



United Methodist Messenger

Worship

Worship is a place and time where we can all come together and offer our praise and thanks to God. After all, God has been taking care of us all through the week, ready-on call 24/7 to answer our questions and offer guidance. Many of us think we can handle everything that life throws at us ALL BY OURSELVES. Many things we can handle. The rest we do need help with and would appreciate someone to come alongside of us and let us know we are doing an o.k. job in life.

Worship is a time when we can say "thank you" to God. Thank you through our songs, the Word, in our prayers and especially by just being there. We want to be individuals who have a mind of our own, but God is clear when God says we need to be in the company of other believers. That company is called **church**. **"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples"** (John 13:25 NLT)

When we come we are from all different backgrounds and places, social layers and races. We cannot be believers on our own of Jesus Christ because we need others to share in being "in the body of Christ".

Our local church is just the **testing ground** where we learn to get along in the family of God. If one of us suffers, all of us suffer. If one is

honored we all share in the honor. (I Cor 12:26).

It is a commitment and God wants us to share our lives with each other. We understand that Jesus laid down his life for us, now we "ought to lay down our lives for our brothers" This is the sacrificial love of believers--to love others as Jesus loves us.

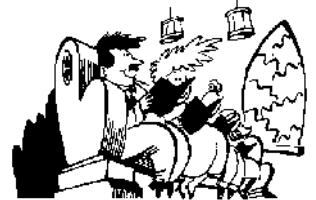
A church family helps us to mature and build spiritual strength. Each of us has a purpose in our life and it is that purpose that needs to be uncovered. Our spiritual gifts tell us what that purpose is. We learn to share in burden sharing, forgiveness, encouraging each other, serving, teaching, accepting and yes, even admonishing each other.

The body of Christ, your church, needs you to be helping each other through our spiritual gifts. When that happens we then share in the mission of the world. We are to carry out the message of God's love to all of the world, not just take it and hold it for ourselves. God has work for us to do and until we submit to that thought then we are just being, not doing.

A church family helps keep you on the straight road. We help each other, even if we wander off and get lost for a while, to come home and seek direction once again.

The enemy, Satan, loves us when

we are detached from our church family, away from believers and isolated for then we are powerless and defenseless against his tactics.



Church is a place that builds up godly leaders who are committed to a Christian way of life. We are to be **living in the world, but not being as the world is**, set aside and belonging to God.

Being in church tells God we are God's children, ready to commit ourselves to Christ, to be a church member and committing ourselves to be with other believers. The first choice we have is to accept Jesus as our personal Savior, the second is to bring each other fellowship. There is strength in loving, serving and helping others to be in the family of God.

Other people are waiting to see you -- your face, be connected to you once again. They long to have familiar people around them -- to be in worship together.

Come to be part of the worship for the One who created us, loves us and waits for our obedience.

See you in church - soon - your place is always open for you to come home.

Pastor Jan

Groton Thanksgiving Community Dinner - 10 Years!

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 24th at 12:00 noon, hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church at the SEAS Church. As in the past, the United Methodist church will be asked to furnish the following items listed below:

- J 5 pies
- J 10# bag of white potatoes due 11/23 to the church
- J 1 - 4qt casserole of squash or sweet potatoes
- J 2 large salads (serve 10-15)
- J 2 large crock pots plain turkey dressing
- J 1-20 to 25# turkey, roasted, deboned with drippings

at 10 am on 11/24

- J Cash donations (to purchase buns, butter, corn, etc)
- J 1 or 2 people on Wednesday to peel potatoes and help set-up
- J 4-6 people to help prepare and serve at 10:30 on Thursday
- J 4-6 people on clean-up/dishes on Thursday after the dinner

If you would like to spend your Thanksgiving Holiday by assisting in any of these areas, please notify Alan and Jolene Townsend. Happy Thanksgiving to You!!!



Children of the Harvest Bracelets What is this?

