

open hearts  
open minds  
open doors



▶ October 2006

# United Methodist Messenger

## Washing Machine Dancing!

Ever overload your washing machine? I have heard of 16 pairs of jeans, 3 bedspreads, several many small rugs or anything else—each group sending the washing machine on its dance. It's the rumble, the banging, the vibrations that let us know things are out of whack....and overloaded. Needing emergency help— we have overloaded an appliance.

What happens to us when we get overloaded? Don't we too get out of balance, thinking that we can't add one more thing to our schedule, one more thing to our planner, or calendar? We have overcommitted and have no one to blame but ourselves. It gives some of us headaches, tension necks, computer backs and hands, and touchy stomachs. The only way to deal with things is just like we would do with the washing machine. We need to go and correct the load, change the balance, reduce the stress. **We can decide what needs to come out, to lighten the load.** Saying "another time perhaps" and giving time to family and investing in their lives. To thin out the level of commitment to social things and to work on eternal things that last longer by far. Some of our choices last only as long as High School, college and then are

done and don't go farther. Is it worth the choice?

When nothing goes our way look at me, O God! Do not remove your gaze from me, hold me near to you, Lest I pass away and am no more.

from A Guide to Prayer for all who seek God.

"One of the best times for us to cultivate the nearness of God emerges when nothing is going our way. Such an experience may sharpen our ability to see God at work in our midst and in our lives. Remember that we are not alone when things are not going our way, as we are not alone when things are going our way. Each situation gives us opportunity to pay attention to God's presence and call for God's help".

Ruben Job

Life is short enough without giving thought to the best for us, our lives, our family, our God. Focusing on making memories at church, serving the less fortunate in places that help serve God—giving a cup of water to Jesus in some form and forgetting about our "self", our toys, our wants.

The world is a tough place to live, unless we find ourselves serving others. That's what we were placed here to do.

*In joy, Pastor Jan*



The World is my  
Parish

- John Wesley



**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**



## Our October Church Celebrations

### Conde Birthdays

- 21 Tony Lyren
- 22 Janice Hanson  
Shane Haskell
- 25 Sherry Hanson
- 28 Janet Rossow
- 29 Marcene Bruckner
- 31 Andee Geist

### Conde Anniversaries

- 1 Millie & Russell Busing

### Groton Birthday's

- 1 Clara Rix
- 4 Fred Wolken  
Josh Atherton
- 5 Brent Swenson  
Jeanne Wanous
- 7 Allen Walter
- 8 Christopher Podoll  
Gloria Pharis
- 11 Ricky Thurston
- 13 Carna Atherton-Pray
- 15 Brad Morehouse

- 21 Gary Heitmann  
Mary Rix
- 22 Nathaniel Geist
- 25 Lars Hanson
- 26 ImoJeanne Oliver
- 29 Connie Nilsson
- 30 Holden Sippel
- 31 CJ Barton

### Groton Anniversaries

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

## Conde's "Sonshine Squad"

We want to share our joy in having Janet Rossow not only honored for her own birthday this month, but that of giving to others each month.

Janet has been dutifully handling the task of sending greetings for the entire membership of the Conde United Methodist Church parish for special occasions. Those who receive birthday and anniversary greetings should know that the "Sonshine Squad" is handled by one person, Janet Rossow.

We are proud of the way she has taken this wonderful sharing ministry under her care and given of her time and energy to make the day special for others throughout the year.

We thank you Janet, not only for helping bring joy to others but we also want to say a very special "Happy Birthday" to you on October 28th. May God's richest blessings continue to come from your ministry of love and caring ways.



### Charge Conference

November 26th  
Sunday  
7 pm  
At Groton UMC



### Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

## Conde UMW Minutes - September 13th

Donna Hearnen presented the program from the Program Book, "Building Peace, Piece by Piece." This would be the fifth anniversary of 9/11 event. What would we want in our world today would be the question. The feelings were expressed: lack of selfishness; better communication; feeling safe and secure; to have a Godward vision. The scripture in Corinthians stressed reconciliation.

