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Servants



It's twilight on a beautiful fall day. I look out my window at the trees, pine and ash, silhouetted against a pale peachy pink and blue sky. The light is soft and calming and the music in the background invites me to close my eyes and just steep myself in this moment. A-a-a-a-ah life in it's fullest. Thank you, God.

Many thoughts have been with the thousands of people that have been through the hurricanes in the Gulf Coast states. Their losses are beyond our wildest dreams. It has gently touched my own family with a niece who just made it out with her husband and their family pets. Praise God for delivering them to safety. Our church has responded well and offered much in the form of financial aid to our agency that uses 100% of the money to go to the aid of those who have nothing. Thank you God for sparing so many in God's timeless way. Continue to work with so many, bringing them strength, safety and reconnection to loved ones and a new way of life.

So many "servants" showed up to give themselves away by coming to help others. We have many "servants" who come through our lives. Here in the church I enjoy a fresh smile from a special friend who just likes to "pop" in and breath joy into my life every few days. Others are those strong helpful guys, Lucius Geffre and Bryan Becker who came to help move a gazillion boxes to the garage and gave up part of an after-

noon to be really useful. They give young people a good name for their efforts. Blessings. There are those people who just do by continually making coffee, bars, cookies so others can enjoy fellowship time together (even if there is no recipe!)

Some are quiet and never make a peep unless you end up in the same place where they are quietly "servanting" (is that a word?). One gentle person is Bert Raap, who comes to fill the candles, prep the wicks by hand and make sure all is ready for a few more worship hours. When asked why he comes, Bert replies," It's quiet and peaceful here, I feel closer to God and I feel connected with Darlene" (his wife who died last year at almost this time of year). Yes, Bert I know how God has a way of using our "servanthood" to be helpful and useful for others in this world while we heal. It's what Jesus might have done. Praying while doing something.

I am privileged beyond words to be your pastor. And blessed to serve among you here in this precious place and area. Each church I serve has grace, peace and servants looking to share themselves with the world. It's what Christ calls us to be...servants. It's a good thing and a good feeling. Thank you for letting me serve among you.

Peace, joy, hugs and handshakes, Pastor Jan

*Permission given for quote from Bert.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

Emma Jo

WELCOME

Born Tuesday, August 30, to the parents of Daniel and Marjae Schinkel. She weighed 7 lbs 9 ozs and was 20 1/2 inches long. Please Welcome Emma Jo October 23rd with a Blessings Shower hosted by her church friends during Coffee Hour. Emma Jo will be baptized that Sunday too along with her brother and sisters. Welcome Emma Jo!





Ingathering 2005

Conde Kits Sent

27 School Kits 39 Health Kits 2 Sewing Kits 4 Baby Layette 1 Bedding Kit 4 blankets 5 quilts

2 throws

MISSIONS

The Ingathering took place in Mitchell on September 24th.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way, especially the Secret Angels who sorted, shopped, and boxed all the kits!!! God Loves You.

Groton Kits Sent

53 School Kits 44 Health Kits 5 Sewing Kits 1 Baby Layette 17 Christmas Shoeboxes



UMW Fall Bazaar

It's time to start thinking about what you can contribute to the annual UMW Bazaar. The plans are similar as last year, your "Craft Items" and "Filled Baskets" need to be delivered 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 9:00 am Sunday. The "Lefse" is ready!! Find those "special recipes" and get out the glue gun and help support your UMW Mission Projects.

There will be a display table in the fellowship hall with examples of the "Filled Baskets" with themes. We hope this will encourage your participation in this wonderful idea!

Men's Dinner

Thank
you to Gary &
Caralee Heitmann and Harry
& Gloria Pharis
for being CoChair's for the



Congratulations Groton UMW Members

At the UMW Central District Annual Meeting in Gettysburg on September 10, our unit received the "5 Star Award" for contributing to the 5 areas of Undesignated Giving and the "Three Flame Certificate of Achievement" for reaching and surpassing the Mission Today Goals set by our unit, district, and conference. Five women were also recognized for completing the UMW Reading Program. Joy Walter, Anita Lowary, Jolene Townsend, Mary Swisher, and Jean Lowary were given certificates. We are looking forward to a great 2005-2006 year as we reorganize into the "new" Glacial Lakes Conference. Each of you should be receiving your 2005-2006 Pledge Letter in the mail soon, please try to pledge as soon as possible as we can prepare our budget and goals for the coming year.

