

Groton/Conde Parishes

July 2006



United Methodist Messenger

Web Video for Veterans at www.beforeyougo.us

Anniversaries

We have many celebrations this year! The 125th anniversary of Groton, 50 yrs of ordained women in ministry, the 50 yr. anniversary of the interstate highway system. These are milestones in our lives that require some attention.

As we ready ourselves for July 4th and the celebration of our country's freedom, I am swamped with the emotions of the reality of our World War II folks around us and their impact on us.

Having been a florist for almost 30 years, I was privileged to have met many of that era. I was to pin flowers we donated to 1,000 veterans or wives at award ceremonies throughout the years. I personally have World War II vets in my family, friends, employees, church members and customers throughout the years. They have given such a broad spectrum of stories, with emotional ties to their own friends, lost in combat, those who came home, reunions shared and that special feeling only service friends seem to share.

there are few words to share about the unique bond that this group of folks have between them. The ability to see a job and get it done when others don't feel it's possible. An honest days work, for an honest days pay. Getting by on less, having to make ends meet with less each time. Reusing things that still have use, the original "recyclers" of goods. Making your own clothes, fixing your own car, painting your own home, fixing your own washer, making bread from scratch. Having time to gather the family at the least moments notice just for fun. The ability to mind your manners, do what you're told, and don't "toot your own horn!" All are the indicators of the heritage that is leaving us at nearly 1,000 persons a day from that age group. This precious group of folks will be gone from us someday and we will have a hole the size of the Grand Canyon to the next generation. The last of the genteel persons, who knew how to tip a Fedora, crank an engine, and find life worth fighting.

There are few words to offer to those who never bragged about themselves, asked much for help or boasted of their doings. They wear their lives in silence and we are so proud to walk alongside of you all and learn from your ways. Thank you for the gifts you leave us. They are many and we have little time to tell you how much you mean to us. God Bless You and Your 4th.

Pastor Jan

My husband and I served in the Air Force for nearly 13 years and met many more friends from that era.

Tom Brokaw wrote of "The Greatest Generation", and



INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Conde United Methodist Women
No General Meeting this Month
Attend the School of Christian Mission
at Dakota Wesleyan in Mitchell**



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

Groton Vacation Bible School

Bible School will be held August 7th, 8th, and 9th from 6-9 pm; Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening. Evenings will start with supper and end with a campfire and singing. The theme is "Jesus Loves Me". This is free of charge to all Preschool - 5th grade.

If you are able to donate any of the following, please contact Kelli Hanson. Ketchup, mustard, sliced pickles, hotdogs, hotdog buns, potato chips, hamburger buns, individual small bags of Doritos, shredded

cheddar cheese, lettuce, taco sauce (mild), plastic forks and napkins. Cash Donations to help with other items such as crafts is needed as well. Thank you for your help in anyway.

The Bible School Program will then be held on Rally Sunday, September 10th.



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	



Trip to Haiti? Scholarship money is available for anyone seeking to be part of a VIM team to Haiti in October. Rick Jost is the team leader and needs folks willing to go and put solar ovens together for the people of Haiti. See Pastor Jan if you are interested.



*Sympathies to the family
of Dolores Grimes who
passed away on
June 11th*

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

Groton UMW Minutes - June 21

The Groton unit of United Methodist Women met at the church Wednesday evening, June 21. Preceding the meeting the Executive Board met to plan future activities.

Mary Hayenga conducted devotions. She talked about new beginnings and distributed garden seeds for incentive.

Linda Thurston introduced Bunny Blotzke who is a fitness instructor at the Aberdeen YMCA. Bunny conducted chair exercises. After the program Linda and Gloria Pharis served rhubarb pie and coffee for lunch.

President Jolene Townsend opened the business meeting. The treasurer gave a financial report on the May Breakfast and discussed the unit's pledge to missions. As the fall bazaar and May Breakfast were successful, the unit voted to raise the pledge by \$400.

Prayer concerns were highlighted. Reta Washnok has moved to Aberdeen from Chaska, Minn. and Clara Rix has moved to Aberdeen also.

Eighteen health kits have been assembled for the September Ingathering.

