaar held in conjunction with the Men's' Dinner in November was discussed. Plans were made for making lefse in August. The president thanked Linda for hosting the meeting and following adjournment, Linda, assisted by Mary Ann Wehde, served lunch. The group will not meet in August and resume in September for an evening meeting at the church.

Twila Ruden, Secretary



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Jean Lowary	397-
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Audrey Thurston	397-
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Gert Ruden	397-
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Pat Dahlquist	397-
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Florann Norris	397-
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Mary Swisher	397-
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Gloria Pharis	397-
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Mary Jane Schott	397-



August Anniversaries

- 3 - Lance & Kristie Hawkins
- 4 - Craig & Kim Weber
- 15 - Craig & Jodi Sternhagen
- Wayne & Marsha Wienk
- 19 - Sherwin & Christine Nyberg
- 28 - Rob & Jeanne Wanous
- 31 - Don & Joy Walter



August Birthday's

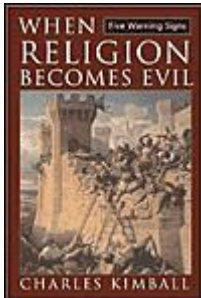
- 1 - Bert Raap
- 2 - David Strom
- Marsha Wienk
- 3 - Michelle Kramer
- Mike Sundling
- 4 - Lindsey Furman
- 5 - Gerald Rix
- 7 - Kelli Hanson
- Sherwin Nyberg
- 8 - Ruby Fuller
- Yvonne Lange
- 9 - Loel Schott
- 12 - Alexa Nilsson
- Amber Wolken
- Haida Boyd
- 13 - Logan Nilsson
- Sam Furman
- 14 - Doug Bahr
- 16 - Jim Jones
- Nate Gellhaus
- Rose Tewksbury
- 19 - Gert Ruden
- 20 - Barb Schmidt
- Joyce Sundling
- Marc Sippel
- 22 - Jeff Sippel
- 23 - Lisa Pray
- 24 - Jack Schmidt
- 27 - Mary Alice Jensen
- 29 - Chuck Padfield
- Kristi Thurston
- William Zoellner
- 30 - Nathan Atherton
- 31 - Allison Sippel
- Joy Walter
- Katelyn Hawkins

UMW Reading Program

August 2005 begins the UMW Reading Program for the year 2006, we hope to add many of you to the Reading Program this year. It's very easy to accomplish, the boxes are in the library (soon to be in a new book case in the fellowship hall) read at your pleasure and choose 1 book from each of the 4 categories. They are even color coded for ease in selecting the proper book for your Level. There are also 4 Levels of the Reading Program, so that you may choose to read only 4 books for Level 1 or 10 books for Level 2. Level 3 requires 15 books while 20 books are needed to complete Level 4. We have several books in our library that are Bonus Books that will count as 2!!! You may read any of the books from the 2001 to the 2006 Reading List. Have fun, and curl up with a good book.

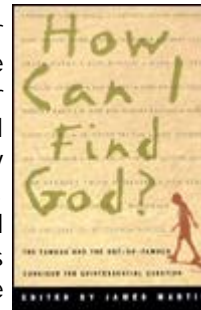
Education for Mission/ Bonus book / Blue 2005- **When Religion Becomes Evil: Five Warning Signs**

By now it's commonplace to remark that more violence than good has been committed in the name of religion. The terrorist attacks of September 11 and the continuing Israeli-Palestinian strife confirm this age-old aphorism. Wake Forest religion professor Kimball has made something of a career out of speaking about the ways in which religion becomes evil. Every religion has the capacity to work either for good or evil, and he contends that there are five warning signs that we can recognize when religion moves toward the latter.



Spiritual Growth/Green 2001- **How Can I Find God?** What a fine selection of voices from people of many religious orientations. From the scholarly edu-

cator to the prisoner jailed for substance abuse, all share their own very personal views on how they managed to find God, or how God found them. The editor has done a remarkable job of melding essays from the 'famous and the not-so-famous' (as he has put it) into a thoroughly readable, inspirational collection. A great Christmas gift for anyone.

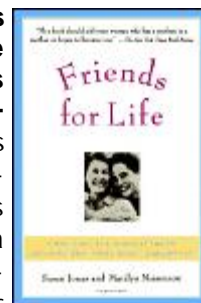


Social Action/ Yellow 2005- **Honor Lost: Love and Death in Modern-Day Jordan**

This is a true story about two young women who were best friends and how they were separated in one of the most heart wrenching ways imaginable. I recommend every one read this book. It will make you laugh, cry, and feel angry. You will not be able to put this book down once you start reading it.