The Dakota's Conference theme is bringing in God's harvest. Bringing persons to hear the love of God through Jesus Christ. A special part of that is to bring God's love to the children of the Dakotas, in particular to the children in poverty. On the Spirit Lake Reservation near Devil's Lake ND are 3000 children who our missionaries Bob and Ada Lower are trying to reach with love, food clothing and a safe place to grow and learn. We have packed and sent Shoe Box Christmas

gifts and the bracelets are a reminder to keep these children in our prayers. They are sold for \$1.00 each. If you want to buy a bracelet, put the money in an envelope in the offering plate. The bracelets that were handed out in church have been paid for, and they are to be worn to remind us of the children living in the Dakotas who need our prayers, our love and understanding. The funds support the work of the Lowars.



Pack the Backpack

There is a need for underwear. For children age 5 to 10 who cannot attend school if they do not have adequate clothing. The Lowars say they are receiving used coats, hats and mittens but also are badly in need of underwear and socks for these children.

So, can we **Pack the Backpack?**

There is a large blue backpack at the church. If you can find your way to

purchase a pack of undies or socks, just tuck it into the pack and when it is full, we will send it to the children of the harvest.

If you want to know more about the ministry of Bob and Ada Lower and the Children of the Harvest mission right here in the Dakotas, go to dakotasumc.org Click on Mission Engagement and then Bishop's Initiative and then children of the harvest.

WANTED!

Addresses

**Mail and/or E-Mail of
college kids and military
personnel who the
church needs to keep in
touch with.**

UMC Communications

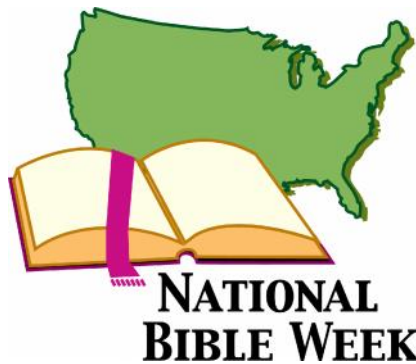
sends out a newsletter e-mail each Monday. To join this informational list, go to www.umcom.org and click the Sign-Up Now Button and fill in the form. Any problems please e-mail

erpharv@msn.com

Or you may read them at http://www.santel.net/~du/mcc/monday_dakotas.html

Groton Prayer Chain

Marlys Rodman	397-4570
Jean Lowary	397-8228
Audrey Thurston	397-8493
Gert Ruden	397-8211
Pat Dahlquist	397-2616
Florann Norris	397-2638
Mary Swisher	397-8259
Gloria Pharis	397-2375
Mary Jane Schott	397-8588
Doris Zoellner	397-2417
Marjorie Townsend	298-5221
Marjorie Overacker	397-8562
Darlys Kampa	395-6996
Marvel/Bob Johnson	397-2425
Carolyn Snyder	397-8396
Mary Ann Whede	397-8330
*Currently 44 on email prayer chain.	



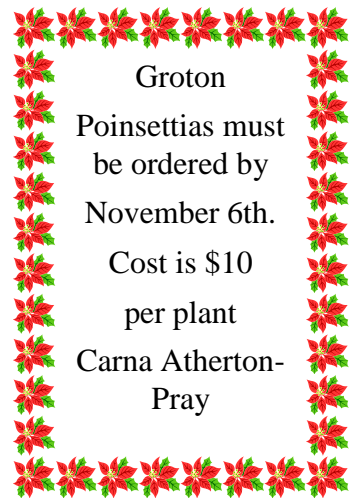
Spend Time This Week
Reading the Bible!

It's good for life!

November 20-27th

Most American Homes
Own a Bible.

Where is yours?



Groton
Poinsettias must
be ordered by
November 6th.
Cost is \$10
per plant
Carna Atherton-
Pray

Groton All Church Christmas Decorating

Nov 27th after church

Regular Coffee time will
be held followed by
decorating the church.

BBQ & Chips lunch will be
served after the
decorating is completed.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dakotas Team Plans Louisiana Trip for 2006

Plans are under way for a Dakotas Conference trip to the UMCOR Disaster Response Depot in Baldwin LA next May 13-21, 2006. The trip is being led by experienced missions Gladys McCracken and Beth Niemeyer of Brookings.

This is an opportunity to be a part of a mission group within the boundaries of the U.S. and to join with other Christians from Dakotas Conference for a week of work and fun. Accommodations have been reserved at the dormitory for 30 people. Couples are housed in individual rooms; others of same sex share rooms dorm

style. Travel will be on a Tumbleweed Tours motor coach. In past our trips have involved males and females from age 12 to 80+. Total cost is \$650 per person plus \$50 project money, which for most is provided by your local church, by application through the Outreach committee.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Gladys McCracken at 123 W Hwy 14 ByPass, Brookings, SD 57006-4215, 605-692-5985 or e-mail at gcracken@brookings.net to receive more information and be included on the mailing list.



