



Deep Thoughts from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

The Good Shepherd

Jesus the Good Shepherd is one of Christianity's most endearing images. Pictures of Jesus with a small lamb in his arms are comforting to many during times of trouble. The image symbolizes the love God has for us when we're hurting. But when we've been healed, we're expected to take our place following Jesus. The Shepherd is there to lead the flock, not carry it.



I have been covered with a cloud about the heavy things we carry with us. Many are those unresolved issues in family and friends that "follow" us around and keep us unsettled in our peace and calm.

Leaving for school this year was a quick process and I am sure there is a stack of things that are on the table that should have gone with me! I am sure I stepped on some toes in the heat of the day, the trip and the changes awaiting us at school. Heaven help those that do not bear up well under the heat. [I am one of them.] It is a difficult time at school this year, for almost all we have known, is now in a different format. Classes, meals, weekends, time slots, and teams of people who were in place last year are gone this year.

Change is difficult no matter what our age is and we ruffle at the resistance built up as we must undergo each one. In the grand scheme of things we are finding that the new ways are ok and even simplify our lives, but this is my last year to efface changes at Garrett.

Colossians 3: 13

"Get along with each other, and forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, forgive that person because the Lord forgave you."

We have had short tempers here, rough words, hurt feelings and other times of disappointments, but the good always outweighs the not so good. We have had wonderful prayer times, deeply moving spiritual times, communion in many forms, the joy of seeing faces from years gone by. It has been a time of pure delight to be a

part of the global experience of people coming from five continents to be at school.

Max Lucado tells us that unity doesn't begin in examining others, but in examining ourselves. Unity comes from not demanding that others change, but in admitting that we aren't so perfect ourselves.

The answer to arguments? Acceptance. The first step to unity? Acceptance. Not agreement, acceptance. Not negotiation, arbitration, or elaboration. Those might come later but only after the first stem, acceptance.

I have five days left to accept the changes in my world. The friends who are more important than being right! The relationship of sacrifice that others have done for us. Those of professors, staff, assistants, and the way things come together at the end anyway! I have five days to make myself ready to change again, to put my heart and mind and soul into the One who gave me the opportunity to share in this joyous experience of school, training, and academia. It is like no other.

I covet your prayers as family make their way here for graduation, to be surrounded by those you love and celebrate the great times of joy with others. I work toward acceptance and healing the places I can with the love Christ gave me.

Thank you for being with me on the journey of Course of Study School. It has been an unbelievable experience.

Soon I will be home to see you all.
Peace and Joy, Pastor Jan

Groton VBS to be held!

Groton Bible School will be held on August 7th, 8th and 9th (Monday through Wednesday) from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The theme for the school is "Jesus Loves Me." The evening will start with a supper meal, followed by lessons, crafts, games and music. All children from pre-school through 6th grade are welcome (grade the child is entering this fall). The students will perform the music they learned during Bible School on Rally Day Sunday, September 10, 2006. This will be the first day of Sunday

School for the new year. More information will be coming out soon with the 2006-2007 Sunday School calendar.



Haida J Boyd

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Stationed in
Command and
Control in Iraq.



Groton Prayer Chain

Marlys Rodman	397-
4570	
Jean Lowary	
725-1232	
Audrey Thurston	397-
8493	
Gert Ruden	
397-8211	
Pat Dahlquist	397-
2616	
Florann Norris	397-
2638	
Mary Swisher	397-
8259	
Gloria Pharis	397-
2375	

Joined for life

What greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel that they are joined for life - to strengthen each other in all labor, to rest on each other in all sorrow, to minister to each other in all pain, to be one with each other in silent, unspeakable memories at the moment of the last parting.

