



United Methodist Messenger

Groton/Conde Parishes - September 2006

Identity Resolved



I have been asked by many people since returning from graduation at Garrett, "what are you now!" I reply, "I am what I went there to be, a local-licensed pastor, appointed to serve my congregations by the bishop.



I have completed the requirements of the United Methodist Church to complete twenty Master's level classes and graduate. I will not be ordained, but will continue to do all the sacraments in the church as before. I just have more schooling and am better able to serve with knowledge and confidence that God has and continues to "call me in ministry" to meet God's purposes. I am so joyful to have had the experience of academic life, learning and training. It has been a wonderful experience of a lifetime. Thank you for all the support, the cards, letters and gifts of love they have all been so welcomed and accepted.

Visioning Plans



On October 2, 2006 it is my hope and trust in the Holy Spirit, that we will have a team of persons who wish to vision for our church congregation. It is the hope of this pastor that some of the people will be: *teachers, *committee chairpersons, *youth, *any member who wants to be on a team of decision makers to "enrich the spiritual lives of others through Jesus Christ.

****It will be fun**

****It will be about twice a month for a few months as we get going.** You do not have to be present for each session, but anyone can see the benefits in being able to have continuity.

We will take "baby steps" to analyze our neighborhood, our town and the needs of our culture. How can we be "community" to people who have never come here on their own?

The pastors vision is: To go from being a decision-making church, to a disciple making church." The pastor is not the one to do the planning, the team is. The team moves us forward at the team's pace. We work together and every idea is as important as the last one. Come step out in faith, take the move to make things different in a new way- for us, for others, for Christ is the head of this church, this pastor, and we pray for God's leading. Be in prayer, everyone, to build a new bridge for our community.

Pastor Jan



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	



Sympathies to the family
of Charles Taylor who
passed away August 17th



Wanted

The Office needs the addresses of our college kids so that they may receive the monthly newsletter and other cards and letters during the course of the year. So, please call 397-8270 or email grotonumc@nvc.net those addresses!

Groton UMW Collecting measuring cups and spoons, nearly new and new stuffed animals, and small quilts for the UMW District meeting in Clark on September 9th.

**Start
working on your
theme basket
for the Groton
Fall UMW Ba-
zaar!**



WE REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11



Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls are:

being made by "ministers of prayer" who use love, prayer to go around the shoulders of friends and church family. Those persons receiving shawls are undergoing treatment for illness, surgical interventions and other types of situations

where prayers might aid the individual with a reminder of God's healing presence among us. As they are made they will be distributed by teams of "ministers of caring" who will leave prayers, love and human touch through the shawl, so others may know of God's love.

Instructions can be obtained from the Office or on the announcement board in the fellowship hall.



Our Church September Celebrations

Groton Birthday's

1 TJ Johnson
2 Kylie Hawkins
3 Amanda Sippel
7 Alana Wolken
Sue Rock
11 Audrey Jacobson
12 Alexa Nilsson
Cliff Pray
13 Richard Krueger
14 Bob Wehde
15 Mason Madsen
16 Camille Sippel
17 Jackson Strom
Kyler Ell
19 Diann Morehouse
20 Marjory Townsend
22 Eunice Sperry
Madison McNickle

23 Carolyn Snyder
24 Jesse Overacker
25 Grant Rix
Jarrett Rix
Joey Padfield
26 Alan Strom
29 Adam Atherton
Ben Brandt
Bob Johnson

Groton Anniversaries

7 Doug & Crystal Sippel
Jack & Barb Schmidt
9 Clint & Audrey Jacobson
12 Richard & Doris Zoellner
14 Gerald & Ann Rix
17 Alan & Vicki Strom
18 Vern & Jean Walter
20 Russell & Marjory Townsend



Conde Birthday's

7 Richard Worlie
8 Marjorie Wright
13 Shane Bruckner

24 Ivy Nogle
27 Edwin Cunningham
29 Bill Thomas

Conde Anniversaries

4 M/M Pat Murphy
7 M/M Jerry Bonn
28 M/M Rex Taylor
29 M/M Bud Bruckner

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



Thank You

Dear United Methodist Church,
Thank you for sending me to Music, Art, Dance, and Drama (M.A.D.D.) camp at Lake Poinsett. It was **SO MUCH FUN!** I am very sad that I will be too old to attend next year. In the days that I was there we put together a contemporary wor-

ship service. We also had some recreation time in the lake, cabin devotions, "family" group gatherings, and many other fun things. I thank you again for the wonderful experience of Music, Arts, Dance, & Drama Camp!