"Love
the LORD
your God
with all your
heart...soul
...mind and...
strength."

Mark 12:30



Conde Ad Council Minutes - October

The Conde Administrative Council met at 7:00 on Wednesday, October 19. The following persons were present: Betty Jensen, Marion Jensen, Betty Taylor, Darrel Haskell, Donna Hearnen, and Pastor Jan Price.

Reports from Committees:

TRUSTEES: Cleaning of the church carpet and a general cleaning are still on hold. It would be nice to have some volunteers, and suggestions for a time that would work the best.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Sunday School is going well, and the UMYF is scheduled to meet in November.

MISSION COMMITTEE: Rich Jost will be at the church service on October 30 to explain the solar oven. November 27 is United Methodist Students Offering. This is one of the six Special Sundays for mission. In November we will start collecting items and money for the UMCOR Layette Kits. Following is a list of items that go in

the kit. 6 cloth diapers, 2 undershirts or 2 onsies, 2 baby wash cloths, 2 gowns or sleepers, 2 diaper pins, 1 sweater or sweat-shirt that opens in the front, 2 receiving blankets (it is best to buy the fabric and the edges can be hemmed or serged - 36X40 is a nice size). When buying items for a complete kit, buy everything the same size or same weight which is the way some things are sized. Preferred size is about 6-9 months.

Events in November:

Stewardship Campaign - Letters will be sent out with more information.

Bible Study for Advent - Those that are interested should contact Pastor Jan with suggestions on day and time (afternoon or evening).

Administrative Council Meeting - Sunday, November 20th after church services. All church members are encouraged to attend.

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

Conde UMW

November 16th

2:00 pm

**Pat Siefken presents
the lesson on Prayer**



Conde Birthday & Anniversaries November

2 - Ashley Patterson
3 - Marsha Murphy
8 - Dorothy Sanderson
13 - Arlene Peterson
24 - Floyd Smith

25 - Bud Bruckner
28 - Eric Menzia
29 - Cheri Kurtz

20 - Mr & Mrs Bill Thomas Anniversary


Conde St. John's

Annual Soup Supper at the Conde Community Center on Sunday, Nov 6th from 4:00-7:00 pm

Serving Chili, Creamy Broccoli Cheese, & Chicken Noodle Soup with Homemade Bread & Pies

\$5 Adults, \$3 Child 4-12, and 3 & under are free







Here's a Story of a "Thankful Bunch."

We can rejoice and give thanks to God, just as many thankful people did in Bible times. Use the list of names to fill in the blank lines, and then use the leaf code to complete the verse.


Names: Elijah, Naaman, Hannah, paralyzed man, Jairus, Moses, Rahab, Mary & Martha




Led his people through the Red Sea.




Jericho fell, but she and her family were saved.




Her prayer was heard and she gave her son to God.




Ravens brought him food.




Cured of his leprosy, he worshiped God.



Their brother was raised from the dead.



Lowered through a roof, Jesus healed him.



Jesus brought his daughter back to life.

"SO WE ... W _ LL G _ VE Y _ _ NKS F _ EVE _ ;
 WE W _ LL S _ W F _ Y _ _ ISE
 LL GENE _ _ NS." *Psalm 79:13, NKJV*



Groton UMYF Schedule November

8th - Meet at church at 6:30 to go through the contemporary service. Everyone has a part in the service so let Christi know if you can't be in it on November 13th.

9th - Supper at church at 6:00 and then go to the 7:00 Youth Rally

13th - Contemporary Service and then stay to help with the Men's Dinner

27th - Decorate for Christmas after Church. Dinner provided.



WELCOME



Give Thanks

Holden Douglas was born to Doug & Crystal Sippel on Sunday, October 30th. He was 19" long and 6lbs 10 oz.