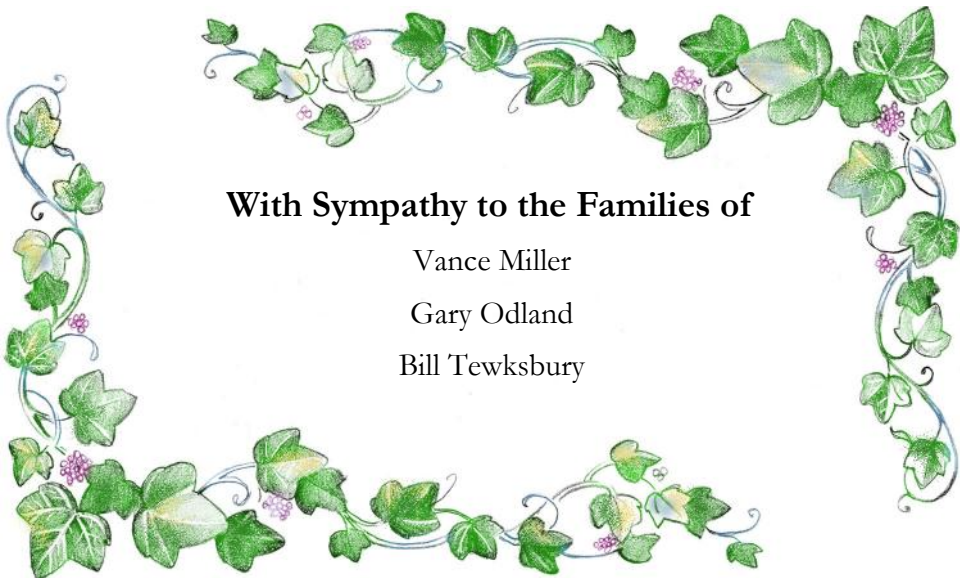
-George Eliot

With Sympathy to the Families of

Vance Miller

Gary Odland

Bill Tewksbury



Our Church Celebrations



Conde Birthdays

Aug 10 Cindy Smith
Aug 12 Randy Kurtz
Aug 13 Sonja Herman
Aug 16 Brandon Smith
Aug 23 Nicklos Menzia

Conde Anniversaries

Aug 6 Pat & Loren Siefken
Aug 20 Jane & Richard Worlie

Groton Birthdays

Aug 1 Bert Raap
Aug 2 David Strom
Marsha Wienk
Aug 3 Michelle Kramer
Mike Sundling
Aug 4 Lindsey Furman
Aug 5 Gerald Rix
Aug 7 Kelli Hanson
Sherwin Nyberg
Aug 8 Ruby Fuller
Yvonne Lange
Aug 9 Loel Schott
Aug 12 Amber Wolken
Haida Boyd
Aug 13 Logan Nilsson
Sam Furman

Aug 14 Doug Bahr
Aug 16 Jim Jones
Rose Tewksbury
Ralph Breitreutz
Aug 19 Gert Ruden
Aug 20 Barb Schmidt
Marc Sippel

Aug 22 Jeff Sippel
Virginia Breitreutz
Aug 23 Lisa Pray
Aug 24 Jack Schmidt
Aug 27 Mary Alice Jensen
Aug 29 Chuck Padfield
William Zoellner
Aug 30 Nathan Atherton
Emma Jo Schinkel
Aug 31 Allison Sippel
Joy Walter
Katelyn Hawkins

Groton Anniversaries

Aug 3 Lance & Kristie Hawkins
Aug 4 Craig & Kim Weber
Aug 8 Brad & Diann Morehouse
Aug 15 Wayne & Marsha Wienk
Aug 19 Sherwin & Christine Nyberg
Aug 28 Rob & Jeanne Wanous
Aug 31 Don & Joy Walter

Conde UMW

Prayer Vigil

August 23 at 11:15 am
Remembering the birthday
of Mother Teresa,
honoring Missions and
Missionaries

Conde

Reading List Report

Due to Jolene Townsend
by August 15th. Or you
can let Pat Siefken know
how many books you have
read this year.

Conde Ad

**Council Meets
Wednesday,
August 23rd at
7:30 PM**

Conde UMW

Meeting

August 9 at the Church
2:00 pm
Betty Jensen leads the
lesson on "Building a
Culture of Peace"
Hostess is Cindy Smith
All are invited to join
us for the afternoon.

Glacial Lakes Mission Encounter

Monday, August 14, the UMW Glacial Lakes Mission Encounter will be meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Huron for a day of work. In Conde, contact anyone at the church if you would like to be a part of this work day.