God Bless, Alexa Nils-

Groton UMW Meeting

September 20
7:30 PM Wednesday

"Just Imagine" by
Pastor Jan Price

Hostesses

Marvel Johnson
Carolyn Snyder

Executive Meeting 6:30 PM

2007 Date Book Planning
Newsletter Update
Finalize Slate of Officers
UMW Bazaar Planning

Upcoming Events

Dakotas Conf Annual Meeting
UMW Bazaar Nov 12 - tentative
School Kits/Reading Program
Ingathering September at Mitchell
Next Month World Thank Offering Boxes

Conde UMW Minutes - August 9

At 2:00 PM, Pat Siefken opened the program of the day with her program on "Peace, Shalom, Salaam". All are greetings of total wholeness from Christians, Jews and Muslims. Peace is a Christian word that means "harmony" or "absence of strife." Jesus' followers were men of peace.

In the hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" this is a personal vow to let peace begin within us, and how we are presented to others. We need to appreciate who we are. A smile is the basic work of peace.

We reviewed the story of the Good Samaritan in the light of the Levite, the wounded man, and the Good Samaritan. We have a responsibility to each other in living out the golden rule of any religion.

We closed with the litany of peace.

President Donna Hearnen opened the business meeting by asking all to read the Pledge of the United Methodist Women.

Patty Knoll read the devotions from the Conference Worship Book based on I Corinthians 1:4.

Carey Bruckner thanked the unit for the Senior Breakfast and letters had been received from those going to camp. We will send a Gift to Mission card to Jan Price congratulating her completion of the Seminary Course this summer.

Roll call showed five members present with a special grandchild as guest. The minutes were approved as read.

MISSION RECOGNITION: Patty Knoll moved Dolores Grimes receive the Special Mission Recognition pin for this year, seconded by Pat Siefken. Carried. This will be presented at UMW Sunday.

As Fun Day had been canceled for this June, Pat mentioned a special trip to Plymouth, MN for a special program. Pat will bring further information to the next meeting.

There will be a Program meeting, and a Nominations Committee meeting before the next meeting. Reading Program lists are to be sent to Jolene Townsend.

District Work Day is in

Huron on Monday, August 14.

School bags for InGathering can be made at the first Circle meeting in September. It was agreed that money would be received for school supplies with the unit supplying the balance needed.

InGathering - September 23

District Meeting In Clark - September 9th.

We need colanders and spatulas for the kitchen which was approved.

Pop tabs are to be taken to McDonalds to be weighed and reported.

We completed the reports for District and Conference work.

All joined in repeating the Mizpah Benediction.

Cindy Smith was hostess for



School Kits are being collected...

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|) 1 pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip) |) with erasers |
|) 2 pads of spiral or looseleaf 8 1/2 X 11 ruled paper |) 1 - 2 1/2" eraser |
|) 1 - 30 cm ruler (12") |) 12 sheets colored construction paper |
|) 1 hand held pencil sharpener |) 24 crayons in it's own box (Not a box split up!) |
|) 6 new pencils unsharpened |) 12X14 cloth bag with a Velcro |



Conde Ad Council Notes - August

Recommended to Finance Committee that funds be put aside monthly/yearly for health insurance for when/if another pastor serves us. Reason behind this is so that there will not be a sudden huge increase in budget.

Use of lapel mike and upgrading the microphones was discussed.

Sept 17th will be Rally Day for Sunday School

Kits and Shoebox Christ-

mas gifts were discussed.

Mission committee will check out possibility of working with the Salvation Army in Aberdeen.

Next meeting is Sept 27th at 7:30 pm.

-Pat Siefken



Conde Looking Ahead

-) Sept 6 - Wednesday, **Small group meeting** at Conde 8:00 pm
-) Sept 9 - Saturday, **UMW District Meeting** at Clark. Coffee and registration begin at 9:00 AM. Please remember to bring your blankets and/or teddy bears, etc. to the meeting.
-) Sept 13 - Wednesday, **General Meeting of Conde UMW** at 2:00 PM. Joyce Haskell has the lesson "God Grant me a Godward Vision." Donna Walter is the hostess for the day. All are invited to attend.
-) Sept 17 - Sunday, **Rally Day** during church time.
-) Sept 23 - Saturday, **InGathering** for World Hunger in Mitchell. Please help in gath-

ering of Health Kits, School Kits, Layettes, Sewing Kits, measuring cups and spoons for Haiti Solar Oven Project. We would also like to have anyone take at least a car load of interested people attend for the day.

-) Sept 27 - Wednesday, **Conde Ad Council** at 7:30 PM
-) PLEASE REMEMBER we are collecting canned goods, paper goods, etc. for the **Salvation Army**. Thank you for your donations.