President Donna Hearnen opened the business meeting by leading in reciting the Purpose of the United Methodist Women. Devotions from the Conference booklet, read by Betty Jensen, were based on Psalms 95:1-7, thanking God for his goodness, closing with prayer.

Birthday cards were sent to Edwin Cunningham and Ivy Nogle. A sympathy card was sent to Richard Sanderson upon the death of his brother.

Roll call showed six members present; with two guests, Pastor Jan Price and Janet Rossow. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Betty Jensen approved and Donna Walter seconded the mo-



Conde Sept 13 UMW Meeting. Left to Right: Betty Jensen, Janet Rossow, Jane Worlie, Pastor Jan, Donna Walter, Marjorie Wright, and Donna Hearnen.



**Conde UMW  
Meeting  
October 11th  
2:00 PM  
Lesson Leader  
Betty Taylor**

tion the treasurer's report be accepted. All voted in favor.

Thank you's were read from Pastor Jan, Charles Taylor family, and Tony Lyren. Betty Taylor reported the District Meeting at Clark.

Donna Hearnen presented information on Fun Day at Plymouth, MN.

"Church Meeting" is to be presented October 18th. Future plans will be made known as they happen.

Donna Hearnen had bought

colanders for the kitchen use.

Women's Division Undesignated Giving will now be named Mission Giving. Kits had been received for the InGathering and were discussed.

Small group will meet October 4th with Betty Taylor as lesson leader. General meeting will be at 2:00 pm October 11th, Betty Taylor leading the lesson.

All stood to repeat the Mizpah Benediction. Donna Walter served as hostess for the day.

Secretary, Betty Taylor

*Peace starts with a smile.*

## Groton UMW Meeting

October 18th  
2:00 pm on Wednesday

Program is World Thank Offering  
(bring your boxes or offering)

Mary Swisher, Leader

Hostesses are

Michelle Kramer & Rose Tewksbury

## Groton UMW Fall Bazaar & Men's Dinner November 5th

Be working on your  
Theme Baskets!







## World Communion Sunday - October 1st



Groton UMW Jewel of a  
Woman Award  
Mary Hayenga

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### Groton UMW Notes & Reminders

Start collecting pop tabs, grocery receipts, soup labels, and Big go labels. If unsure what to collect, lists available in the office.

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22 new books in the UMW Library for the Reading Program.  
Start Today!

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UMW Dakotas Annual Meeting in Bismarck, ND on Friday & Saturday, Oct 13th & 14th. Call Jolene if interested in attending.

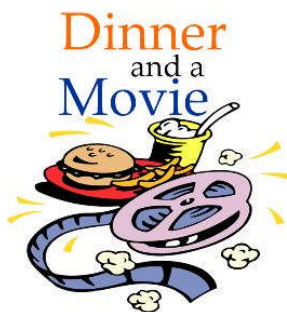


## Are You Ready? Dinner and a Movie Yes, Here in our church!!! Everyone is Invited!

**Sunday October 8th  
5:30 - 8:30 pm**

- Babysitters here for those with kids
  - Homework places
- We all make dinner together
  - Watch a movie
  - Discuss what we saw
  - You go home - that's it.

**Reservations are Needed!!**



### Help Your Pastor!

When someone in your family or self signs into the hospital, instead of putting Protestant or Methodist try using your church name and town. Your pastor can't find you easy unless we have help. The new privacy laws work - no one can find you!

Pastor Jan is ready to make a visit if she is aware there has been abuse situations, a family accident, death of any family member, new diagnosis of illness, stressful times within a family, depression or loneliness. Pastor's make "house calls" only if we are given permission to come.



## Membership Session

**October 29th  
Sunday  
At 12:30 PM**

Dinner Provided  
Followed by Class

Register with  
Pastor Jan

UMW Mission Recognition Pins Presented to:

Jolene Townsend, Bob Wehde,  
Sharon Wheeting, and Don Walter





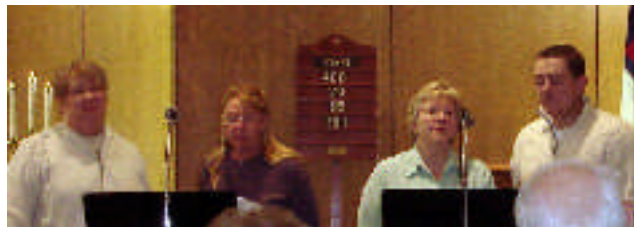
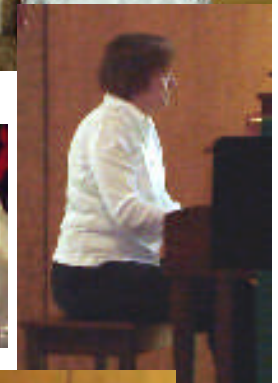
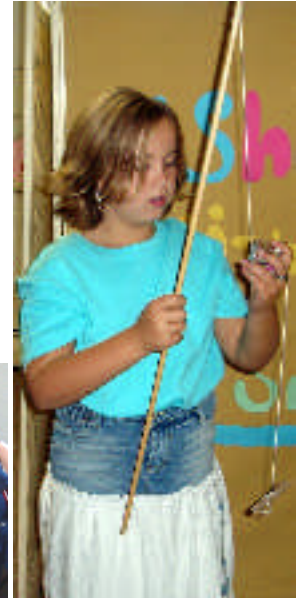
## Groton Rally Sunday



Sunday School Teachers Presented

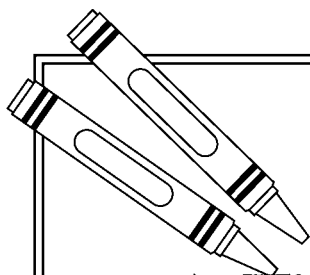


Carnival Time!



Special Music





## Just for KIDS

### A Time for Everything

In the fall we move our clocks back an hour. The weather gets cooler and it gets dark earlier. As the seasons change, we have faith that God's planning and timing is perfect. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV), God tells us there's a time for everything.

Fill in the blanks using the clock code below.

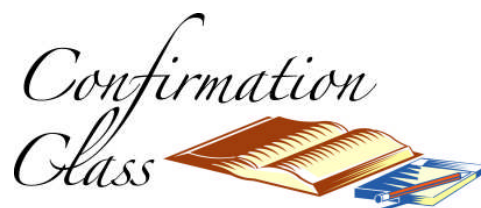
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give up	hate	heal	heaven		mend
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peace	refrain	speak	throw away	uproot	
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There is a time for \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 and a season for every activity under \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to be born and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to plant and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a to kill and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to tear down and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to weep and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to mourn and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to scatter stones and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to embrace and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to search and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to keep and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to tear and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to be silent and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time to love and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚  
 a time for war and a time for \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

Answers: everything, heaven, die, uproot, heal, build, laugh, dance, gather, refrain, give up, throw away, mend, speak, hate, peace.

### Groton Sunday School Schedule for October

Oct 1 - Regular Sunday School  
 Oct 8 - Video Sunday with Native American Day  
 Oct 15 - Sunday School will sing in Church  
 Oct 22 - Regular Sunday School  
 Oct 29 - Regular Sunday School



Confirmation Class is in the process of being organized. Times, days, and concluding dates will be announced soon. Any questions contact Pastor Jan.

**Groton UMYF**  
**October 4th & 18th**  
**At 6:30 pm**  
**Supper Provided**

**Leaders**  
**Meri & Josh Atherton**

**Conde UMYF**  
**October 18th**  
**At 7:00 pm**  
**Supper Provided**







**CHRISTIANS**  
Caring for each other

## Groton November Family Committee

Anita & John Lowary

Linda & Gary Thurston

Jolene & Alan Townsend & Zachary

Meri & John Erickson, Seth & Evan

Mary & Cal Hayenga

Pam & Doug Bahr

Dion Bahr

Connie & Dave Nilsson & Alexa

Bert Raap

William & Wanda Zoellner

Dick Oliver

### Honorary Members

- DeLoris Knoll
- Robert Hood
- Hazel McKittrick

### November Extra Responsibilities

- Nov 5 - hang Communion Banners and change to altar cloths to white for this Sunday only
- Nov 12 - altar cloths change to green and hang the monthly banners
- Nov 26 - change altar cloths

to white

- Arrange and Order Poinsettias
- Put up decorations indoor and outdoor on Nov 26th with Dec committee and all church helping
- Clean Pastor & Secretary Office

### November 2006

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## Inspiration and persistence

Chicago teacher Jack Canfield was having trouble persuading his inner-city students to want to learn. Many thought they were unable to grasp the lessons Canfield was trying to teach. Many lacked self-confidence and motivation.