Nurturing for Community/ Red 2001- **Friends For Life: Enriching the Bond Between Mothers and their Adult Daughters**

Friends for Life is about that crucial period when mothers are trying to find a balance between encouraging their daughters' independence and imparting the benefits of their own experience. More than one hundred mothers reveal to the authors how they're coping with their daughters' preferences in partner, career, and other life-defining issues. They reflect on their relationships with their own mothers, and on their hopes for growing intimacy with their daugh-



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Each Week at 10:00 am
Studying Parables
Bring your own Coffee or Beverage and Join Us!



The teacher called Experience

The knowledge we gain from the teacher called Experience is hard to forget and the most valuable kind of learning. The trouble is that the teacher called Experience gives us the test first and the lesson we needed to learn after the test.

From the Groton UMW President

August has arrived so quickly, harvest has begun, the Brown County Fair is fast approaching and then school resumes, where did the summer go?

Just a reminder that UMW is on Vacation in August, NO Meeting! But there are two activities to participate in. The first event is the Central District Retreat at the Conde UMC from 9am to 3pm on Saturday August 6th. The program will be "Stretch Out Your Hand" with retreat leader, June James. Please meet at the church by 8:30am if you would like to attend, it should be a very "Spiritual and enjoyable" day. The second event is our Prayer Vigil on Monday, August 29th from 9:00-9:45am. in the Chapel. In celebration of Mother Theresa's Birthday, we will be in prayer for Mission and Missionaries. We will have an opportunity to discover the Dakotas Conference Mission Projects, Missionaries, Mission Churches, Assist Mission Around the World as well as the UMW mission projects locally as well as those around the world. Please join us for prayer, education and coffee.

The UMW Executive Committee has selected the recipients of the Mission Recognition Awards and the Jewel of a Woman Award, these will be given to the honored members for our congrega-

tion on Sunday, September 18th.

I recently returned from the Dakotas Conference School of Christian Mission where I attended the the Spiritual Growth Study entitled "Children of the Bible". Most of us would hope for sweet stories with happy endings from this study but we were surprised to discover that the children of the Bible faced many diverse challenges. We were asked to look at the biblical stories of children with honesty and bravery. It was a great week-end and I look forward to next year, hope one or two of you can come along.



Remember to shop for your school supplies, a list is on page 28 of your Program Book, start the reading program, pay you 2005-2006 Pledge to the Treas., quilts and teddy bears will be taken to Gettysburg in Sept., games for children ages 8-12 are being collected for the Women's Prison in Pierre by CWU and we are in need of school bags to be sewn (directions are in the fellowship hall) keep praying for those in need and for you and your family.

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." Luke 18:1

Peace be unto You, Jolene

An important revelation

A woman, tired of being approached to give to so many charitable causes, decided not to give to any of them. Such action soon became a learning experience for her.

By not giving money for any cause she began to feel that she was not "paying her rent for her existence on Earth." By not giving to a church or to other worthy operations such as The Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, The Cure for Cancer Fund, etc., she felt miserly and lonely.

She was not having meaningful fellowship with people who were striving to spread the Gospel, nor those waging fights against poverty, ignorance and various diseases such as AIDS. She wasn't even joining with others in assisting victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, droughts and other natural disasters.

An important revelation came to her: She was bringing guilt and worthlessness upon herself. As she put it, "Without giving, I was isolated. With giving, I have an opportunity to share with others ... by doing some good."

• Faith is a reasoning trust, a trust which reckons thoughtfully and confidently upon the trustworthiness of God.

—John R. Stott

• People see God every day; they just don't recognize him.

—Pearl Bailey

• God is at home; it's we who have gone out for a walk.

—Meister Eckhart

Conde UMW

Conde unit of United Methodist Women will be hostess to the Central District Retreat on Saturday, August 6. There will be coffee available at 9:00 AM, salad luncheon at noon, and coffee at the close of the day at 3:00 PM. Bobbi Larson is in charge of the day's program. Donna Hearnen is taking calls of those coming from other units. Call her at 382-5264. All are welcome to attend.

Conde United Methodist Women will meet at 12:00 noon on August 17th, Wednesday. Everyone coming please bring a salad - either fruit or vegetable. This will be for own unit, but everyone is welcome. Program and business meeting will follow the luncheon. If you would like further information, please call Betty Taylor 897-6687.