The purpose of the Reading Program is to encourage United Methodist Women:

- to expand understanding of and participation in God's mission:
- to increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interests, and concerns:
- to encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today;
- to grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life;
-) to enhance self-knowledge and to act from that knowledge;

to strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

The Women's Division recommends a diverse range of books with the intention of broadening exposure to a variety of concepts. The Division does not intend that United Methodist Women accept each



word or idea contained within each volume. Some books you may agree with. Some you may not. Either is all right. At the least you know the Women's Division cares and wants you to be a knowledgeable and caring Christian about the issues of the day.

Groton Thanksgiving Community Dinner

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

- J 5 pies
- 10# bag of white potatoes due 11/23 to the church
- 1 4qt casserole of squash or sweet potatoes
- 2 large salads (serve 10-15)
- 2 large crock pots plain turkey dressing
- 1-20 to 25# turkey, roasted, deboned with drippings at 10 am on 11/24

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



Conde UMW Minutes - Sept 21st

The Conde United Methodist Women met on September 21st with eight members and two visitors present. The lesson on Prayer and Praying was led by Betty Jensen. Using Matthew 6:1-15, Luke 11, and John 17 as a guide in our discussion everyone took part in telling what prayer meant in their life and how we can fit time for prayer in our busy lives. Each section of the Lord's Prayer was put into our own words to enable us to help us live each day as the Lord would want us to.

Donna Hearnen conducted the business meeting, asking Pat Siefken to lead us in singing the Purpose.

Business included a report on the kits to be taken to the In-Gathering on Saturday. These are all packaged and ready to be boxed. Pat Siefken, Donna Hearnen, and Betty Taylor attended the Central District meeting in Gettysburg. Our district will now be known as the Glacial Lakes district as the districts have been reassigned.

Marsha Murphy received a recognition pin and certificate as someone in our church who is active in missions.

In order to fill the offices of leadership of mission this year the positions of leaders for SPIRITUAL GROWTH & EDUCATION/INTERPRETATION were combined and SOCIAL ACTION & MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, OUTREACH were combined. The slate of officers for the coming year are: DONNA HEARNEN, president; PAT SIEFKEN, vice-president; BETTY TAYLOR, secretary; JANE WORLIE, treasurer,

growth & education/interpretation; DONNA WALTER, social action & membership, nurture, & outreach. This slate of officers were elected for the year 2006, as well as Cindy Smith to complete the nominating committee.

Donna read the Glacial Lakes district slate of officers and their budget for the year 2006. Each unit has one vote and it was approved by our unit.

The Christmas Shoe Boxes are about ready to go. Church cleaning is being planned and a date for planning next years program is in the wind.

Hostess Donna Walter served delicious pie and coffee for lunch.

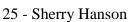
The October meeting is on the 19th with Pat Siefken leading the program. Hostesses are Betty

Birthday's in Conde

October

9 - Joseph Smith

22 - Janice Hanson Shane Haskell



28 - Janet Rossow

29 - Marcene Bruckner

Happy Anniversary to
Mr & Mrs Russell
Buising
October 1st





Charge Conference Oct 12th

at 7 pm In Conde

This is a celebration of what each committee has done to help bring in the "harvest". Whatever your committee has done for the past year, we will need a report of at least a paragraph or two or more (larger committees) of your action work. Submit to the office whenever you are ready, we will compose a booklet to share with the entire church. We should be proud to serve the Lord.

Conde Ad Council Minutes - Sept 18

Conde Administrative Council met after Church Services on Sunday, September 18. Fourteen people were present.

Treasurer's Report stated that money had to be withdrawn from Savings again this month in order to meet the expenses.

Trustees Report: Darrel Haskell has contacted Aberdeen Clean All to clean the carpeting in the Fellowship Hall and some of the adjoining rooms. This will be done after a general church cleaning. Anyone who would like to help with this project should contact Cindy Smith.

Education Committee Report: Marsha Murphy reported that the first meeting of the United Methodist Youth Group will be held Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 pm. Six youth have expressed interest in joining. The Church is going to purchase a DVD Player because the program that Marsha is using is on DVD. Each of the three Sunday School Classes prepared a "Shoe Box Christmas" to be taken to Ingathering in Mitchell.