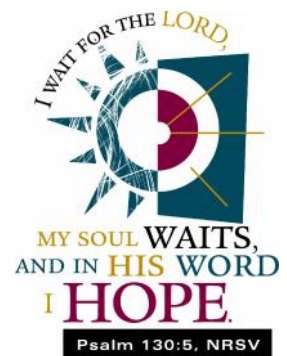
There were good reports of the Tea Party on Wheels, which was the program for the May meeting. Ladies

visited Mary Alice Jensen and Earl and Jean Lowary at Primrose Place in Aberdeen ; Winifred Fawcett, Ruby Fuller and Margaret Blader at Beverly Healthcare and Clara Rix at Rosewood Court in Groton. Several ladies attended the Conde UMW Friendship Night salad luncheon.

Clare Brotherton, Jolene Townsend and Gloria Pharis attended Focus Day, April 9, at North Highland United Methodist Church in Aberdeen. The Groton ladies presented one of the skits.

Members were reminded to report the books they have read to Caralee Heitmann by August 1 for the reading program. Pop tabs should also be brought by August 1. The Glacial Lakes District meeting will be held September 9 at Clark.

Jolene, district chairperson of Program Resources, plans to attend the School of Christian Mission July 14-16 in Mitchell. Jolene is also a shepherdess and has made visits to Conde, Webster, Aberdeen Faith and Aberdeen North Highland units.



Lost or Wandered Away After the May Breakfast

A Blue and White checkered apron with blue rickrack near the hem. This is a treasured memory of a dear one so if you find it or know it's whereabouts, please let the office know. Thank you.



Groton UMW Meeting July 19th At 7:30 PM

"Mission Trip to Sager Brown & New Orleans" by Karen Bacon
Hostesses are Elaine Wolken & Carol Strom

Executive Meeting at 6:30 for the 2007 Date Book Planning/Goals, Plan & Prepare for Central District Meeting, and prepare Mission Recognition

Reading Program Due August 1st to Mary Swisher

Dakotas Annual Conference Highlights



Attending the Dakotas Annual Conference in Watertown June 8-10 included Jolene Townsend, Marva Gellhaus, and Mary Hayenga from Groton and Betty Taylor from Conde. Many photos and stories on the annual conference can be found at

http://www.dakotasumc.org/annual_conf_6_8_06.html

Here are some excerpts from the website:

Cornerstone UMC Hosts Opening Worship for 2006 Dakotas Annual Conference
The Cornerstone UMC praise team led worship for more than 625 registered members of the Dakotas Annual Conference attending the 2006 session in Watertown, SD. Opening worship featured contemporary music, liturgical dance and Bishop Deborah Lieder Kiesey preaching on the state of the annual conference.

More than 600 people attended the June 8 Dakotas Annual Conference opening worship at Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Watertown, SD. In his welcome address, Watertown Mayor Paul Fox said this constitutes the largest convention to meet in the eastern South Dakota city. He called Bishop Kiesey an inspirational and powerful leader, and commented on the energy he experienced during the worship service.

Host Pastor Roger Spahr of Watertown Cornerstone UMC used his opening prayer to highlight the Wesleyan tradition of the United Methodist Church. "We are the people of the hearts strangely warmed. We are the people of the world as our parish," he said. Speaking in one of the more contemporary churches in the Dakotas Conference, he encouraged the gathering from differing congregations and differing backgrounds to "sense the unity of our spirit" as they continued into the annual conference.

The Dakotas Board of Global Ministries hosted its annual ice cream social the evening of June 8 in the Watertown, SD, Ramkota Inn. Featured missions included Tree of Life, Spirit Lake and United Methodist Pierre Area Community Ministries in the Dakotas. Other displays highlighted Haiti Solar Oven Partners, Kissy Eye Clinic in Sierra Leone, Gulf Coast Recovery, Bolivia, India and Pakistan. Participants enjoyed sweet treats, conversation, and education. Prizes were awarded for participants who visited all the mission displays.

The 2006 Dakotas Annual Conference celebrated the 50th anniversary of the full membership rights of clergywomen in the annual conferences of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Grace E. Huck, who celebrates her 90th birthday later in June 2006, was among those first women granted the historic privilege in 1956. She is honored as a matriarch in the Dakotas UMC.

... and then some

Shortly after a business executive retired, someone asked him what had been the secret of his success. He chuckled softly, and then said that it could be summarized in three words: "... and then some."

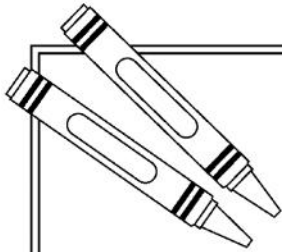
He explained that he had learned early in his career that the top people in any group were those who did what was expected of them ... and then some.