Congratulations

Sara Elizabeth was born to Eric & Ann Menzia on July 22. 8 lbs 2 ozs and 20 inches long.



**Conde
Administrative
Council will meet at
7:00 PM, August 17th
Wednesday. As
there was not a
meeting last month,
please honor us with
your presence.**

CDR BAND BRINGS NEW CHRISTIAN ROCK TO SOUTH DAKOTA

High school UMC rally-goers know: Columbus, Ohio-based CDR is a must-see Christian band. The lead singer is a United Methodist pastor who was featured speaker for this year's high school district rally in Mitchell.

CDR members said they liked the area and people so much, they wanted to come back through South Dakota on their summer tour. Look for this rock group to share a mixture of contemporary Christian songs, their own music, including selections from their new release "Breakdown," and a few cross-over surprises.

MONDAY, AUG. 8: Britton, SD – First Presbyterian Church, 7-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 9: ABERDEEN, SD – Ministry Outreach Center (MOC), 504 S. Washington St. (just east of Aberdeen First UMC), 7-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10: Lake Poinsett Camp – 6:00-7:30 Water-front Time (swim, canoe, paddle boat and play on the large inflatable water toys), 7:30 Shower, 8-10 p.m. Concert

THURSDAY, AUG. 11: SIOUX FALLS, SD – Asbury United Methodist Church, 2425 S. Western Ave., 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12: MITCHELL, SD – First UMC, 310 N. Rowley, 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13th: YANKTON, SD – Riverside Park Amphitheater (rain location First UMC, 207 W. 11th), 7-9 p.m.

For more information, including promotional posters, contact Diane L. Kisch at (605) 665-1500.

4th Sunday of
each month
Conde UMC are
dedicating the
loose change in
the collection or
specially marked
checks or
envelopes to the
Advance for
World Hunger.

The Conde
United
Methodist
Church is
seeking to
satisfy the
spiritual and
physical needs
of all.

UMW District Annual Meeting - Sept 10th

In Gettysburg, SD. Roxanne Henke, author of the book "After Anne" will be our guest speaker. Registration will be \$8.00 which includes the luncheon and speaker fees.

ND Author, Roxanne Henke, has had her fourth book released by Harvest House Publishers of Eugene, Oregon.

Always Jan tackles the subject of aging in a way that will make readers realize there are unexpected gifts that come with growing older. An early reader of the book said, "My spirit soared!" Romantic Times Book Club gave the novel four and one-half stars and stated, "Henke's story is masterfully crafted and deeply moving."

Henke's first novel, *After Anne*, was the Christianbook.com Favorite Book of 2002. Her second novel, *Finding Ruth*, quickly found a place on the Christian Booksellers Association best-seller list in 2003. *Becoming Olivia*, Henke's third book was named an Inspirational "Top Pick" by Romantic Times magazine. Doubleday and Crossings book clubs also selected *Becoming Olivia* for its membership catalog.

After Anne deals with the power of friendship during medical and family crises. *Finding Ruth* is about the search for contentment in the midst of daily life in small-town North Dakota. *Becoming Olivia* is about clinical depression. Early reviewers said, "This is a wonderful book."

Publisher's Weekly calls *Finding Ruth* a "well told" story and states, "the strengths of the

novel are Henke's engaging voice and competent prose - a combination that makes her a CBA novelist to watch."

Before publication of her novels, Roxanne wrote a humor column for several ND newspapers. She also wrote material for, and performed in, a comedy duo, as well as school lyceum programs. She has also written and recorded radio commercials. Since the publication of her novels, Roxanne has been speaking to women's groups on the topic of friendship and to school groups about the writing and publication process. She is a graduate of the University of Mary in Bismark, ND with a degree in Behavioral and Social Science, and a graduate of the CLASS Christian Leaders, Authors & Speakers Seminar

Henke was named the "2003 Writer of the Year" at the Mt. Hermon Christian Writer's Conference in California. The annual conference is the largest Christian writer's conference in the U.S.

Roxanne lives in Wishek, ND with her husband, Lorren, and an annoyingly-friendly dog named Gunner. The couple have two very cool, young-adult daughters, Rachael and Tegan, who are friendly...but not annoying.

Watch for the final title in the *Coming Home to Brewster* series in 2006. You can find Roxanne on the web at: www.rosannehenke.com

"After Ann" is available from the UMW Reading Program. Check it out!!



A small boy walking with his grandfather was gently being tested by the elderly man. "How far are we from home?" asked the grandfather.

"I don't know," the child answered.

"Well, where are you?"

"I don't know."