The Glacial Lakes District United Methodist Women will be holding a Mission Encounter in Huron, SD on Monday, August 14th. All women of the Glacial Lakes District are invited to participate. We will gather for devotions at Huron First UMC at 9:30 AM. Work assignments will be given at that time. The clos-

ing devotions are scheduled for 2:30 PM.

Remember that this will be a work day; wear work clothing and bring buckets for cleaning. We will be working at both the Salvation Army and the Women's Violence Center. We will also accept contributions for the Shoebox Gifts.

Lunch cost is \$5 and will be served at Huron First UMC at noon. Please RSVP to Marcella Larsen, 20447 399th Ave, Huron 57350 or by E-mail Larsen@willinet.net by August 1st. We hope to see several women of the Glacial Lakes District at this Mission Encounter event.

Groton UMW Minutes - July

Linda Thurston, Aberdeen, introduced Karen Bacon, Aberdeen, who gave a talk on Lithuania and the Sager Brown United Methodist warehouse in Louisiana, when the Groton unit of United Methodist Women met at the church July 19 at 7:30 p.m. Karen and her husband were with a group of United Methodists who traveled to Lithuania where eleven new United Methodist churches have been established.

President Jolene Townsend conducted the business meeting. The PURPOSE was recited and Gloria Pharis read a meditation on "When Bad Things Happen to Good People". Fifteen members were present.

School kits are being assembled for the Ingathering.

The annual report will be sent in. Groton will probably be a 3 Flame, 5 Star unit again this year. Awards will be made at the Glacial Lakes District meeting September 9 in Clark.

The Glacial Lakes District Mission Encounter will be held at Huron August 14

at 9:30 a.m. The next Prayer Vigil will be August 29 from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. Members are assigned a time of two minutes to pray for mission projects worldwide.

A card and monetary gift will be sent to Pastor Jan Price as she completes a course of study at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

Word was received that Haida Boyd was injured in Iraq where she was stationed in Command and Control. She sustained several broken ribs and is now at a desk job. Her address is Haida Boyd

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The Fall Bazaar was discussed

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be on September 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Lunch was served by Carol Strom and

August
No Groton UMW
Meeting!



School Kits are being collected...

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| J 1 pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip) | J 12 sheets colored construction paper |
| J 2 pads of spiral or looseleaf 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 12X14 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 can be given to finish incomplete kits. |
| J 6 new pencils unsharpened with erasers | |
| J 1 - 2 1/2" eraser | |

Conde
MISSION
STATEMENT

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

Celebration Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Groton Salad Luncheon a success and enjoyed by many during Groton's Celebration. Thank you to every family in the church for bringing salad or something and joining together for a wonderful success! Thank you to all who pitched in and helped us serve and clean-up and organize. And Gloria Pharis for organizing.

Special thank you to Marj Overacker for working on and completing many pages in our new church history scrapbook. The history display was wonderful.

Another thank you to the Wegner family for sharing the wonderful display of art by George F. Wegner.

Thank you to Linda Thurston for locating the church replica for the float and fixing it up. The float was awesome!

Thank you to the Putney Ladies Aide for holding a wonderful Tea in our church for all to enjoy!

It was a great celebration weekend. Thank you everyone!

Then, the next Sunday Rev Hyde's Relatives join us in church. Just when we are celebrating our history. And if you have any history to share with them or special thoughts, please send a card to their address below.

Rick & Peggy Hyde
13696 Piedmont Vista
Drive
Haymarket, VA 20169



Builder's Club - Churches helping Churches

It all started with a phone call. Lola Sackreiter, child ministry director of Watertown Cornerstone Church, had a child who would like to tour our church. Paige Fieberbelkorn, 9 years old, was concerned about our Sunday School rooms having a leaky roof and would like to know if they were fixed yet.

How did she hear about us? We were told that last year when Cornerstone was having their Charge Conference the D.S. Sheila Richards was sharing what the builder's club was all about and that the church on call was us, Groton. She went on telling about our situation and Lola decided this would be a great project for their Sunday School children to collect for.