Mission Committee Report: The Conde congregation has had the opportunity to donate to Hurricane Katrina Relief through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). This is an "Advance Special" and the church can still accept donations, as help is going to be needed for a long time. Another UMCOR project is the Health, School, Sewing, Layette, and Bedding Kits. The following kits were put together and taken to the Ingathering: 39 Health Kits, 27 School Kits, 2 Sewing Kits, 4 Layettes, and 1 Bedding Kit. Some of these kits will find their way to people in the hurricane area. Other items that were collected and will travel the same route include: 4 blankets, 5 quilts, and 2 small throws.

It was decided to buy two new tables for church. These will be purchased at Wheelers Office Supply in Huron and Memorial Money will be used for these and also for the DVD Player. The copy machine has been repaired, so this replacement will not have to be made.

The different committees will be meeting to prepare for Charge Conference to be held in Conde on Wednesday, October 12. The next Council Meeting will

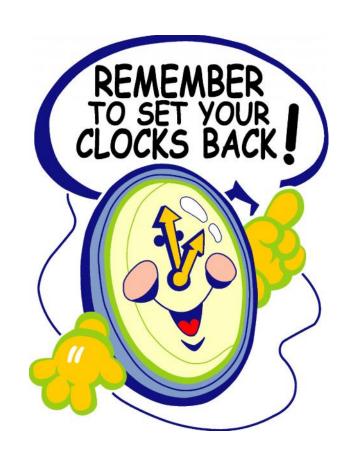
Conde UMYF Group Starting



Friendship First is the theme of this year's Conde UMYF Group. We invite all 7th through 12th grade youth to join us for

food, friendship, and fun with God. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:0-0 pm at the church. Any questions, please contact Marsha Murphy at 382-5608 or Betty Geist at 395-6596. You're welcome to bring a friend - Hope to see you there!!

From the cup of mid-October the spice of life is poured, and with the zest of autumn's noontide comes a welcomed sense of rest. Anonymous





UMW Mission Recognition Sunday



Above: Receiving UMW Mission Recognition Pins are: Bert Raap, Kelli Hanson, Carna Atherton-Pray, and Kay Brandt Below: Receiving the Jewel of a woman Mission Pin is Linda Thurston.





God Hears and Answers Prayers

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-
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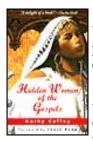
UMW Reading Program



Fabulous After 50: Finding Fulfillment for Tomorrow (2004) Nurturing for Community - Red

Researching FABULOUS AF-

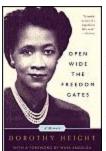
TER FIFTY with my co-author, revolutionized my Shirley, thinking! We don't have to be crippled by age; it's largely preventable! This book is a bookstore-in-a-book, covering attitude, diet, exercise, spiritual life, menopause, relationships... Its format lends itself to group study; a GYN cowrote the chap on menopause, and a dietician worked with us on the diet chapter. You will find practical help and HOPE in this book!



H i d d e n Women of the Gospels (2005) Spiritual Growth - Green

Kathy Coffery has given us a delightful look at some behind-the-

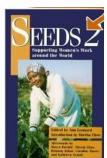
scenes characters from the Gospels. In so doing she raises some key issues in spirituality-for women especially--and helps us all to confront the challenge the gospel message presents.



Open
Wide the Freedom Gates: A
Memoir (2005
*Bonus Book)
Social Action/
Nurture for
Community Yellow

Dorothy Height marched civil rights rallies, through tense White House meetings, and witnessed every major victory in the struggle for racial equality. In her bestselling memoir, she walks us through her remarkable life of service and leadership. We witness her childhood encounters with racism and thrill at her New York college life during the Harlem Renaissance. We see her march against lynching, sit with her onstage as Martin Luther King Jr. delivers his "I

have a dream" speech, and watch as she leads the National Council for Negro Women for forty-one years, her diplomatic counsel sought by U.S. Presidents from Eisenhower to Clinton. The result is not just an inspirational account of one woman's fight for civil rights, but also "a poignant short course in a century of African-American history."



Seeds 2:
Supporting
Women's Work
Around the
World (2001)
Education for
Mission - Blue

The Stories in Seeds 2

offer valuable descriptions of good programs struggling with real problems. They are practical, insightful organizing tools for those seeking to empower women around the world. The question is never can it be done, but rather how to do it!

Beginning Experience Retreat

Beginning Experience of Eastern SD is hosting a spiritual peer retreat for widowed and divorced. The weekend is an invitation for growth and passage through the grief process. Facilitated by those that have previously passed through this process. It will be held at Blue Cloud Abbey, Oct 28, 29, and 30th. Contact Jody Bull for more information. 397-8195.