"Looks to me like you are lost. Doesn't that worry you?"

"No, Grandpa," the boy responded, "I can't be lost. I'm with you."

Grandpa chuckled and smiled. Then he gently patted the boy on the head.

Like the boy who felt safe with his grandfather, we are not spiritually lost when we are with God, for God knows the way.

- Let our love be transparent lest we ever play host to a love that is false.
—Archbishop Helder Camara of Brazil
- If we are intended for great ends, we are called to great hazards.
—John Henry Cardinal Newman
- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God is right there to offer you strength and guidance.
—Anonymous

School Kits are being Collected

August - September

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| J 1 pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip) | J 12 sheets colored construction paper (varied colors) |
| J 2 pads of spiral or loose-leaf 8 1/2 X 11 ruled paper | J 24 crayons in it's own box (Not a Box Split Up!) |
| J 1-30 cm ruler (12") | J 14 X 16 cloth bag with a Velcro closure - pattern can be found on our website or ask the office for a copy |
| J 1 hand held pencil sharpener | J Monetary Donations towards items to finish bags. |
| J 6 new pencils unsharpened with erasers | |
| J 1 - 2 1/2" eraser | |



*For the grace
of God
has appeared,
bringing
salvation
to all.*

Titus 2:11



was only three (or 13 or 33 or 55). What was God's hurry?"

The best approach is to talk less. Offer a warm, meaningful handshake or a loving embrace. Sympathetic eyes, a sorrowful face, a gentle squeeze of an arm and the assurance of your prayer are often all that are needed. Food or flowers taken to the home say more than a thousand words.

Afterwards, remember that you've gone back to life as usual, but they haven't. Check up on your friend later on. Don't expect them to call you — call them first. Your voice

On saying the wrong thing

A young pastor got through his first funeral fairly well. That is, until the daughter thanked him after the graveside benediction. The pastor smiled and without thinking said what he usually told Sunday worshipers leaving church, "Thank you for coming."

The daughter got a strange look on her face and walked away. He was

embarrassed by his lack of sensitivity.

We mean well when we offer comfort, but sometimes we say the wrong thing. Below are common offerings of comfort and how the bereaved person might respond.

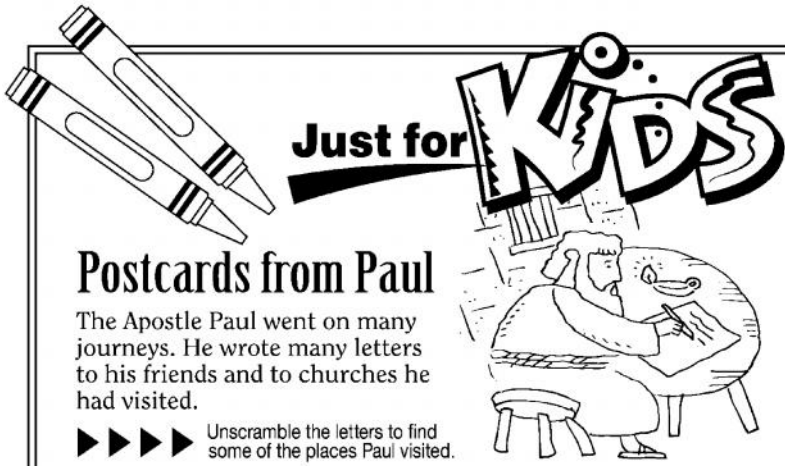
"God wanted this to happen for a reason." The bereaved person may think, "So what's the reason, and why did it happen

to my beloved?"

"God needed him (or her) more than you do." The bereaved might ask, "How do you know that? I need him, too!"

"It is all a part of God's plan." The bereaved might counter "Well, it's not a part of my plan."

"We all die sometime. It was just her time." Incensed, the mourner may say, "But she



Postcards from Paul

The Apostle Paul went on many journeys. He wrote many letters to his friends and to churches he had visited.

▶▶▶▶ Unscramble the letters to find some of the places Paul visited.


WORD BANK				
ANTIOCH	CYPRUS	TARSUS	PERGA	CORINTH
ATHENS	EPHESUS	ROME	PHILIPPI	ICONIUM

GREAP HIPLIPPI CHANTIO

RIOTCHN SESHUEP YUSCPR

MONICU RUSSAT

T H E N A S M E O R



What did Paul do on his journeys?