Such people worked diligently, efficiently, faithfully ... and then some. They were thoughtful and kind to others ... and then some. They were reliable friends who could be counted on ... and then some. If an emergency came, they tried to do their share to deal with it ... and then some. In short, they were more than ordinary people, they tried to be extraordinary.

That is precisely what Jesus expected and still expects of his followers. When he was teaching his friends about loving and serving others (see Matthew 5:43-48), he included these words, "What more are you doing than others?" (v. 47, NRSV).

Christians do what is





Just for KIDS

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

God wants you to be "planted" in His Word and to grow up serving him all your life.

Unscramble each underlined word, and write it in the blanks below.
Use the definitions as clues.

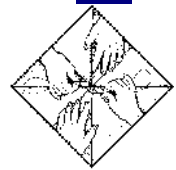
Psalm 1:3 NIV tells us what we should be like:

"He is like a (1) etre (2) dpeltan by (3) smatres of (4) rawte,
which (5) ledsiy its fruit in (6) sonsea and whose (7) afle does not
(8) rithew. Whatever he does (9) spropres."

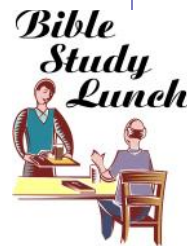
1. ____ (a wood plant with one main stem or trunk which has many branches)
2. ____ (rooted into the ground)
3. ____ (small rivers)
4. ____ (a colorless and transparent liquid)
5. ____ (produces, gives)
6. ____ (a time of the year)
7. ____ (flat, thin part of a plant growing from the stem — usually green)
8. ____ (to dry up or wilt)
9. ____ (succeeds)

Answers: tree, planted, streams, water, yields, season, leaf, wither, prospers

*Needed in Groton!
Sewers to make
school bags for the
School Kits! Pattern
in the Church Office
or on the website.*



**Women's Bible
Study**
Tuesday Mornings
10 AM
Fellowship Hall
July 4th - we will not be
meeting
July 11th - Join Us at
"The Latte" for lunch at
11:30
July 18 - We will start a
new study on the
Women of the Old Tes-
tament



Answering a worried man

A yarn making the rounds among ministers these days is about an older fellow who asked his pastor to visit him.

When the pastor arrived, the man seemed greatly worried. He shared the reason. His doctor had suggested that he get his affairs in order because his days on Earth were growing shorter.

"Preacher," he said with a trembling voice, "I haven't been much of a Christian. I'm worried about my chances of making it into heaven. Do you think if I gave a lot of money to the church that I could make it? I'm thinking about \$50,000."

The church's strained budget flashed through the pastor's mind, and his answer came quickly, "I don't rightly know, but it's worth a try."

Of course, we don't need to wait until the last minute to give to our church. Giving our time, talents and treasures along the way helps not only the church and its programs; it also helps us.



July Celebrations

Conde Birthdays

July 1 Arvon Taylor
 July 10 Ann Menzia
 July 13 Jolene Townsend
 July 14 Krystal Hanlon
 July 23 Patty Knoll
 July 30 Judy Zeck

Conde Anniversaries

July 3 M/M Guy Hanlon
 M/M Norbert Hearnen
 July 27 M/M Horace Walter

Groton Birthday's

Jul 5 Jasmine Schinkel
 Jul 8 Kelby Hawkins
 Jul 9 Jocelyn Peterson
 Jordan Voss
 Jul 12 Ashtyn Bahr
 Jul 13 Jeff Voss
 Jolene Townsend
 Jul 14 Ava Kramer
 Christine Nyberg
 Jul 16 Linda Thurston
 Richard Voss

Jul 18 Kaitilin O'Neil
 Kevin Pray
 Jul 19 Carol Strom
 Jul 22 Jean Lowary
 Jul 23 Joyce Walter
 Jul 24 Christi Swenson
 Maggie Oliver
 Jul 25 Jessica Pasteur
 Jul 26 Curtis Krueger
 Lucius Geffre
 Jul 27 Tony Madsen
 Ryland Strom
 Jul 28 Craig Weber
 Jul 29 Hazel Peterson
 Jul 30 Christopher Sippel
 Jul 31 Amanda Swenson
 Lynette Furman

Groton Anniversaries

Jul 5 Allen & Joyce Walter
 Jul 11 Roger & Marjorie Overacker
 Jul 12 Brent & Christi Swenson
 Jul 18 Josh & Merrie Atherton
 Jul 24 Roger & Pam Rix

A message from Ben Franklin

God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the Sacred Writings that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" [Psalm 127:1, KJV]. I firmly believe this. I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel.