Groton UMW Meeting

October 19th

2:00 PM Wednesday

World Thank Offering

"The Prayer Jesus Taught Us"

Leader: Jolene Townsend

Hostesses: Michelle Kramer & Rose Tewksbury



During this time of year many people get a cold or the flu. Doctors can give medicine to help those people feel better. The Bible suggests something that we can give to make someone feel better anytime of the year. Proverbs 17:22 says, "A cheerful heart is good medicine" What is the best way to show our cheerfulness?

Connect the numbered dots to find out!

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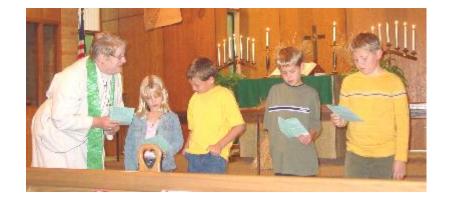
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T H E PRAISE!

3rd Grade Bibles

Bibles given out in Groton to Kyler Ell, Dylan Vogel, Chance Strom, Danielle Schinkel, Kaitlin O'Neil, Lucas Sternhagen, and Jocelyn Peterson.

Bibles given out in Conde to Alex Lyren and Bailey Brown.



"I press on toward the goal

for... the heavenly call of

God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14, NRSV

World Communion Sunday

When you are a college junior, your life goals begin taking form, and Ashley Tyler thinks going to law school might be one of hers.

Now, however, the busi-

ness administration major is concentrating on completing her undergraduate degree at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, where she also

plays clarinet in the marching band

Active in The United Methodist Church all of her life, Ashley is quick to express thanks for the Ethnic Minority Scholarship she received. "Getting financial help from the church makes a big difference," she said. One of six children in her family, Ashley has shared her talents and her faith as an acolyte, choir member and Sunday school teacher in her local church; as a district youth representative; and as a Memphis Conference Council on Youth

Ministries member.

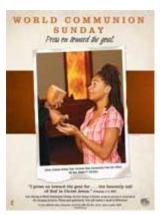
In his letter to the church at Philippi, the apostle Paul wrote: "I press toward the goal for...the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

Those could be the words of Ashley and other men and women for whom the journey is made easier by generous United Methodists. The World Commun-

ion Sunday offering provides Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate students like Ashley Tyler, Crusade Scholarship for international and U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority graduate students, and scholarships for racial- and ethnic-minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

Our World Communion Sunday gifts enable persons to "press on toward the goal" of serving God in life-changing ministries. Please give generously on World Communion Sunday, the

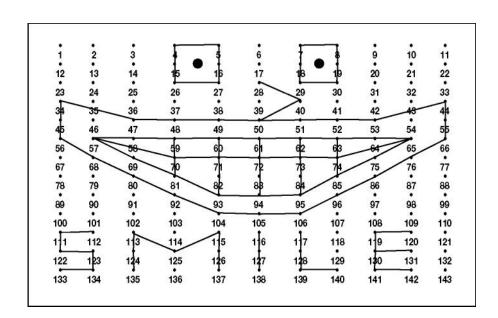




The origin of World Communion

In 1933, a Pittsburgh pastor, Hugh Thompson Kerr, had a unique idea. What if churches all around the world celebrated Holy Communion on the same Sunday? He contacted leaders of various denominations worldwide. His idea was met with such warm enthusiasm that celebrating the sacrament on the first Sunday of October is now an annual affair. It unites Christians throughout the world, or in the words of the popular hymn:

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.



Birthday's - Groton - Anniversaries

- 1 Clara Rix
- 4 Craig Sternhagen Fred Wolken Josh Atherton
- 5 Brent Swenson Jeanne Wanous
- 7 Allen Walter
- 8 Gloria Pharis Christopher Podoll
- 9 Clint Jacobson
- 11 Ricky Thurston
- 13 Carna Atherton-Pray
- 17 Laura Ptacek
- 21 Gary Heitmann Mary Rix
- 22 Nathaniel Geist
- 24 Robbie Thurston
- 25 Lars Hanson
- 26 ImoJeanne Oliver
- 29 Connie Nilsson
- 31 CJ Barton

- 8 Lars & Kelli Hanson
- 12 Marc & Jane Johnson
- 26 Harry & Gloria Pharis



"Happy Birthday!"