Answers:
Moses, Rahab, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus.
"SO WE ... WILL GIVE YOU THANKS FOREVER, WE WILL SHOW FORTH YOUR PRAISE TO ALL GENERATIONS." Psalm 79:13, NKJV

Groton Birthday's & Anniversaries November



3 Lorraine Bartz
7 Marva Gellhaus
10 Florran Norris
Lee Swenson
11 Doug Sippel
14 Vicki Strom
15 Jack Oliver
16 Halley Schmidt
18 Luverne Strom
19 Christopher Krueger
Crystal Sippel
Garrett Heitmann
Heather Sippel
21 Art Lange

23 Francine Sippel
25 Emery Sippel
Kari Hanson
28 Amanda Geist
29 Audrey Thurston
30 Tanner Johnson

3 Jon & Gayleen Voss
15 Fred & Elaine Wolken
18 Todd & Deb Thurston
21 Larry & Sharon Wheeting

FOREVER GLORIA

By the Aberdeen
Community Living
Christmas Tree

Performances are:

Saturday,

December 3rd

Sunday, December 4th

Aberdeen Civic Arena

A filled heart

Syndicated columnist Bill Ellis often writes about such important days as Christmas, Easter, Memorial Day and others. A few years ago he offered these thoughts just before Thanksgiving:

"When a heart is filled with gratitude, there is little room for such things as grudges, unforgiveness, hatred, envy, jealousy, greed and the like. A sense of gratitude does good for both the spiritual heart and the physical heart. Consider that many heart attacks may be precipitated by stress, worry, pressure and anxiety. Let gratitude fill your heart."

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Groton December Family Committee

Jolene & Alan Townsend & Zachary Barton
Meri & John Erickson & Seth
Mary & Cal Hayenga
Pam & Doug Bahr
Brian Bahr
Dion Bahr
Anita & John Lowary
Connie & Dave Nilsson & Alexa
Bert Raap
Linda & Gary Thurston
William & Wanda Zoellner
Dick Oliver
Michelle & Bruce Schumacher
Robert Hood
Hazel McKittrick

Honorary Members

DeLoris Knoll

Extra Responsibilities

-) Water the Poinsettias
-) Clean & Organize Hallway Closet and Storage Room off the Choir Loft
-) Help decorate church with November committee
-) Change altar cloths to white for Christmas Eve
-) Change the banners for the Christmas Season
-) Shovel Snow from doorways before Church
-) Potluck 2nd Sunday (organize & provide hot dishes)



December 2005

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Groton UMW Minutes - October

The Groton unit of United Methodist Women met Wednesday afternoon, October 19, at the church. Jolene Townsend presented the program, "Making the World Our Parish". She showed a map depicting the locations of UMW outreach programs. The map also showed where the World Thank Offering dollars go for women and children in countries around the world. She explained the 5 channels of undesignated giving.

The PURPOSE was recited and Mary Hayenga gave devotions from the "Children of the Harvest" publication. She said "We are the people who need to help children to know they are loved—wherever they are" and cited the Spirit Lake Reservation in North Dakota where there are 3000 needy children. She explained the COTH program and closed with prayer.

President Jolene called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved and the treasurer report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Spiritual Growth: Ruby Luce has shingles; Brock Abeln's surgery was successful; and a birthday card will be sent to Garrett Heitmann.

Membership: Marjorie Townsend reported that the secret angel list needs restructuring.

Social Action: No report

Education and Interpretation: Gloria said there are three quilts available to be distributed. Michelle Kramer will take them to Av-era St. Lukes to be passed out.

Program Resources: New reading program books were highlighted by Jolene for 2006. The 2006 catalog is here. We already have one book by Bishop Coyner.

Nominations: A report will be needed next month.

Old Business: The vice-president, Gloria Pharis, needs help with the new program book. The Aberdeen style show was attended by several and reported good. Kay Brandt has a sample apron for use at the Men's dinner.

New Business: Jolene attended the Dakotas annual meeting in Rapid City. There were two speakers from the Womens' Division who led leadership training sessions. Jolene was installed as the Glacial Lakes District Program Resources chairman. The Fall Bazaar was reviewed. The lefse is done and there will be a bake sale and theme baskets for sale. The next Prayer Vigil for safeguarding children is scheduled for November 23 from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.

Mary Hayenga introduced a guest, Marge Bryan, who was a college friend. The meeting closed with a Pumpkin Prayer read in unison.