One day, while meditating, Canfield had a vision. What if he collected stories by or about people who had overcome obstacles of all sorts? Wouldn't that be like chicken soup for the soul?

Canfield joined with a friend, Mark Victor Hansen, and together they began to collect inspirational stories about people who had overcome handicaps or personal problems to succeed in life. They took the final collection to 140 book publishers before they found one that would print it. That book became a best seller and encouraged them to publish several other "Chicken Soup" books. There are now 100 million copies of these books in print.

Like the people in their books, Canfield and Hansen overcame obstacles on the way to sharing their inspiration. They believe that they were led by the hand of God.

## Conde E-Mail Prayer Chain

Currently the church office is working on setting up the e-mail prayer chain for Conde Members. There are 11 e-mail addresses on it so far. If you wish to be added, please let us know! If you have a prayer concern that you wish to send out, please let Pastor Jan or

Kay Brandt know via e-mail and/or phone. We are also currently working on lining up someone in Conde to be a contact person who can also initiate the list.



## 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
Mary Jane Schott	397-8588
Doris Zoellner	397-2417
Marjorie Townsend	298-5221
Darlys Kampa	395-6996
Marvel/Bob Johnson	397-2425
Mary Ann Whede	397-8330

\*Currently 47 on email prayer chain.



## Groton Ad Council Minutes - Sept

Finance/Endowment/Memorials Committee: August apportionment payment will be made by the end of September.

Trustees: Sanctuary windows have been inspected and were found to be adequate but do not need chalking on the outside.

UMYF: Leaders are still needed.

Membership Directory: Plans are moving forward to publish a new membership directory. Sue (Kubal) Braithwaite will be taking pictures and church members will do most of the publishing.



## Groton Church Directory

The Ad Council voted to move ahead on having Sue (Kubal) Braithwaite be the photographer for a new church directory which will be created in the church office. We will be calling to set up appointments to have photos taken in the fellowship

hall. Photo scenes will be set up to be utilized during this process. The opportunity to order more photos will be available. Great time to have your family Christmas photo taken!

Kay Brandt & Anita Lowary

### Groton Stewardship Report September 2006

Average Wkly Giving  
\$1,294

Needed Weekly to Meet  
Church Needs  
\$1,706

Average Weekly  
Attendance  
78

Total Building Fund  
Offerings  
\$65

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



Groton/Conde Parishes



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Where will our Church be in the future? What role will it play in your life? Come and Join us and Vision the Future of the Groton Church.  
Monday, Oct 2nd, 7:30 pm

## Our Church Happenings

October 2006

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- Oct 1 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 2 Join the Groton Visioning Team 7:30 pm
- Oct 4 Conde Small Group  
Groton UMYF at 6:30 pm, supper provided
- Oct 4-5 Groton UMW making Lefse at 8 am - come and learn!
- Oct 8 Dinner & Movie from 5:30-8:30
- Oct 11 Conde UMW Meeting 2 PM  
Groton Ad Council 8 pm
- Oct 15 Laity Sunday  
Groton Sunday School Singing in Church
- Oct 17 PPR in Conde at 7:30
- Oct 18 Conde UMYF will meet at 7 pm for meal & fellowship  
Groton UMYF at 6:30 pm, supper provided
- Oct 22 United Methodist Men's Day
- Oct 25 Conde Ad Council 7:30 pm
- Oct 29 Time Change - Fall Back 1 hour!  
Membership Session at 12:30 with dinner provided  
followed by class. Register with Pastor Jan.
- Nov 5 Groton Men's Dinner/Fall Bazaar
- Bible Study each Tuesday at 10 am; all are welcome.
- Prayer Group each Tuesday at 11 am; all are welcome.
- Ecumenical Men's Bible Group each Thursday at 7 am.