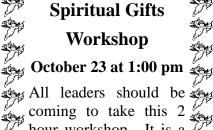






Membership Class

Membership Class will be offered in October for anyone desiring to join our church. 1 1/2 hour class covering baptism, communion, UM brief history will be shared. If you've thought about it before, now might be the right time to join our church family. Groton on October 9th at 1 pm, with light refreshments included at Groton church for either parish to join in this class. Please let Pastor Jan know if you are interested.



coming to take this 2 hour workshop. It is a small group, part lecself-test, 💖 ture. selfgrading workshop. Let Pastor Jan know if you are interested.



November Family Committee

Brent & Christie Swenson, Lee & Amanda Carna & Cliff Pray,

Nathan Atherton & Kevin

Pray

Marlys Rodman Yvonne Lange Leslie & Ken Dinger, Mason Kristi & Lance Hawkins Dale & Michelle Kramer Kami & Tom Lipp Pam & Roger Rix Rose & Bill Tewksbury

Gayleen & Jon Voss, Lacey & Jordan Doris & Richard Zoellner Sue Rock

Honorary Members

Margaret Hubbard

ImoJeanne Oliver Mary & Jay Swisher

Mary Alice Jensen

November Extra Responsibilities

Nov 13th - hang Communion Ban-



Nov 20th - altar cloths change to white

Nov 27th - altar cloths change to blue

Nov 27th - hang the Advent Banners

Arrange to order Poinsettias

Put up church indoor and outdoor decorations Nov 20th with Dec committee and all church members

Clean Pastor and Secretary's Office

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Groton Ad Council Minutes - Sept 14

<u>Groton Admin. Council</u> – Nine members were present on Sept. 14 to discuss the following agenda items:

Membership & Evangelism: A project to save membership records electronically was discussed. It was noted that our church pays per member on record in apportionments. Active members are approximately 54% of those on record so it was decided to ask those inactive members if they still want their names on our church's records.

<u>UMYF</u>: Still looking for group leaders.

Lay Leader: Looking at restructuring

of committees for the coming year. It was decided that we should use the NOW model for committees and perhaps all meet on Wed. nights.

<u>Trustees</u>: Roof work is done. Final bill was \$40,584, which was very close to the estimate. Have asked for estimate to replace rain gutters and sidewalks. Also looking at replacement of ceiling blocks in Sunday school rooms.

<u>Finance</u>: Final bill from Grote Roofing for roof work has been received. Roof project balance is sufficient to cover bill and leaves enough for ceiling tile replacement in Sunday school rooms.

--The OK was given to pay another month's apportionments, which will make five for the year.

Other Business: "Enriching spiritual lives through Christ" is the new mission statement that was voted on and selected.

The spiritual gifts workshop has been postponed until Oct. 23 and the length of the class has been reduced to 2 hours.

Enriching Spiritual Lives through Christ.

Groton Stewardship Report September 2005

Average Wkly Giving \$1,426

Needed Weekly to Meet Church Needs \$1.874

Average Weekly
Attendance
85

Total Building Fund
Offerings
\$40

Total Roof Fund Offerings \$8,167





Tithing is a gift of Love

It is important to remember that tithing is an attitude of giving. The amount you give or how it compares to the gifts of others doesn't really matter.

What matters is that when you give, you give of yourself, all your loving concern, your affirmation of devotion to God, your good will to humankind, and your service to Christ. When you give with this spirit, then you are giving the fullest capacity of your spiritual, physical and mental resources.

A true gift is a portion of your self. When you give in this manner, you become an

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Our Church Happenings

- Oct 1 Open House for Clara Rix 90th Birthday 2-4pm at the Groton UMC
- Oct 2 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 5 Conde UMYF 7:00 pm Conde Martha Circle meets 7:00 pm
- Oct 7-8 UMW Dakotas Conference Meeting in Rapid City
- Oct 9 Membership Class in Groton at 1:00
- Oct 11 Groton Ad Council 8:00 pm
- Oct 12 Charge Conference 7 pm in Conde
- Oct 18 PPR 7:30 at Groton
- Oct 19 Groton UMW 2:00 pm World Thank Offering Conde UMW meeting 2 pm Conde Ad Council 7 pm
- Oct 23 Blessing Shower for Emma Jo Schinkel during coffee hour in Groton Spiritual Gifts Workshop in Groton at 1:00
- Oct 30 Time Change, The Clocks Fall Back 1 hour! Newsletter Items due!
- Nov 13 Groton UMW Bazaar & Men's Dinner

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