And collect, they did, \$298.00 that they sent in to the Builder's Club for our leaky roof. But Paige was very concerned in her deep love for Sunday School about those children and gave all her birthday

money to the cause. Now, months later, she wanted to know if it was all fixed and it was a great joy to visit and give Paige a tour with Gerald Rix, Ad Council Chair.

Paige also brought us a gift for our children. She heard about my love of puppets and so we now have "Scruffy" Salvation the Dalmatian dog. Complete with scripts, bone, food dish, and backpack. He is great and we will share this fall.

We asked Paige what her favorite part of Sunday School was and she said "skits". The Cornerstone Church uses curriculum called Basics 252 and the parents go to Sunday School with the children and put on skits for them. After the lesson, the children then split up into small groups and talk about how to apply the lesson to their lives.

The visit with Paige was very enjoyable and we can all learn from this wonderful 9 year old! She was a joy to my day.

Kay Brandt



Groton Stewardship Report July 2006

Average Wkly Giving
\$936

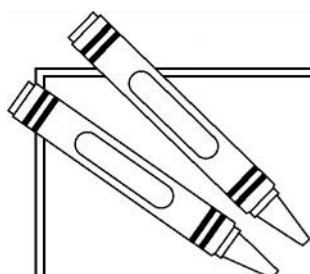
Needed Weekly to Meet
Church Needs
\$1,706

Average Weekly
Attendance
55

Total Building Fund
Offerings
\$75

**Groton Mission
Statement**
"Enriching
Spiritual Lives
through
Christ."



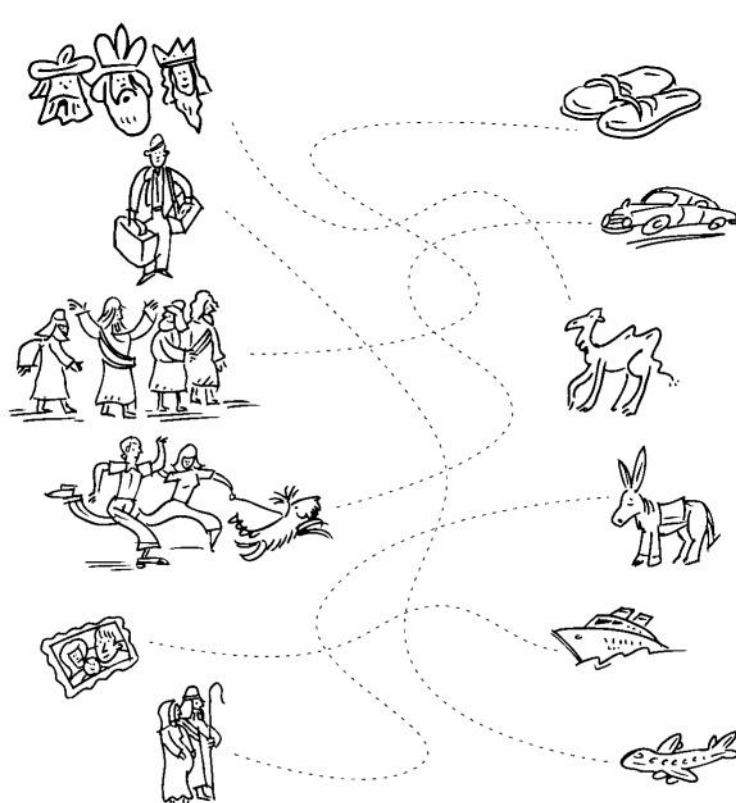


Just for **KIDS**

TRAVEL

During the summer many families like to travel. Modern day travel is much easier than it was during Bible times.

Directions: Follow the maze lines. Match people of today with modern ways of travel and Bible characters to ways of travel long ago.



Will your family use any of these ways to travel this summer?



Not quite clear

The Sunday school teacher asked each of her children to write a short note to a missionary to tell him they were praying for him. "The missionary," the teacher said, "is a very busy man, so tell him that he is not expected to answer the class."