“ _____ the kingdom of God, and
 _____ those things which concern the
 Lord Jesus Christ”

— Acts 28:31, KJV

Answers: PERGA, PHILIPPI, ANTIOCH, CORINTH, EPHESUS, CYPRUS, ICONIUM, TARSUS, ATHENS, ROME, PREACHING, TEACHING



Preparing for Ingathering 2005

September 24th

Ingathering 2005 is already in the works. Mark your calendar now for this Sept. 24 event at Dakota Wesleyan University. Last year's event raised more than \$214,000 in cash and in-kind donations: 4,124 health kits, 3,326 school kits, 606 layettes, 505 sewing kits, 20 flood clean up kits.

Projects for this year's Ingathering:

- **Cash and auction receipts** go to World Hunger/Poverty agencies (one-half), Heifer International (one-fourth), local Dakotas hunger projects (one-half).
- **Church World Service** -- \$5 cash gifts designated to purchase blankets for children and families in need.
- **UMCOR Depot.** Health, sewing and school kits, plus layettes will be shipped to the United Methodist Committee on Relief Depot in Louisiana. For details on kit contents online visit our website at <http://www.dakotasumc.org> and click "Mission Engagement."
- **Soup Labels.** Collected for Open Door Community Center in Bismarck and United Methodist Pierre Area Community Ministry.
- **Silent Auction.** Place your bids on handcrafted, home grown items, including special gifts from Volunteers in Missions. Plan to bring items to be included on the auction.
- **Auction.** Quilts, banners, wood crafted items, paintings, stained glass and other fine art.
- **Shoebbox Christmas 2005.** Each box should have the lid and box gift-wrapped separately. Please mark gifts with gender and age category: infant to age 1, 2-3-years, 4-5 years, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, Youth (13 and up) Boxes should be filled with new clothing (nothing used), and things that are fun and/or educational. Candy is acceptable as long as it's age appropriate. Lids are then rubber-banded on the box. Items to NOT place in boxes: knives, box openers, money. Money may be given separately to Children of the Harvest with a "Shoebbox Christmas" designation to help provide additional gifts.

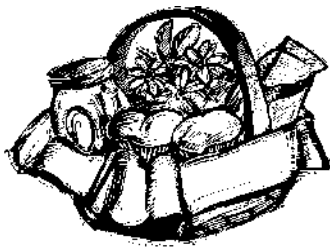
Donations may be dropped at DWU after noon Friday, Sept. 23.

Is this a project where you would like to be involved? Contact coordinators John and Cindy Srstka, 5604 Circle Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, 605-323-1315.

Roof Update

Work has begun to fix the leaky flat roofs. Here are photos of the outside and inside as they close up the windows in the fellowship hall so that the sloped roof can be put on. The workers also insulated that wall at the top which was not done before.

Please make sure you have sent in your challenge cards as work needs to proceed.



Fill a Basket!

After giving her sermon on Jesus Feeding Five Thousand, Mary Hayenga brought in baskets. She asked that everyone would take a basket home and fill it with something (food, fishing tackle, bath items, etc.). Then, bring it back to the Fall Festival to be sold and raise some money for our roof. You may use any basket and join the fun and creativity!



September Family Committee - Groton

Ann & Gerald Rix

Mendy & James Jones

Melissa & Neil Gilbert

Joy & Don Walter

Mary Ann & Bob Wehde

Marjorie & Roger Overacker

Laurel & Monte McNickle & Murdock

Jeanne Wanous

Marva & Lon Gellhaus

Florrann Norris

Christine & Sherwin Nyberg

Jack Oliver

Betty & Charlie Strom

Dwight Strom

Ruth Thompson

Richard Voss

Marsha & Wayne Wienk

Diann & Brad Morehouse, Jessie & Desiree

Honorary Members

) Clara Rix

) Margaret Blader

) Dick & Gert Ruden

) Eunice Sperry

Extra Responsibilities

) Take care of lawn as necessary

) Potluck 2nd Sunday



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Our Church Happenings

August 6 - Central District Retreat at Conde, 9:00 am

August 9 - CDR Band at UMC Ministry Outreach Center in Aberdeen, 7:00 pm

August 10 - Groton Ad Council 8 pm

August 17 - Conde UMW meet at 12:00 noon, bring a salad.

Conde Ad Council 7:00 pm.

August 29 & 30 - Groton Church making Lefse. We start at 8:30 am each day!

August 30 - Groton UMW Prayer Vigil, 9:00-9:45 am for missions & missionaries.

Sept 10 - UMW District Annual Meeting in Gettysburg, SD

(bring quilts, any size, and new teddy bears)

Sept 24 - Bishop's Ingathering - DWU