**Conde Ad Council
Meets
Wednesday,
September 27th
at 7:30 PM**

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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





back to school

*It is back to school time! You will continue to learn, grow and change.
The Bible tells us that we are like clay and that God is forming us everyday.*

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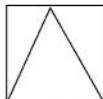
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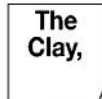
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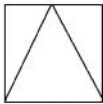
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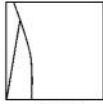
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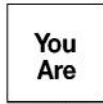
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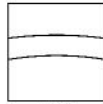
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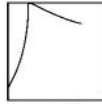
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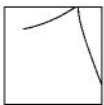
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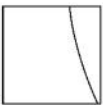
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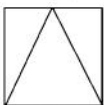
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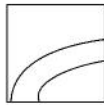
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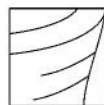
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Thank You

to all who helped make Groton VBS possible. The evening Bible School was enjoyed by 35 children.

A lesson remembered

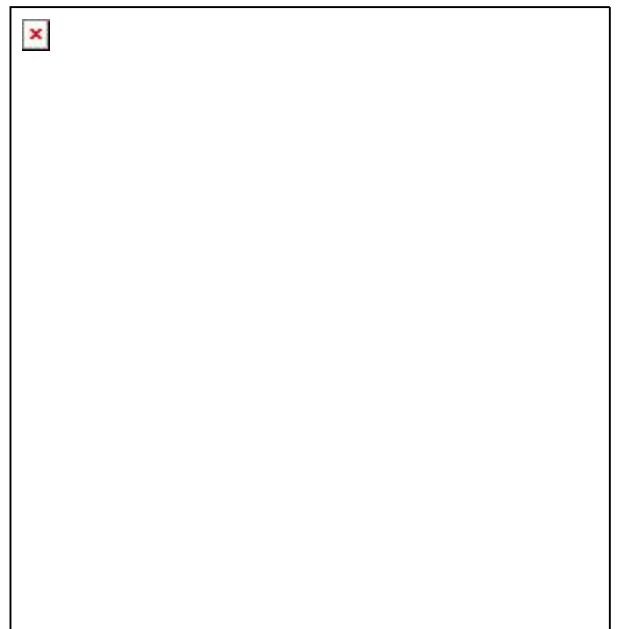
Surely, each of us can recall Sunday school teachers who have had a profound influence on our lives. One man remembers a businessman who taught high school boys each Sunday.

“Mr. Homan, the teacher, said to us, ‘Boys, don’t ever go anywhere you would not want your mother or sister to go. Don’t ever do anything you would not want your mother or sister to do.’”

“That advice has served me well,” said the man. “I have always remembered it.”



Groton VBS held in August



Open House Month

Get ready to open the church doors to all those coming back to church. On August 28th, the "I Believe" national TV messages will start airing. You may visit

<http://www.ignitingministry.org>

for many resources and view the current ads. Look for the ads on stations such as the Weather Channel, and your news channels.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. The People of the United Methodist Church

"To stay," not Tuesday

I was leading a Sunday school class in the singing of "I've Got the Joy." With smiles on their faces, the children sang, "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. (Where?) Down in my heart to stay!"

When he heard that last phrase, one 5-year-old boy looked up at me with a puzzled look on his face and asked, "On Tuesday?"

"No," I laughed, "Not Tuesday, to stay."

"But YOU said, 'Tuesday!'"

His remark led our class into a conversation about having joy in our hearts on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and every day of the week. Another boy said, "Yeah, 24/7!" What a lesson I learned that day. We all have the joy of the Lord in our hearts, every day of the week and every hour of the day!

—Maxine Hark, Canton Christian Church,
Canton, Missouri

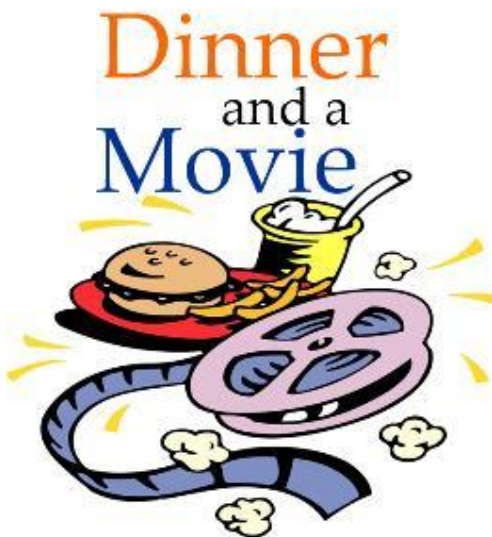


Are You Ready? Dinner and a Movie Yes, Here in our church!!!

**Monday Sept 26 at
5:00 OR arrive when you can.**

-) 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!!