Lunch was served by Michelle Kramer and Rose Tewksbury.

Twila Ruden
Secretary



Groton UMW

November 16

2:00 pm

Program is "Preparing for Advent"/HymnFest

Leaders: Twila Ruden,
Clare Brotherton, Gloria
Pharis, & Jolene
Townsend

Hostesses: Caralee
Heitmann & Doris
Zoellner

Executive meeting at
1:00 pm to Plan
Christmas Luncheon,
Finalize 2006 Date Book,
Finalize 2006 Budget,
Summarize 2005 UMW

UMW Bazaar

November 13th

Bring Craft Items and Filled Baskets to the chapel from 12-4 pm on Saturday or before, so they can be displayed and priced. The baked goodies for the Bake Sale can arrive Saturday afternoon or by 9 am on Sunday.

Help Support your
UMW Mission
Projects!

UMW Prayer Vigil on November 23 from 9:00 to 9:45 am. UMW will be in prayer for Children's Day, for all children in the world: health, education, and freedom. Groton United Methodist Women will be in prayer "at home" during a specific 2 minute period. Want to help us pray? Contact Jolene

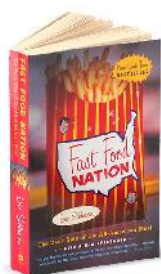


UMW Reading Program



“I Asked for Intimacy: Stories of blessings, Betrayal and Birthings” (Nurturing for Community - Red - 2001)

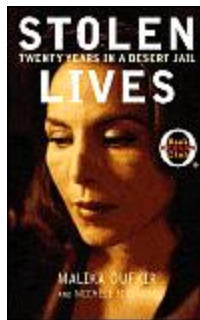
An associate professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School, ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and contributor to Essence magazine, Weems explores her own relationships and the pain women suffer as a result of rejection and violence. Weems relates her struggles to articulate her sense of “fundamentally a righteous stand: a woman’s right to love whoever finds her lovely,” a stand expressed through her own experience of being “sent out, left out, and kept out because I am different.” This work is a simple yet profound series of meditations on the value of love, relationships, and intimacy that articulate an African American woman’s experience but have universal value. It is recommended for public libraries.



“Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal” (Social Action - Yellow - 2004)

After years of always thinking fast food was a substitute of a meal, reading this book was a true revelation. It doesn’t give you straight up disgusting facts, but introduces you to the background and history of fast food, and what it has grown into today. This book has changed mine, and my entire family’s perception of the fast food industry, and let us in on the little known secrets that I’m

sure the industry would have preferred to keep on the down low. I am glad I read this book, because now I know the truth and have this completely new outlook on what it is these companies are truly about. An excellent read.



“Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail” (Education for Mission - Blue - 2005)

I just couldn’t put this book down once I started reading it. It is unfathomable that these sorts of things could happen in today’s day and age but they do, these people were still captive when the gulf war was happening, that alone just really blew me away. It is unreal to me that this family was able to stay alive, sane and together thru all of this and maintain their compassion and grace. I just hope these people that you grow to know in this book are ok today, I have looked for updates on them but have not found any. This woman’s spirit and determination should be an example for all of us, I could only dream to be as strong as this family, I really don’t think I would have made it thru this ordeal. The horrible after-thought is howeverhow many other political prisoners are there that didn’t have the will or means to escape.....the world can be a terribly ugly place. Thank God they survived.



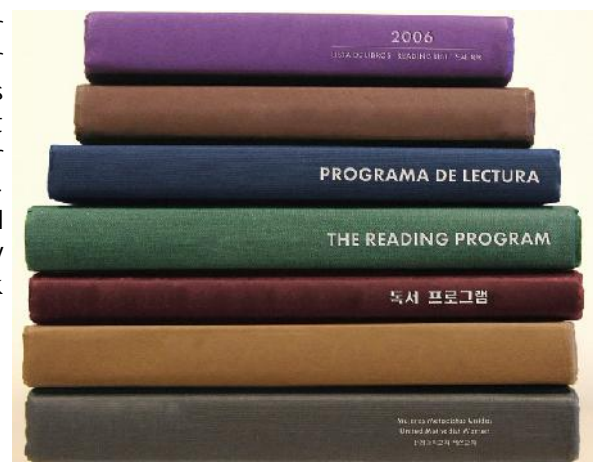
Layette Kits

- 6 cloth diapers**
- 2 t-shirts or onesies**
- 2 baby washcloths**
- 2 gowns or sleepers**
- 2 diaper pins**

1 sweater or sweatshirt
(must have a front opening with buttons or snaps to close OR a tie at the top)

2 receiving blankets

Articles of clothing preferred 6-9 months in size. Knit and Crochet sweater patterns available from the Church Office or on the web site.