When they were finished, the teacher went over the letters to see what the children had written. One little girl had written, "Dear Brother Brown, we're praying for you. We don't expect an answer."



Sunday School Adventures Coming



God's servant, the janitor

When a young man in Oklahoma City lost his job a decade ago, he was told about a church that needed someone to maintain the building. He didn't want to be a janitor and maintenance man, but when nothing else came along, he applied for the job.

He was hired, and he now feels that the job is the Lord's will for him. It is his venue for ministry.

For example, a mission team was being organized for Africa. He set up the room where the mission was planned. He provided everything the team needed to make their plans: tables, chairs, maps, chalk, a board with white paper, markers, etc. He considered his actions to be a small part of the ministry to the mission field.

When he cleans the sanctuary, he makes

sure it's in the best condition possible. He knows that cleanliness is indeed next to godliness. The psalmist wrote, "Holiness befits your house" (Psalm 93:5, NRSV).

The senior minister of the church took the custodian aside one day. He said that some new members had joined the church in part because the facilities were always well-kept and clean. In a sense the man had served as an evangelist.

When asked about the work he's doing for God - and on behalf of God's church - he says, "I feel blessed."



Nan's calling to stewardship

Nan K. was asked by her church to lead a special campaign to pay off the remaining debt on the sanctuary. She consented and made this statement at a worship service:

"Stewardship is realizing that our relationship with money is very much connected to our relationship to God. When our relationship to money becomes the stewardship of God's gifts, then our decisions and actions are tied to our understanding of God's will for our life. When we discern the purpose for our life on Earth, then we look for the signs, the opportunities, the coincidences that show us the path to that purpose.

"I want you to know that this is not just a campaign to pay off our debts (although it will). It is about building a community of faith. If one of our members came to me today and offered to pay off the entire debt, I wouldn't feel this campaign was a success.

"This is about strengthening our church community with everyone giving to their own ability. I'll feel the campaign is successful when 100 percent of our membership participates."

Are you participating? You have nothing to



Groton September Family Committee

Carolyn & Robert Snyder

Kelli & Lars Hanson & Cody

Jane & Marc Johnson, Tanner

Elaine & Fred Wolken, Amber

Jean & Vern Walter

Vicki & Alan Strom

Clarence & Ida Hannon

John Padfield

Mary Jane Schott

Anita & Gary Voss

Lynette & Terry Furman, Derick & Sam

Barb & Jack Schmidt, Taylor

Josh & Merrie Atherton

Diane Nissen

Audrey & Clint Jacobson

Loel Schott

Honorary Members

) Audrey Padfield

) Marvel & Robert Johnson

) Norm & Audrey Thurston

) Clare Brotherton

Extra Responsibilities

) Take care of Lawn as necessary

) Clean North Storage Room & 1 NE
Sunday School room and the Hallway

) Potluck 2nd Sunday

) Sept 3rd change altar cloths to white
and hang the communion banners for
this Sunday only

) Sept 8 change to the green altar cloths
and hang the banners for the month



CHRISTIANS
Caring for each other

September 2006

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Ode to the sands of a friendly beach



Specks of beige, brown, black and
white

Shimmering in the sunshine's light

Shifting, sifting, day by day

To make a beach where I too, may

Lie down like you beside the sea

And briefly bask in eternity.

Share with me this peaceful hour.

Share with me your tranquil power.

-Peggy Ferrell



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Our Church Happenings



Wanted! Notify the
Church Office

Aug 6 Rev Tom Haggard - Guest Speaker

Aug 7-9 Groton VBS 6-9 pm

Aug 9 Conde UMW Meeting 2:00 pm

Groton Ad Council 8:00 pm

*Aug 14 Glacial Lakes Mission Encounter meeting at First UMC in
Huron for the day of work.*

Aug 15 Conde UMW Reading List Report Due to Jolene Townsend

Aug 22 PPR Meeting at 7:30

Aug 23 Conde Ad Council 7:30 pm

Conde UMW Prayer Vigil at 11:15 am

Aug 27 Newsletter Items due

Aug 29 Groton UMW Prayer Vigil 9-9:45

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