Replace this page with the Sunday School Schedule

To all parents of Sunday School age children,

Sunday School is set to start on September 10, 2006. We have an exciting Rally Day Service planned with the worship theme, "Jesus Loves Me." The morning will start at 9:45 a.m. with a carnival, followed by worship at 11:00 a.m. The Sunday School children will be singing during the worship service. You and your family are invited to stay after the service for a pot-luck dinner.

All children ages 3 through sixth grades are invited to participate in Sunday School. We would like to invite you and your children to attend Sunday morning worship following Sunday School.

Included in this letter is a schedule for the entire Sunday School year. Special events are noted with special instructions. We have made every effort to schedule in conjunction with the school schedule. Please note the time changes that occur after the beginning of the New Year and the Sundays there is no Sunday School scheduled.

Please watch for an acolyte schedule to be published in the near future. We are working to expand this program and involve more of the students in the candle lighting.

We have teachers for every class group. We are looking for substitute teachers and helpers for all of the classrooms. If you are interested, please indicate this on the registration form or talk to any one of the teachers.

If you have concerns about Sunday School, please contact any one of the teachers or the pastor. We are looking forward to a great year and again invite your children to participate.

The Nurture Committee Co-chairs
Gloria Pharis and Carna
Atherton-Pray

Groton United Methodist Church Sunday School Registration 2005-2006

Please list all of your children who are preschool through senior in high school

Complete the form and return to the church.

All children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome for Sunday School

All junior high and high school students are welcome to join the United Methodist Youth Group

Confirmation will also be held this year for interested 7th and 8th grade students

Student Name	Age	Grade in School
Birthdate		
1.)		
2.)		
3.)		
4.)		
5.)		
6.)		

Parent's Names _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

_____ I am interested in being a substitute teacher or helper for Sunday School

_____ I am interested in helping with youth group

_____ I am interested in learning more about confirmation

*Please return to the Church
Office or Gloria Pharis.*



Groton October Family Committee

Marlys Rodman

Rose Tewksbury

Brent & Christie Swenson, Lee & Amanda

Carna & Cliff Pray, Kevin Pray

Yvonne Lange

Leslie & Ken Dinger

Kristi & Lance Hawkins

Dale & Michelle Kramer

Kami & Tom Lipp

Pam & Roger Rix

Gayleen & Jon Voss, Jordan

Doris & Richard Zoellner

Sue Rock

Michelle Sundling

October 2006						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Honorary Members

) Margaret Hubbard

) ImoJeanne Oliver

) Mary & Jay Swisher

) Mary Alice Jensen

Extra Responsibilities

) First Sunday, Oct 1, World Communion, change the altar cloths to white and hang communion banners for this Sunday only

) Oct 8th, change the altar cloths to green and hang the monthly banners

) Care for the lawn as needed

) Clean Storage Room off the Fellowship Hall

) Potluck 2nd Sunday (organize and provide hot dishes)



The joy of work

How do we know if we are doing the work we are meant (or called) to do? The clue is whether we feel joy when we carry out our daily duties. There is no joy, if we agonize daily because our particular laboring leaves us unfulfilled and restless. Our mental and spiritual health might demand a change.

Christians believe that God has a plan for our lives. God has given us talents to do certain work. When we are not doing the tasks we are suited for, we will probably be in some misery.

Workers who delight in their jobs can hardly wait to be productive. Many who love their work find joy in what they accomplish and are able to say, "I'm glad that I'm able to serve God through my work."

—Charles Ferrell



Groton Stewardship Report August 2006

Average Wkly Giving
\$1,472

Needed Weekly to Meet Church Needs
\$1,706

Average Weekly Attendance
68

Total Building Fund Offerings
\$695

September 2006						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Groton Sunday School Information Inside!!



Our Church Happenings

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|---------|--|
| Sept 6 | Conde Small Group Meeting 8:00 pm |
| Sept 9 | UMW District Mtg at Clark 9:00 am |
| Sept 10 | Groton Rally Sunday with Carnival, Singing in Church, and a Potluck |
| Sept 13 | Conde UMW Meeting 2:00 pm
Groton Ad Council Mtg 8:00 pm |
| Sept 17 | Conde Rally Day |
| Sept 20 | Groton UMW 7:30/ Exec Mtg 6:30 |
| Sept 23 | Ingathering at Mitchell |
| Sept 26 | Dinner and a Movie, Reservation Required
5:00 pm or when you can arrive |
| Sept 27 | Conde Ad Council 7:30 pm |
| Oct 2 | Visioning Meeting 7:30 pm |
| | Bible Study each Tuesday at 10 am all are welcome. |
| | Prayer Group each Tuesday at 11 am all are welcome. |