Baptism Blessings to the family of Dan and Marjae Schinkel. Baptized were Danielle, Jasmine, Anthony, and Emma Jo.



*You shall
eat your fill and bless the
LORD your God for the
good land that he has
given you.*

Deuteronomy 8:10

UM Student Day - Nov 27th

"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.

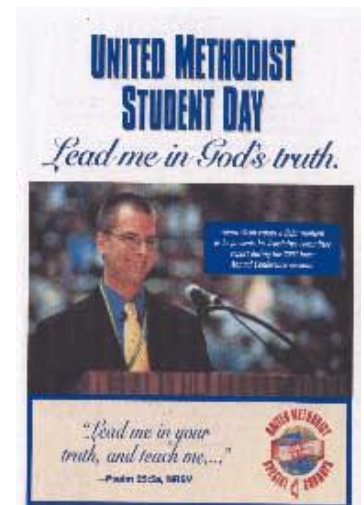
Undergraduates and graduates benefit from

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!





The inside work of the Roof Project has begun and the repairs to the ceilings and Sunday School Rooms are being done. Come and see the improvements being made to our church. Thank you all for your support on this project.



**New Candelabras in
Memory of
Arlene Boehmer
adorn our altar.**



**The Worship Carriage
has changed for the
Thanksgiving Season.**



Groton UMC Ad Council Minutes - October

Groton Admin. Council – Nine members were present on Oct. 11 to discuss the following agenda items:

Membership & Evangelism: Fifteen letters were sent out regarding member's wishes to stay on our membership roles. Of the six responses received, five wished to be removed and one wished to remain.

UMW: Jolene attended the annual conference in Rapid City.

UMYE: Flyers were sent out to 27 kids and an organization pizza party was scheduled for Oct. 26.

Lay Leader: The Charge Conference Book was completed but it was difficult to get people to be participants of committees.

Trustees: Ceilings in Sunday School rooms were to be completed the week of

Oct. 10. There was discussion regarding the flooring in the Sunday School rooms. Have received a bid for fellowship, hall, and kitchen replacement ceiling tile.

Finance: The 2006 budget was reviewed. The total budget did go down. Total apportionments are behind four months.

Memorial: New candelabras are in place.

Missions: Meetings have not been very well attended, may need to narrow scope to fewer projects.

Pastor/Parish: Met to set budget. The Pastor's salary was reviewed. The council approved installation of high speed internet for the Pastor.

**Enriching Spiritual Lives
through Christ.**



Groton Stewardship Report October 2005

Average Wkly Giving
\$1,474

Needed Weekly to Meet
Church Needs
\$1,874

Average Weekly
Attendance
82

Total Building Fund
Offerings
\$40

Total Roof Fund
Offerings for Month
\$11,480

**GROTON/CONDE
PARISHES**

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

November 13th
11 am - 1 pm

Swedish Meatballs & Ham

Bake Sale

Lefse Sale

Theme Basket Sale

Craft Sale

Our Church Happenings

- Nov 1 All Saints Day
Nov 2 Conde Martha Circle 7 pm
Nov 6 Groton Poinsettia orders due
Nov 8 Groton UMYF 6:30 Service Practice
Nov 9 Groton UMYF 6:00 supper - 7:00 Youth Rally
Groton Ad Council 8:00 pm
Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 13 Contemporary Service by UMYF
Men's Dinner & UMW Bazaar
Nov 16 Conde UMW 2:00 pm
Groton UMW 2:00 Exec 1:00
Nov 20 Christ the King Sunday
Conde Ad Council after church
Nov 20-27 National Bible Week
Nov 23 Groton UMW Prayer Vigil 9-9:45 am
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner
Nov 27 Advent Begins
UM Student Day Offering
Groton All-Church Decorating



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