—Ben Franklin at the Constitutional Convention of 1787

Groton August Family Committee

Betty & Charlie Strom

Joy & Don Walter

Marva & Lon Gellhaus

Ann & Gerald Rix

Mendy & James Jones

Melissa & Neil Gilbert

Mary Ann & Bob Wehde

Marjorie & Roger Overacker

Laurel & Monte McNickle & Murdock

Jeanne Wanous

Florran Norris

Christine & Sherwin Nyberg

Audrey Miller and Jennifer & Martha

Jack Oliver

Dwight Strom

Marsha & Wayne Wienk

Diann & Brad Morehouse, Jessie & Desiree

Honorary Members

) Clara Rix
) Margaret Blader
) Dick & Gert Ruden
) Eunice Sperry
) Ruth Thompson
) Richard Voss

Extra Responsibilities

) Mow lawn as necessary
) Aug 6th change altar cloths to white and hang communion banners for this Sunday only
) Clean the three NW Rooms (UMYF & Sunday School)
) No Potluck



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Groton Stewardship Report June 2006

Average Wkly Giving
 \$1,269

Needed Weekly to Meet
 Church Needs
 \$1,706

Average Weekly
 Attendance
 60

Total Building Fund
 Offerings
 \$70

Coden AL UMC - Easter Egg Hunt



UMC Coden, AL is the only Alabama Church to lose its church due to Katrina. They meet in their fellowship hall. They are making plans to relocate to new, higher ground. If they are ready to build at the start of 2007, perhaps we can send a team to help for a few days. Pray for the church, it's pastor, and members as they move prayerfully into God's future for them.



A thankful boy

The sun was just beginning to set when I started on my daily walk. I had not gone more than 75 yards when a plastic whiffle ball sailed through the air and landed at my feet.

I heard the chatter of small boys playing on the other side of a wall. "You knocked the ball out into the street," said one voice. "We'll have to go get it."

I quickly picked up the ball and hurled it in their direction, and then heard, "Hey, look! There's the ball. Someone threw it back."

I then recognized the voice of a five-year-old neighbor who, unable to see me, asked, "Who threw the ball back?"

I decided to tease him a bit and answered in a kind, but authoritative voice, "God!"

There was dead silence for at least 10 seconds, while I chuckled to myself. Then the child asked with a curious voice, "Who did you say threw the ball over the wall?"

"God!" I answered with as much authority as I could muster.

In an accepting and trusting voice, the boy replied, "Thank you! Thank you very much!"

I smiled and remembered the words of our Lord, "Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:4, NRSV).



Groton UMC Salad Luncheon

Groton UMC is hosting a Salad Luncheon on July 9th from noon till 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall to celebrate our history with Groton's City Celebration. A History Scrapbook has been started and the completed pages of past photos will be available. An art display by George F Wegner will be on display.

Each family has been asked to bring a large vegetable, fruit, or meat salad. Please bring these Sunday morning before you go to the Ecumenical Church Service at the tent at 11:00. Salad containers may then be picked up after the luncheon.



A prayer for humility

Lord, I know that Jesus was humble and stooped to serve those in need, even washing his disciples' feet. Please keep me from being so prideful and self-centered that I fail to be a humble servant of Christ. Pierce my spirit until I am deflated of all sinful pride and the desire for others to serve me instead of exercising loving service in Christ's name. Amen.



"The VBS director says that Armageddon has occurred in the third-grade classroom and she quits."



Groton United Methodist Church Salad Luncheon



Sunday, July 9th

12 Noon - 1:30 PM

At the Groton UMC Fellowship Hall

Church History will be Available

Celebrating 120 Years!

Rev Hyde & First UMC in Groton



Featuring Art Show display by George F Wegner



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Our Church Happenings

Jul 4 Independence Day

Jul 6-9 Groton's 125th Celebration - www.grotonsd.gov

Jul 9 Groton Church Service in the Tent by the High School at 11:00

Groton UMC Salad Luncheon 12 - 1:30

Jul 11 Groton Women's Bible Study meet at "The Latte" for lunch 11:30

Jul 12 Groton Ad Council 8:00 PM

Jul 18 Groton Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM at the church fellowship hall
starting new study "Women of the Old Testament" (meet weekly)

Jul 19 Groton UMW Meeting at 7:30 with Executive Meeting 6:30

Program: "Mission Trip to Sager Brown & New Orleans" by Karen Bacon

Aug 7-9 Groton Bible School from 6-9 pm. For Preschool - 5th Grade.

